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PENNSYLVANIA AND SUFFRAGE NO one will gain anything by a disposition of the State Legislature to delay ratification of the national suffrage amendment.

THE TIDE OF SOCIAL EVOLUTION has quickened mightily in recent years. Those who do not move with it will be dragged uncomfortably in its wake.

GOVERNOR SPROUL gave the Legislature good advice when he suggested that Pennsylvania turn in and be one of the first states to ratify the new amendment.

TAFT IS ON THE JOB SOME inspiring genius sat beside Mr. Taft when he commented on Senator Borah's remark that the Democrats were treating him in the same respectful way they treat the dead when they move aside to let a funeral pass.

THE HEARTLESS POLICE LOCAL police, with fine disregard for the feelings of innocent children, have decreed that the little ones may not risk blowing off their fingers or blowing out their eyes by the use of firecrackers.

A NEW UNITED STATES? THE first step has been taken by the House of Commons toward the formation of the United States of Great Britain and Ireland.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, as every one knows, legislates not only for the British empire as a whole but for all England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

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the central government. But the observer at a distance may be pardoned if he is a little skeptical about the possibility of settling the Irish question in this way.

While the tendency in America is toward centralization of power in Congress, the tendency in Great Britain is toward decentralization.

HOPE FOR A GOOD CHARTER RESTS ON GOVERNOR SPROUL

Futility of Factional Maneuvering Should Be Made Apparent to Revisionists by the Threat of a Veto THE chances of obtaining a good charter for Philadelphia were never at any time during the present session of the Legislature nearer to zero than this week when the little coterie of active leaders who have been steering the bills on behalf of the citizens' committee perpetrated the blunder of pinning their faith entirely to the Penrose wing of the Republican organization at Harrisburg.

We do not know what kind of promises Senator Penrose made to Chairman Winston and the few members who have been confabbing with him.

But if any promises were made, it is a safe surmise, judging by the senator's past performances, that it was a mistake to accept them at face value where they ran counter to the wishes of the Governor, who, when all is said and done, has the final say and who, if he cannot compel the passage of a bill in accordance with the ideas he publicly expressed at the well-remembered charter dinner last winter, can, by his veto power, at least prevent the enactment of any other kind.

That is the situation at the end of this exciting week of moves and counter-moves on the most important legislation affecting the destinies of this city which has been considered at Harrisburg in a generation.

Chairman Winston and his steering committee have been proceeding on a wrong theory when they identified their interests solely with the power of Senator Penrose.

Help in obtaining beneficent legislation like the charter bills is not to be spurned lightly, whatever the source. Reform sometimes has to use unaccustomed tools. Often it finds opportunity in the quarrels of factionalists.

If this be admitted, however, the same must apply with equal force to enlisting the aid of the Governor, who has pledged himself and his administration to an equitable solution of the charter problems.

While it is legitimate and may be really helpful to play the animosities and ambitions of one political faction against another, it cannot be so where it involves any sacrifice of principle.

The cardinal principle of the charter plan was a smaller single-chambered council, where responsibility could be concentrated on a few members who would be paid a sufficient salary to warrant their undivided attention and labors on the business of running the city.

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There are other similar changes which need not be discussed in detail, but which call them concessions, compromises or sopas as you will—cannot be regarded as anything but departures from the main principles, and are therefore weakening in the eyes of adherents of nonpartisan reform.

bill provided. The Governor is an able politician as well as a statesman. He has been raised in the game of politics. He knows all there is to be learned in an experience ranging from a tyro's apprenticeship to holding the highest office in the state.

Had almost every occasion where he has had opportunity since he became an avowed candidate for Governor, Mr. Sproul has earnestly impressed hearers with his ambition to make a success of his administration and to break the persistent hoodoo which has hung over the Governor's chair in this state.

The best advice possible to give to the charter revisionists is to cut loose from anybody's steam roller; get back to first principles; be sure that the bills do not serve any selfish interests by throwing out one set of politicians only to benefit another; go to the Governor frankly and in the open as they should deal with every politician on "The Hill" and insist upon what they believe to be the right thing for Philadelphia for years to come rather than to meet the expediency of the next mayoralty campaign, and be assured that in the end they will triumph.

