

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Measures That Occupy the Attention of the Lawmakers.

THE SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS.

Amount Cut Off by Governor Stone Restored by a Special Bill—A Bill to Reward Miners Who Risk Life to Save Others.

Harrisburg, April 24.—Mr. Snyder, of Chester, yesterday reported favorably to the senate from the committee on appropriations the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to the public schools to make up for the cut made by the governor two years ago.

Mr. Muehlbrunner, of Allegheny, introduced a bill appropriating \$4,500,000 for the completion of the state capitol building and providing for a commission to be composed of Thomas S. Bigelow and Harry W. Oliver of Pittsburgh, ex-Chief Justice Edward M. Paxton and John C. Bullitt of Philadelphia, ex-Lieutenant Governor Louis A. Watres of Scranton and two persons to be appointed by the governor. The governor shall be an ex-officio member of the commission, and the structure must be completed by 1905.

W. A. Magee, Jr., elected in Pittsburgh to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his uncle, Christopher L. Magee, was sworn in as a member of the senate yesterday.

In the house yesterday the bill prohibiting the embalming and preparing for burial and cremation of dead human bodies without previous notice to the coroner, except where a death certificate has been given by a physician, and regulating the issue of such certificates, was defeated.

At the session of the house last night Mr. Harris, of Clearfield, called up the oleo bill, which had been under consideration at the afternoon session. It being on second reading, it was read and laid aside for third reading. The house was about to proceed with other business, when the lights went out, and after a ten minute recess the house adjourned until today.

Among bills passed finally in the house Wednesday of last week was one providing for the removal of judges of the supreme, superior, common pleas and orphans' courts permanently disqualified by reason of physical or mental disability to perform their functions and duties, with half pay for their unexpired term, and the filling by the governor of vacancies caused by such removal.

The Fox bill providing for the construction and completion of the state capitol building and appropriating \$5,000,000 therefor and creating a commission consisting of the governor, State Treasurer Barnett, Auditor General Hardenbergh, President Pro Tem Snyder and Speaker Marshall to carry on the work was again taken up in the senate last Wednesday and defeated, 21 to 20, but was subsequently considered.

Mr. Stiles, of Lehigh, offered a bill making it a misdemeanor to sell, exchange, advertise, etc., lottery tickets or policy writing and providing a punishment of imprisonment not exceeding two years and a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or both; also a bill making it a misdemeanor for any telephone or telegraph company to transmit any numbers of policy or lottery drawing, and providing a fine of not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$5,000.

In the house on Thursday last the Kennedy capitol building bill was reported from committee. The bill appropriates \$5,000,000 for the completion of the capitol by a commission composed of the governor, auditor general, state treasurer, president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of the house. The work is to be done by Jan. 1, 1905.

Among bills passed finally by the house last Thursday were: Amending the renovated butter act of May 4, 1899, to provide that nothing except the words "renovated butter" shall be printed on the wrappers of such article.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Kennedy, of Beaver, making it unlawful to employ any laborer, mechanic, foreman, expert architect, contractor or other person who is not a citizen of the United States in the construction, alteration or repairs to any public building. It also prohibits the use of any material, except such raw material as can not be obtained in the United States in the construction or decoration of such building.

A bill was introduced in the house Friday of last week by Mr. Brown, of Clarion, providing that a license fee of \$100 shall be paid for each car, steamboat or vessel, boat or barge upon which liquor is sold or furnished in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hutt, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill prohibiting liquor dealers from selling liquor to females to be taken from the premises.

There was a very slim attendance of senators in the senate last Monday night, and in consequence little business was transacted.

A short session of the house was held Monday night, at which the appropriation bills for the state and semi-state institutions were read for the first time.

Among bills read in place were: By Mr. McCandless, of Allegheny, providing that in suits to recover damages for any injury causing death it may be competent for the jury in assessing damages to allow compensation for the mental sufferings of the plaintiff and plaintiffs; by Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, providing that at the next general election the question of changing the location of the capitol from Harrisburg to Philadelphia shall be submitted to a vote of the people.

CYCLE TOUR CLUBS.

FORMED TO WHEEL TO THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

Valuable information for those who contemplate a trip to Buffalo and the Great Show which will be there next summer.

