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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

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It looks as though the House had fixed up a scheme whereby it will be able to block any legislation to which it has an objection, especially anything in which the Senate or the President are particularly interested. It has taken up the consideration of a Revised Penal Code, and has made it the next order of business after the Appropriation Bill. This means that legislation will have a right of way over any legislation except the appropriation bills at any time the appropriation bills are not under discussion. The measure naturally is about as long as the Moral Law, and it will have to be read in extenso. Members who wish can discuss it any length they please and it will be only by special Providence that anything the House wishes to oppose gets by this piece of obstructive legislation.

The chances are one of the first things it will be used to kill is Senator La Follette's bill limiting the hours of labor for railroad employees. A vote was fixed for this bill this week, but the House will have a chance at it when it comes up for reconsideration and it may be considered almost as good as dead. The numerous other urgent matters, including the Brownsville case, and the State's Rights bill, will all have to wait the pleasure of the House before they get a hearing.

They are telling a story, however, tending to indicate that the House thinks very well of the prospect for legislation. The story is probably apocryphal, but it is good enough to bear repeating. They say the Steering Committee was holding an informal meeting just before the recess and discussing the same matter of possible legislation. The most of the members were inclined to take a pessimistic view of the situation and professed to think there would not be much done, save routine work and the passage of the regular appropriation bills. Then arose one member and spoke as follows:

"Gentlemen, I am not given to these gloomy forebodings. Congress has done well this session. We have already done more than we had any reason to hope. We have already saved the dictionary of the United States, and before we get through done if I don't think we will save the constitution also."

The President is on the eve of sending another message to Congress and this too is going to be illustrated. It is a report on the break in the banks of the Colorado River, which is fast becoming a question of national moment. The message is likely to handle Mr. E. H. Harriman and the Southern Pacific Railroad, either with gloves or else with gloves of the two ounce variety. It will be recalled that the break in the Colorado River was caused originally by a flood carrying out the head gates of an irrigation canal that had been dug

by the California Development Company. This turned the whole course of the Colorado River westward and northward into the depths of a remarkable geological depression, known as the Salton sink. This is deeper than the Dead Sea and below the Pacific level and contains an area of over 2000 square miles, much of it capable of becoming rich farming land as soon as irrigation water is put on it. The river is pouring in to the bottom of this depression and promises if not stopped to form an inland sea as big as Lake Michigan. The river is running through soft alluvial ground and has already cut itself a canyon 80 feet deep and in places 1500 feet across, and is eating its way backward at the rate of half a mile a day.

The point where Mr. Harriman and his duplicity come in is that the California Development Company is owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad whose tracks are menaced by the rising flood. Some weeks ago President Roosevelt urged Mr. Harriman to have the Southern Pacific close up this dangerous break in the river banks. Mr. Harriman at that time declared that the Southern Pacific Railroad had no interest in the California Development Company and suggested that the federal government should bear a part, if not the whole expense of turning the Colorado back into its old channel. It now appears, however, that the Southern Pacific owns the California Development Company outright and the President in his forthcoming message probably will suggest that the Southern Pacific Railway be made to bear the whole expense of replacing the river in its channel, and will have a few characteristic things to state on the subject of Mr. Harriman and his effort to hoodwink the government.

Little has been heard for a week or more on the Panama Canal, but that matter promises to crop up in Congress on the report that is now in circulation to the effect that the whole scheme for a lock canal is jeopardized by the fact that no foundations have been discovered for the gatun dam. This dam, if erected, would be the largest in every respect in the whole world, and would make the Assuan dam in Egypt look like an ordinary railroad embankment beside it. It is designed to form a lake to divert the entire flow of the Chagras River, and if it cannot be built will necessarily change the whole plan of the canal construction. Borings have been made on the site of the dam, but it is claimed that no satisfactory foundation has been discovered.

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"FARMER" CREASY INTRODUCES BILL.

Fighting Democrat Still Fighting for Trolley Freight.

After all the years of fighting for trolley freight in the Pennsylvania legislature, William T. Creasy, of Columbia county, again introduced such a bill in the house on Tuesday. This is the first time that Mr. Creasy ever introduced such legislation that he seemed to have any chance of witnessing it become a law.

Mr. Creasy's bill is a brief one and provides that all railroad companies operated by any power other than steam shall have the right to carry freight over their lines, wherever located, subject to certain restrictions.

