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BIG SCHEMES AFOOT

Politicians Planning to Give Pennsylvania New and Modern Constitution.

THINK OLD ONE IS OUTCROWN

Would Abolish Minority Representa tion on Boards of County Commissioners and Perhaps Allow People to Indicate Choice for U. S. Senator.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Pa.-The reconvening of the legislature Monday night, January 14, and the inauguration of Gov. Ed. win S. Stuart the following day are the principal events scheduled for this week in the capital city. In accordance with the new governor's express wishes, plans were made for simple exercises attendant upon his inaugu ration. His administrattion is to be a business one, according to previous announcement, and good, hard, persistent work is to be begun right at the start.

The committees selected by the speaker of the house during the two weeks' recess will have plenty to do immediately. Some extremely important and urgent measures will be presented early in the session. One of the bills that has been prepared provides for a constitutional convention. It is contended that Pennsylvania has outgrown her old constitution, now more than 32 years old, and that it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the state that a new constitution be drafted. The bill will provide that . three delegates be elected to the convention from each senatorial district in the state, making a membership in the convention of 150, and that the election shall take place next Nov ember, the convention to be held the following January, 1908. Then the new constitution as agreed upon by the convention shall be passed upon by the next legislature two years

Several Schemes on Foot.

In support of the contention that a new constitution is needed it is argued that all the elections in the state should be held at one time and that there should be but one election a year. In order to accomplish this it would be necessary to lengthen the terms of some officials and shorten those of others. A change in the method of holding court trials is also urged and a provision will be contained in the proposed new constitution which will more equally distribute the worl more than one judge is employed. It is argued that this will save the time of litigants, lawyers, judges, and the money of the taxpayers. Another amendment desired is that doing away with minority representation on the various boards of county commissioners. It is contended that such minor ity representation is a bad thing polit ically and especially is inimical to good government. Democratic leaders say their party has never benefited by the law, and that while it may have been of personal advantage to the Democrat holding office under the law it has been a handicap to the party Republican leaders contend that the party in power should be given full responsibility for running the offices and that better government will re sult if the responsibility is not divid ed between the two leading parties. Popular Vote for Senator

Some of the western politicians of the state are considering a bill which will permit a popular vote to be taken on the United States senatorship. It is thought that it is unnecessary to amend the constitution in order allow such a vote to be taken, as the intention is only to allow the pe to indicate their choice, the election to be held as usual by the legislature. It is more than likely that such a measure will be introduced. How far it will go after its introduction is problematical. There are 12 or 14 states in the union which have the popular vote method for indicating a choice of United States senator and it is argued that no harm could come to this state if the people were allow ed a voice in saying who their senator shall be. There would be no doubt that the legislature would elect the man indicated by the popular vote.

Senator Boies Penrose's successor will be elected two years hence. What Senator Penrose's attitude will be on the proposed popular vote method is uncertain, but doubtlesss he will have something to say about it when the

Many Candidates in View.

Whether there is a popular vote on the United States senatorship or not it could not be taken in time to affect

up for reelection if a constitutional amendment were necessary to provide for it. There is already a good sized field of prospective candidates for the senator ship. Those discussed include Justice John P. Elkin, of Indiana: George T. Oliver and William Flinn of Pittsburg; Congressman George F. Huff of Westmoreland; Congressman Marlin E. Olmsted of Dauphin, Josiah V. Thompson of Fayette, Congressman E. F. Acheson of Washington, Thomas B. Wanamaker and Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia. The Quaker City is expected to have a great num. ber of others, however, particularly in

tiew of the fact that the eastern end of the state is supposed to be entitled to the senatorship.

Although two years off the senator ship is being much discussed on all sides and it will be difficult to keep the campaign from starting during this session of the legislature.

Another lot of bills regulating railway traffic is being prepared for pre sentation. One of them provides that it shall be unlawful for either freight or passenger trains to pass a station where a passenger train is discharging or taking on passengers. It is said in support of the bill that a great many people are killed at railway stations because of having been struck by passing trains while going to or from trains to stations. Many precautions have been taken by railroads to prevent loss of life in this way but the records show a great sacrifice of lives in this way every years. Should such a measure be enacted into law it would smash the time schedules of fast trains into smitihereens. A wait of a few minutes at each station where people are boarding or disem barking from a passenger train would mean a loss of several hours to through passenger train. However is is contended that loss of life is of greater consequence than loss of time and the bill will be presented.

Blow at Pintsch Light.

