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EDITORIAL.

THE 2 cent fare bill has passed both houses and gone to the Governor.

NEW YORK CITY'S Thaw has lasted longer than any Thaw we ever saw.

ADVERSE public sentiment has killed Kalbfus' gun license. That's the effect public sentiment should have upon our law makers, always, instead of defiance.

IT is amusing to notice how gingerly the machine organs allude to the great Capitol fraud, which their bosses are guilty of, and which all joined in, last campaign in denouncing as "lies." The fact is the investigation shows the inquiry to be far worse than Mr. Berry charged last summer.

BRYAN and Berry is the alliterative ticket for President and Vice President in 1908 which The Johnstown Democrat thinks would be about right. It is especially enthusiastic over the Berry section of the proposed combination, asserting that, besides being a good hand at exposing graft, Mr. Berry is a man of many statesmanlike gifts, as well as a devoted exponent of Mr. Bryan's radical principles.

A REPUBLICAN reader of the Democrat, over in PENNSYLVANIA, wrote us last week, complaining that we do not point out a way to stop the rascals in that party from committing the steals that have been going on so long. Why, my dear reader, we have done that thing for several years—advised the voting to put the democrats in power, who are the ones that fight the plunderers. The democrats never were guilty of such crimes when in power, and by voting to keep the plundering machine in power, you will only aid in prolonging the commission of wrongs.

AT LAST it is proposed, says the Record, to investigate the abuses and scandals connected with the Soldiers' Orphan Schools. It is now forty years since these schools were created in obedience to a wise and patriotic inspiration. The orphans have long since grown into manhood and womanhood, while many of them have grandchildren; but still these schools are carried on at public expense for the benefit of their owners. The scandal should be thoroughly investigated by the Legislature; but there is no need for creating an outside Commission for the purpose.

RECENT DEATHS

DAVID F. CONFER—a highly respected and life long resident of Hunters Run, between Blanchard and Howard, died last Thursday morning. His death was primarily due to a fall which he sustained while going out the kitchen door of his home two weeks ago last Sunday when it was snowing. He was injured internally. Had he lived four days longer he would have celebrated his 80th birthday. He lived with his son, Andrew D. Confer, where the funeral proceeded to the Disciple church in Blanchard Saturday afternoon. Mr. Confer's wife died three years ago and two children died some years ago, but these 12 children survive: William B. of Clearfield, D. D. of Beech Creek township; Antis G. and Thomas of Howard; John and Sylvester of Romola; Andrew D. at home, Mrs. Taylor Walker of Avis, Mrs. John McKean of Romola, Mrs. James Silker of Milesburg, Mrs. Ida Sulenberger of Howard; Mrs. Joseph B. White, of Beech Creek borough. Sixty grandchildren survive also together with 18 great grand children. Six of the seven sons of the deceased acted as casket bearers.

JAMES FINNIGAN—died Saturday afternoon at his home in Philipsburg. He had been ill about six weeks with typhoid pneumonia. Had he lived till July 3rd he would have been 20 years of age. Previous to his illness he had been employed for nearly a year at Altoona. He was a young man whose genial, pleasing qualities made him many friends. Beside his parents he is survived by three brothers and four sisters. The funeral took place Tuesday.

ANNA STUART—a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stuart, of Bellefonte, died on Friday of last week at Newark, N. J., of a tumor. The body was brought to Bellefonte Monday at 2 o'clock. She was 35 years of age, and was a very good christian young lady. The funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart on Ridge street. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

MRS. HARRY WADDLE—wife of Harry Waddle, died Monday morning at Chicago, Harry Waddle is a son of J. C. Waddle, of Lock Haven, who for many years was a freight conductor on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad, and who has relatives in Bellefonte and vicinity.

The ground is too wet for good plowing.