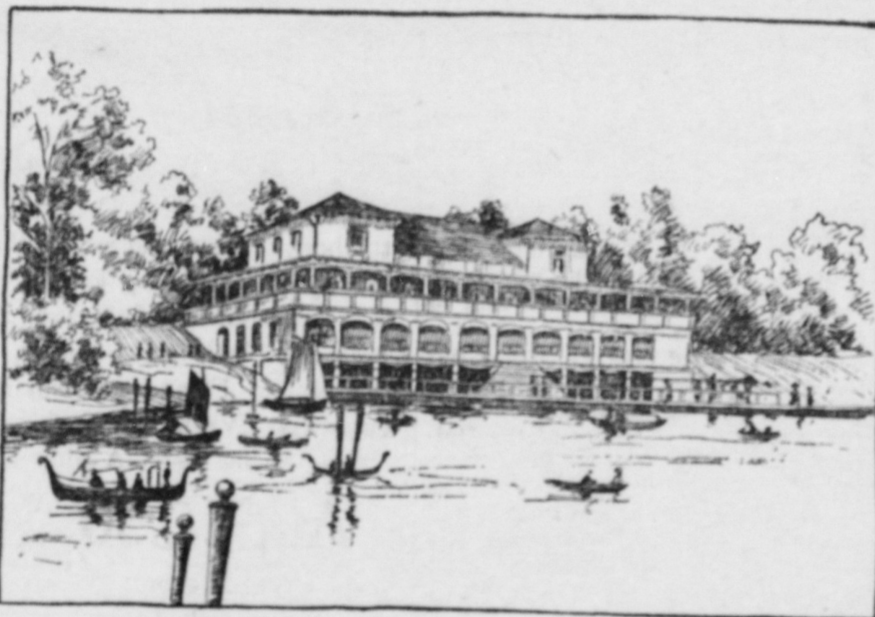
The chief pleasure which a bicycle affords is to be found by touring in congenial company, over good roads, through an unfamiliar country abounding in fine scenery of interesting historical associations.

The central location of Buffalo brings it within easy touring distance of the principal cities of the Eastern and Middle States and the Dominion of Canada. Within a radius of 500 miles are the cities of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Portland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Indianapolis, Toledo, Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee and many other thriving and populous towns. Over one-half of the population of the United States and over two-thirds of the population of Canada reside within this radius. The reputation which Buffalo has for being the coolest city in the country in summer time, its many miles of smoothly paved and heavily shaded streets and avenues, the fine buildings, magnificent electrical effects, beautiful landscapes and the multitudinous attractions displayed by the exhibitors of the Pan-American Exposition will make Buffalo the cyclists' Mecca next summer. Cyclists living within this distance of 500 miles

stones on the roadside and call it sport. If this little maxim was borne in mind by old riders when out with those of less experience, we should see fewer weary and mud bespattered men and women toiling homeward late in the evenings and averring that holidays spent a wheel make the so called pleasure more disagreeable than a day spent in the office or factory.

The strongest and most experienced rider in the party should bring up the rear to assist the more inexperienced in case of accident and to encourage the weak or timid rider. A trip of eight or ten days will satisfy most riders, and if there is a spare day sandwiched in the middle on which rest is taken the enjoyment of the tour will gain zest. The object of a tour is not the mileage covered, but the amount seen and the enjoyment derived from it. Much will depend on the nature of the country and the condition of the roads. Fifty to 75 miles a day should be the maximum distance even over the very best roads, and if the tourists are to get the most satisfaction from their outing and mount every morning full of ardor for the day's ride they will content themselves with from 40 to 50 miles a day. Early starts in the morning are a feature rather of speculative than actual touring. People who have really tried one speak enthusiastically of the joys of a daybreak ride, but it is to be hoped that no tenderfoot will be beguiled by these siren voices into getting off without his breakfast. The advisability of a rest in the middle of the day of at least two hours is admitted by most if not all tourists.

The first essential toward a success-



CASINO AND BOATHOUSE—PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

ful tour is to start in proper condition. The neglect of this consideration spoils more holidays than any other cause, making the work a toil instead of a pleasure and too often doing harm to the health of the rider.

The intending tourist should practice steadily for at least a fortnight before the start, beginning at very short stages and increasing the work daily till he can do with ease the maximum distance which he proposes to cover. During the earlier stages of his training he will probably find himself at the close of the day very stiff and sore and at night feverish and unable to sleep. It is a good rule for the tourist to use nothing absolutely new. Each article should have been tested by experience and should have had full time to accommodate itself to the idiosyncrasies of the rider or vice versa. A new saddle in particular is a fertile source of discomfort. However perfect in itself, it is sure to feel more or less "misty" for the first few days, and the same may be said of almost every part of the riding outfit. Each garment worn should have had time to adapt itself to the figure of the rider and should have become as easy as the proverbial "old shoe" before the cyclist trusts himself to its tender mercies for a lengthened absence from home.

If not found desirable or convenient to make a bicycle tour to Buffalo, all cyclists are advised to take their wheels with them. Transportation by rail or water will be so cheap and efficient that a very small outlay in time and money will enable even those living at a distance to make the trip. From any section of the city the Pan-American Exposition can easily be reached by wheel over smooth asphalt pavements or parkway cycle paths, while the magnificent scenery of the Niagara frontier is also within easy cycling distance of Buffalo.

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