TO ABOLISH POVERTY

A Peep at Peffer's Bill Which Taxes Big Fortunes.

IT HITS THE MILLIONAIRES HARD

And Divides the Public Fork Among the Sweating Masses.

THE VICE PRESIDENT STUNNED BY IT

WASHINGTON, March 17. - Senator Peffer, of Kansas, in the language of his "section," has "humped himself." Both of the Alliance apostle's whiskers tied together would not equal in length a bill he has introduced abolishing vice and crime and making some use of men who foolishly bereafter accumulate more than \$1,000,000, William Alfred draws the line at a million.

The measure was one of the unique attempts at putting more than \$15 in the inside pockets of everybody in the country by legislation, expected to be offered from time to time by the Alliance statesmen

When the Senate got it it did not know what to do with it. Vice President Morton, who knows something about finance and parliamentary law, gasped when Petfer's effort was introduced and he heard the following title read: "A bill creating a fund for the payment of pensions and for setting our army of idle laborers at work on extensive public improvements; for the removal of the strongest incentive to crime among the poor and to vice among the rich; for protecting the American from the influx of undue alien competition and for other purposes."

The Vice President Stunned

The Vice President looked helplessly at the Senate, which had fallen back in its chairs, leaving Peffer alone on his feet. "What committee," feebly asks Mr. Mor-

ton, "should this bill be referred to?" Mr. Peffer's whiskers moved, and through them came this reply: "In view of the scope of the bill I think it would be well to refer it to the Committee on Agriculture."

The Senate was too stunned to even smile. There was an idea of referring the bill by sections, so as to give all the committees a it shunted to the Finance Committee.

The bill is divided into 39 sections. It

provides—first, that a graduated tax be levied on property and estates, as follows: On all estates, the actual value of which does not exceed \$2,000,000, a 1 per cent tax; on estates exceeding \$2,000,000, at per cent tax; on estates exceeding \$2,000,000, but not exceeding \$5,000,000 and not exceeding \$10,000,000, 8 per cent, and 18 per cent on all estates valued at more than \$10,000,000. The bill further provides that properties the exceeding \$1,000,000, shall be exempt. tv not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall be exempt from the operations of the act.

The Division of the Pork. A very considerable part of the bill relates to the appointment of county assessors and the manner in which their work shall be performed. One-third of the total net eds of the tax so collected shall be divided among the several States in proportion to their valuation; that is, their proportion of this one-third shall bear the same ratio to the whole as their valuation bears to the total valuation of all the States as assessed. Another third of the proceeds the tax shall be divided among the States by the same method in proportion to their population, the other third to be divided rong the States in proportion to their

The United States Treasurer, after having made the apportionment of the funds col-lected, shall, on or before the 10th day of February and August tollowing, deposit the amount to which each State is entitled with the Treasurer of said State.
When the several States shall have been

given their pro rata it is to be divided un-der three heads: First, for pensions and paying the pational soldiers of the War of the Rebellion the difference between the value terest at 6 per cent from January 1, 1866, compounding semi-annually. Second, for ouilding, calarging or repairing canals; for improving navigable streams and extending the mileage of navigable waters; for improv-ing country roads and establishing a system of first-class highways, and for building storage reservoirs in the arid regions of the West. Third, for organizing, equipping and maintaining a national guard.

Bonds Are Provided Also. The bill further provides that where the several States are unable to pay ex-Union soldiers the money difference between gold and greenbacks the Federal Government shall issue bonds in denominations of \$50 and \$100, bearing 6 per cent interest, and running from 10 to 30 years, to meet the

The bill states parenthetically that as the proceeds of this tax on a conservative esti-mate will reach over \$1,750,000,000 the first year, and as only about one-sixth of the soldiers' balance is due each year, the foregoing clause provides for very improbable contingencies.

laborers on public improvements under this act must be citizens of the United States. Another section of the bill of in-terest to the American laborer is that a cax of \$200 per head shall be collected from each single male adult immigrant and \$100 per head from all other immigrants over 12 years of age.

A Heavy Tax on Big Estates,

This section is to continue in force only until the President, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, sitting as a board of refer-ence, shall declare that all American citigens who want work have an opportunity to find employment at fair wages, and, holding the immigration tax no longer necessary, declare this section inoperative.

Section 34 provides a tax of 1 per cent on inherited estates and legacies valued at \$200,000 or under, 3 per cent on estates valued at from \$200,000 to \$500,000, 8 per cent on estates valued at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, 20 per cent on estates between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 and 30 per cent on estates above \$2,000,000, provided, however, that in each instance estates worth \$100,000 shall be exempt from the tax. Senator Peffer said to-night that he was feeling quite well. He looked like a man who had got a great load off his mind.