IMPORTANT EVENTS AT HARRISBURG

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treasury was looted beyond question and Pennypacker aided in the operation. The people understand this and honied words from Murphy, McClain and Adjutant General Stuart will not divert investigation or obscure the palpable out of the question and criminal prosecutions may be inexpedient. But public condemnation can run and should run as long as the conspirators live.

HARD FIGHT FOR TROLLEY FREIGHT

The event of last week's legislative proceedings was the fight made by Mr. Creasy, supported by nearly all his Democratic colleagues, for effective legislation authorizing trolley roads to carry freight. It occupied nearly all of last Thursday and was decidedly the most spirited incident of the session, and probably the most significant. It has been discovered that there is a possibility of defeating the legislation in question by collusion between the steam and trolley roads. That is to say, the steam roads acquire control in trolley lines and refuse to carry freight on them or induce the trolley lines to refuse freight by paying a bonus. To prevent this danger Mr. Creasy proposed to make the carrying of freight compulsory upon the part of the trolley lines. This was resisted by the greatest vehemence and some profanity by the agents of the steam railroads on the floor. The speaker came down from his handsome rostrum and engaged in the debate and finally Creasy was defeated.

It was expected, of course, that the members from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh would vote in the interest of the steam roads. So far as Philadelphians are concerned they are practically appointed in the Broad Street station offices and the Pittsburghers are not much better. But when the Republicans from York, Cumberland, Crawford, Armstrong, Fayette, Erie, Warren, Jefferson, Blair and even Duncansville of Tioga voted against the interests of the people the complete dominance of the machine is revealed. Duncansville has completely reneged to the machine. He is as much the instrument of that sinister organization as Sam Ripp. Two years ago he made some profession of reform. But the chances are that all he wanted was to be taken into the gang. This appears to have been done and Duncansville is as meek as a lamb and as certain as any of the faithful.

GETTING READY TO ADJOURN.

No bills will be introduced after this week except by unanimous consent, and it is usually hard to get that. This indicates that the bosses are getting anxious to adjourn. Probably they hope to avert the report of the investigation of capitol graft before the next congressional and legislative elections. If the legislature adjourns before the investigation is completed the examining committee cannot be made until the next session. That would be after the important elections of this year and would exclude the facts obtained from the campaigns. Of course we could publish the unofficial testimony and make the most out of it as a political asset. But the machine would deny the truth as most of the Republican Speakers did last fall and there are thousands of honest people credulous enough to be fooled. But an official report can't be denied and to my mind the anxiety to adjourn is based on the hope of thus preventing the official report of the frauds in the construction of the capitol.

An attempt will be made, naturally, to ascribe another reason of the early adjournment, if there is an early adjournment. Already it is being whispered about the corridors that the country members are anxious to get away. The pay for a session is the same whether it is long or short but the expenses are not so regulated. It is reasonable, therefore, that prudent men would welcome the end of the session if the business was completed. But the average country member, that is to say the country members who are guided by conscience, will not consent to an adjournment simply to save expenses. As I heard one of them say the other day they will not consent to an adjournment until the end of the year if the work is not completed and they will not slight their work either, in order to expedite completion. The machine fellows may force an adjournment and I wouldn't be surprised to see a resolution fixing the date of final adjournment early in May introduced this week. But I can say confidently that it won't get Democratic support unless counsel conducting the graft investigation previously get assurance that its work will be completed and its report submitted.

A DECADENT BODY.

The Senate still moves along in its quiet way passing bills as they appear on the calendar. Twenty years ago the Senate of Pennsylvania was as able a deliberative body as ever honored any State or country. Any day of its session then afforded enjoyment and information to the spectators who attended in considerable numbers. Eloquent oratory was the order of the day and though there was great activity the highest standard of dignity prevailed. Now there are no speeches, no arguments, no activity. I don't believe there are five men in the body who could make a speech that would be considered half creditable in a country debating society of half grown boys. G. D. H.

Local Option Falls in House.

Intensely interested in local option, the House debated it for four hours Monday, then defeated it.

