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**THE PENSION BILL.**

The following is the full text of the pension act introduced in the state senate by Senator Cochran:

To provide for the pensioning of soldiers and sailors who served in the Army or Navy of the United States from Pennsylvania in the Civil War of 1861, fixing the rate of said pensions, the manner of obtaining same, and making an appropriation for the payment thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That any person who has served in the Army and Navy of the United States in the Civil War of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one from Pennsylvania, who was a resident of this State at the date of the commencement of his service, and shall be a resident of this State at the time of making application for pension as herein-after provided, shall be entitled to a pension from this State at the rate as hereinafter stated. Provided, however, that such persons shall have been honorably discharged from said service.

Section 1. The amount to be paid as a pension for each soldier and sailor as set forth in Section one hereof shall be as follows:

To those who served for one year or less, five (5) dollars per month.  
To those more than one year and not more than two years, \$7.50 per month.

To those who served over two years \$10 per month.

Section 3. It is understood that this act does not include any soldier or sailor who was not a resident of this State at the time of entering the service, and who does not reside in this State at the time of making application hereunder.

Section 4. All applications for pensions made hereunder shall be made to the Auditor General of the State of Pennsylvania under such reasonable rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by him, and the right to such pensions upon such application shall be finally determined by the said Auditor General, whose decision as to the granting or refusal of said pensions shall be final.

Section 5. The pensions to be granted shall begin as of January first Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and eight, and shall be payable quarterly thereafter on the first days of April, July, October and January of each year, but such pensions shall only begin at the quarter yearly period after same shall have been granted.

Section 6. The necessary blanks for application and proof for pensions under this act shall be furnished by the Auditor General, and the expense of printing and distributing the same shall be paid out of the Treasury of the State, and no charge shall be made by the Auditor General to such applicant for pension for services or fees in the matter of said pensions.

Section 7. The sum of one million dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated for the purposes of paying the pensions created hereby for the two fiscal years beginning June first, 1907.

**GET BUSY ON RIGHT LINE.**

There have been introduced into the Legislature since the opening of the present session bills and resolutions creating no less than a dozen commissions for one purpose or another. Some of these bodies might serve good purposes, such, for instance, as the railroad commission, provided for in the measure introduced by Representative Creasy. The abuses which it is intended to correct or abate are manifold and manifest. But the constitution lodges in the Secretary of Internal Affairs all the power which the measure in question would bestow on the commission and it would be better, therefore, to enact such legislation as is necessary to make the constitutional provision effective.

There are already between fifty and a hundred of these boards and commissions in existence, beginning with the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, which has recently betrayed the interests of the State by squandering millions of treasure in the construction and furnishing of the capitol. The purpose of these commissions is to provide honorary or profitable places for political dependents and party workers primarily, and to shift responsibility for evils, incidentally. If the powers of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings had been lodged in any individual member of the body the abuses would never have occurred. The shadow of prison walls would have admonished him to be careful.

The constitution of the State vests all legislative power in the General Assembly. The creating of commissions, therefore, with legislative power, is an infringement of the constitution and invalid and such commissions without such power or for other purposes is mischievous and dangerous. There is no occasion for commissions of any kind and the only legislation on that subject which ought to be considered is for the revocation of some of the commissions already in existence. It would close up one of the most prolific sources of graft and stop one of the greatest evils from which the Commonwealth is suffering. Let the Legislators get busy along that line.—*Bellefonte Watchman.*

Two ten cent magazines are free with every copy of "The Philadelphia Sunday Press." In one there are short stories, good drawings, clever descriptive articles, verse, good fun and a strong serial. The woman's magazine section in colors is far superior to anything else in its line. It has timely hints and advice as to fashions, articles on practical physical culture, art needle-work patterns, and a new series of millinery patterns by one of the foremost authorities.

Card signs "No Trespassing" for sale at this office. They are printed in accordance with the late act of 1903. Price 5 cents each. tf

**The Jar of Coughing**

Hammer blows, steadily applied, break the hardest rock. Coughing, day after day, jars and tears the throat and lungs until the healthy tissues give way. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops the coughing, and heals the torn membranes.

