

A STRONG DEFENSE

Of the Acts of the State Sinking Fund Commissioners is Made

BY HON. HENRY HALL OF MERCER.

Mr. Wherry Asks Some Perplexing Questions, and Insists That

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES SHOULD RULE

In the Administration of the Fiscal Affairs of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Wherry's resolution on the sinking fund question again came up for discussion in the Legislature. After an elaborate defense of the Commission by Hon. Henry Hall, the measure was again referred to the Ways and Means Committee by almost a strict party vote.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 25.—When Hon. Henry Hall sat down to-night he was applauded as vigorously as the speaker rapped for order. The applause all came from the Republicans. Mr. Hall had just finished defending the Sinking Fund Commissioners from Mr. Wherry's attack, and though his voice was weak from his illness when he began, it gathered strength and volume as he proceeded. Mr. Wherry had changed his tactics, and to-night offered the following resolution, which Mr. Dearden moved to refer to the Ways and Means Committee:

WHEREAS, The Sinking Fund Commissioners have, during the fiscal years 1886-7 and 1887-8, purchased State bonds at a higher rate than the market rate, thus violating the act of February 20, 1885, as amended by the act of August 18, 1888, making such purchases at rates of from one-eighth to two and five-tenths per cent higher than the market rate at the time fixed by that act as a limit to the purchase of such bonds, and that the amount of such excess has been in the aggregate at least \$7,000; and, Whereas, The said Sinking Fund Commissioners sold in December, 1887, and January, 1888, \$1,000,000 of United States bonds, which were invested in the funds, which said bonds should only be sold when the money shall be required for the extinguishment of the public debt;

A BIG CASH BALANCE.

Whereas, The proceeds of these bonds were not necessary for the extinguishment of the public debt, for the reason that when such bonds were sold there was already in the State treasury a cash balance of over \$1,000,000, and that after the said bonds had been sold, although \$1,000,000 worth of State loans had been purchased there still remained in the fund, not reckoning the sale of the said United States bonds, a cash balance of more than \$1,000,000; and that, at the close of the fiscal year, after the said bonds had been sold, there still remained in the fund, not reckoning the sale of the said United States bonds, a cash balance of more than \$1,000,000, thus exceeding the amount of the public debt upon the present estimate;

Resolved, That the amount of interest lost to the State up to date, by the sale of said million dollars worth of United States bonds at the rate above stated, and the surplus in the State treasury, amounting to \$1,000,000, be used for the purpose of paying the interest on the purchase of State bonds above the legal limit, the then market rate amounting to at least \$7,000; therefore be it

Resolved, If the Senate concur, That a committee of five members be appointed, three of the Senate be appointed to investigate said commission of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, and other transactions of the Commissioners for the past two years, and to report to the Legislature by bill or otherwise.

MR. WHERRY WON'T BE TREASURER.

Mr. Wherry, in introducing the resolution, reiterated the charges made in the pamphlet that was laid on the desks of the members last Friday. He stated that the cause for the loss alleged was either gross ignorance, disregard of the State's interests, or worse. It was admitted by at least one of the State's accounting officers that a mistake had been made, and this had been denied by one of the members of the committee. Mr. Hall said that the bondsmen were liable for every dollar of the loss shown. Mr. Wherry, after denying the Sinking Fund Commissioners at some length, and submitting the now noted pamphlet as a portion of his remarks, concluded by denying that there was anything political in the attack, saying for himself:

"In the presence of this assembly, and of the most High Judge, before whom I expect one day to appear, I am not, and will not, be a candidate for State Treasurer, and would not accept the office."

Mr. Hall made the speech of the evening in opposition to Mr. Wherry. He referred to that gentleman's charge of treason, as due to the discovery by him that the information called for by one of his resolutions of Friday was furnished monthly by the State Treasurer, and by law made accessible to every citizen of the Commonwealth.

MR. HALL'S DEFENSE

of the Sinking Fund Commissioners was in line with Governor Beaver's, and he read letters from the State's fiscal agents from Drexel, Morgan & Co., to the effect that it was a very wise act, viewed from all standpoints. No one, of course, could foresee that as the State became a seller of United States bonds the United States Government would stiffen a falling market and cause a boom in these securities by becoming a purchaser. Mr. Hall said the Sinking Fund Commissioners, before taking the action criticized, had consulted the most eminent financiers of the nation.

Mr. Wherry stated that he had charged no moral delinquency, but thought the advice under which the State's fiscal agents sold might have come from a State Treasurer, or a banker, who have State deposits and might want more.

Mr. Hall, when Mr. Wherry demanded to know their names, said he could not give them all, and the present Sinking Fund Commissioners could not.

"The then Auditor General visited Philadelphia, and I believe New York, and consulted personally and by letter the best financial minds of the country. That gentleman's lips," said Mr. Hall, "are sealed by death."

"I have not," said Mr. Wherry, "forgotten that fact, and that has been the greatest stumbling block in my way in this matter. Speak no evil of the dead, is a sentiment as strong in my breast as in that of the gentleman from Mercer."