The Craven resolution was defeated by this vote: Yeas, 96; nays, 80—eight less than enough.

Although some other questions, such as trolley freight, have caused more excitement, and there has been no other to which all the members have given so much attention, the lobbies, side aisles and galleries were thronged with listeners.

The question was that of adopting the resolution from the Representative Craven, of Washington, to place on the calendar the Local Option bill which the Law and Order Committee had reported negatively.

After heated debate Ways and Means Chairman Howard, of Cameron, raised the point of order that the bill was unconstitutional.

WHAT do the stalwart Republicans of Bellefonte think of themselves now since the Philadelphia Inquirer comes to the front and condemns the State Capitol steal of not less than \$5,000,000?

LICENSES GRANTED.

On Thursday, 21st, Judge Orvis made the following disposition of liquor license applications in this county. The following were the applicants:

- TAVERN LICENSE.
W. L. Dargatz..... Bellefonte, West Ward
Houston S. Ray..... Bellefonte, South Ward
C. B. Garman..... Bellefonte, South Ward
James A. Noonan..... Bellefonte, South Ward
J. M. Cunningham..... Bellefonte, South Ward
James W. Runkle..... Centre Hill Boro.
Edwin G. Henderson..... Howard Boro.
Isaac A. Shawyer..... Millheim Boro.
Andrew M. Eeesser..... Millheim Boro.
Charles M. Waple..... Philipsburg, First Ward
Rapey & Grebe..... Second ward
J. C. & W. H. Jones..... Second ward
Samuel Rogers..... Second ward
Christ North..... Second ward
James Passanun..... Second ward
A. B. Herd..... Second ward
Thomas Barnes, Jr..... Second ward
Andrew G. Hug..... Second ward
Harry Simler..... Second ward
*Henry Kohlsbecker..... Central City, Boggs twp
*Harry P. Austin..... Central City, Boggs twp
*William Eckert..... Rebersburg, Miles twp
*J. Warren Wood..... Spring Mills, Greig twp
Lewis E. Stover..... Coburn, Penn twp
James S. Reish..... Pottery Mills, Potter twp
*Edward Royer..... Old Fort, Potter twp
Frank W. Hess..... Sandy Ridge, Rush twp
Fred Eisenhauer..... Cassanova, Rush twp
*Tempest Slinger..... near P. R. R. station Granger Hotel, Rush twp
John G. Uzzie..... Snow Shoe, S. S. twp
William W. Babers &..... S. S. twp
George J. Kaehlich..... Clarence, Snow Shoe twp
Noah W. Eby..... Woodward, Haines twp
BREWERS LICENSE.
Philipsburg Brng CoPhilipsburg, Second ward
WHOLESALE BEER.
Chas. Moerschbacher Bellefonte, West ward
WHOLESALE LIQUOR.
Orin Vall..... Philipsburg, Second ward
Houston S. Ray..... Second ward
George Parks..... Second ward
Philip Garbriek..... Bellefonte, west ward
John J. Keefe..... west ward
*HARRY T. Hamilton, Osceola Mills, Rush twp
Lawrence Nugent..... Cassanova, Rush twp
John Boyce..... Clarence, Snow Shoe twp
*The applications of Henry Kohlsbecker and Harry P. Austin, Central City, Boggs twp., are for the same property. Application is made for the hotel at Coburn. Four applications were refused, and all are underscored in the above list. All the old licenses were granted.

THE CONTEST ENDED.