The best kind of a testimonial—  
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Made by J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.  
SARSAPARILLA PILLS.  
HAIR VIGOR.  
We have no secrets! We publish the formulas of all our medicines.  
Biliousness, constipation retard recovery. Cure these with Ayer's Pills.

**WHAT THE GRANGERS WANT.**

Hon. William T. Creasy is the editor of the Legislative Committee Department of the *Pennsylvania Grange News*. In the February number his contribution is the following:

**WILL THEY RING TRUE?**

The State officials elected last November and on duty now at Harrisburg are every one pledged to our Grange measures. The different political parties incorporated our demands in their platforms. It was upon these platforms that the Governor and members of the House and Senate were elected. The new Governor has promised well and a good fruitage of deeds expected.

The legislators are now upon the anvil. Will they stand up under the blows or will they melt down? Will they scheme to get around voting on plainly drawn, clear bills (without double meaning) that will bring the results the Grange has been demanding and that the people want?

Will "influences" win your member over away from you and away from his pledges to the voters? Watch him! Pay no attention to his party politics. Great principles are at stake. All parties are pledged and we should get results.

Postal card him. Address care of the House (or Senate), Harrisburg. Below are the demands. Show them to your neighbor. If he thinks they are right then get him to postal card his member of the Legislature. These office holders need an occasional "reminder." They forget easily after they get in office.

Invite your neighbor to join the Grange, too, and be in with us ready for the next fight.

The Legislative Committee and other prominent members of the State Grange met in Harrisburg on January 24, 1907, at which meeting the following matters of legislation were outlined:

**TROLLEYS.**

We demand that the trolley lines be given the right to carry freight, without any limitation as to the kind or the quantity; and we further demand that they be given the limited right of eminent domain, as follows: Whenever the right of way has been secured from eighty per cent. of the property holders, then the balance of the right of way may be taken by the right of eminent domain.

**ENFORCEMENT OF ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION.**

We insist that Article XVII of the Constitution, relative to discrimination in freight rates, operating coal mines by transportation companies and forbidding the control by any railroad of a parallel or competing line, shall be enforced by appropriate legislation.

**TWO-CENT FARES.**

We demand a passenger rate not exceeding two cents a mile.

**STATE AID FOR TOWNSHIP ROADS.**

In townships where road tax is paid, we insist that the fifteen per cent. paid by the State be increased to fifty per cent. and that a permanent road fund be created by taxing all personal and corporate property, including manufacturing plants, two mills for the permanent improvement of roads; one mill for the use of township road authorities and one mill for the building of State roads.

**STATE HIGHWAY.**

Complaints are being made against the great expense of building State roads, and to satisfy these we believe that the State Highway Department should be supervisory in its character, as in the school department, and that each county should have a competent engineer, who, together with the County Commissioners, should have the control of making these roads, and if the work is done in compliance with State provisions, receive the State appropriation. The appropriation for State roads should be increased.

We favor an increased appropriation for public schools, as promised by the present Governor; also an increased appropriation for township high schools.

In relation to equalization of taxation, we reiterate our often-stated position, that every man's dollar should bear an equal amount of the burden of taxation. It is a fact that certain corporations are escaping taxation and others are not paying their share, and we therefore demand a thorough investigation of the Auditor General's Department, which assesses the taxes against corporations, in order to ascertain to what extent inequality of assessment and collection of taxes exist.

We demand a thorough investigation of the expense of building and furnishing the State Capitol, and are unalterably opposed to the creation of new offices and increases of salaries of old ones.

**GRANGE NATIONAL BANKS.**

In *Grange News* for February appears the report of Hon. John G. McHenry, Superintendent of the State Grange Banking Department. He says in part:

"I beg to submit the following report on the work accomplished during the past year in my department, in connection with the establishment of Grange National Banks throughout the State. On April 31, 1906, the Grange National Bank of Tioga, the first bank of its kind in the United States or possibly in the world, opened its doors for the business of the general public. This bank has a capitalization of \$25,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$2500. It has been made a United States Government depository which shows the confidence Uncle Sam has in Pennsylvania farmers. The Tioga Bank now has \$110,000 on deposit and is earning money for the stock holders at the rate of 15 per cent.

