Pennsylvania Legislature.

[CLOSE OF YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.]

SENATE.—Private bills were considered as follows:

House bill incorporating the Philadelphia, New York and Boston Steamship Company. Passed.

Senate bill, supplement to the act incorporating the Philadelphia Association for the Relief of Disabled Firemen (relative to the election of Directors).

Senate bill compelling the Philadelphia and Gray's Ferry Passenger Railway Company to carry passengers from one terminus to the other of their road, without change of fares and for one rate of fare. Objected to by Mr. Ridgway and postponed.

Senate bill incorporating the Expressmen's Beneficial Society. Passed.

Senate bill regulating the publication of notices of Sheriff's sales in German in Philadelphia. Passed finally.

House bill incorporating the Pennsylvania Woodchanging Company. Passed.

House bill authorizing the sale of the real estate of Mary Bitter. Passed.

Senate bill exempting the property of the National Guards from taxation. Passed.

House bill for the payment to the Wharton Street Church of a sum of money due by the State. Passed.

Senate bill confirming certain proceedings in partition in the District Court.

House bill authorizing the appointment of an Inspector of Illuminating gas was laid over for the present.

Afternoon Session.—House bill incorporating the Cottage Gas Company of Norristown. Passed.

House bill authorizing the lease of bonds by the Thirteenth and Fifteenth Streets Passenger Railway Company. Passed.

House bill authorizing the opening of Memphis street from Palmer street to Montgomery avenue, Eighteenth Ward. Passed.

Senate bill exempting the Chestnut Hill Cemetery from taxation. Passed.

Joint resolution appropriating $2,500 to the repairing of Penn Hall, Chestnut street, in Philadelphia. Passed.

Senate bill authorizing the Gettysburg and Chambersburg Railroad Company to make connections, and decrease the number of Commissioners. Passed.

Mr. Jackson, from the Finance Committee, reported as adverse a bill to authorize companies to mine their own coal twenty-five cents per ton, with a negative recommendation.

Mr. Randall moved to consider the bill, which was agreed to; and the bill was defeated by a vote of 6, to ways 22.

Evening Session.—Mr Connell, from the Finance Committee, reported the appropriation bill, with amendments, striking out $25,000 for roads and reducing the bill $226,000, thus leaving an aggregate of $2,196,000. The bill passed and was sent to the House for concurrence. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—The following bills on the public calendar were acted upon:

Senate bill relative to mortgages of leasehold estates (providing that in all cases the mortgees of leasehold estates shall have the same remedies for collection thereof which mortgages of real estate have) passed finally.

Senate supplement to an act confirmatory of conveyances of real estate (providing that conveyances of lands in this State by executors or administrators of last wills and testaments under the laws of other States, if recorded in the proper county, shall be valid, but shall not be held to affect suits now pending) passed finally.

House supplement to an act incorporating the House of Refuge of Western Pennsylvania (requiring the Judges of Common Pleas of Allegheny county to visit the institution quarterly) passed finally.

House bill repealing an act regulating the inspection of pickled fish sent to prevent fraud in the vending of the same passed finally.

House bill relating to the organization of engine companies (providing that persons carrying on any mechanical, mining, manufacturing or traffic business in Philadelphia, which business employs ten persons, and provides that any seven or more citizens may form a co-operative association, with such corporate name as shall indicate its character. Capital shall not exceed $200,000, but may be increased not more than $100,000, with consent of stockholders. Various minor regulations are prescribed. Passed finally.

Senate bill to revise, amend and consolidate the several laws taxing corporations, brokers and bankers.

Mr. Strang (Rep.) of Tioga moved to postpone the bill and make it the special order for to-morrow evening.

This required unanimous consent.

Mr. McGinnis objected.

The bill was then laid over till Wednesday next.

Senate supplement to an act directing the entry of liens for the principal and interest due the Commonwealth for lands forfeited for taxation or other office titles, approved January 30, 1865. The bill provides for the entry of amounts due on unpatented lands in a docket to be provided by the Surveyor-General to the Land Department, instead of in the dockets of county officers, and the same sale laws to operate on such lands, bearing interest as already provided. Passed finally.

Senate supplement to the act relating to elections in this Commonwealth (relative to repeaters' bill).

Mr. Linton (Dem.), of Cambria, moved an amendment to the second section, striking out that provision which requires assessors to mark opposite each voter's name the nature of his qualifications as an elector, such as "naturalized," "declared intention," "residence," &c.