For the last two months Harry Irvin, the Bush House tobacconist, had been conducting a spirited contest for a gold watch, chain and fob. It was to be given to the most popular member of a secret order or society in town. In the beginning quite a number entered the contest, but toward the last it simmered down to two: Harry Rearick and Newton Dunlap. The accounts ran pretty evenly up until Saturday night when the contest was decided. It was then that it began to snow and by 10 o'clock poor "New" was standing in the "beautiful" up to his eyes. George Freeman, who marshalled the Rearick forces, says that every thing was done on the Square, and as we never heard of George lying unless in bed, we take for granted that everything was o. k. The great trouble was Dunlap wasn't politician enough and thus forgot to pull wires. There were 14,886 votes cast, of which Rearick got 7,951 and Dunlap 6,935 thus the former won over the latter by 961 majority. When the result was announced Sunday morning about 1 o'clock the first man to congratulate the man on top was Mr. Dunlap which showed a good spirit. Harry Rearick is a first class fellow both he and Dunlap are to be congratulated on the successful and harmonious way the contest was conducted.

Meeting at the Jail.

A gospel meeting was held in the jail Thursday afternoon, several hymns were sung, one of the prisoners assisting nobly in singing. The prisoners were then addressed by Rev. Johan Marcusson, of Denmark, a minister in the Friend's society. Mrs. W. H. Spangler then spoke and Miss Clara Valentine offered prayer. The prisoners, seven in number paid the closest attention to all the exercises. Mr. From being especially moved by the songs and speaking.

WEDDINGS.

BROOKS-JOHNSON.
The hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Johnson, of Howard township, Centre county, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, March 20th, at half-past five o'clock.

The contracting parties were Miss Bessie C. Johnson their charming daughter and John C. Brooks formerly of Curtin. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of the happy couple by the Rev. E. M. Aller, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. Immediately after the ceremony the entire company partook of a sumptuous dinner. The presents were numerous and useful, consisting of linen, china and silverware, and many other useful articles. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are among the most highly esteemed young people of the community and, owing to their social qualities, have a wide circle of admiring friends. Mr. Brooks is a skilled telegraph operator in the employ of the N. Y. C. R. R. company, is located at Waterville, Pa., where he had a house already furnished awaiting the superintendence of his accomplished bride.

WOMAN KILLS CATAMOUNT.

Woolrich boasts of a heroic marksman or markswoman, Mrs. John F. Myers, hearing the barking of the dogs on the mountain side, almost a mile from her home, and knowing that her husband was in that section, Mrs. Myers started out with a rifle on her shoulder to see what might be agitating the dogs. After climbing up the side of the mountain she became aware that a huge catamount was but a short distance from her. Walking to almost where the animal was crouched in a huge rock oak tree, on an over hanging limb Mrs. Myers beheld the monster catamount, and in attitude to spring. She leveled her trusty fire-

arm with unerring aim and fired, when the ball from the gun unjointed his neck and felled the beast to the ground, without a struggle. Her husband came up to where the animal lay, and after measuring it, found that it was almost three feet in length, and weighing 20 or more pounds.—C. Democrat.

AN IDEAL PALM SUNDAY.

Palm Sunday was an ideal day in Bellefonte and there was a large attendance in the churches. A great number of men had bits of palm on the lapsels of their coats while the ladies also carried a small piece of those greens. The day was afterward bright and clear and many enjoyed a promenade. Towards evening it grew quite chilly as predicted by the weather bureau and overcoats and wraps were again worn. Among others present in the reception line were the bustling birds on shade and fruit trees and the feminine portion of the populace who could not refrain from donning its Easter costumes a week ahead of time.

A FEW DAYS AGO A FISH WARDEN ENTERED THE HOUSE OF MRS. MARY ATILLO, IN POTTSVILLE, TO ARREST A BOARDER FOR VIOLATING THE FISH LAWS.

The officer shocked Mrs. Attilo so greatly that she was obliged to go to bed and she died on Saturday night.

At the home of Mrs. Uriah, Gates, in Warriorsmark valley their daughter,

When the Children come home from School. They usually want something from the pantry. You remember the hunger you had—Home cooking counts for much in the child's health; do not imperil it with alum food by the use of poor baking powder. Have a delicious, pure, home-made muffin, cake or biscuit ready when they come in. To be sure of the purity, you must use ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Royal makes a difference in your home—a difference in your health—a difference in your cooking. ROYAL is absolutely Pure.

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