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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, March 2, 1903.

The great Statehood contest of the Fifty-seventh Congress is concluded without admission for any of the territories. While parliamentary tactics may keep the Omnibus Statehood bill or the Spooner compromise, nominally before the Senate for the remainder of the session, it is admitted by the friends of Statehood that the battle is lost. The republicans now announce that next session they will secure the passage, on a strict republican vote, of a two state bill, ignoring the democrats in the legislation. The final defeat of all statehood legislation at this session came as a result of the action of a democratic caucus which voted unanimously to reject the so called compromise proposed by the republican minority and which was never intended to be accepted.

Referring to the action of the democrats, Senator Clay said last night, "It was impossible for the democrats to accept the so called compromise bill. In the first place it was not a compromise at all, and it was offered with the knowledge that it could not be accepted by the real friends of Statehood. Would it not be a manifest injustice to combine Arizona and New Mexico in one state when none of the people of either territory is agreeable to such an arrangement? When all are bitterly opposed to it, in fact? Then think of what a state the two states would make. The greatest length of the proposed state would equal the distance from New York to Chicago, it would materially exceed in area the great state of Texas, which has the privilege of resolving itself into four states at pleasure. The result of such a combination could only mean strife for the inhabitants. Why, the area of one state proposed would exceed that of all New England and New York state. The democrats could not submit to such an injustice. Next year, however, during the long session, this fight will be renewed and then we will win on a three or four state proposition.

The influence of Senator Quay on legislation during the present session has been remarkable. He has scotched the immigration bill with its educational clause, so obnoxious to the interests he represents and which interests desire no restriction on immigration because they wish to be free to import large quantities of cheap labor with a view to keeping down wages and preventing a higher standard of living for the American workman. He has prevented any consideration of the Eight Hour Labor bill. He has prevented any discussion of the tariff schedules so profitable to the Pennsylvania interests which retain him in the Senate. He has prevented consideration of the Littlefield anti-trust bill now on the Senate calendar and which contains the only adequate anti-trust legislation proposed at this session of Congress. These are a few of the ends Mr. Quay has accomplished by enlisting the democrats and a few republicans in the Statehood fight and then abandoning them at the eleventh hour to subscribe to an impossible compromise bill. The democrats have at last found out that they

have been made the puppets of the wily senator from Pennsylvania.

Material progress has been made by the House during the past week in the clearing of its calendar. All the appropriation bills have now been sent to the Senate. The Philippine coinage bill has been accepted and the Fowler currency bill, which has no chance in the Senate, is now under consideration. The Senate appropriation committee has discarded the House provisions for completing the Capitol and erecting an office building for representatives and it is not known if they can be saved in conference. The Aldrich currency bill is under consideration by the Senate and the House leaders assure your correspondent that if the measure is passed by the upper chamber it will be enacted by the House. The bill receives no sympathy from the democrats although they may permit it to pass. It meets with their disapproval because it is a makeshift to correct a condition of affairs which should not exist. A protective tariff bill with rates far in excess of what they should be continue to take from the people, in the form of tariff taxes a great annual surplus and store it in the Treasury. The logical remedy would be the reduction of tariff but that is opposed by the protected interests who are waxing rich from the spoils drawn from the people. Therefore, Mr. Aldrich, with a view to preventing in some measure the evil consequences to commerce and industry thus arising, proposes to establish a method whereby the Secretary of the Treasury can restore to circulation, by means of loans to the banks, the funds unnecessarily and wrongfully collected from the consumers.

A decision just rendered by the Supreme Court in regard to lotteries is regarded of the utmost importance in defining the power of the Federal government over interstate commerce. Without going into tressome, technical details it may be said that by the decision, Congress may exclude from interstate commerce any commodity which it may deem prejudicial to the public welfare and that its motives are beyond judicial inquiry. This decision must destroy the arguments of those who have ridiculed all attempts at anti-trust legislation through the interstate commerce provisions of the Constitution as being unconstitutional.

It will be a matter of relief to most democrats and to an immense number of republicans to know that the Ship Subsidy bill has finally been killed. This end was accomplished by Senator Hanna's insistence that the House take a vote on the bill, something it has avoided for more than a year. The vote of the committee was ten to six, two democrats being taken from sick beds and carried to the Capitol to vote against it, to the utter consternation of Mr. Hanna who was counting on their absence to secure a favorable report.

A SUCCESSFUL RECTOR.

Formerly a Bloomsburg Boy.