WHEREAS ASKS FOR INFORMATION.

Mr. Hall said he did not want the State to run a broker shop, as he believed Mr. Wherry intended to do. He admitted that the Sinking Fund Commissioners were liable to make mistakes, but no more so than the gentlemen from Cumberland, and the author of the anonymous pamphlet which Mr. Wherry had alluded to as his own, and he was not striving for political preferment, but the party behind him probably did not feel just as he did.

Mr. Wherry called the attention of the House to the admitted fact that the Sinking Fund Commissioners had sold \$1,000,000 worth of United States bonds for the purpose of purchasing State bonds without having a contract for the latter.

"Is this business?" he asked. "Would Drexel, Morgan & Co., who commend the sale of United States bonds by the State, and the purchase of State bonds, have done this one without making sure of the other? Would they sell United States bonds themselves to let the money lie idle in their vaults? All I ask is that the State's finan-

cial agent, and those responsible for the State's finances, use the same judgment that you and I do in our private affairs."

Mr. Dearden closed the debate by referring to Mr. Calclaver, of the Philadelphia Record, as the author of the pamphlet used by Mr. Wherry, and the motion to refer the resolution to the Ways and Means Committee was carried by a vote of 91 to 43. A number of Republicans voted with Mr. Wherry and the Democrats.

PROVIDING FOR THE ORPHANS.

The Legislature Considering the Government of Schools for Veterans' Children.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 25.—The soldiers' orphans bill was amended in the House tonight on motion of the gentleman in charge of it, Mr. Stewart, and others. The Senate bill gives the State Department of the Grand Army preponderance on the committee, but Mr. Stewart's bill now gives it to the State by making the commission consist of the Governor, three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Department Commander. In the Senate bill, the commission consists of the Governor, one Senator, two Representatives, the Department Commander, and five members appointed by him. Senator Gobin will fight hard to keep it this way.

The other amendments include one by Dr. Walk, making the salary of male and female inspectors of Schools equal at \$1,400 per annum; one by Mr. Stewart, providing for a chief clerk at \$1,200 per annum in addition to a clerk at \$1,400, and an amendment by Dr. Walk, fixing the compensation for male and female inspectors at \$1,400 per year. Wait, of the rates provided by the bill of \$100, \$115 and \$130. The most important amendment is that of Mr. Stewart, which gives the State the right to contract for the care of children shall be made with the soldiers' orphans syndicate.

Electric Light Legislation.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 25.—Mr. Fletcher's bill for the incorporation of electric light companies was amended to-night on second reading by striking out the clause giving unequal right to erect poles and string wires. Section 4, giving exclusive privileges, was also stricken out. Mr. Brooks, of Philadelphia, Mr. Ritter, of Lycoming, and Mr. Quigley of Philadelphia, were the opponents of these features of the bill.

He Understands the Subject.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 25.—Mr. Graham introduced to-night a resolution, which he carried unanimously, giving the hall of the House of Representatives to Andrew Carnegie for an address to be delivered by him on the industries of Pennsylvania, on an evening to be selected by himself.

ROBBERS IN OHIO.

Two Who Have Been Operating in Mahoning County Arrested.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

YOUNGWOOD, March 25.—Two men who have been engaged in robbing residents in the vicinity of Kyles' Corners, this county, and robbing those who quietly submitted to them in this locality, when two men confronted them with drawn revolvers, and they were compelled to throw up their hands. While one cowered them with his revolver, the other went through them, securing two gold watches and a small amount of money. The robbers were recognized as James Iley and Frank Ripstein, who are well known to the officers, and this afternoon they were arrested and jailed. The officers believe they are connected with the robbery committed in the numerous robberies.

SHE SAVED HER BABE.

A Woman Caught While Crawling Under a Train.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

YOUNGWOOD, March 25.—Mrs. Martin Calvin, residing at Girard, attempted to crawl under a freight train near her home to-day, with her child, three years old. She was caught by the train, and the mother tried to get her child out of danger, but was herself caught by the train. She was rescued by the crew of the train, and the child was rescued by the crew of the train. The woman was severely injured, and will probably die from her injuries.

Arrested for the Unborn Murderer.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

GREENSBURG, March 25.—Anthony Nicely, the father of a nicely born child who is now in jail in Somerset charged with the murder of old man Umberger, was this afternoon arrested as an accessory after the fact. He was taken to Somerset jail this evening. It was discovered to-day that the old man had in his possession the pocketbook and the watch which had been taken by him by his son Joseph just before the murder. The watch was identified after Nicely was arrested this afternoon. Considerable excitement prevails in the neighborhood of the home of the Nicelys.

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MONTGOMERY—DUFF—At the house of the bride in the East End, Miss HENRIETTA R. DUFF to Mr. A. J. MONTGOMERY, by Rev. G. W. Chaffin, of the Park Avenue Church, on March 25, 1889.

DIED.

BELL—Monday afternoon at 3:45, ELANCHER, youngest daughter of Robert G. and Maria Bell, aged 1 year, 7 months and 7 days.

