

THE COLUMBIAN. BLOOMSBURG, PA.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1933.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. A. Z. Schoch gave a lunch last Thursday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Bierman entertained a party of about thirty ladies and gentlemen last Thursday evening, at a supper.

Mrs. C. W. McKelvey gave a valentine lunch on Saturday, to ten ladies.

Rev. and Mrs. D. N. Kirkby will entertain the choir of St. Paul's Church this evening, at the Rectory.

Mrs. Louis Gross gave a progressive euchre party on Monday afternoon. About sixty ladies were present.

Miss Claire Gross entertained some friends in the evening of the same day.

Miss Martha McKinney entertained a party of her friends last evening.

Mrs. F. G. Yorks will give a progressive euchre party at her house on Fifth Street Saturday afternoon.

A number of our young people will attend a dance at Catawissa tomorrow evening.

Teachers and Janitors Received Their Salaries.

The Bloomsburg School Board met Friday night. The teachers and janitors received their month's pay, and much other business of import was transacted.

The monthly report of the treasurer showed that there had been paid to him by Tax Collector Robbins on the 1902 duplicate \$2,222.01, and by Collector L. D. Kase on duplicate of 1901 \$253.12. Bonds to the amount of \$1000 due last year have been paid. It was decided, after being suggested by the treasurer, that owing to the lack of funds just now the bonds coming due this year be extended for another year. The unusual expenditure of money for the purchase of coal has greatly depleted the treasury.

The secretary received a communication from the State Board of Health which he read to the board, stating that children suffering from mumps, measles and chicken pox should be kept from attending school, but that other children of the same family not sick should be allowed to attend. Upon motion it was decided to add these three diseases to the list excluding children from attending school and the following limit was placed on each: Suffering from mumps, ten days; measles, two weeks, and whooping cough, four weeks or more, according to the severity of the disease.

Upon motion, duly made and seconded, the former motion for employing three truant officers at the rate of twenty-five cents for each truant brought in, was rescinded and C. F. Deitrich, janitor at the Fifth street school, was employed as such officer at a salary of \$10 per month, he to have charge of all the buildings.

Supervising Principal Sterner reported that notwithstanding the prevalence of several diseases among children the attendance was larger last month than the month previous. He also said he had visited all the rooms and found the attendance good and the work progressing finely. He reported the enrollment and percentage of attendance at the different schools during the past month as follows: High School, 87 males and 138 females; total enrollment, 225; percentage of attendance, 95.

Third street school, 252 males and 218 females; total enrollment, 470; percentage of attendance, 98 1-8.

Fifth street school, 200 males and 153 females; total enrollment, 353; percentage of attendance, 90 3-8.

Major J. C. Reifsnnyder, who for the past two years has been stationed in the Philippine Islands, is expected to arrive in town today. His mother, Mrs. Dr. I. W. Willits received a telegram from him on Monday, stating that he had reached San Francisco that day.

NEW BALLOT BILL READY

Will Probably be Presented in Legislature This Week.

RESULT OF MR. DURHAM'S VISIT

Are Senator Grady's Railroad Bills Aimed at the Wabash?—No Prospect For Legislative Reapportionment. Other Important Measures.

[Special Correspondence.] Harrisburg, Feb. 16.—When the legislature suspended operations last week it was to take a recess until after the election. The senate quit work Wednesday about noon and the house on Friday morning as usual, and neither body will assemble again until next Wednesday night. By that time both branches will be ready for an uninterrupted swing of legislation. The senate, however, will adjourn again on Thursday until the following Monday night, for it is entirely up to date with its work and is compelled to jog along leisurely in order to await business being transacted and sent over from the House.

A notable incident of the week was the visit of Insurance Commissioner Durham, the man, according to popular sentiment, who is regarded as the most potential, not excepting the governor himself, in shaping legislation. He spent some time on the floor of the house and senate on Wednesday, and members, new and old, of all parties and factions, studied with interest the figure that plays such an important part in Pennsylvania politics.

One of the purposes of his visit was to consult with his legislative friends concerning a ballot-reform measure, and the result of their deliberations will probably be seen this week, when a bill will be presented under Republican auspices in the senate. This bill will be in the nature of a composite measure, a compromise between the Quay state committee scheme and the Focht bill. It was decided to hand this legislation over to Senator Focht's care, the latter consenting to recede so far from his original position in relation to the circle as to accept the Quay bill with its square.

"In thus squaring the circle," says Focht, "we will present and pass a bill that will be as near perfection as possible. I will be willing to submit it to a committee of high-class printers or mechanical experts, and if they do not approve of its concise features I will withdraw it. Its size will be two-thirds less than that of the present blanket sheet. The general change from the old ballot will be that instead of it containing columns of candidates of the various parties, it will contain the names of the candidates singly, with the party designation following them. By the arrangement of squares the citizen can vote with equal facility for a straight party list or he can split his ticket. All unoccupied and wasted space, as in the old ballot, will be done away with, and there will be no multiplying of columns. Another saving of time and space and worry to the voter is that when a man is nominated by more than one party, instead of his having a column for each nomination, mention of the various party designations along with his name will be sufficient. Generally the new scheme will be a large concession to the Australian ballot."

