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REPUBLICANS FAVORABLE

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ARMY BILL APPROPRIATION

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A trade proposition is the transfer of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to the control of the department of justice for the incarceration of federal prisoners. The prison can accommodate 550 convicts and is said to be in excellent condition. Most of the military prisoners could be confined at the large military posts and the saving of expense to the government by the proposed transfer would be large on account of both classes of prisoners. Notwithstanding this usual provocation to debate, it is believed that the bill can be disposed of at one sitting of the house.

It was announced Saturday that an understanding had been reached by the leaders of the two houses of congress that the holiday recess should begin with the adjournment on Friday next and expire on Jan. 3. Thursday.

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Special to the Scranton Tribune.

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prisoners were confined in a cell in the town hall pending arraignment before Judge Taylor. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm of fire was given from the town hall.

It was found that the negro prisoners had heated a poker and attempted to burn the hinges of the thick wooden door of the cell. The wood ignited and before the prisoners could prevent it the fire had spread to the ceiling above.

The loud cries of the negroes helped to awake the janitor, Charles Schlegel, who gave the alarm, and with the assistance of Officers Parsons and Cornelius soon extinguished the flames.

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M. HARRITY'S REPORT.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Offers Suggestions for the Public.

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Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—The biennial report of Secretary of the Commonwealth Harry contains much that is interesting in statistical information concerning the operations of his department and also of suggestion in the way of legislation. There was an increase of seventy in corporation statements filed over the previous two years and there was a net increase of 144 in railroad corporations chartered. The total amount of fees for the two years was \$83,977.5.

The expenses of the department aggregated \$53,344.22. Taking the total receipts of \$95,962.65 and deducting the expenses leaves a balance in favor of the state of \$42,558.22. There was an increase of \$12,384.01 in the receipts and a decrease of \$7,579.31 in the expenses.

There are some important recommendations regarding legislation. Secretary Harry suggests that notaries public appointed during a recess of the senate be commissioners until the end of the next session and that when confirmed they shall be commissioned for four years; that commissions and other papers relating to the military branch of the state government shall be filed in the adjutant general's department and that matters affecting the agricultural interests shall be handled by the state board of agriculture; that the Baker ballot law should be amended to make it perfectly clear what certificates of nomination and nomination papers shall be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth; that it should be further amended to provide that a copy of all objections to these papers shall also be filed with the department; that a volume of the "Pennsylvania Archives" containing the records of the rebellion shall be published soon as possible before the papers are lost or destroyed.

FIREBUGS ARRESTED.

Five Young Residents of Allentown Are in the County Jail.

By the United Press.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 16.—Detectives Emmons and Long, of New York, yesterday arrested Arthur Newman, Walter Newman, William Conover, Oliver Worth and William Vanacken, all residents of Allentown and vicinity, on charges of arson, and last night the men were all locked up in the county jail at Freehold. There have been incendiary fires in Allentown and thereabouts for seven or eight years and a recent conflagration there led the national board of fire underwriters of New York to offer a reward of \$500 for the capture of the guilty parties. This brought the New York detectives to the spot.

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SPLIT HIS HEAD WITH AN AXE

Angry at Not Being Allowed to Court

Alice Klos, the Lover Waylays Her Father and Murders Him in Shocking Way.

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