Our second bank was organized in Cambria County, located in the town of Patton, and is called the Grange National Bank of Cambria County. Capitalization \$60,000, paid in surplus \$12,000. Has been in operation about three months and already has on deposit \$80,000.

Our third bank will be established in Smethport, McKean County. Capitalization \$100,000. The organization for this bank has all been perfected and they are now awaiting the erection of their own building. In Patton we purchased our own building, paying \$21,000 for same from which we receive rentals from other occupants of the building sufficient to pay all taxes, insurance and interest upon our investment at 6 per cent., leaving us our entire banking room practically free of expense. This, you will agree, is good business to start with. The Grange National Bank of McKean County will be installed in a beautiful new home of its own early in the Spring. In Tioga we have a good location, rent our building at a very low rental.

Our fourth bank is located in Clearfield, and is called the Farmers and Traders National Bank of Clearfield. Capitalization \$100,000, paid in surplus \$10,000, number of stockholders, 244. This bank opened for business on December 13, and at this writing is receiving a satisfactory line of business.

The fifth bank in our chain will be located in Huntingdon County. \$90,000 of the amount of the capital stock has already been subscribed in Huntingdon County and the work there will be pushed to completion as soon as possible after January 1st. The location of the Huntingdon County bank or the amount of its capital stock will not be determined until a meeting is called for that purpose of all the stock subscribers.

The sixth bank will be placed in Chester County, with a capitalization of \$100,000 and paid in surplus of \$10,000. I addressed a Pomona in Avondale on November 14th, at which time a movement was inaugurated and a subscription paper started. The stock for the Grange National Bank of Chester will all be subscribed within the next couple weeks.

Owing to sickness and death in my family I was obliged to discontinue the work for a time and then my Congressional campaign came on which necessitated my absolute discontinuance of the work for a period of about three months. We could have moved much more rapidly in this organization work but I did not deem it wise until we had demonstrated by actual business that the movement was practical and would meet with success."

He then proceeds to discuss the subject in a masterly and comprehensive manner, showing that he has given it careful study.

**Envelopes**

75,000 Envelopes carried in stock at the COLUMBIAN Office. The line includes drug envelopes, pay, coin, baronial, commercial sizes, number 6, 6½, 6¾, 9, 10 and 11, catalog, &c. Prices range from \$1.50 per 1000 printed, up to \$5.00. Largest stock in the county to select from.

Entrance through Roy's Jewelry Store. tf

Bloomsburg Souvenir Books, 48 half tone pictures, 25 cents, at the COLUMBIAN office. tf

**TOWNSEND'S**

THIS WEEK

**Men's Corduroy Trousers**

Were \$2.50 now \$1.75

**Men's Corduroy Shirts**

\$1.45.

**TOWNSEND'S**

WE MOVE IN ABOUT A MONTH.

**The February Linen Sale!**

Our Annual Sale of Linen is now on. We promise you that there's enough linen here to stock a dozen ordinary stores; that we bought the bulk of it before the present high prices (for linens have jumped sky high); that we have not advanced our regular price, and that our regular

**Prices Are Slaughtered for This Sale**

**THE BLEACHED TABLE LINENS.**

Our 50 cent Mercerized Damask reduced to	45 cents
Our 89 cent " " " "	69 cents
Our 70 cent " " " "	59 cents
Our \$1 " " " "	85 cents
Regular 25 cent bleached linens reduced to	19 cents
" 50 cent " " " "	39 cents
" 60 cent " " " "	49 cents
" 65 cent " " " "	52½ cents
" 75 cent " " " "	65 cents
" 85 cent " " " "	72½ cents
" 1.00 " " " "	85 cents
" 1.25 " " " "	1.00
" 1.50 " " " "	1.25
" 1.75 " " " "	1.49
" 2.25 " " " "	1.75
" 2.50 " " " "	2.00
" 2.75 " " " "	2.25

The Unbleached Table Linens are all reduced proportionately.

**NAPKINS REDUCED.** \$1.50 Napkins for \$1.25  
1.75 " " 1.50  
3.00 " " 2.50

**TOWELS and TOWELINGS.** There are bargains galore in towels and toweling—be here early. The 25c kind 21c a pair. The 30c kind (extra large) 25c pair. The \$1.00 kind for 78c a pair.

**F. P. PURSEL.**  
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