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Probably the most important incident of the session thus far will be the report of Creasy's anti-trust bill from the committee on corporations. It doesn't mean that the measure will be enacted into law, though that is possible, of course. But it guarantees an open and free discussion of the subject and may lead to an alignment of the forces in the General Assembly as between the corporations and the people. There is no mistaking the character of the bill. It is literally and effectively an anti-trust measure. But it is not so drastic that those who support it must be classed as calamity howlers.

The Creasy bill defines as a trust any "combination of capital, skill or acts, by two or more persons, firms, partnerships, corporations or associations of persons or of any two or more of them" to "create or carry out restrictions in trade or commerce; limit or reduce the production or increase or reduce the price of merchandise or commodity; prevent competition in manufacturing, making, transportation, sale or purchase of merchandise, produce of commodity, fix at any standard or figure whereby its price to the public or consumer shall be in any manner controlled or established, any article or commodity of merchandise, produce or commerce intended for sale, barter, use or consumption in this State.

WHAT IS ACTUALLY PROHIBITED.

It prohibits persons, firms, partnerships, corporations or associations from making, entering into, executing or carrying out "any contracts, obligation or agreements of any kind or description by which they shall bind or have bound themselves not to sell, dispose of or transport any article or any commodity or any article of trade, use merchandise, commerce, or consumption below a common standard figure or fixed value or by which they shall agree in any manner to keep the price of such article, commodity or transportation at a fixed or graduated figure or by which they shall in any manner establish or settle the price of any article, commodity or transportation between themselves and others so as to directly or indirectly preclude a free and unrestricted competition among themselves or any purchasers or consumers in the sale or transportation of any such article or commodity or by which they shall agree to pool, combine or directly unite any interests that they may have connected with the sale or transportation of any such article or commodity that its price night in any manner be affected."

NOT A RADICAL MEASURE.

There is nothing radical in those provisions. They express precisely and exactly the purposes and policies which the Sherman anti-trust law professed and for which President Roosevelt has vociferously contended for many years. The Creasy bill is more specific than the Sherman law and less ambiguous than the President's utterances along the same lines. But it stands for nothing that isn't obviously fair. We all know that it is a crime against public policy to do the things which the measure forbids and that doing them is inimical to popular interests.

People do them, however, because no penalty attaches to the crime and the injured public has no redress. The Creasy bill would correct this fault in our system of jurisprudence if it were enacted into law and for that reason I don't believe that it will go far. The financial cormorants are getting good because they are getting scared. I noticed that Perkins has paid back the money he stole from the Equitable Insurance company to contribute to the Republican National Committee and Rockefeller is contemplating some more vast beneficences. But these are only sporadic exhibitions of piety. It won't be general until the average pirate gets glimpses of retribution and though that "may be soon it is not yet." But the consideration of the bill in the Legislature will serve the purpose of separating the legislative sheep from the goats and the Democrats on the floor of the House will see that the roll is called on the question.

A PARLIAMENTARY TOURNAMENT.

Last week's session of the Legislature was rather interesting on various accounts. It opened with what might be called a parliamentary tournament, the resolution to put Mr. Garner's negatived bill to abolish the State constabulary on the calendar being the feature of

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the event. The resolution was defeated because it lacked a constitutional majority which is a majority of all the members of the body. But it had all but three of the required number, and a substantial majority of those present and voting, and revealed the wisdom as well as the unfairness of the machine managers in packing the committee against it. In other words the vote clearly indicated that if the bill had been reported from the committee it would have been enacted into law while, as a matter of fact, the machine is under contract with the corporations to not only continue but increase this force of "cossacks" to harass and menace the people and supply food for the beef-eaters who compose it.

MR. GARNER'S FAUX PAS.

There is an impression among the close observers of events about the Legislature that Mr. Garner was himself responsible for the defeat of his resolution. He made a characteristic speech which was more vituperative than persuasive and it is said that some members who had promised to vote for the resolution subsequently held that the violence of Garner's language absolved them from their pledges. "You can catch more flies with molasses than with vinegar," people said generally after the event, and there was a good deal of sympathy expressed for Garner. But I am not so sure that his purpose was not subverted completely by the course he pursued. I wouldn't say that Garner is a knave but it is a safe bet that he isn't a fool and if he wanted his resolution to be adopted his speech was the quintessence of folly. But let it go at that. There will be two more chances to get a repeal bill on the calendar. That is to say there are two more repeal bills in the committee and it will be in order to move to put either or both of them on the calendar. Then, in the light of experience, the actions of members may be accurately measured.

