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FORTY-SIXTH YEAR.

GRANGERS ARE WILD Because the Taggart Tax Plan Has Joined the Burdick and Senor Bills.

THROTTLED IN COMMITTEE, And the Moderate Measure Formulated by State Treasurer Boyer Substituted.

SCHOOLS ARE TO GET \$2,000,000 Out of the Additional Revenue of \$3,300,000 Given for Local Purposes Under the Proposed System.

PATTISON IS WIELDING THE VETO AX. The Non-Continuation of the Governor's Appointment Once More Causes a Lively Discussion in the Senate.

BALLOT REFORM NOT YET ENTIRELY DOWNED. [FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

"HARRISBURG, May 12.—It is the 'Taggart tax bill' no longer. The Senate Finance Committee took final action today and struck out all after the enacting clause, substituting for this long discussed and much abused measure the Boyer bill, now pending on second reading in the House.

The committee was in session nearly all afternoon. The friends of the Taggart bill amended it in committee on the lines described in THE DISPATCH last Friday, exempting from taxation horses, cattle, sheep and swine under one year, household furniture, wearing apparel, tools and implements of a trade or calling and manual products of manufacturing agriculture.

The End of Taggart's Fet. A motion to report the bill as amended was voted down, and the Boyer bill was then substituted by a vote of 7 to 5. Senators Hall, Markley, Brown, Dunlap and Robinson voted for the original bill.

The provisions of the measure are as follows: The tax on money at interest is increased from 3 mills to 4 mills, 3 mills of which are to be retained in the county treasuries; instead of one mill as the present law. The tax on the capital stock of corporations is increased from 3 mills to 5 mills and is assessed on the basis of the appraised valuation, instead of on the basis of dividends paid.

Under the proposed bill the capital stock is appraised at the actual cash value, and a uniform tax of 5 mills laid on this basis. The tax on bank stocks is raised from 3 mills on the market value to 4, and from 2 mills on the par value to 3, leaving it optional with the banks under which method they will pay.

Operations of the New Act. The result of these changes is estimated as follows: A dividend tax on money at interest is \$1,640,000, of which one third, or about \$530,000, goes to the counties. The increase proposed will bring the revenues up to \$2,500,000 of which the counties will retain \$1,250,000, or \$1,200,000 more than under the present law. The tax on dividends is about \$2,000,000, which will be increased to \$4,000,000 by the change. It is proposed to add this \$4,000,000 to the common schools.

The grangers are up in arms against this substitution, and declare that they will fight for the Taggart bill to the last. Mr. Taggart said tonight that they would only accept the Boyer bill when compelled to do so. There are also satisfied with the addition of \$2,000,000 to the local revenues, as the increase under the Taggart bill was estimated at \$6,000,000, and they claim that even that amount would only in a measure equalize the tax on the farmer with the tax on the agricultural interests now labor. Neither are they satisfied with \$4,000,000 for the common schools and insist that, if the Taggart bill does not go through, the school appropriation shall be raised to \$6,000,000 annually.

They are also determined that the Senators shall be put on record, and on second reading will move to substitute the original Taggart bill and compel a square vote against it. The substituted bill will be read a first time to-morrow, and may possibly come up on second reading on Friday.

THE BAKER BALLOT BILL. Democratic Senators Not a Unit on the Constitutional Convention Question.

HARRISBURG, May 12.—Senator McDonald moved this morning to reconsider the report by which the Baker ballot bill was recommended. This was done, it is claimed, in compliance with the declaration of the Democratic caucus, which has determined that the amendments they propose to incorporate in the bill shall be discussed on the floor of the Senate, and that the question of its adoption be a matter of a split discussion, which occupied almost the entire session, the orders of the day being called while this was pending and undecided.

Both Senators Ross and Lloyd asserted that the Democratic party was not pledged to a convention, and that the Democratic caucus in the Senate would not vote to call one. This brought the Senate to a halt, and the Democratic caucus had unanimously decided to endeavor to do two things: First, substitute the original Taggart bill for the one now pending, and second, if that could not be done, then they had decided to support the bill in its present form and to continue the discussion.

Mr. Hall had the minutes of the caucus there and the incident caused considerable feeling on the Democratic side. The Democratic Senators caucused this afternoon on the bill, and several amendments were prepared and sent to Senator McDonald. He has left town, however, and the nature of them could not be learned. The fact of the caucus is that everybody is at sea on the Baker bill. The Democrats are looking for a hole to crawl out of, but has as yet found none. The Republicans feel that a caucus was a Republican trick, and they know how to remedy it gracefully. The Democrats see the Republicans have blundered, and they are not to be taken advantage of. There will be fun yet over the Baker bill.

PATTISON'S APPOINTMENTS. MR. HERRING MAKES AN UNEXPECTED MOVE IN THE SENATE.

He Wanted That Body to Confirm at Once Pattison's Recent Nominations.—It Was a Genuine Surprise All Around and a Lively Debate Followed.

HARRISBURG, May 12.—There was a surprise in the Senate this morning when Senator Herring, of Columbia, moved to go into executive session for the purpose of considering the nominations sent by the Governor a week ago, and which the Republican caucus had recommended. The bill was confirmed until commissions had been issued to State Superintendent Waller, Librarian Eagle and Factory Inspector Martin. Mr. Herring made a lengthy speech, from manuscript, in which he stated that three steps were necessary to complete appointments—nominations, confirmations and the signing of the commissions. The Senate had only a restraining power. It could prevent an appointment, but not make one. The first two steps had been taken upon these appointments, and the other way with the Governor, who was not legally prevented from making appointments. The Republican Senators appointed Mr. Herring to take the first step in the Senate, and it remained to be seen whether Governor Pattison would make appointments until these commissions were issued, or whether he would wait until there had been an agreement that the commission should be issued. All that was agreed upon was that the bill should be read and the Democratic Senators had carried out their part of the bargain. The Republicans had been in a position to dictate terms. Their terms were that the Governor should not make appointments until the commissions were issued, and that the bill should be read and the Democratic Senators had carried out their part of the bargain.