Meanwhile the Democrats have submitted a ballot-reform bill of their own and a personal-registration bill, while the Woodruff registration bill is likewise before the elections committee of the house. Mr. Gaul, the ballot-box expert of New Jersey, is here again this session for the purpose of seeing what can be done in the way of having his ballot-box device adopted by the state in the event of a new ballot bill becoming law.

As to the Wabash. Senator Grady's two bills, the one condemning unused railroad trackage and the other denying railroads chartered in other states the right of eminent domain in Pennsylvania, continue to excite much speculation. The supposition that they are aimed at the encroachments of the Wabash in this state will not down. Although there is no appearance of a Wabash lobby at the capitol, there are, however, Wabash officials here who are watching every stage of the Grady bills with the keenest interest. One of these officials expressed himself to me in the following language a day or two ago:

"It is all very well for Senator Grady to deny that these measures are directed at the Wabash or any other foreign railroad organization, but if they did not have such a purpose, what possible motive could there be for introducing them? Eliminating the Wabash, or any other railroad in the future, is altogether out of the question. I defy the senator or any one else to show me any actual necessity for these bills. But they will not block the Wabash from coming east. We will get through to Baltimore from Pittsburg, leaving the latter place probably through Greene county, and getting to Baltimore by the West Virginia Central and the Western Maryland railroads. In two years at the utmost we will get into Baltimore, and the roads I have mentioned will lose their old names and identity and become part of the great Wabash system. As to coming directly east through Pennsylvania, that is a problem that I will not discuss at present, but I can say that we are onto every move of interest inimical to the Wabash. Another thing it might be well to bear in mind: That is that the courts may have something to say in the settlement of this question."

The person quoted is an official of

the Wabash system in the West, and who has spent considerable time in Harrisburg during the present session. Pennsylvania Railroad officials, when spoken to on the subject, dismiss the matter by saying that there is no necessity for a Wabash lobby at the legislature, inasmuch as no legislative attack is being made on their interests.

Regarding Apportionment.

There is very little prospect of Luzerne county obtaining what it has for some years been longing for, namely, another state senator. At all events this longing will not be satisfied at the present session of the legislature. Reapportionment of any kind does not appear to be popular, and it is not at all likely that the legislative apportionment committee of either the house or senate will be called upon to redistrict the fifty members which the constitution provides shall compose the upper branch of the general assembly. Even the McWhinney representative apportionment bill is apparently doomed to die, if members of the committee having it in charge are to be believed. Mr. McWhinney himself says he does not expect to see his bill again, but he hopes that some sort of a decent measure might be built around its remains.

There hasn't been any senatorial reapportionment since 1874, and the Luzerne people especially, Republicans and Democrats alike, think it is time that another should be made. Senator Drury and Representatives Hartman, Ross, Flanagan, Ferry, Burke, and Holcomb are agreed on this point.

The constitution provides for reapportionment every ten years, following the national census, but as is well known this is a custom more honored in the breach than in the observance.

Mitchell May Be Here.

There may be a treat in store for members of the legislature if certain efforts being made by the Schuylkill, Lackawanna, and Luzerne delegations are successful. Thus far only a few of what are known as the "miners' bills" are out of committee. The more important measures, and those that are likely to encounter adverse influences, are still in the committee on mines and mining or other committees. These, if following the customary and gradual stages towards final passage, will consume some weeks' time, and it is the purpose of their backers in the legislature to push them along by the use of the most potential advocacy available. With this end in view the attempt is being made to bring John Mitchell to Harrisburg and have him address the legislature in favor of the pending measures favorable to the mine workers' interests. Representative Timothy D. Hayes, of Scranton, last week wrote to Mitchell at Indianapolis, asking him to appear personally before the legislators in Harrisburg. The anthracite members believe that Mitchell's direct advocacy of their bills would go a long way to help them, and they have strong hopes that he will accept their invitation.

Courts and Liquor Cases.

Through the instrumentality of the Royal Arch and Knights of Fidelity, rival but influential organizations of retail liquor dealers in Pennsylvania, efforts are being made to interest these dealers in every county in the state, not only where they have membership but where independent associations exist, in the liquor bills now pending in the legislature. This is being done in view of active hostile action that is expected. The principal bills advocated by these societies are those abolishing the free lunch in bar rooms, but permitting it in hotels and public inns, and modifying the powers of the court in the revocation of licenses. The latter measure provides for a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500 for the first violation of the Brooks license law; a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000 for the second, and immediate revocation of the license for the third. Another bill describes the rules of evidence for the court to follow in the revocation of licenses, stipulating among other things that at the time information is obtained as to alleged violation of the law the liquor dealer shall have immediate notice from the informant, and that the charges preferred shall not be withheld until the case is tried in court.

