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CREASY'S BILL FOR A SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Democratic State Chairman Stalls a March on His Republican Colleagues in the Legislature.

Democratic State Chairman Creasy stole a march on his Republican colleagues in the Legislature by offering a bill to appropriate \$150,000 for the erection of a monument on Capitol Hill to the memory of the Pennsylvania soldiers and sailors who participated in the war of the Rebellion, from 1861 to 1865.

Though nearly thirty-eight years have elapsed since the close of the Civil war, Pennsylvania has no monument to the soldiers of the Rebellion at the capital. After the termination of the Mexican War the Legislature hastened to place a column on the hill to the memory of the Pennsylvanians who fell in that conflict.

"Mr. Creasy's bill will prove a problem to the Republicans in this Legislature," said a Democratic member. "If they don't pass it, they will be censured by the old soldiers, and if they do, the Democratic State Chairman will get the credit of proposing it."

BALLOT REFORMERS MEET.

Committee Holds a Long Session at Democratic Headquarters.

The Committee on Ballot Reform of the Democratic State Committee appointed to draft a new election and personal registration law in conformity with the pledges of the Erie convention, met Friday in Harrisburg.

Participating in the conference were John J. Green, the chairman; John H. Fow, J. K. Van Dyke, the secretary, and William T. Creasy, chairman of the State Committee. The absentees were George W. Guthrie, who is in Florida, and W. U. Hensel and John S. Rilling, prevented from attending by business engagements.

The subject was carefully discussed. Mr. Fow submitted the draft of a bill that involves many of the features of the New Jersey law. Mr. Creasy favored the Australian system. It was decided to meet again on the evening of January 29, when the Democratic members of the Legislature will be invited to attend.

With a bill pending in the Legislature of Pennsylvania to provide for a statue of Lee and one in the Congress of the United States appropriating headstones to mark the graves of Confederate soldiers buried in the North, it would seem that the era of good feeling was at the very threshold of universal brotherhood in the American nation.

HOW TO GET GOOD ROADS.

It is gratifying to learn from Governor Pennypacker's inaugural address that he appreciates the importance of an improved system of public roads. Whether the money necessary to put the roads of the State in a satisfactory condition can be provided as the Governor suggested, by a tax on some of our natural products or not, is not essential.

The funds which the State should provide in addition to local taxes for road purposes can be secured easily. There is already in the State Treasury a surplus that could not be put to better use. The way for good roads is clear and easy of accomplishment.

Some objections and apparently valid ones have been raised to Senator Sproul's bill. It is not necessary in order to secure the needed reform to do more than make the appropriation provided for in the road law approved by Governor Hastings in 1897. This bill was prepared by Hon. John Hamilton, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, after profound study and with great care, and seems to be adequate in every respect. It authorizes sufficient State aid in addition to the local taxes for road purposes and institutes continuing boards of supervisors, provides for the employment of skilled road masters and everything necessary for a scientific and systematic improvement of the roads in the State.

With the million dollars required to make this bill effective a single year would be sufficient to show such an improvement that the people would never think of going back to the present method, which has given Pennsylvania about the worst roads in the whole Nation and which have greatly retarded the material progress of the State.

The Governor could not do better in the consultations with politicians which he proposes to hold than to persuade them to make the Hamilton road law effective without delay. This is the simple, direct way to get the good roads which the Governor earnestly favors.—Patriot.

According to the Postmaster General's report, the rural free delivery service is being developed so rapidly that it is expected to cover the rural districts of the entire county within the next three years. When that achievement is realized the total area covered by the daily free delivery system will be about a million square miles. This completed service will require about 40,000 carriers, and its gross annual cost, not counting the compensating revenue, will be about \$24,000,000. And there is no doubt that it will be well worth the money, increasing the value of the farms, bringing the farmers and the dwellers in the rural regions generally into close touch with the business, social, educational and religious influences that are constantly lifting the country up to a higher plane.

A Cough

"I have made a most thorough trial of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and am prepared to say that for all diseases of the lungs it never disappoints."

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral won't cure rheumatism; we never said it would. It won't cure dyspepsia; we never claimed it. But it will cure coughs and colds of all kinds. We first said this sixty years ago; we've been saying it ever since.

Three sizes: 25c, 50c, \$1. All druggists. Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows. Leave it with him. We are willing. J. C. AYER & CO., Lowell, Mass.

