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Relief for the Taxpayers.

Hon. Steuben Jenkins, of Luzerne county, has presented a bill in the house of representatives which aims at the relief of the people of the several counties of the commonwealth from the onerous burdens of local taxation.

The Patriot has on more than one occasion advocated legislation calculated to disencumber the industry and property of the state of the load of local taxes which hampers and oppresses them.

A Day in Congress.

THE NAVAL BILL PASSED AND THE TARIFF BILL REACHED—EULOGIES ON SENATOR HILL.

WASHINGTON, January 25.—To-day was set apart in the Senate for services in honor of the late Senator B. H. Hill, of Georgia. Resolutions of respect for the memory of the deceased were adopted, and Senator Brown delivered an address followed by Senators Voorhes, Edmunds, Jones (Fla.) and Burrows.

The Naval Appropriation bill, with pending amendments, was considered in the House. The amendment forbidding Chiefs of Bureau from receiving additional compensation as such was rejected, and that providing for the payment of \$50,000 to Asa Weeks was adopted. The bill was then passed—yeas, 135; nays, 99.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on Revenue bills. The consideration of all bills on the calendar was objected to by Mr. Kelley until the Tariff bill was reached. Mr. Kelley addressed the House on the bill. He said that there were many reductions of existing duties proposed by the pending measure which his individual judgment did not approve.

The committee then rose, and the House received the Senate resolutions on the death of B. H. Hill, of Georgia. Eulogies were pronounced by Representatives Hammond, Spear, Tucker, House, Kasson, Weinorn (Tex.), Hooker (Miss.) and Cox (N. Y.), after which the House adopted unanimously a series of resolutions expressive of its regret at the death of Senator Hill, and there, as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, at 4.50, adjourned.

Wilkesbarre Disappearing.

FORTY ACRES OF MINE SURFACE SINKS AND CAUSES CONSTERNATION.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., January 25.—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the residents of the Second ward in this city were startled from their slumbers by a roar like that of an earthquake. People ran out of their houses frightened, but soon ascertained that a cave-in had taken place in the abandoned openings of the Delaware and Hudson Company's mines at that locality.

The cause of the cave-in is the result of robbing the pillars of coal for several years past and replacing them with wooden props that have rotted and gradually given way. There were no persons injured, but from the appearance of a number of houses that have settled down, the Delaware and Hudson Company will have a heavy bill of damages to pay.

Sherman Won't Be President.

We are permitted to publish the following extracts from a letter of Gen. Sherman to a friend in this city: "That no earthy consideration will induce me to embitter the remainder of my life by holding out the least prospect that any possible combination of circumstances or events will make me a Presidential candidate."

Hasty Objections.

It is very unfortunate that violent objections to the chief appointment made by Governor Pattison have come from persons who contributed largely to his nomination and election. If these persons had what seemed to them good reasons for such a course, they did right enough to advise Mr. Pattison not to appoint Mr. Cassidy; but are they not carrying their opposition too far and allowing it to manifest itself too violently?

It can not be possible that the cause of reform will suffer from Mr. Cassidy's incumbency of the Attorney Generalship, unless the objectors to him shall deliberately ruin that cause to revenge the Governor's disregard of their wishes. Governor Pattison and the Democratic party are pledged to reform. We thank heaven they are too openly and too squarely pledged to it to admit of evasion.

What objection could Mr. Cassidy have in thwarting the cause of Reform? To do so would be ruinous to the party, ruinous to the Governor and ruinous to himself. Is it a supposed case that he intends to kill the party and the Governor and commit suicide himself? He knows as well as anybody that any wrong done by this administration would be fatal to every man prominent in the party.

If Mr. Cassidy was correctly reported in an "interview" published several weeks ago, we think he made a mistake in avowing himself a candidate for the United States Senate and setting up the Attorney Generalship as a stepping stone to it. His ability as a lawyer has been freely conceded by those who have objected to him. His true policy, in our opinion, would be to cast political aspirations aside for the present and resolve to hold the Attorney Generalship to the end of the term and so discharge his duties as to win the applause of those who now object to him.

At any rate there is no good reason why the Reform element of the Republican party should surge back into the harbor of the Boss Ring. Even if the new State administration should prove unfaithful to the pledges of the party and the expectations of the public, the Democratic masses will not prove unfaithful nor cease to do battle for the cause of Reform.

Claimants for the Capitol.

THE BASIS OF ALLEGED OWNERSHIP IN THE BASIS OF NATIONAL BUILDINGS.

PITTSBURG, January 25.—Robert Morrison, of this city, the leading counsel for the Blackmore heirs, claimants of the vast estate of Samuel Blackmore, consisting of considerable property in Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia including the ground on which stands the National Capitol, White House and other Government buildings—to-day produced the original documents in the case, from which it appears that the claim cannot be ignored by the Government or the private parties concerned.

Among the papers, which have become yellow from age, is one from the Orphans' Court naming Arabell and Jane Blackmore as heirs and executors of the estate of said Blackmore, who died about 1780. After coming into possession of the property, Mr. Morrison says Arabella and Jane leased it for a term of ninety-nine years. This lease has about five years yet to run. Thus it will be seen that the statute of limitation cannot be pleaded successfully by the present holders in resisting the claim. Long after the death of Arabella and Jane Blackmore the holders of the land, realizing that their title was imperfect, had a power of attorney drawn up, and presented to the heirs, who, however, never signed it. This document, which provided for the transfer of the interest of the heirs in the property, is also in the possession of Mr. Morrison.

