

Pushed With Vigor by Advocates of a Strict Sabbath Observance.

PETITIONS ARE POURING IN From All Parts of the State Backed by Personal Appeals.

OIL MEN GRANTED A HEARING For and Against the Passage of the Burdick Measure.

THE FIGHT OF THE DOCTORS RENEWED

Special Telegram to the Dispatch. Harrisburg, Feb. 11.—Representative Fow's bill to repeal some of the less popular features of the Sunday law of 1794 has greatly aroused the advocates of a strict observance of the Sabbath, if the remonstrances against any modification of the ancient law being forwarded to members of the Legislature are to be taken as indicating the sentiment prevailing among church people. Protests against the proposed legislation were presented in the Senate and House to-day, and the fight against Fow's scheme is declared by its opponents as only in its incipient state.

Sabbath associations in the East and West and represented in the remonstrances presented in the House by ex-Speaker Graham and others, and by Senators Neely, of Allegheny; Meek, of Centre; Lloyd, of Cumberland; and Critchfield, of Somerset. The latter had one read for the information of the Senate. It was from the Western Pennsylvania Sabbath Observance Association, and pledged its cooperation with the Barbers' Association in respecting any change in the Sunday law, which was said to be in accordance with the law of God and promotive of health, happiness and morality.

This morning the House Committee on Vice and Immorality gave the enemies of the Sunday law an opportunity to give their opinions in opposition to the measure having this purpose in mind. Lewis D. Vail, representing the Philadelphia Barbers' Association, and the Rev. Wilbur F. Craft, Honorary Secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Sabbath Observance Association, made earnest pleas against the favorable consideration of Fow's bill, as calculated to work great mischief to the community. Mr. Vail also appeared before another committee in advocacy of the same measure, and gave the judges of the courts the same discretionary power in the granting of wholesale liquor licenses as he gave to the courts in the appointment of a new agent for the courts of common pleas of Philadelphia to take charge of the enforcement of all liquor licenses after that in that city.

The advocates of the State are fighting even harder for the passage of the bill for the reorganization of taxation than are the Suburbanians for the defeat of the measure. Members of the Senate and the House were loaded with petitions in favor of the proposition to amend some of the laws imposed on real estate on the corporations.

Grangers Notified to Be Wary. Scores of granges have already sent in their petitions for the repeal of the bill for the reorganization of the Legislature, and the members of the Legislature, who are already handicapped by orders of the Patrons of Husbandry at their present meeting, are notified that there are 150,000 granges between 6 and 16 years of age who do not attend any school.

Board of Pardons Meeting. Special Telegram to the Dispatch. Harrisburg, Feb. 11.—The first meeting of the board of pardons will be held on the 26th instant, two days after the regular time fixed for it.

Legislative Business Blocked. The Conference Committees at Hartford Will Fail to Agree. HARTFORD, Feb. 11.—The House met at its morning session in the presence of the Conference Committee, which said it was not possible as yet to report, and a recess was taken to 1 o'clock. The Senate met at 12. The Conference Committee reported inability to agree with the House Committee. They said the only proposition connected with the position already taken by the Senate, and that the House members refused the proposition of the Senate Committee, which was to seat the Democratic members of the House in the seats of the Republicans contest the seats. The Senate accepted the report and took a recess to 1:30.

Both Concerns Believed to Be All Right, Though the Cashier Is Missing. AYER, MASS., Feb. 11.—Two banks here, the First National and the North Middlesex Savings, closed to-day, and the cashier of both institutions, H. E. Spaulding, has been missing since Monday evening. The Supreme Court this afternoon issued an injunction restraining the North Middlesex institution from paying out any money until an investigation of the finances of the banks is completed.

Know Nothing of a Trust. The committee received no information except that the witnesses were totally ignorant of the operations of the trust, and they know nothing about the evil which it was sought to correct, but said no information was obtainable in the industry today by the committee any light on the subject which would be authorized by resolution to investigate. They advised the committee by writing as the American Book Publishing Company, but they had any controlling influence in the pricing of school books they could not say.

Senator Herring, of Columbia, introduced a bill to-day which is intended to cure an anomalous condition of things in Sullivan county. This measure, which is a remedial one, but great difficulty is experienced in mining there, because anthracite miners are not familiar with the way in which bituminous coal is worked, and bituminous miners cannot undergo a successful examination under the anthracite mining laws. The consequence is that no adequate means exist to develop the coal in the indicated manner.