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STORIES DID NOT TALLY.

the Penitentiary Say They Deserved the Ill Usage They Got-Youthful Criminal

Are the Hardest to Manage. During au informal investigation of the stories told by the inmates of the Huntingdon Reformatory, concerning the fiendish and brutal treatment that they had been constantly subjected to, the fact was gleaned from the alleged victims that there were two or three prisoners in the Western Penitentiary who could show that even worse outrages had been committed upon them.

James B. Scott, of the State Board of Charities, was told the same story at Moyamensing prison. He looked the matter up at Riverside penitentiary and found the prisoners were: John Ward, George Jackson and William Larkin. From the stories told by William Larkin. From the stories told by the convicts in Moyamensing prison Ward seemed to have suffered the most. It was claimed by them that one of the keepers had struck him in the mouth with a hammer or club and knocked all his teeth down his throat. Accordingly Ward's cell was the first one visited and he was subjected to rigid cross-examination during which nothing new was developed concerning nothing new was developed concerning the cruel treatment at Huntingdon

Reformatory. He was asked to show his teeth. None were missing. In show his teeth. None were missing. In fact they were in an unusually good state of preservation, except that they had been slightly discolored by the excessive use of tobacco. The other two prisoners' cells were visited in turn, and, although they were willing to talk upon the subject of cruel treatment in prisons in general, they could not corroborate the stories of the young reformatory victims.

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Warden Wright, of the Western Penitentiary, is inclined to doubt the many stories now rampant about the extreme brushes tality practiced by Warden Smith and his deputies. When seen yesterday he said:

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John Ward, one of the prisoners whom it is said could throw some light upon the Franklin reformatory matter, was convicted of statutory burglary and was sentenced in Erie county, September 13, 1890, to the Huntingdon Reiormatory, and, being not only incorrigible, but a reconvicted prisoner, he was sent to this institution, which is more severe in its rules. Jackson and Larkin were also returned here for bad behavior, the latter for stabbing a fellow prisoner. When interviewed by Mr. Scott and myself yesterday they said it was true that they had been severely punished at the reformatory, but they admitted it had been due to their misbehavior, and the three of them come to the conclusion before we left them that Huntingdon was a "bully" place, and much easier than a penitentiary.

The fact of the matter is, that the man or woman, lady or gentleman, who thinks the youthful prisoners the easiest to manage, makes a very grave mistake. Take them in all grades they are the most troublesome. Those that want to be bad will be as bad as they can, and when once on the road to destruction they will go to the devil sure, while on the other hand an older prisoner can at times be restored. I believe the officers who have charge of youthful prisoners deserve some consideration, because they have their hands full at all times, for in many cases where boys have the liberty they possess at the reformatory they are all bonded together for evil, and the public ought to be generous in their statements toward the keepers.

THE NEW ALLEGHENY VALLEY.

The Purchasing Committee Files Its First

Official Report. P. A. B. Widener, R. D. Barclay and John B. Jackson, the Purchasing Committee of the reorganized Allegheny Valley Railway Company, have just submitted to the President and Directors of the reorganized company their first report. The report shows: That on December 15, 1891, at a saie conducted by William H. Barnes, Special Com-missioner, under order of the United States Circuit Court, they purchased the corporate property and franchises of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company for the price of \$3,000,000, subject to the liens saved in the order of the Court aggregating \$15,800,000, hereinafter more specifically stated, and at the date of the sale paid in cash \$50,000 hand

money.

That on the 21st day of January, 1892, deed being delivered to them by the Special Commissioner, they made the additional payment of \$2,950,000 in the coupons of the Low Grade Division, coming into their hands from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, one of the signers to said agreement. one of the signers to said agreement. The financial statement appended shows the total authorized capital stock to be \$30, 000,000 divided into 3 per cent cumulative \$18,000,000 and common \$12,000,000. The issued

and outstanding capital stock aggregates \$25,289,000, leaving unissued in the treasury of the company \$4,001,000. The total authorized indebtedness is fixed at \$20,000,000. The present outstanding indebtedness follows: lows:
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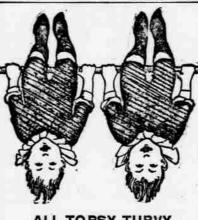
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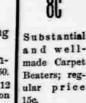
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