LICENSE COURT.

Out of Seven Applicants in Berwick, But Two are Granted.

An adjourned session of license Court was held in Room No. 2, Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

The application of J. H. Fairman for hotel license in Berwick was granted.

The application for wholesale license of J. F. Shoemaker, in Berwick to store and sell malt and brewed liquors, was taken up. Witnesses for application were himself, B. F. Spoonenberg, former proprietor of the St. Charles Hotel, Edward Schenck, at present proprietor of a restaurant in Berwick.

Edward Womer's application for hotel license in Centraha borough taken up.

This is a new applicant for the old Centraha house. His fitness was proven and license granted.

The application of C. E. Crawford, in Light Street was withdrawn and witnesses in the case discharged.

Applications of J. F. Shoemaker, Jacob Salsburg and M. Friedlander, for wholesale license in Berwick were refused and the application of Andrew Lynch for wholesale license in said borough granted. The hotel applications of Dan'l Eckard and Frank Friesler, in West Berwick were refused. The above were new applications.

John J. O'Donnell and Patrick O'Reilly, new applications for restaurant license in Centraha borough, were granted. The application of James Flynn, for wholesale license in Centraha borough was withdrawn.

Application of Samuel Cosgrove, for a license in Conyngham township, refused.

The new application at Arites in Conyngham township, was granted on the 19th.

Petition to satisfy mortgage of Marietta Drake, presented by C. W. Miller, attorney, and the court made an order that the Recorder satisfy the same upon payment of the proper cost.

At the request of B. F. Zarr, Esq., the cases of Thomas E. Harder vs. John A. Shuman and Evenden Bros. vs. S. G. Bryfogle, were continued.

UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS.

All Religious Bodies to be Enlisted in Movement.

The Episcopal, Presbyterian and Methodist committees, in furtherance of common action by religious bodies to secure uniform marriage and divorce laws, met in New York and elected an Executive Committee, of which Bishop Doane of Albany, has been made Chairman and Rev. Dr. W. H. Roberts, Stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, Secretary.

The meeting was in St. Bartholomew's parish house, and there were present Bishop Doane, Rev. Dr. Green and Rev. Dr. John Fulton, Philadelphia, representing the Episcopal Church; Rev. Drs. Roberts and Dickey, Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. McIlvain, Baltimore; Rev. Dr. Niccolis, St. Louis; Rev. Dr. McCoughan, Chicago; Judge Lanning, Trenton, and John E. Parsons, New York, representing the Presbyterians, and Bishop Andrew, Rev. Dr. W. V. Kelley and Judge Reynolds, representing the Methodists.

The delegates agreed in the opinion that common action by all religious bodies in America is desirable to abate the number of divorces, and to secure uniform laws on the subject of marriage. The Executive Committee was elected for the purpose of directing the common aim and enlisting representatives of other religious bodies. Work is to be undertaken at once by the secretary of the committee.

Charters Must Be Definite.

Governor Pennypacker has called a halt upon indiscriminate granting of charters by the State Department to associations whose stated purposes of incorporation are vague, indefinite or too blanket a character.

Attorney General Hampton L. Carson, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth Lewis E. Beiler and Corporation Clerk John F. Whitworth were all in consultation with the Governor Friday regarding four charters which he declined to sign until the purposes of incorporation were made specific and plain. The language of the stated reason for organization was amended to meet his views and the charters issued.

It is the first occasion within the memory of the oldest employee of the State Department when a Governor questioned what is regarded as a mere routine affair, or did anything but sign in a perfunctory way what was handed him.

The Y. M. C. A. has ordered parallel bars and a vaulting horse for the gymnasium. Never before has there been such interest manifested in gymnasium work, and the purchase of this new apparatus will increase it still more.

An Ancient Foe

To health and happiness is Scrofula—so ugly as ever since time immemorial. It causes bunchea in the neck, disfigures the skin, inflames the mucous membrane, wastes the muscles, weakens the bones, reduces the power of resistance to disease and the capacity for recovery, and develops into consumption.

"A bunch appeared on the left side of my neck. It caused great pain, was lanced, and became a running sore. I went into a general decline. I was persuaded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I had taken six bottles my neck was healed, and I have never had any trouble of the kind since."

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will rid you of it, radically and permanently, as they have rid thousands.

DEATH OF G. M. BLAKER.