THE CONFIRMATION STEERING COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION. HARRISBURG, May 12.—The House steering committee on the bill to amend the constitution to provide for a plan of action for the confirmation of appointments, met this morning to formulate a plan of action for the Republican members to pursue upon the important measures pending. Ballot reform, tax information and the school law were the main questions to be considered.

THE GOVERNOR SIGNS THE BILL. Providing for a New Court of Common Pleas in Allegheny County.

HARRISBURG, May 12.—Governor Pattison signed the bill establishing an additional Court of Common Pleas for Allegheny county, and it is now a law. It is expected that the Governor will appoint two Republicans and one Democrat to the judgeships created under the act.

THE ROAD BILL'S CHANCES. An Impression That Governor Pattison Will Represent the Measure.

HARRISBURG, May 12.—Senator Mylin and Representative McCullough and Shillito, members of the Road Commission, called upon the Governor to-day and had a talk with him on the road bill. Mr. Pattison does not seem favorably impressed with the measure, his main objection being to the method of distributing the State appropriation.

THE MINERS NOT ILL-TREATED. HARRISBURG, May 12.—Adjutant General McClelland presented to the Governor a report of the investigation made with regard to the charges that certain miners in the coke regions were compelled to sleep in the mines and otherwise restrained of their liberty. The facts reported in the report were given in THE DISPATCH on Sunday, and General McClelland said that there was no evidence to sustain the charges made.

THE PITTSBURGH STREET BILLS. HARRISBURG, May 12.—D. T. Watson, C. L. Magee, E. S. Morrow and others will be here to-morrow to appear before the Governor on the Pittsburgh street bills. Hon. Alfred Marland is now in the city and will also be present. A delegation of the Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Association is also in the city in opposition to the bituminous mining bill.

THE SENSATIONAL DENOUNCEMENT OF A QUARREL OF LONG STANDING. WELLESLEY, O., May 12.—Peter Gallagher, superintendent and mine boss of the Cones Coal Company, yesterday gave a lady, Miss Foster, a convincing lesson in public road. Mr. Gallagher, while in the Cones, was the means of having a road established which passed through the farm of Miss Foster, since which time the young lady, he says, has continually insulted him while on his way to the Cones mines. She stopped a buggy yesterday and told the driver to tell the lady that she was to be paid for the damage done to her property.

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TORN INTO TATTERS. High School Faculty Gets a Raking From the Central Board.

ALL POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT. A Little Society Paper Episode Comes Back Like a Boomerang.

FREE TEXT-BOOK IDEA FINALLY KILLED. Never in the history of the Central Board of Education were there such scenes as those of last night. A wave that was a cross between a reform and a revolution struck the High School, from the principalship down, as well as all the places in both the academic and normal departments, are open for any applicant advertisements for instructors. During the next four weeks, appear in all the English papers in Pittsburgh, although it is very probable that a number of the present teachers will again get their places. The whole matter seemed to have grown out of the paper Miss Jennie T. Noble prepared to read before the Literary Society of the High School.

THE SECOND BRIGADE. To Hold its Encampment During the Latter Part of July. HARRISBURG, May 12.—The first meeting of the second brigade of the Pennsylvania National Guard, held at the Hotel Hamilton, last night, was a very successful one. The officers of the brigade were elected, and the members of the brigade were organized. The brigade will hold its encampment during the latter part of July.

REMEMBERS THE CHILDREN. A SYNOPSIS OF HARRISON'S SPEECH ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS. The Nurseries of Citizenship as Well as of Intellectual Training.—A Moral Drama on Colorado's Diversity of Resources.—Transportation Question.

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A HERESY STRADDLE. Neither Party Scores a Clean Victory in the Briggs Case.

FINAL ACTION AGAIN DELAYED. And Another Committee Will Make a Judicial Investigation.

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THE BURST OF MELODY Speeds the May Festival On Its Way Toward a Substantial Success.

A MAGNIFICENT AUDIENCE Makes a Very Brilliant Picture in Mechanical Hall.

MANY MILES OF FIRE. LARGE REGIONS OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA ABLAZE.

Farmhouses and Valuable Timber Swept Away—All Northern Michigan a Mass Sea of Flame—Many Lives Are Probably Lost in That State.

THE POINT was unobscured last night, and the Mechanical Hall of the Exposition building was a luminous jewel in the night. The May Festival began under fair skies, and with every augury of success, artistic and financial. That it was a success, such could not be doubted. Within the hall of glass and iron over 3,500 people were gathered when Anton Seidl, the musical director, bowed his thanks to the audience.

Other Decorations of the Hall. Not much else in a decorative way had been added. The platform was draped with red and white, but the decorations of the hall were not of the same character. The decorations of the hall were not of the same character. The decorations of the hall were not of the same character.

Composition of the Large Audience. The quality of the audience was even more remarkable than its numbers. Naturally women were largely in the majority; they were dressed in the latest fashion, and the men of the city in almost every profession and trade were to be found in the boxes or the parquet. The bench of Allegheny county, the copy of the May Festival, was a very brilliant picture in Mechanical Hall.

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