The restrictions are that any borough or city through which the lines of the traction company may run and over which lines the company wishes to carry freight may tax the company for the privilege of carrying freight through the municipality.

These restrictions are incorporated in the bill by Mr. Creasy so that cities and boroughs may not be held up by the traction companies and the companies enjoy valuable privileges without the city or borough getting remuneration.

College Figures Doubled.

Remarkable Increase in Number of Students in Ten Years.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer, secretary of the College and University Council, has sent his sixth biennial report on higher education in Pennsylvania to the Legislature. During the last ten years the number of undergraduates in the colleges has increased from 6500 to 16,421, and the number of women at colleges from 1202 to 3147. The report submits figures to show that the public schools may rely upon the smaller colleges for the supply of teachers in so far as college-bred men and women can be secured to teach in the public schools.

The report states that in many quarters a cry is heard from the emancipation of the high school from the domination of the college, and that it is to be hoped the modern method of teaching history will find its way from the college into the public schools.

College Must Pay Tax.

Judge Endlich Renders an Important Decision at Chambersburg.

A decision in which every educational institution, partly supported by charity, is concerned, was handed down recently by Judge Endlich, of Reading, when he decided that Mercersburg College must pay county, borough and school taxes.

It was contended by the Board of Regents that the corporation is an institution of purely public charity and a college founded, endowed and maintained by private charity, and therefore exempt. Judge Endlich recites that the revenues derived from tuition, the revenues from a store maintained at the college, and the rental of college ground bring it within the corporations amenable to the tax law. An appeal will be taken.

NEW STATE ADMINISTRATION.

Governor Edwin S. Stuart was inaugurated at Harrisburg on Tuesday with brilliant ceremony. Robert S. Murphy entered upon the duties of Lieutenant Governor at the same time.

The ceremonies took place at the Capitol and were witnessed by thousands. There was a grand parade by the militia and political clubs.

The Governor has made the following appointments: Secretary of the Commonwealth: Robert McAfee, Allegheny. Attorney General: M. Hampton Todd, Philadelphia. Adjutant General: Thomas J. Stewart, Norristown. Private Secretary: Alexander A. Millar, Philadelphia.

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Court so Declares in Rejecting Schooley's Testament.

G. B. Schooley's attempt to capture the Crawford estate of over a million received a hard set back Saturday at Scranton Judge Sando, in Orphans' Court, handed down an opinion in which he makes it clear that he believes the will presented by Schooley is a forgery.

Schooley lives in Philadelphia and was a cousin of the late James L. Crawford, president of the People's Coal Company, of Scranton, who died in Florida on January 19, 1905, leaving an estate worth nearly \$2,000,000. Soon after his death Mrs. Crawford had his will probated. It left practically all of the estate to her.

Sixteen months later Schooley produced a will, which, he alleged, was made at a later date than the one produced by Mrs. Crawford. This gave Schooley the major portion of the Crawford estate. Then he began his fight to have this will recognized. He is now under indictment in Lackawanna county on a charge of forging the signature of Mr. Crawford to the will.

In the opinion Judge Sando declares that the evidence furnished to prove the will ungenune is so overwhelming that the Court has no other course than to refuse to consider the document, although two witnesses have sworn that they witnessed Crawford sign the will in favor of Schooley. Attorney S. B. Price, counsel for Mr. Schooley, says that an appeal to the Supreme Court will be taken.

Penny to Absorb the P. & E.

By Exchange of Stock, Its Separate Identity Will Be Ended.

The Philadelphia & Erie is to be consolidated with the Pennsylvania Railroad and become an integral part of that system and its identity as an independent railway corporation lost through its dissolution. This action is expected to follow shortly upon the consummation of the proposition to the majority of stockholders of the Philadelphia & Erie by the Pennsylvania Railroad to exchange their stock for Pennsylvania stock on a share for share basis.

While no official announcement to that effect has been made it is intimated in official circles that this would be the next step after the Pennsylvania had secured complete control of the Philadelphia & Erie through an exchange of stock. The Pennsylvania Railroad's charter, it was explained, provided for the building of a line to the Great Lakes. Before this could be accomplished the Philadelphia & Erie, which has been operated by the Pennsylvania since 1862, was built, and its absorption and merger with the Pennsylvania would be in line with its charter provisions.

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