Judicial Legislation.

The bill introduced by Senator Edmiston, of Bradford, some time ago, providing that common pleas and criminal judges must render their decisions within six months of the time of trial under penalty of the auditor-general withholding his signature from their salary warrants, ran up against a snag last week that escaped the attention of the daily papers. When the bill was called up Senator Fox, of Dauphin, entered a strong protest against its passage on the ground that it was not constitutional. There was immediately a sharp and informal passage at arms around him as to the position he had taken, Senator Woods, of Westmoreland, insisting that the bill was eminently proper and justifiable, and Senator Focht taking a stand similar to Fox. The debate might have been prolonged interminably had Senator Grady not called attention to the fact that Senator Edmiston was not present, and that as a matter of courtesy the bill should lie over until its author was on the ground. Grady, however, took occasion to say that he did not agree with Fox's grounds for objection. The bill will be called up again this week, when Senator Edmiston is in his seat, and it will no doubt provoke an interesting discussion.

It is now admitted by State Senator Hall, of Elk county, that he is a candidate to succeed Wm. T. Creasy as chairman of the Democratic State Committee. Senator Hall says all factions of the party are for him and that he is certain to be elected.

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Tickets for this tour, covering all features until arrival at Los Angeles, with transportation only returning independently on regular trains via going route, New Orleans, or Ogden and St. Louis, and good to stop off at authorized Western points, will be sold at rate of \$109.50 from New York, \$107.75 from Philadelphia, \$104.75 from Baltimore and Washington, \$98.00 from Pittsburg; returning via Portland, \$11.00 more.

NO. 2. YELLOWSTONE PARK TOUR.

Special train baggage, Pullman dining, drawing-room, sleeping, and observation cars will leave New York May 12, going via Chicago, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Salt Lake City, with stops en route, arriving Los Angeles May 20; returning, leave Los Angeles June 1, San Barbara, San Jose, San Francisco, Seattle, and St. Paul, with stops en route and a complete tour of Yellowstone Park; arriving New York June 23. Rate, including all necessary expenses except hotel accommodations in Los Angeles and San Francisco, \$253.00 from New York, \$251.25 from Philadelphia, \$249.25 from Baltimore and Washington, \$244.00 from Pittsburg, and proportionate rates from other points.

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Tickets for this tour, covering all features until arrival at Los Angeles and transportation only returning independently via direct routes with authorized stop overs, will be sold at rate \$121.00 from New York, \$118.50 from Philadelphia, \$116.00 from Baltimore and Washington, \$110.00 from Pittsburg; returning via Portland, \$11.00 more.

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HERE AND THERE.

—Charles Davenport, who invented the first railroad passenger coach which became servicable, is dead. He was ninety years old.

—Superintendent John Creelen, of the new Cannon Ball Trolley Road, between Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton, has given out the information that the road will be open for business within six weeks. It will cut down the time between Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton to about one hour.

—In spite of the long strike of last summer, the cigar business in the anthracite region established a record. During 1902, 4,000,000 were manufactured in Schuylkill county, a million more than in any previous year.

—John Bones, a laborer at the Centralia colliery, was caught in a fall of coal on Monday and had his left foot mashed. Otherwise his injuries are slight. He was taken to the Miners' Hospital.

—One of the results of the recent order of the Reading railway with regard to the establishment of standard time pieces will be the elimination of stem set watches from the possession of the employes. It is claimed that by catching in the pocket the stem may be moved, thus changing the position of the hands. In the future, engineers and conductors will be required to have pendant-set watches.

—Patients are being admitted to the Miners' Hospital every day regardless of the fact that the wards are overcrowded. Dr. Biddle says that he cannot turn injured men from the doors and that he will try to attend them even though he has to lay them on mattresses on the floors. The trustees of the hospital are endeavoring to build additions to the main building in order to make room for the increased number of patients.

Death at Benton.

Mrs. Sarah McHenry relict of the late John J. McHenry, died at her home in Benton on Thursday last aged seventy-seven years. Mrs. McHenry's maiden name was Lundy, daughter of John Lundy. She was born in Danville, Montour county in 1826. She is survived by six children, they are Mrs. J. W. Hoyt of Binghamton, N. Y., Chas. McHenry of Baltimore, and Misses Annie, Minnie, H. O., and A. L. of Benton. Her husband has been dead for about seven years. The funeral was held on Saturday. The remains were laid to rest in cemetery of the Christian church below Stillwater.

W. O. No 517 P. O. S. of A.

Washington Camp No. 517, P. O. S. of A. of Fowlersville, Pa., will hold their patriotic sermon in the Lutheran Church at Fowlersville, Sunday February 22. All members are requested to meet at the hall at one o'clock sharp.

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