MR. BURLESON ESCAPES WHEN the Senate began the present investigation into the state of the wire systems under federal control, Newcomb Carlton, one of the directors under the Burleson regime, was revealed as the rarest of American types—an enthusiastic admirer of the postmaster general.

Mr. Burleson believes in high rates and low wages. He is an ardent anti-union man. It was not surprising to find that he had won the affectionate regard of a corporation official, who, in the old days, as manager of an extensive telegraph system, had had his own troubles over questions of trade unionism and rising wage scales.

It appears now that Mr. Carlton, as the chief representative of the Western Union interests in Mr. Burleson's administrative system, was well aware from the beginning of Mr. Burleson's intention to put practical control of the wires back under private direction, as he saw omens of a strike directly in his path.

The senators who have been charging that the postmaster general sought this way of escape from responsibility for the confusion which he himself has helped to create in the service probably are not indulging in empty rhetoric.

Yet the problem of a confused wire system is by no means nearer solution. The telegraph companies are going along comfortably. They do not need financial assistance. They need their present rates and the right to deal with their men in their own way.

Because the assessed valuation of Darby property is small, homes are cheap. Because homes are cheap Philadelphia men with large families have flocked there. Because of the migration there are 1000 children in the town. That necessitates forty-two teachers in the schools.

That a young man should be drowned and another narrowly escape drowning in the Schuylkill river when their canoe upset is a sad commentary on the way many of our boys are raised.

It may be that when Doctor Dornier, Doctor Eckerman and Doctor Klingensmidt undertook to form a republic they forgot to inform the public.

Some humorist installed a keg of water in Common Council chamber yesterday. The first man who sampled it made a wry face. The presumption is that if it had been a keg of rye it would have given him water on the brain.

Ever-recurring tragedies urge the necessity of some plan to restrict the output of revolvers. The allegation of Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation of Labor, that present bomb outrages are the logical result of unrestricted immigration in the past is at least worthy of serious consideration.

CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

J. Morton Riggs Dies in Hawaii. George P. Darrow is Now on the Naval Affairs Committee. Judge Staake Praises the Neshaminy

Washington, June 7. Delegation of congressmen was visiting Hawaii. The news that we might be embroiled in the European war in consequence of the incident thrilled the visitors and caused them to cable hastily to Washington to ascertain if the President intended to call an extra session of Congress.

PHILADELPHIA naval interests are about as well cared for under the new Republican House organization as could possibly be expected. The navy yard is in the First District, which is represented by Congressman Vane, a member of the appropriations committee; but to the naval affairs committee, of which Congressman Butler, of West Chester, is chairman, has been added George P. Darrow, of Germantown, transferred from the committee on banking and currency.

ISAAC BACHARACH, of the Second New Jersey district, brother of Harry Bacharach, mayor of Atlantic City, has not only become a member of the ways and means committee of the House, but by appointment of the speaker has been added to the committee on the direction of affairs in the House office building, on which Champ Clark is the Democratic member.

JUDGE WILLIAM H. STAAKE, of Common Pleas Court No. 5, is an ex-president of the Five o'Clock Club. He is also a farmer, having a country place at Gwynedd, Montgomery county. The other day when President J. S. W. Holton, of the Maritime Exchange, escorted a party of distinguished men up the Delaware river to Bristol to witness the launching of the Neshaminy, which did not take place on the appointed day because of a strike, the judge sat down and wrote a letter of regret because he could not go along.

THE name is especially interesting to me," he said, "because I have a father, mother, brother and sister buried on the banks of the Neshaminy in the beautiful cemetery at Hulmeville." And then the judge tells about the good times he used to have—no need not say how many years ago—at Newportville, on the same stream.

Banker, but he takes a deep interest in the affairs of the coast guard, the boys who were formerly known as of the life-saving service. Some years ago provision was made for paying members of the coast guard an annuity after they had been in the service a certain number of years.

PETER E. COSTELLO, of Tacony, is now in rank next to the chairman on the rivers and harbors committee. This advancement of the Fifth District representative is due to the recent upheaval in Congress, which placed Charles E. Kennedy, of Iowa, at the head of the committee instead of John H. Small, of North Carolina.

JOSEPH G. RODGERS, of Philadelphia, who succeeds Bob Gordon, former Ohio congressman, as sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, is making a good start in his new office.

"N-NOT THAT I'M WORRIED, BUT WHERE ARE MY FRIENDS!"



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