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LENT

Is this a Faste—to keep The Larder lean And cleane From fat of veales and sheepe? Is it to quit the dish Of fresh, yet still To fill The platter high with fish? Is it to faste an hour Or rag'd to go, Or show A downcast look and soure? No! 'tis a Faste to dole Thy sheaf of wheat, And treat Unto the hungry soule. It is to faste from strife From old debate And hate— To circumsise thy life. To show a heart grief-rient; To starve thy sin, Not bin— And that's to keep thy Lent. —Robert Herrick 1591—1674.

CURRENT COMMENT.

PEOPLE WILL TALK, AND THIS IS WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.

That what is the use of being at odds with the world? What is the use of being blue and despondent? The world is full of trials for us all—has plenty of troubles and worry to hand out even to the best of us from time to time. But there would be no need for men and women—we could all be babes—if there were no great problems to solve, no burdens to bear, no sorrows to live down. These are the balance wheels of life. They are the trials we have to face in order to strengthen us and broaden us to the opportunities and the real happiness that riches do not command, nor poverty bear.

That the late Dr. Parker regarding smoking says: "I hate smoking. From one end to the other it is a nuisance. It ends in cancer, apoplexy, bad temper, bankruptcy, and almost in hydrophobia. It is an invention of the devil. It is the pastime of perdition. No dog smokes. No bird pines for tobacco. No horse is a member of the pipe club. No intelligent person ever put a cigar in his mouth. The whole idea and practice of smoking must be condemned as atheistical, agnostical and infinitely detestable." Mr. Spurgeon's says: "I smoke to the glory of God" forms and interesting counterpart to Dr. Parker's diatribe.

That Srusa the popular band master was summoned to play before King Edward VII. After his men had rendered various selections he spoke a quiet word of command, and "The Star Spangled Banner" rang out. At the first note of it the king rose, and the whole brilliant audience followed his example. Our American folk may learn a lesson even from a king. It is no true democracy that tries to demonstrate its worth by a display of bad manners. Wherever our national air is played or wherever our flag waves, there hats should come off and a salute be given. Girls ought to devise a graceful gesture of respect. Boys have theirs prescribed for them. On such marks of reverence patriotism thrives, and there will never come a day when a republic can live without vital patriotism.

It is said that in spite of the contest replenishing of the streams of Pennsylvania with food fish from the hatcheries, the fish are becoming constantly more scarce. That is to say, those who only fish according to law find them scarce because those who fish contrary to the law catch all the fish.

The Morning Press has discovered another coal mine. The new find is on the Mainville mountain, in Roaringcreek township.

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A newly wedded wife of this place was asked how she came to be married so soon. "O," replied the blushing bride, "we just 'hugged and squeezed' our way through to matrimony, and that's how I came to be married so soon."

A young gentleman friend of ours was accused the other day of having "girl on the brain." "It is a mistake," said he. "I usually have her on my lap."

Said one lady friend to another the other day: "You told me that you would never get married, how is it that you have changed your mind?" Said the other: "I attended Court every two weeks for the last three months, and the Judge thought that I had better get married." "Who was the Judge?" queried the first lady? "I was," said the other.

Nearly all the young ladies appear in the spring, beautifully adorned with fine plumage and millinery dressed feathers—objects of beauty and admiration; and though they are wild and high fliers, they are easily captured and caged. Just set a beaver, for trap, and one is caught with a "smack."

A few days ago a gentleman friend proposed to his best girl; and she said, "O, you scare me so!" Then he said nothing more about it. After awhile the impatient girl said: "Please, scare me again; I like to be frightened so."

Two young ladies meeting the other day, the one said: "Did you hear how I fell last Sunday night?" I met Jim Plaster, and fell terribly in love." "Were you hurt?" "Why, I broke my engagement with Sam Willing."

Said Eliza to Elizabeth, the other day: "I had a most glorious experience last Saturday evening." "Please, what was it?" "Why, Seth Smithers told me that I was just too lovely for any thing, and I swooned and thought that I was falling through space." "Where did you fall to?" "Why, just into his arms, of course."

Wife to husband: "Am I not your only treasure?" "Yes," said the ungrateful wretch, "and I wish I had it laid up in heaven." Exchange.