The subsequent proceedings of the week were less exciting but there was no abatement of energy from the beginning on Monday evening to the end on Friday noon of the week's work. Two sessions a day were held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and committee work was attended to with commendable assiduity. The result is that the calendars are being expanded with great rapidity and the chances are that some lightning speed railroad will be done toward the close of the session. This sort of thing is not conducive to wholesome legislation but it is to be expected.

A TRICK OF THE LOBBY.

A fresh evidence of the evil of official lobbying to which I referred in a former letter has just developed. The Secretary of the Game Commission had made strenuous efforts to get a vicious measure through the Legislature containing among other iniquities a provision requiring every man in the State who hunted for game, once or a hundred times a year, to take out a license for which the fee was fixed at one dollar. It had been sneaked through the committee once and surreptitiously reported to the

House. The vigilance and courage of Representative Dersham, of Union county, defeated the outrage, however, and it began to look as if the purpose had been abandoned. But it transpires now that instead of that another trick is to be invoked. A bill providing a bounty for the scalps of foxes having passed the House it is now proposed to attach the clause of the disgraced bill which provided for a license fee for hunters to it, as a rider, in the Senate. Senator Rogers of Allegheny county, is to move the amendment and it was hoped the scheme would escape notice. The sinister movements of the game commission lobby suggests that there must be a hope that part of the \$250,000 which it is estimated would accrue to the game commission if that fee trick is worked, would get lost on its way to the treasury.

MULTIPLYING COURTS IN THE STATE

There are few reasons for regretting the absence of Samuel W. Pennypacker from the official life of the commonwealth, yet there are some. For example the present Legislature has or will create nine or ten new judges and the chances are that Governor Stuart will approve the legislation while it is certain that Pennypacker would not have done so. Six of the new judges will be for Pittsburgh, one in Delaware county, one in Philadelphia, one in Blair county and one in Erie. While the bill for the second new district in Allegheny county was pending in the House the other day Representative Dersham of Union county gave it a brain clout which caused its friends considerable concern. "I was told a day or two ago by a man who is now serving his second term as Judge," remarked Mr. Dersham, "that the number of judges in this State could be reduced one half. This may not sound very well to the lawyers or men who are looking for positions for these politician lawyers. If the State has more money than it knows what to do with, there are people who are being ground to the earth with the burdens of taxation, and this money could be used for the relief of these people."

The open sessions of the Commission to investigate the graft in the construction of the Capitol began on Monday. A good many people are beginning to think that there will be something besides white-wash in the report. A notice of the Attorney General, the other day to the State Treasurer, forbidding the payment of the expenses of the recent primary elections, because the appropriation was general instead of specific strengthens the hope in this direction.

G. D. H.

WILL RAISE DEAD.

Virginia Professor Has Machine That Revives the Deceased.

Prof. Geo. Poe, living in Norfolk county, Va. claims to be able to raise the dead by means of a machine which he calls a "respirator." The principle of the machine is to remove deadly gases from the lungs and at the same time pump in oxygen.

The inventor declares the machine will resuscitate persons killed by asphyxiation, poison or drowning; prevent death by an anaesthetic while a patient is being operated upon; prevent "infant asphyxia" at birth; make drunken men sober in a few minutes; revive men electrocuted or hanged, the latter only in cases where the neck has not been broken; prevent freezing to death even in the Arctic.

Thomas Black, a retired business man of Norfolk, on being shown the plans, obtained permission to exhibit them to Dr. Francis M. Morgan, a physician of Norfolk. Dr. Morgan got Mr. Poe to demonstrate it before a committee of Norfolk county and Norfolk city doctors. They witnessed the smothering of rabbits and dogs to the point of what they declared on their professional honor was absolute death, and then saw them resuscitated.

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Addison B. Remaley, formerly of Benton township, was murdered at Hazleton last Friday morning, by unknown assailants.

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It is believed that he was killed by two men who were lying in wait for another man, and shot him by mistake. The body was taken to Benton on Saturday, to the home of his sister, and the funeral was held on Monday.

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A CITIZEN.

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