We have read with much interest a copy of the Daily Record of Port Chester, N. Y. in which it appears that Rev. Charles Edward Brugler is doing a great work as Rector of St. Peter's P. E. Church. Mr. Brugler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brugler, both of whom formerly resided in this county, the latter being a daughter of the late J. J. Brower of this town, and the son, Ed. as he was familiarly known here, has many friends who will learn of his success with pleasure.

At a recent Sunday service Rev. Brugler announced in detail the subject of a Parish House, and forcefully outlined the necessity for such a building. The following brief extract from his sermon is quoted because it shows what progress the Parish has made under his ministry. Speaking of the Parish House he says:

"Our work has been arrested by the lack of a proper site. Within two weeks we have been tendered the property of the remaining one-half of our black at the corner of Westchester avenue and Pearl street, an eminently proper site for so important a work. The amount asked for this property being fair and just to both parties, is \$15,000.

"In assembling to consider this proposition we took into account the position of the church. Twelve years ago this parish stood financially in debt about \$40,000, the property being worth \$20,000. The first of January this year the church had the property entirely free from debt and over \$20,000 finally has been spent upon it for improvements and betterments.

"The vestry had in its endowment fund the sum of \$5,000, all the running expenses paid and \$300.01 in the treasury over and beyond the same. The vestry has made it a point not to carry anything out unless all agreed concerning such undertaking. One of the conditions were there should be no debt until the past was clear and the future bright. It was their feeling that with no fund but the surplus of \$300.01 they were not in a condition to purchase the property but must decline the offer or go in debt which they were not willing to do, in which opinion the rector and his vestry were unanimous."

The lot has been purchased by Mr. Brugler.

NO RAKE-OFFS.

Governor Pennypacker does not propose to have his administration scandalized by charges of "rake-offs" if he can help it. A few days ago he said:

"While I was making my campaign last Summer, I saw so much in the papers about what were called 'rake offs' from appropriations made by the Legislature, that I have been trying to find out something about them since I have been here. I gathered from what I read that when representatives of institutions came to the Legislature for an appropriation they were given to understand that if they would agree to let the committees retain a certain percentage as a 'rake-off' they would get their appropriation bill through. I made a note of it, and since I have been here, when any men or women interested in charitable institutions, hospitals and homes come to me to ask if I will approve of their appropriation I have made it a rule to ask these people if any have been approached with such an offer, and I have yet to find one, although all had been before the Appropriation Committee.

"If there is anything of that kind going on I want to know it, and if there is anything of the kind I ought to know it. Of course, I don't want mere general talk, I want to know facts."

The charges of rake-offs were so well aired since the last legislature that any member of the Appropriation Committee would be bold indeed if he were to make an open demand of the kind now. If there are any rake-offs in this Legislature they will be done in some other way, and in a way that the Governor will not know of.

"THE GARDEN OF LIES"

A Fascinating Love Story of a Beautiful American Girl.

The romance of a beautiful American girl, in which the fight for a throne figures prominently, is the basis of "The Garden of Lies," the most fascinating love story since the "Prisoner of Zenda." From start to finish the tale teems with adventure and excitement. The plot is novel and well handled and there is not a dull line in it. Though it is a story of valor, it is first of all a love story that will strike a sympathetic chord in every reader. Be sure to read this striking romance in next Sunday's "Philadelphia Press." Order it of your newsdealer in advance.

March, April, May

There is a best time for doing everything—that is, a time when a thing can be done to the best advantage, most easily and most effectively. Now is the best time for purifying your blood. Why? Because your system is now trying to purify it—you know this by the pimples and other eruptions that have come on your face and body.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Are the medicines to take—they do the work thoroughly and agreeably and never fail to do it.

Hood's are the medicines you have always heard recommended.

"I cannot recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla too highly as a spring medicine. When we take it in the spring we all feel better through the summer." Mrs. S. H. NEAL, McCray's, Pa.

Hood's Sarsaparilla promises to cure and keeps the promise.

Six-foot Vein at Eagle's Mere

Solid Coal Deposit is Likely to be uncovered.

The Laporte News Items says:

The report from the new Eagle's Mere coal mine is that a six-foot vein has been uncovered. As yet there is too much slate mixed with the coal, but there is every indication of running into solid coal deposit.

This news is pleasing to Eagle's Mere as the Mercer mine does not furnish coal fast enough to supply the demand. Teamsters have started to the Mercer mine as early as 3 o'clock in the morning, and on arriving there found as many as fourteen teams ahead of them in line waiting for coal. New Albany, Hills Grove, Forksville, and the western end of Sullivan county get their main supply of coal from this mine.