Said Pete to Sam: "Did you ever 'buss' anybody?" "Yes," said Sam; "I 'bussed' Allie Slice, not long ago, and she 'bust' me with the broom stick."

Why is a kiss like creation? Because it is very good, and made of nothing. Exchange.

A young lady friend contended the other day that love is reciprocal, contagious, attractive, positive, negative, repulsive and repellent, all owing to circumstances, and what manner of young men are exercised thereby. "After all," said she, "it is positive or negative, and resolves itself into yes, or no."

DOWN TO REAL WORK

Both Branches of Legislature Has Smooth Sailing Ahead.

SOME BILLS LIKELY TO PASS Much Speculation As to Outcome of Contests In the House—Hazleton Business Men to Help Push Along New County Bill.

[Special Correspondence.] Harrisburg, Feb. 23.—Beginning with this week both branches of the legislature will buckle down to the real work of the session. Heretofore only perfunctory work was performed by the failure of the various committees to get down to business, but this has now been overcome and nearly all the legislation in the hands of these bodies is ready to be reported out or else has been and is now on the calendars of the two houses. The last holiday of the session before final adjournment was election day, and since the visit of Insurance Commissioner Durham last week smooth sailing is ahead and we may now look for the real work of the session.

While only a very short time was devoted to legislative business last week, yet considerable progress was made, particularly in the house, with the bills on second reading. One of those which successfully ran the gauntlet after a somewhat lively skirmish was the measure having for its object the prevention of the use of trading stamps by storekeepers. Several propositions were made to amend the bill and have it sent back to the committee, but all these were in vain, and the bill passed second reading; and if all signs are not misinterpreted the measure is scheduled to pass finally. One of the strong arguments made in favor of the bill was that by Mr. Yellig, of Allegheny, who in vigorous language declared the trading stamp to be a curse, and pointed out that while the consumer was led to believe that he was getting something for nothing, the merchant in reality added enough to the price of the different articles to enable him to give away the stamps without any actual loss to himself, thus doing business under false pretenses.

The bill was fought by Representative Mayne, of Lehigh, who declared it to be a measure in the interest of the big department stores, but this argument was offset by several speakers who presented forcible facts showing how tradesmen and the public generally would be benefitted by the passage of the bill.

Another bill which created quite a little stir was that presented by Representative Call, of Philadelphia, and which makes it a criminal offense for any minor to misrepresent his age for purpose of being supplied with liquor. The argument in favor of the enactment of this measure was that as matters now stand minors misrepresent their age when questioned by saloon-keepers, and in many instances the latter class of tradesmen have been subjected to blackmailing methods without having any redress or protection. After a lively fight the bill passed second reading and it is said on good authority that it will pass finally when it comes up for third reading.

A measure which also stirred the friends and enemies of the liquor dealers was that presented by Representative Shern, of Philadelphia, which if passed will prevent licensed saloon-keepers from serving what is generally known as free lunch. It is said that the saloon-keepers are pretty evenly divided on the merits of this bill, and it seems to be the consensus of opinion that considerable sparring will be indulged in both in committee and on the floor of the house before it is finally passed.

Considerable lobbying has been done by the clergymen and others opposed to the passage of the bill presented by Senator Berkebach which would repeal the act of 1794 commonly known as the blue laws, and the friends of the bill now admit that it looks doubtful if they can pass it at this session. One of the arguments used by the opponents of the bill is that it really aims to allow the saloons to open on Sunday and sell soft drinks and quietly supply their patrons with more substantial refreshments. Of course the father of the bill denies emphatically this statement but it is a fact, nevertheless, that much has been done towards killing the bill, and it is extremely doubtful if enough votes can be mustered to even bring it out of the senate committee on law and order, where it is now slumbering.

Representative Garner, of Schuylkill, has arranged for a conference during the week between representatives of the hard coal interests, which includes committees of the United Mine Workers and the American Federation of Labor. These conferences will map out a course to be followed regarding the passage of the bills known as the liability bill, the check-weight bill, and the eight-hour miners' bill. An effort will be made to have John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, come here and aid the conferees by his advice on the subject.

The determined manner in which the friends of the miner are now working would seem to indicate that they mean business, and every effort will be made to have some sort of mining legislation enacted at this session, and to this end it is proposed to put every member on record when the final test is made. The advocates of the legislation above alluded to believe that in view of the recent labor disturbances they should secure some recognition from the present legislature, and they are threatening to make political issues out of it if turned down.