Convenient, Comfortable Houses Are in Great Demand. Home seekers will find eligible properties advertised for rent this morning. Thursdays and Mondays are special rent list days.

A GREAT ART EVENT. The Scenes at the Sale of the Celebrated Brandy Collection.

PITTSBURG PATRONS PRESENT. Bidding for Some of the Works of a Very Spirited Nature.

THE LIST OF THE WORKS PURCHASED

Special Telegram to the Dispatch. New York, Feb. 11.—Great is the glory of the art world, and the celebration of paintings, numbering more than 300, now offered at public sale, is beyond doubt a remarkable assemblage of art works. Many of them are masterly, and it is probably true that no more important collection have ever been offered in this country at auction. Nevertheless, and because I am a Pittsburgher, the gratifying conviction which is impressed upon my mind, I here express. The average artistic merit of this famous collection is not greater than was the average merit of our own Art Loan Exhibition in Carnegie Hall upon the formal opening of that building.

IN THE SENATE. Senator Fow's Bill Laid Over for a Few Days. HARRISBURG, Feb. 11.—The Senate today laid over for a few days the bill for the reorganization of the Legislature, which was introduced by Representative Fow. The bill provides for a new method of electing members of the Legislature, and for a new method of electing judges of the courts.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION. A Favorable Report Made on the Farr Bill by the Committee. HARRISBURG, Feb. 11.—The compulsory education bill of Farr, of Lackawanna, was favorably considered this afternoon by the Education Committee. Mr. Farr said that the bill would require every child between 6 and 16 years of age to attend school for at least six months in each year.

LOSSES TO THE STATE. They Would Be Heavy if the Prison Eight-Hour Law Were Enacted. HARRISBURG, Feb. 11.—Much opposition is developing against the bill to introduce the eight-hour law in the State. Its enemies say it would lose them in the aggregate \$700,000 a year, which the State would be called on to make up in appropriations.

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AFTER ELMER SMITH. President O'Neill Will Try to Secure the Pittsburg Pitcher.

THE PLAYER IS QUITE WILLING. Smothers, the Brownville Sprinter, Accepts the Challenge of J. Fridy.

GENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

It will be interesting to patrons of the local ball club to know that efforts are to be made to secure Elmer Smith, of this city, to pitch for the local club next season. This was resolved on yesterday by President O'Neill. The latter and Manager Hanlon are extremely desirous of having a good left-handed pitcher on the team, and after a careful survey of the situation Mr. O'Neill is of opinion that Elmer is just the kind of man required.

SMOTHERS TO THE FRONT. His Backers Accept J. Fridy's Challenge for a 100-Yard Race.

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THE "PEOPLE'S" STORE, FIFTH AVENUE, PITTSBURG.

Stocktaking over, many lots of goods brought to notice which we have decided to close out, without regard to cost or value. This will be a FEAST OF BARGAINS. We can only enumerate some of the lots. There are many others in the different departments.

OUR JANUARY SALE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. We shall endeavor to do still better in February. We have gone carefully over the entire stock, and now make the last and FINAL PRICES on all Fall and Winter Goods.

Much of the merchandise now offered is also suitable for your Spring wants, but, to get your trade, it goes for the present at the sacrifice prices also.

Cloak Department. Dress Goods. Newmarkets reduced to \$10, \$20, \$30 and \$5. Were sold from \$15 to \$25. Only 80 left.

THE WEATHER. FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO: WARMER, SOUTHERLY WINDS, FAIR WEATHER.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 11. The United States Signal Service office in this city furnished the following forecast for the day:

River Telegrams. SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH. MORGANTHAU—River 34 feet and falling. Weather clear. Thermometer, 27° at 4 P. M.

DORSEY DENOUNCES OWENBY. The Congressman Says He Never Offered Him a Cent. WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The silver pool investigation committee resumed its sessions this morning.

AN OFFER TO HECKER. Sir Guy Hecker has not by any means been forgotten by baseball magnates and need not startle this year.

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Advertisement for Drunkenness, featuring a specific medicine.

Advertisement for Van Houten's Cocoa, featuring a large sale.

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