Mr. Hickman (Rep.), of Chester, sustained the bill as the only hope of the country against Democratic frauds. Every voter had a large number of dupes, whom they used for party purposes.

Mr. Malsh (Dem.), of York, said he would go as far as any man to prevent fraud at elections. Such prevention would always rebound to the advantage of the Democratic party. The bill however, was a covered assault upon the foreign vote; it was an electioneering dodge of the Radical party to carry the next election.

Mr. Smith (Dem.), of Lancaster, said the bill was intended to preserve the purity of the ballot box and ascertain the true sentiment of the people.

Mr. Connell (Dem.), of Bucks, alluding to fraud, called the attention of the House to the Fort Delaware frauds, which he said were the boldest and most infamous ever known within the people had ever heard, and yet these frauds were perpetrated by the ballot of paper.

Mr. Craig (Dem.), of Carbon, spoke in opposition to the bill. The rich and poor alike in the machinery was too complicated, its expense was too great.

Mr. Jones (Dem.), of Berks, said that where the dockets of offices were increased, the chances of fraud were increased. Besides, this bill put the Democratic party under the ban of law by obtaining his right to vote that it was doubtful if it ever could be restored. It enabled Democrats to vote about themselves, especially when it was always hard to prove upon them. He knew their work and their homes simply to vote. Where a register would jump over the barrier he would jump two. Elections officers, too, were sometimes corrupt, and they could commit as great a fraud under this bill as under the existing law. Until we had some better evidence of the inefficiency of the existing law, he did not see any reason for the passage of a new law. He had never heard of such a bill. It was a bill for excitement, no demand for a registry law.

Mr. Thorn (Rep.), of Philadelphia, moved to exempt the City of Philadelphia from the provisions of the bill. Agreed to.

Mr. Boyd (Dem.), of York, said this bill would require an honest Democrat to occupy two days, instead of one day, to reach the counties of the country favorable to ballot-box. The petitions from Chester had made an attack upon the foreign vote—the votes of men who had fought bravely for the country on many a battle-field.

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Mr. Zachbach (Dem.), of Montgomery—And your negroes were to have voted without being able to read?

Mr. Hickman—Why, sir, they all do read! [Laughter.] You will not find a negro in Chester county who cannot read.

Mr. Boyd was glad to hear that the whole foreign Irish Catholic vote of the country would be cast for the Democratic ticket. And he was just what the Republicans were afraid of, hence they were anxious to call in the votes of degraded negroes.

Mr. Hickman reiterated that the whole foreign Irish Catholic vote had always been cast for the Democratic party. And this vote had always been cast in downright, absolute ignorance of our institutions. But he could not object to the vote of a man entitled to a vote. He had only assailed the illegal foreign, or Irish Catholic, voters. He was always for the protection of the native American or native. Rich men could obstruct well as poor men. It was not the rich man who spoke. The Republican party had committed one grand mistake; they had allowed ignorance to vote because it was clothed in a white skin. They might as well allow a bag of four to vote! [Laughter.] Take an ignorant Irishman, just landed, who swears in support the Constitution of the United States; he is allowed to vote because he so swears to support the Constitution, when he can't read the Constitution, not even the New Testament. It was not to be supposed that a man that couldn't read could understand the Constitution, when even we could not understand it. [Laughter.] All the ignorant vote of the country was cast for the Democratic party.

Mr. Brennan (Dem.), of Schuylkill, rose, and in an excited manner said that the representative from Chester had attacked the intelligence of the Irish Catholics. He would find many such in Irish Catholics who were more capable of teaching men their duty to their country and to God than the gentleman from Chester will ever have a bottle of whisky for him. [Laughter.]

Mr. Hickman—Is the gentleman an Irish Catholic?

Mr. Brennan—Yes, sir, and I want the gentleman to understand that I am his p r in intelligence.

Mr. Hickman—The gallied jade winces! There are where the shoe pinches!

Mr. Brennan—I would say to the gentleman that I hate injustice and untruth wherever it is. I consequently feel a little touched in relation to the bold assertions of the gentleman from Chester, which he knows are untrue.

Mr. Hickman proceeded, when

Mr. Armstrong (Rep.) called the previous question, but the call was not sustained. Yeas 38, nays 42.

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Mr. Boyd asked what objection the gentleman had to the existing election laws.

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Mr. Linton's amendment was then voted down by a strictly party vote—the Democrats voting aye.

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