Funeral WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 55 Fifteenth street.

BECHTOLD—At his residence, 75 Federal street, Allegheny, on Monday, March 25, 1889, at 12 o'clock, GEORGE BECHTOLD, 53, in the 53d year of his age.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 55 Fifteenth street.

CAMPBELL—On Sunday morning, March 25, 1889, at 7:45, ELIZA, wife of the late Colonel David Campbell.

Funeral service at her late residence, Seewickley, on TUESDAY at 12 o'clock. Interment private.

FANNY—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 6 P. M., WILLIE, youngest child of Garrett and Ella Connor, aged 18 months.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 2022 Penn avenue, to-day at 4 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DICKIE—On Sunday, March 24, at 12 M., MARY ANN DICKIE, in her 65th year.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 4 Belmont street, Allegheny, on WEDNESDAY, at 2:30 P. M. Interment private.

KABLE—Of Allegheny, on Monday, March 25, 1889, at 8:20 A. M., EMMA FLORENCE, only daughter of Lewis and Kate Kable, aged 3 years.

Funeral services at the family residence, 129 Collins avenue, Ninety-seventh ward, Tuesday, at 10 A. M. Interment private.

KEAN—On Monday, March 25, at 9 A. M., JAMES KEAN, aged 75 years.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 137 Fourth street, TUESDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Interment at Brady's bond WEDNESDAY, on arrival of morning train.

LEMMER—On Sunday, March 24, at 11:35 P. M., ANNE MARY, wife of John Lemmel, aged 22 years.

Funeral from her late residence, 51 Robinson street, Allegheny, on TUESDAY, March 25, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCGARITY—On Monday at 3 A. M., Mrs. ANNE MCGARITY, widow of the late James McGarity, in the 78th year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 38 Strawberry alley, on WEDNESDAY, at 8:30 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCKELVY—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 7:30 P. M., MRS. MARY MCKELVY, in the 78th year of her age.

Funeral services will be held at Park Place Hotel, Sewickley, Pa., on TUESDAY, March 25, at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment private.

NORRIS—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 7:30 P. M., Mrs. CATHERINE NORRIS, sister-in-law of Mrs. Thomas Dwyer, in the 92d year of her age.

Funeral from the residence of her niece, Mrs. A. J. Dwyer, Edgewood, on TUESDAY, the 25th inst., on the arrival of the train leaving Union station at 8 P. M.

ROWLEY—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 1 P. M., MRS. ANNA BELL, daughter of George J. and Elizabeth Rowley.

Funeral services at the family residence, Rippey street, Nineteenth ward, on TUESDAY, the 25th inst., at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

RITCHIE—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M., MRS. J. C. RITCHIE.

Funeral at late residence of deceased, WEDNESDAY, March 27, at 10 o'clock A. M. Train leaving city at 7:40 A. M. will stop at Woodlawn.

SLATTERY—On Monday, at 4:30 P. M., JAMES SLATTERY, in the 65th year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at Park Place Hotel, Sewickley, Pa., on TUESDAY, March 25, at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment private.

Funeral takes place from his parents' residence, No. 102 Cass street, Southside, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SLEETH—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 4:10 o'clock A. M., MARY FRYER, wife of R. E. Sleeth, in the 55th year of her age.

Funeral from her late residence, No. 6121 Keystone street, Eighteenth ward, city, on WEDNESDAY, March 27, at 2 P. M. Interment in Interment in Union cemetery. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend.

SCOTT—Sunday morning, March 24, 1889, at 9 o'clock, JOHN SCOTT.

Funeral services at the family residence, corner of Forbes street and Shady lane, on TUESDAY, March 25, at 2 P. M. Interment private at later hour. Carriages will leave Thomas B. Moreland's stable, No. 6100 Penn avenue, East End, at 1:15 P. M. Please omit flowers.

THOMAS—At her late residence, 24 Franklin street, Allegheny, on Monday, March 25, 1889, at 10 A. M., ELIZABETH THOMAS, aged 53 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

VOCKRODT—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 3 A. M., ED. C. VOCKRODT, aged 38 years, 9 months, 1 month and 20 days.

Funeral from his late residence, 278 Locust street, Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WILLIAMS—On Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock, in her 72d year, Mrs. MARTHA WILLIAMS.

Funeral from the residence of her son, John Williams, No. 10 Overhill street, Troy Hill, Allegheny City, on TUESDAY, March 26, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

(Michigan papers please copy.)

WESSEL—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 10 P. M., ERNEST C. son of E. Wesel, aged 15 years, 1 month and 20 days.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, 425 Fifth avenue, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend.

WILSON—At University Hospital, Philadelphia, on Friday evening, March 22, at 10 o'clock, Dr. JOHN WILSON, formerly of Pittsburgh, and late Consul of the United States at Brussels.

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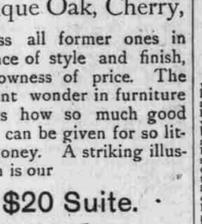
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