Postmaster Brown has received from the McKinley National Memorial association a limited supply of the certificates which have been prepared for distribution to contributors to the monument fund as souvenirs to their participation in that great enterprise. The certificate is a beautiful work of art on which is given a beautiful reproduction of Mrs. McKinley's favorite likeness of her husband, together with a picture of the McKinley home in Canton and of the White House.

The wording below the illustrations is as follows: "This certifies that has contributed to the fund for the erection of the national memorial at Canton, Ohio, in honor of William McKinley." The workmanship and artistic effects are of the very highest order, the great house of Tiffany & Co., New York, being the designers and manufacturers.

The supply in the hands of Postmaster Brown is a portion of the first edition of the certificates and is sent here to enable those who have not as yet contributed to do so. Parties who have already identified themselves with the movement will receive souvenirs direct from the office of the association or through local committees.

Mirrors, brush and comb sets, collar and cuff boxes, necktie boxes, handkerchief boxes, jewelry cases, manicure sets, smoker's sets and all kinds of sets at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Speaking of Senator Grady's ten cent suffrage bill introduced in the House last week, the Harrisburg Patriot says: "The state senate did a shameful thing yesterday in the passage of Senator Grady's bill to reduce poll taxes in Philadelphia from fifty cents to ten cents. This was done as Mr. Grady frankly admitted for the relief of certain gentlemen who buy tax receipts by the tens of thousands, thus practically purchasing votes at fifty cents apiece. In place of 'certain gentlemen,' Mr. Grady should have said 'the so-called Republican City Committee' which thus applies every year about \$40,000 of the money filched from policemen, firemen and other humble place holders in the Quaker City. If this bill passes the house and receives the governor's approval and it is not declared unconstitutional by the courts, as it probable will be and certainly ought to be, for it makes taxation unequal in the state, it will reduce the price of slum votes forty cents apiece and leave much more money to be spent in junkets and 'testimonials' to faithful machine servitors."

EGGS FROM PRIZE WINNERS.

Won 6 first and 3 second prizes at Bloomsburg County Fair last fall, with ten pair entered.

1st White Rock, 1st Barred Rocks 1st Rhode Island Red, S. C. 1st Rhode Island Red, R. C. 1st White Wyandotters.

Eggs from pens headed by those winners \$1.50 for 15—1st White Crested Black Polish, 13 eggs, \$3.00. CHAS. S. RITTER, 306 Del. Ave., PITTSBURG, PA.

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

The New Season Dawns.

Dawns with stronger trade possibilities than ever before. Stronger for this store because the buying has been bigger, broader, better. Stronger, because this business is growing, and we have made improvements in this store that we can serve you better than ever before. Stronger from every point of view, style, completeness of stocks, absolute worthiness of materials and makes, absolute price honesty which to an intelligent buying public like ours means absolute price economy; for honesty of materials and price always means the truest kind of economy to the buyer in the long run.

The New Wool Weaves.

Dress goods interest you more just now perhaps than any other class of merchandise. This store's dress goods showing is all that you could ask. 38 in. all wool Serges colored and black 39c. 38 in. all wool Albatrosse colored and black 50c. Figured all wool Challies, 45 and 50c. Wool Cheviots, sponged ready to cut into at 50c., 56c., 75c., 85c., 1.00, 1.10, 1.25 and 1.50.

Embroidery.

This store has never shown so complete an assortment, or as large an assortment. The prices start at 4c to \$1.50 per yard. Dainties insertions 6 to 85c. Medallions, 2c. a piece to 29c.

White Goods.

Those dainty pretty mercerized Whites that are used so much for Ladies' waists. This store has a big assortment. Prices 25 to 65c. Pique 12 1/2 to 40c. Vestings 75c.

Furniture.

Bed Room seats, \$14.98 to \$65. Chiffoneers \$ 6.00 to \$25. Side Boards, 12.50 to 39. White Enml Beds 4.00 to 18. Dining Tables, 5.00 to 25. Couches 6.75 to 25. Dining Chairs, \$5.00 a set to 25. Parlor Tables 1.49 to 7. Fancy Rockers \$1.98 pc. to 17. China Closets 17.00 to 35.

Mattresses and Springs.

When you buy a mattress at this store you know it is filled with good clean material. Mattresses, \$2.50 to \$12.00. Springs \$2.00 to \$7.50.

Go-Carts.

40 different styles of Go-Carts ready to show you, all new this season and you will be surprised to find how little it will take to buy one of them. Price \$5.00 to \$28.00.

F. P. Pursel.

They are still boring for oil in Bradford county. One well in Asylum township is down 1650 feet, and of course the drillers say that there is every indication of oil. Should they fail in striking petroleum some where in the earth, we would advise them to keep on boring until they reach the Pacific Ocean, and they may strike whale oil.

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