General Charles M. Blaker, whose illness was noted in these columns last week, died of Bright's disease, at the home of his cousin Dr. Honora Robbins Grimes, on First Street about eleven o'clock Saturday morning. He had been in poor health for several years. Since the early part of October, his condition had been critical and only once or twice since that time had he been able to be out. His last appearance on the street, was in December, when he called in the COLUMBIAN office. There was a great change in his appearance, and his pallid features denoted the seriousness of his illness.

Gen. Blaker, was born in Hemlock township, this county October 30th, 1834. He studied law with the late Robert F. Clark, and was admitted to the bar, but never engaged actively in the pursuit. During the Civil War he served as Brigadier General of the State Militia, for Luzerne, Sullivan, Wyoming, Montour and Columbia Counties. At the close of the war he went west, and was Clerk of the Senate of Nebraska. Later he returned to this County, and for a number of years taught school. He took a manifest interest in the political affairs of the country and by reason of his constant reading was able to advance good argument on most any subject. He had a large acquaintance and was well liked for his earnestness and good nature.

He is survived by four half sisters and two half brothers. The funeral occurred Tuesday morning. The remains were taken to Greenwood for interment.

Mrs. McHenry Dying in the Penitentiary.

Mrs. Alice McHenry, wife of the late Thomas W. McHenry, who was called from his bed on the night of February 3, 1901 and cruelly murdered, is now dying of consumption in the Eastern Penitentiary, where she is serving a term of one year and six months, for having perjured herself, in giving evidence in connection with the case. Though her term will end in April next, the managers of the institution say that she will not live until its expiration, and they have written the Court requesting that an application be made to the Board of Pardons for her release. It is her expressed wish that she be permitted to die among friends. If the woman knows more about the murder of her husband, than she has yet told, she may now, conscious as she is of death's approach, disclose it.

Catawissa Division Busy

Twenty trains a day, in addition to the local freight and passenger trains are now passing through Catawissa each day, on the P. & R., and that road is busier than it has been for many a day. The engines which are stationed at Catawissa number about twenty-one and are constantly kept in use. The railroad men are consequently making better time and more wages. The coal is principally bituminous and the average number of cars to a train is thirty-six making the average number of cars 720 and the average number of tons hauled upwards of 12,000 per day.

Notice.

The A. M. E. Church having been recently remodeled and as I have labored hard to pay off the debt, and have not quite raised enough yet to settle all the claims, I want to keep my word with the creditors, my word is all that I have. Now if there is a friend or friends that will help me keep my word and help a good cause by giving a donation to the above named church, please send your contribution to the Pastor, and I shall see that the amount is paid on the debt of the same. Any amount will be thankfully received. Please send us a donation for a good cause, and God will bless you and yours.

Rev. F. A. J. WEST, No. 169 William Street, Bloomsburg, Pa.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elizabeth Stover late of Centre township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elizabeth Stover, late of Centre township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

BIG REDUCTIONS IN ALL WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS AT Townsend's FASHIONABLE CLOTHING HOUSE.

Sale of Winter Underwear This Week

More shelf cleaning here. Good dependable, warm winter underwear for men, women and children at lower prices than they'll again be offered for another year.

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50c Quality of Men's Fleeced Underwear, Reduced to 39c. 50c. " " " Shirts, (No Drawers,) Wool and Cotton Reduced to 25c.

A lot of odds and ends in underwear at half price. Misses Ecu Ribbed underwear, all sizes, reduced to 12 1/2 per cent discount on all other underwear.

Corsets.

A big lot of \$1.00 Corsets, reduced to 49c.

Our Shoe Sale will end Saturday, Jan. 31st.

You possibly know the kind of shoes we sell at this store. If you don't know, we would like you to visit this store and take a look at this shoe stock. Every pair of shoes will have a reduced price on them this week.

Linen Sale will begin Saturday, January 31st.

Some Special Good Values in the Grocery Department.

- Prunes, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 16c and 20c lb. Pie Peaches, 10c can or 3 cans for 25c. Fancy Table Peaches 3 lb. can 18 cents. 12 cakes Art Soap for 25 cents. Extra Standard Tomatoes 3 lb. can 10c. One brand of blended flour, 50 lbs. for \$1.00.

F. P. Pursel.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Jeremiah J. Brewer, late of the town of Bloomsburg, County of Columbia, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to E. B. Brewer, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

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