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PERSONAL AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

"At a meeting of the State Grange at Lock Haven the committee on resolutions urged that effort be made to have a law enacted making game the property of the owner of the land on which it is found, and making it unlawful for any person to hunt game without the owner's permission."

The organic law, under which every real estate owner holds title, protects every farmer from encroachments upon his rights, on any premises he may hold, from invasion, by hunters, or any other class of trespassers, and "shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND."

In every INDENTURE, conveying real estate, or landed properties, to other ownerships, the conveyancer grants, if nothing reserved, "TOGETHER with all and singular the minerals, woods, underwood, timber, waters, water courses, ways, houses, fences, improvements, rights, liberties, members, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any way appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof; and also all the estate; right title, interest, benefit, property, claim and demand whatsoever; in law or equity of the said party of the first part, of, in and to the same, and every part and parcel thereof: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, of the said party of the second part, xxx heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part, xxx heirs and assigns forever." xxx.

The rights, titles, claims and deeds of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are recorded in the proper office at the several county seats of the Commonwealth for safe keeping, and are a record of claims that establish the rights of the aforesaid citizens. Sportsmen hold that, by virtue of the Game Laws, they have a right to invade the private property of farmers, to take game that may be found thereon. And in the claim of this right, they enter upon, with impunity, without permission, leave, license or consent, and without solicitation, by gangs and troops of armed men, with packs of hounds, day after day, from Monday morning till Saturday night during the entire hunting season, and take all the game found on the farmers' land, as though the farmers had not a word to say.

The Legislature have just as much power and authority to throw wide open, all the farm houses and barns, for public pleasure, sport, and other public purposes, as to make public domain, and public hunting grounds of all the landed estates, belonging to the farmers of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the pleasure, sport, and benefit of sportsmen. The farmers have guaranteed rights, free of all incumbrances, in their vested titles, to which the Legislature can neither add thereto, nor take therefrom. Hence we deny the right of sportsmen, and all other classes of trespassers, to enter upon any part, or parcel of the purchased, granted or inherited rights, that the farmers may hold in real estate, or landed property, for hunting, or any other purposes, whatsoever. If they have rights in the estates of the farmers, such rights must be on record in the courts of the proper county. Whether there be or be not such records, they will hereafter be obliged to establish such rights and claims in the courts, before they will be allowed to prowl, with impunity, and unsolicited, over the lands of many farmers.

In our opinion, it is a question solely for the courts; for we do not believe that the Legislature have the power, to transfer the purchased, or inherited rights and privileges of the farmers, originally granted by the Commonwealth, for the pleasure, sport, and benefit of other classes, among whom are included sportsmen, by any legislative enactment.

Private property and private rights, were regarded by our forefathers, so sacred, that the necessary safeguards were thrown around them by the constitution itself. The Legislature of course, lay its hand upon private property, and real estate, to wrench from them enormous taxes, to be paid by private individuals owning them; but this is a constitutional prerogative. But they cannot invade, neither license others to invade private rights, or private property. Here the Legislature can be defied, or any other power, individual, or combination of individuals, that would seek to invade the rights of persons or property, that

is held under the constitution. The public highway is public property, for public use, secured for the public, by due process of law; while on either side, throughout the length and breadth of our Commonwealth, is private property, upon which the public have no business, nor right to trespass, for any purpose, whatsoever, legislative enactments, to the contrary notwithstanding. A FARMER.

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.
 Washington, Dec. 26, 1899.
 Senator Pettigrew rubbed it in on the Republicans about their "studied policy to suppress information" so that they became ashamed of themselves and allowed his resolution asking that the full report of the Commission which investigated the conduct of the war with Spain be sent to the Senate to be adopted without a division, after its phraseology had been slightly amended by Senator Cockerill, but not before Senator Pettigrew had said: "My belief is that we ought to have another commission to investigate the entire conduct of the Spanish war."

While no man objects to the official honors paid to the gallant Gen. Henry W. Lawton, who was killed in the Philippines last week, and was as brave an officer as ever wore a uniform, thousands object to the picayune war on those islands, which is costing this country the lives of such men as Lawton. It is all right to issue a general order announcing his death and praising his record, and to contribute money to pay off the mortgage on the home of his widow and children, but that does not hide the fact that he lost his life in a war that might have been avoided.

Senator Jones, Chairman, has called a meeting of the Democratic National Committee for Washington's birthday, to select the time and place for the Democratic National Convention.

Before the adjournment of Congress for the Christmas recess important resolutions were offered in both House and Senate by Democrats, dealing with the Philippine question. Senator Bacon's resolution is being much talked of. It meets all the objections which have been raised to our leaving the Philippines, and allowing the natives to establish an independent government. It provides that this government shall declare its intention and secure a guarantee of the perpetual independence of the islands through treaties with the leading nations of the world, which would do away with the possibility of fighting among European nations to secure possession of the islands, which we withdraw, which has been held up by many as one of the principal reasons why we should keep the islands. It was Senator Bacon who drew up the Democratic resolution at the last session of Congress, which was only defeated by the vote of the Vice President. Representative DeArmond offered a resolution in the House, quoting the Declaration of Independence, declaring that our government has no Constitutional right to maintain colonial dependencies; that the expansion of our commerce should not be dependent upon a policy of imperialism involving subjection and annexation of Asiatic colonies, and that we are opposed to the retention of the Philippine, and that it is our purpose to consent to their independence as soon as a stable government shall be established by them and toward the prompt establishment of such a government we pledge our friendly assistance.

Close friends of Boss Platt say that he is laying wires to try to prevent the nomination of Secretary Root, who has been chosen by Boss Hanna and Mr. McKinley, for Vice President on the McKinley ticket. According to this same authority, he expects to succeed by having the New York delegation to the Republican National Convention not only refuse to endorse Root, but present Timothy Woodruff for the nomination. It will be a good thing for the Democrats if this information turns out to be correct, as a fight between the Platt machine in New York, and the Hanna-McKinley machine will give the Democrats a good fighting chance to carry the State.

No objection was raised to the swearing in of Senator Allen, of Nebraska, who took a seat on the Democratic side and who will take a prominent part in the financial discussion of the Senate substitute for the House gold standard bill, which has been reported to the Senate and will be called up and given the right of way as unfinished business on January, 4.

Secretary Gage submitted to Congress estimates for deficiencies in appropriations for the current fiscal year, mostly in the War Department on account of the war in the Philip-

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Senator Tillman says he intends making a speech soon after Congress reassembles in favor of his resolution for the immediate withdrawal of all American claims to the Philippine Islands but he doesn't expect the resolution to be adopted, because "at the present time the Senate would vote down the Declaration of Independence and the Ten Commandments, if they were offered by a Democrat."

Representative Rhea, of Ky., wants the Democrats of the House to hold a caucus when Congress reassembles to decide upon united party opposition to the Reed rules. He said on the subject: "I do not expect to see the gag removed. I realize that the Republicans have us in their grip, and that they will continue to hold us as in a vise, but I do expect to see the Democrats sufficiently aroused to a sense of the indignity being heaped upon them as to kick in concert and continue to do so until the country is made to thoroughly understand our utterly hopeless condition to influence legislation in the House, which is practically in the hands of the Speaker."

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