

COMMERCE BETWEEN STATES.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE BILL TO REGULATE TRAFFIC.

Conference of the Senate and House Harmonize the Cotton and Reagan Measures. Nature of the Compromise—Death to Discriminating Rates and Fines.

The conference upon the interstate commerce measure long known as the "Reagan and Cotton" bill, has reached an agreement upon the differences between the Senate and the House. The report of the conference committee will be presented as soon as it can be prepared and signed, and its adoption will be the final disposition of the bill.

The conference will recommend that the House agree to the commission system as it stands in the Senate bill, and that the Senate agree to a provision allowing such shippers as may elect to do so to present suits for the recovery of damages to the United States courts on their own behalf, with the provision that they shall not have the right to pursue their remedy in any other court through the commission in the same case.

On the vexed and much-debated question of the long and short haul a compromise has been agreed upon. The longer hauler is prohibited a greater charge for a shorter than for a longer distance which included the shorter haul upon an equal rate. The provision in the Senate bill prohibiting a longer charge for a shorter than for a longer distance, under substantially similar circumstances, and in the same direction and from the same original point of departure or to the same point of arrival, is also authorized and the commission is authorized to issue this general rule in special cases in which it seemed proper.

The House bill contained an absolute prohibition against any railroad charging more for the transportation of passengers or of like kind of property, under substantially similar circumstances, and in the same direction and from the same original point of departure or to the same point of arrival, than for a longer distance over the same line and in the same direction, the shorter hauler being prohibited a greater charge for a longer distance upon an equal rate.

Upon the question of publicity of rates there was no difference of opinion. The House bill required each railroad to publish its rates in a book to be kept in its office, and to file a copy of such book with the commission. The Senate bill made it the duty of the commission to cause to be published in a book to be kept in its office, and to file a copy of such book with the commission, the rates to be published.

A substitute had been agreed upon by which each railroad is required to print and keep in every office of its line a book containing the rates it may establish between points upon its own line. They are also required to file with the commission a copy of all joint tariffs of through rates to which they may be party, and the commission is required to secure the publication of such joint rates as far as they are found practicable.

Other modifications of minor importance are made which are of an unimportant nature, upon which differences of opinion existed. When the substitute bill has been printed the committee will go over it carefully, and any amendments which may be necessary will be made, but the members have substantially agreed upon their recommendations.

THE COPLAND CASES.

THE DEFENDANTS BROUGHT INTO COURT AND SENTENCED.

A Fine of \$100, Costs of Prosecution and An Imprisonment of Fifteen Months Imposed on Edward Copland and His Wife for Keeping a Bawdy House.

Thursday Afternoon.—Upon the reassembling of court, the jury in the Slater Erb embezzlement case were instructed as to their duties; after a deliberation of several hours the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty, with costs.

The case against B. E. Weaver, charged with cruelty to animals, was argued at length by counsel, but the jury was not agreed upon their verdict.

Frank Boyd, who pleaded guilty to stealing cigars from the Ephrata station, was put on trial on charges of horse stealing.

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IN MARTIN TOWNSHIP.

A NEW SCHOOL HOUSE THAT IS BEING DEDICATED.

RAWLINSVILLE, Dec. 10.—The new school house built in Martin township, near York Furnace station, on the site of the old Bridge Valley school house, is to be dedicated this afternoon under the name of West View.

The wedding bells pealed forth and two more hearts were made to beat as one. Mr. F. Moss, son of Mr. F. Moss, of Buck, and Miss Francis Estlin, daughter of Mr. B. Estlin, of Botheda, were united in the holy bond of union, at the Mt. Zion parsonage on the afternoon of Thursday.

Miss Sue Stokes, of Southville, suspending some time at her brother's in Florida, who returned from the West.

Mr. J. G. Miller, of the East End of the County.

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OFFICIAL CROP REPORTS.

DECEMBER RETURNS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Value of the Product of Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Potatoes, Cotton, etc., Compared with Last Year's Prices—Some Material Reductions Shown.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The following crop report was issued to-day by the department of agriculture.

The December returns of average farm prices, by counties, show material reduction as compared with values of the crops of 1885.

The average price of wheat is 69 cents, a reduction of 5 cents from the average value of the last crop and 4 1/2 cents above the price of 1884.

The average price of corn is 29 1/2 cents, against 27 1/2 last year. Barley 35 cents, against 32 1/2 last year.

The average price of oats is 20 1/2 cents, against 18 1/2 last year. Potatoes 46 cents, one cent higher than in December of last year.

The average price of cotton is 13 1/2 cents, against 12 1/2 last year. Rice 10 1/2 cents, against 10 1/2 last year.

The average price of sugar is 10 1/2 cents, against 10 1/2 last year. Tobacco 10 1/2 cents, against 10 1/2 last year.

CAUSED BY THE FOG.

A COLLISION THAT OCCURRED ON THE EAST RIVER, NEW YORK.

The Ferry Boat Sag Harbor and a Tug Boat Which Towed a Sloop Collided, Causing Much Damage to the Boat and Perilous Passenger Lives.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The heavy fog that settled over New York this morning caused serious delays on the rivers and bay and many narrow escapes are reported.

An incident occurs to me that will illustrate the pretty condition of the river. It was in a flower-pot, was given to a young girl, possibly ill with spinal disease.

It is now some years since the maintenance of the Missouri Pacific switchman at this place was given to the engineer of the yard in a body. The grievance was too much work for the pay.

Switchmen on the Missouri Pacific Strike. DENISON, TEX., Dec. 10.—At 9 o'clock last night the Missouri Pacific switchman at this place struck and walked out of the yards in a body.

Heavy Damages Wanted for Life. WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Life Insurance and Guaranty Co. of New York, yesterday began action for libel against the Dubuque Daily Telegraph, alleging the damages at \$50,000.

Family of Counterfeiters Arrested. CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 10.—Wednesday night Deputy Sheriff Deputator and a large posse made a raid on a cabin near Fort Jefferson, Ky., occupied by a family lately moved in from Alton, Ill., and captured an outfit for counterfeiting.

A Runaway and Smashing. Between one and two o'clock this afternoon as a horse wagon belonging to Snavely & Bro., tanners, was being loaded with hides in the rear of the wagon.

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