Another bill which may be introduc-ed and which will cause certain Pennsylvania railroad officials to sit up and take notice will provide that no trains shall be lighted by means of gas or other inflammable material. This will be a direct blow to the Pintsch Gas Co., an organization com pose principally of Pennsylvania railroad officials. It is said that this Pintsch Gas Co. is in position to compel the use of its product on trains running between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, whereas on the western lines electricity is used. The limited trains also use electricity. It is contended that Pintsch gas is dangerous to life and inasmuch as electricity is a much safer light all railroads should

be compelled to use it. Will Bid for Church Vote. Advocates of local option are to have their hearts gladdened if certain efforts being made by some of the political leaders avail. It is proposed to introduce a local option bill that will give local optionists exactly what they want. Political leaders of the state including Senator Penrose, are serious ly considering giving their support to the measure. It is urged that the church people of the state are a unit for the bill and that as their support will be very much needed in the futur it will be necessary to do something to please them in the way of a local option measure.

Of course the liquor people of the state oppose any such legislation and there is likely to be a tug of war be tween church people and the liquor interests on the question with the politicians wondering which side to get on. Congressman Acheson is urging Senator Penrose to side in with the local optionists.

The Teachers' Pension Pill The legislative committee to have charge of the teachers' retirement fund bill has been announced by Prof. C. H. Garwood of Pittsburg, chairman of the state educational association. The chairman is Prof. Samuel Andrews, of the Pittsburg city schools. Others composing the committee are Supt. Alexander Wightman, of the Altoona schools; Supt. F. E. Downs, of the Harrisburg schools; Supt. G. W. Phillips of the Scranton schools, and Supt H. C. Meffymen, of the Erie schools The committee will appear before the educational committee of the legislature Feb. 4 to argue the merits of

Several bills creating new courts in various counties of the state are ready for presentation. One of these pro vides for a new court of common pleas for Allegheny county, with three judges. It was originally intended to ask for two new courts but it was feared that the new governor would not stand for it. Senator W. E. Crow of Fayette county, will present a bil' for the creation of a separate or phans' court for Fayette county. It is argued that the development of the great coal lands in Fayette county and the increase of business generally make it absolutely necessary for the creation of another court

Laws to Be Remodeled.

So many defects have been discov ered in the primary election law pass ed at the extra session last winter that practically a new act will be necessary. The same holds true with the personal registration law for cities The new acts were hastily drafted and a great amount of confusion already has resulted. The intent of the acts is all right and their purpose will be left undisturbed but nearly every sec tion of the primary law has been found to be defective. At least 50 amend-ments must be made to the personal registration law, so that it will not look like itself by the time the legislature gets through amending it. Consider able debate over the proposed amend ments is inevitable.

With a continuous balance of about \$10,000,000 on hand in the state treasury statesmen all over Pennsylvania think it is too much idle money to have on hand and they are figuring on how to spend it. Senator Joseph A. Langfitt's proposed bill for the expenditure of \$300,000 for good roads will look insignificant enough alongside of another good roads bill that is being prepared. It will call for the expendi ture of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000, 000 on the roads of the state

BAN Q. BARTON.

Emporium Opera House. That James J. Jefferies was a most conspicuous figure at the recent contest between Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns fought at Los Angeles, is pretty well shown in the motion pictures which will be exhibited at Emporium Opera House, Tues,

It was the first time that the Cooper Howitt Mercury Tubes were used at a fight, and, according to the experts who have witnessed the pictures the champion is clearly shown to have had his troubles in making the contestants keep within the rules laid down by the late Marquis of Queensberry. Jefferies as referee is like a giant monitor and stands out as a tremendous figure in the films. A remarkable feature about the pictures is that as many ladies have attended the exhibition of them. In New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and other large cities, where they have been produced, fully a third of the spectators have been ladies.

"Quincy Adams' Sawver."

"As pure as a flower, as rich as a field of golden grain, and as true to nature as a hollyhock on a country roadside" is what a leading daily recently said of the great New England Play, "Quincy 'Adams Sawyer," which comes here Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1907, at Emporium Opera House, Emporium,

It is because of its purity, its sweet ness, and its fidelity to nature that this great rural drama, standing alone and individual in its class, has won unstinted admiration from the great army of play goers quick to recognize and preciate a piece of stage lifet that holds the mirror up to nature."

"Quincy Adams Sawyer" is the sort of play that appeals to all classes. City bred folks enjoy the characters and pictures they have known in other years, the rural folk are pleased with having their own people set before them in the mimic world, and the happy mingling of comedy and pathos please both the devotes of humor as well as the lover of sentiment.

A well selected company, splendid scenery, and a careful regard of detail in stage effects, go to make up a complete production.

Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns. The pictures describing the recent fight between Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns, in which the heavyweight champion, James J. Jeffries, looms up in the capacity of referes, will be exhibited, under the direction of Miles Brothers, at the Emporium Opera House, Tuesday. Jan. 22nd.

By all accounts these are the most perfect pictures of their kind ever taken. The fight too was interesting from a scientific standpoint. it was perhaps the most remarkable contest the modern "squared circle" has

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Celebrated His 63d Birthday.

The many friends of Mr. Jas. Seibert of Moore Hill, surprised that gentleman last Friday evening by calling at his home and informing him of his 63d birthday. In all there were 36 persons present, and Mr. Seibert was the recipient of many gifts. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Busch and Mrs. Donley of St. Marys, the latter being a sister of Mr. Seibert. The evening was delightfully spent. Music was furnished by Mr. Busch's phonograph and refreshments were served Mrs. Seibert. The next evening, Jan. 12th the entire party surprised Wade Spence at his home and spent an enjoyable evening.

Cameron County Highly Honored Our able Representative, Hon. Josiah Howard, sends us the following tele-

Harrisburg, Jan. 14, 1907. Hon. H. H. MULLIN:

I will be chairman of Ways and Means committee, also member of com-mittees on Banks, Road, Education, Judicial Apportionment and member of House State committee.

JOSIAH HOWARD.

The very flattering recognition ac corded our county is very gratifying to our citizens and is self-evident that the voters made no mistake when they accorded Mr. Howard the customary second term. His unselfish devotion to his duties as Representative has been recognized by the Speaker who served in the House with Mr. Howard two years ago. We bespeak a prosperous career for Mr. Howard, whose large business cares and responsibilities he allows to suffer in order that he may serve us.

Died After Operation.

Mrs. Mary E. O'Byrne, aged 158 years, wife of Matthew O. O'Byrne, who has for many years been miller at Felt's flouring mills, died at Buffalo general hospital, after undergoing a serious operation for the removal of an abscess. Mrs. O'Byrne has been ailing for some months but it was not thought her condition was serious until lately. She was taken to Buffalo last Friday, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Byrde. The operation was performed on Saturday noon, her death occurring at eight o'clock same evening. Deceased leaves a husband and five children to mourn her death, viz: Matthew, Jr., Joseph, Mrs. Walter Farr, Byrde, all of Boston; John, Buffalo, all of whom were in attendance at the funeral at this place yesterday morning. Mr. Eugene O'Byrne, brother-in-law, Lockport, N. Y., was also present

Deceased carried insurance in L. C. B. A., and Ernest Americans.

Emporium Boy Marries at Towanda.

S. E. Cameron a former resident of Emporium, was married at Towanda, Pa., on Dec. 25th, 1906, to Miss Julia O'Heron. The marriage took place in the church pariors of St. Peter and Paul Rev. J. J. Coronor officiating.

The bridal couple have returned from their honeymoon, which took place in Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls. They are at home to their friends at Hotel Ochs.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. On St Paul's Day, January 25th, will fall the twenty-fifth annivesary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, Bishop of Pittsburgh. In honor of this event, an effort is being made to make a substantial increase in the Episcopal Endowment Fund of the diocese. The offering at the morning service in Emmanuel church next Sunday will be for this object.

Sunday School Missionary Service In place of the regular session of Emmanuel Sunday school, a special missionary service for the Sunday School will be held in the church at four o'clock. The members of the Parish and the public generally are cordially

A Diary and Account Book for 2c. C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers of Washington, D. C., wil send on receipt of postage their Diary for 1907 to in ventors, manufacturers or patentees. It contains also decisions in patent cases and other useful matter.

Big Sales.

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Reception and Banquet in Honor of Judge Hall.

A public reception will be tendered Judge Hall next Monday evening at the Warner House from 8 to 9 o'clock to which the public is invited. This will be informal, that every one may get acquainted with the new Judge.

At 9 o'clock a banquet will be serv. ed and to this the invitation is likewise extended to all who desire to participate. Plates to this banquet will be one dollar each.

The commttee only exacts that all who will attend the banquet shall notify a member of the undersigned committee no later than Friday noon of this week. The committee will guarantee no room at the banquet unless this requirement is complied with. Tickets to the banquet will be provided at the reception.

It is impossible to reach all with special invitations and therefore the invitation is made general through the newspapers.

DR. S. S. SMITH, A. A McDonald, I. K. HOCKLEY, Committee.

TRANSPORTATION EXHIBIT.