Besides these papers, which are considered essential to establish the claim of the Blackmore descendants to the property, there are deeds and other documents which will be produced.

Mr. Morrison was in Europe recently looking after the interests of the heirs in England. There is treasure, consisting of about £500,000, in the Bank of England and considerable property in London and elsewhere to which the claimants assert ownership.

Mr. Morrison will go to Washington, fortified with an abundance of evidence to establish the claim, about the 1st proximo. The heirs to this vast estate are distributed throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Missouri and California, and number about eighty.

The Lancaster Intelligencer after taking exceptions to the "postage stamp" and the shortness of the sessions of the house proceeds to say: But in comparison with the conduct of previous republican houses that of the democratic majority shines most creditably. In the matter of expediting business, the committees were announced and ready this year on the seventeenth of January notwithstanding the interruption of all public business by the inauguration; in the last house they were not announced until the twentieth; forty bills have been considered and reported from committees; twenty five have been disposed of on first reading and ten have passed second reading, while it is only the twenty-fourth of the month. In the last house the first bill reported from committees was on the twenty-ninth. Speaker Faunce's committees give general satisfaction for the fairness with which members of both parties were allotted; it was quite the contrary with Speaker Hewitt's. While the sessions have not, in our opinion, as yet provided for as much work as they might, the addition of one hour to the Friday session and the prohibition of resolutions on that day change its proceedings from buncombe to business, and if the members attend they can practically make the Friday session one more working day of the week.

The very fact that the democratic house stopped to consider the postage allowance shows it to have a superior sense of the proprieties to republican houses, which have never even halted to consider whether or not the grab was unlawful. No republican house has shown the virtue to resist the temptations to fill a dozen or more superfluous offices. The observer at Harrisburg will now see one democratic employe of the house doing the work upon which three republican office holders used to be employed; and instead of men drawing \$6 per day from the state and absenting themselves from their post of duty with, and often without, a cheap hiring proxy to do their work, every man on the pay roll of the house is at his post and knows that he has to stay there; in some instances they are even required to pay help out of their own pocket.

For all of these things we are duly thankful; and the house deserves recognition for them. If it shall size upon the severer tests which it must meet in weightier matters of legislation and in the appropriations the commonwealth will have reason to be satisfied with its first experience in nearly ten years of a democratic house.

The Marquis de Lorne at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The Marquis de Lorne and the members of his party called at the Executive Mansion to-day just before the meeting of the Cabinet and paid their respects to the President. They were accompanied by the British Minister and Mr. John Davis, First Assistant Secretary of the State. The visitors were received in the Blue Parlor and were presented to the President by Assistant-Secretary Davis. They were then shown through the mansion and afterwards visited the Department of State. The Marquis de Lorne will be entertained by the British Minister to-night, by President Arthur to-morrow night and by General Sherman Sunday night.

St. Nicholas For February.

Celebrates St. Valentine's day in capital style with an amusing story by Sophie Swett, called "A Queer Valentine," and one has but to read it to see the appropriateness of the title. Anna North contributes "The Mission of Mabel's Valentine; and there is a funny little poem, "My Valentine," by J. M. Anderson.

Joaquin Miller's "In the Land of Clouds," describes an ascent of Mount Hood by a party of tourists, and the loss and rescue of a little dog that insisted on accompanying the climbers. Another paper which is sure of a hearty welcome is one with the attractive title, "A New Winter's Sport," which is written by Hjalmar H. Boesen, who introduces our American boys to the skee or Norwegian snow shoe. Of the serial stories, "The Thikham Brothers' Tide Mill," by J. T. Trowbridge, leaves its young heroes in a still more exciting position than last month. Mrs. Clement has an "Art and Artists"

paper on the Flemish painters, with two beautiful reproductions of portraits of Reubens and his children, painted by the great artist himself. "The story of the Field of the Cloth of Gold," by E. S. Brooks, contains an interesting account of a tournament, and is illustrated by the frontispiece entitled "Margery's Champion." Besides this, and a good deal more, are poems and stories by Celia Thaxter, Frank H. Converse, Palmer Cox, Mary Lowe Dickinson, a play by Mary Cowden Clarke, and pictures by Rosina Emmet, Elizabeth Thompson, R. B. Birch, Bolles, H. P. Share, Hopkins, Cox, Rose Muller, and others.

A Blessing.

The pain in all his joints became intense; fever, with its deteriorating effects, was now added, and he became rapidly reduced to the semblance of a skeleton, while vitality reached its lowest possible condition, and his suffering, were of such indescribable character that those who most loved him sometimes thought it would be better if he were called away. At this time, physicians, well known in this city (Pittsburg) informed his parents that he was in imminent danger of total paralysis, and directly afterward they announced to his sorrowful mother that they could give no hopes of his recovery. At this juncture the use of Ferris was commenced, and in six weeks Wm. LINCOLN CURTIS was well and at work. Read page 23 of Dr. Hartman's "Gifts of Life," get it from your druggist. 52 L.

Hard Puzzle?

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