It is safe to predict that when these bills are put on the calendar of the house considerable time will be taken up in debate, as nearly every member from the coal mining sections has his own views on these subjects, and they are by no means of a like nature; and for this reason it is proposed to get them out of committee at as early a date as possible, so that it cannot be said that there is not enough time to discuss them before the close of the session.

One of the bills of importance presented last week was the one by Representative McConnell, of Lawrence county, which if passed will provide for the granting of liquor licenses by a board of excise commissioners. The bill provides that on the first Monday of January, 1904, an excise commission shall be constituted in each county, to be composed of three members, who shall be county officers, elected by the people and commissioned by the governor, and who shall have the sole control for the granting of all licenses for the sale of liquor. The term of office shall be three years and they are to be compensated at the rate of \$4 per annum for each one thousand and a part of a thousand of the population of the county as shown by the last census, and 10 cents mileage. The bill further provides that an appeal from the decision of the excise commissioners may be taken to the supreme or superior courts, and that the manner of application for license shall be the same as now prevails.

The bill is said to have the backing and support of some of the big leaders of the dominant party as well as large brewing and whiskey interests throughout the state, and a determined effort is to be made to pass it. Representative Shern, of Philadelphia, declares it to be his intention this week to present two measures having for their object the modifying of the right of the court to revoke licenses, and prescribing the rules of evidence in remonstrance cases against the granting of licenses.

Concerning the two legislative contests there is much speculation and as much uncertainty as to the outcome. The efforts of Editor Mullen to unseat Francis X. Blumie as member of the house from Cameron county, and the determination of ex-Sheriff Harvey to replace F. F. Ferry in Luzerne, are equally emphatic. The contestant in each case, however, Republican though he be, is confronted with the fact that his party has votes to spare in the house of representatives, and that there is no crying necessity to swell the number. Apart from this there is no indication that the Republican leaders in the state have issued any orders in either contest, and it is even hinted that Blumie and Ferry are quite as persona grata with them as Mullen or Harvey would be. It is also reported in Cameron county that Mullen's defeat was not altogether unforeseen by Pennsylvania Republicans high in authority and influence at Washington, and that in this particular district at least votes for Pennypacker were considered by potential managers as of more importance than votes for legislative candidates.

The impression prevails in Harrisburg that while neither sitting member will be disturbed, an arrangement will be effected whereby the contestants will get their expenses repaid and probably the \$1,500 salary which would have been theirs if elected. All the testimony has been taken in the Mullen-Blumie case, and the argument of counsel will be heard by the committee at Harrisburg on Tuesday, March 3. Ex-Congressman Arnold, of Clearfield, will appear for Mullen, and ex-Representative Dixon, of Elk county, for Blumie. The sub-committee in charge of the Harvey-Ferry contest had its first session of testimony taking at Hazleton the latter part of last week and will probably close up that line of work during next week.

The advocates of a new county at the lower part of Luzerne point to the alleged crookedness in the Hazleton district election last November as a good reason why the new county should be created. They argue that the Luzerne county seat, Wilkesbarre, is so far removed from the southern sections that election prosecutions are frequently not entered upon or pressed because of the expense and inconvenience of getting witnesses to Wilkesbarre. It had been arranged that a delegation of business men from Hazleton and the surrounding district would be in Harrisburg last Thursday to push along the new county bill, but the inclement weather kept them away. They will be here, however, this week, and will be in charge of Representative Ferry.

It is intended, should the bill pass and be approved by the governor, to call the new section Hazle county. The territory embraced is the same as in the Quay county bill of some years ago, which was passed by the legislature but vetoed by Governor Hastings. This was at the time that Hastings and Quay were at bitter loggerheads. Those backing the present measure say that Quay is for it, and that Governor Pennypacker will approve it if passed. Meanwhile an effort is being made to combine this bill with the new Cambria-Westmoreland county bill, in order that a general measure may be effected and thus avoid giving either one the appearance of special legislation.

Dr. Lawrence F. Fleck, head of the Phipps Hospital for Consumptives, will appear before the committee on appropriations on Wednesday evening and urge the necessity of appropriating a large sum for the establishment of free hospitals and sanitariums for the benefit of consumptives throughout the state.

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