JAMESTOWN TER-CENTENNIAL EXPOSI TION WILL HAVE A GREATER DIS-PLAY OF TRANSPORTATION ADJUNCTS

(By W. H. Bright.) NORFOLK, VA .- The word "Transportation" has in late years gained such a wide significance that under its caption volumes might be written. Until recently it referred principally to railroad and steamboat service, but now it reaches from the upper depths

of aerial navigation to the bottom of the sea where the sub-marine boats disport of the denizens of the deep; from the flying locomotive to the trolley car, the automobile or the autoevele. Or, from the handsomest equippage in carriage or trap to the broadtread or ox cart of the burden bearing

There was a time when the question of rapid transportation was only discussed in the great centers of civilization or between those centers, but now it is a question of deep interest to everybody, and as the canal and the National pike have given way to the modern steamer, the railway and the automobile, so even the more recent means and modes of transportation will give place to the Intest motive power that really cofistitutes the master-wheel in mechanism of moving passengers and freight.

The incalculable value of an exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition is becoming more manifest every day as the call for space continues to increase, and more particularly is this true in the motive power department of transportation. When the manufacturer of motive power devices or mechanism begins to realize the vast territory along the Atlantic coast that by reason of the last few years of special prosperity, is lacking for better means of transportation, both on land, river and sea, he more readily notes the vast importance of properly displaying that for which the people are clamoring and which they will have. The car and sail must give way to a surer and more rapid mode of propelling.

That the hundreds and thousands of of people who visit the Exposition next year will have an opportunity to compare the various modes of trans portation in the past with the perfected modes of the present, is evidenced by the fact that such vast concerns as the American Locomotive Works, the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the Climax as well as other locomotive works and companies interested in the motive power for various modes of transporation as well as vehicles and other adjuncts will have complete exhibits at the Exposition, showing the old time means of transportion and of and of applied motive power, side bp tative Murphy, of Missouri, has already introduced a resolution into and modes of propelling them. Not only will these extreme separated by three hundred years, be an exhibition bat every step taken from then till now will be shown and fully demonstrated.

Confirmation Service.

Bishop Whitehead expects to make his annual visitation to Emmanuel Parish on Ash Wednesday, February 13th. Confirmation service in the evening on that date at 7:30 o'clock.

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WASHINGTON LETTER. [From our Regular Correspondent.] Washington, Jan. 12, 1907.

Worse reports are received daily by the Interstate Commerce Commission as to the fuel famine that is afflicting the northwest. North Dakota is the worst sufferer, and Senator Hansborough has been in receipt of a score of messages showing that the situation there is about as bad as it could be in a civilized country. Towns with as many as 2500 inhabitants report that they are without a pound of coal, and beg for immediate relief. In other places there are coal sup-THAN ANY PREVIOUS EXPOSITION. plies for periods of not more than a week or a fortnight, many of the

towns have had orders for coal placed in Minneapolis for three months past. They have not been

able to get it transported by the

railroads. But the worst situation Senator Hansboroug says is likely to reveal itself next spring in the outlying districts where there are 15,000 settlers off the line of the railroads, of whom nothing has been heard and nothing can be heard till the weather moderates. It is always cold in this countryin winter time, and this year in addition to having the thermometer from 10 to 38 degrees below zero there have been unusual snows, so that the home-stead settlers off the line of the railroad are completely cut off from communication with the towns, Most of the people are living in little frame and tar papered houses. holding down their homesteads in accordance with law, and it is feared that there may be a sad story to tell of suffering and death among them before the weather moderates sufficiently to send them relief.

The trouble is laid largely at the doors of the railways. Both the Great Northern and the Soo Lines, which serve the afficted territory, devoted all their energies last surnmer and fall to track laying in the new territory. They transported equipment with utter disregard for service to the committies belonging to distant lines, and the result has been that the settlers have been unable either to get their produce in market, or to provide themselves with sufficient food and fuel against the deadly northern winter.

These are not pleasant days for the railroads. Almost everyone in authority seems to unite in making it unpleasant for them and in addition to the passage of the rate bill and other "adverse" railway legislation, they are apt to face a world of condemnation in the car shortage and block signal reports soon to be rendered against them by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Eight employes of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, including three of the higher officials have just been held by the grand jury as a result of the notable wreck at Terra Cotta near Washington. The officials were allowed to go free pending the set-tlement of their bail, but the trainmen having fewer friends, were incontinently locked up. Representhe House iuquiring why this and it is favorism was shown, probable that the District Attorney will have such explaining to do be fore he makes this act of favorism appear in a favorable light.

The Misses Kelley are giving big bargains and do just as they advertise.

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