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FARR'S BILL CONSIDERED

Committee on Education Spends a Session Reviewing the Measure.

THE APPOINTMENT BILL

A New County Act Passed--Project Introduced to Build a Ship's Canal from the Ohio River to Lake Erie--Governor's Nominations.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 5.--The committee on education met this afternoon and spent the entire session considering the Farr compulsory education bill. Mr. Seyfert was necessarily absent, but Deputy Representative Burrows acted for him. Mr. Farr did not desire to consider the educational measures in the absence of Mr. Seyfert, but that gentleman was persistent in urging the committee to act upon them. Each section of the bill was taken up and acted upon and all amendments were adopted, except the sixth section, relating to the formulation of rules and regulations concerning the enforcement of the bill. On motion of Mr. Farr this section was stricken out and a section inserted, making it a misdemeanor for the secretary of the board of directors or controllers to refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of the act. Several minor amendments were also made. The bill was then held over for a meeting of the committee tomorrow afternoon, when Mr. Seyfert, the author of the other educational bill, will be heard and his suggestions considered. The meeting was most harmonious and the general sentiment of the committee that the Farr bill is an excellent shape.

Chairman Culbertson, of the legislative apportionment committee, today announced that the sub-committee appointed to prepare the legislative apportionment bill to be presented to the house. The sub-committee consists of Clarence, Philadelphia; Farr, Lackawanna; Robb, Allegheny; Poehl, Union; and Biddle, Bedford. This committee will at once begin the task of preparing the bill.

Relative to School Books.

Harrisburg, Feb. 5.--One of the educational measures before the house in which considerable interest is taken is Representative Donthett's bill to establish a school book board, consisting of the governor, the secretary of the commonwealth and the superintendent of public instruction, whose duty it shall be to arrange with school book publishers to supply all school directors in the state with suitable text books. This contract shall last for five years. The object of the bill is to provide the lowest price for school books and secure uniformity in teaching. Another interesting bill, which is of special concern to liquor dealers, has been proposed by Representative Conrad, of Philadelphia. It relates to the revocation of licenses and provides that no rule to show cause why a retail liquor license should be revoked shall be granted by any judge except upon an affidavit first made and filed, giving the name and residence of the persons making the affidavit, together with specific and particular grounds, giving the accurate date, particulars and facts of the alleged violation of law, a copy of which affidavit shall be served upon the saloonkeeper. No rule shall be made until it has been proven to the satisfaction of the court that the provisions of this act have been complied with.

GREATER PITTSBURG BOOM.

A Petition Containing 18,000 Names. The Governor's Nominations.

Harrisburg, Feb. 5.--When the senate met at 11 o'clock this morning, Senator Flinn presented a petition of 18,000 citizens of Pittsburgh praying for the passage of the Greater Pittsburgh bill. The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Fruit, appropriating \$25,000 to survey a route for a ship canal from the Ohio river to Lake Erie; by Mr. Becker, prescribing the duties of telephone companies, prohibiting discrimination between patrons, fixing the rental of single lines at \$3 per month, and making the penalty for violation of the provision of the act \$100. The following nominations were sent in by the governor: Medical examiners representing the Allopathic Medical society--H. G. McCormick, of Williamsport; W. S. Foster, of Pittsburg; D. H. Barnaker, of Meadville; H. H. Holsheiser, of Philadelphia; S. W. Philadelphia; H. S. McConnell, New Brighton; J. K. Weaver, Norristown. Commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States--G. B. Orndy, of Huntington; D. T. Watson, of Pittsburg; W. W. Wilbarg, of Philadelphia. Medical examiners, representing the Homeopathic society--Hugh Pitcan, Harrisburg; Augustus Korndorfer, Philadelphia; Joseph C. Guernsey, Philadelphia; Edward Crane, Erie; John J. Detweiler, Easton; Isaac Smeley, Philadelphia; J. F. Cooper, Allegheny.

DEBS TRIAL OPENED.

Judge Grosscup's Ruling Regarded as a Victory for Defense. By the United Press. Chicago, Feb. 5.--At the opening of the Debs trial today Mr. Walker asked on behalf of the government that the cases against Dennis Larkin, John Burks, Frank Dreyer and James McDonald be dismissed. Judge Grosscup dismissed these four and announced that he would let the jury pass on the cases of the directors of the American Railway union. The defense asked him yesterday to dismiss the cases without a further hearing. In regard to John F. McVean and Martin J. Elliott, the two least active of the directors, the judge said he would take their cases under consideration. In passing on the question whether testimony concerning the switchmen's strike should be admitted, Judge Grosscup said: "I think when this case gets to the jury it is going to turn on what were the real motives and purposes of these defendants in instituting the strike in 1893. I will, therefore, hear the pre-history of the strike."

NORWEGIAN DISTASTERS.

People Suffer from Earthquake and Avalanche. By the United Press. Christiania, Feb. 5.--Shocks of earthquake were felt in Christiania and Mjølde, Alesund and Bergen, in the northern part of Norway, this morning. No damage is reported. Eleven persons were killed today by an avalanche at Kvanangen, in the province of Finnmark.

THE WIND, CITY IS CHILLY.

By the United Press. Chicago, Feb. 5.--Chicago today experienced the coldest weather thus far this year, the official thermometer registering 15 degrees below zero. The intense suffering in the homes of the poor and many persons have been more or less severely frost bitten.

STATE TOPICS CONDENSED.

Lancaster's disgraceful prison pen is to be improved. York women are making a crusade against free lunches in saloons. The receipts of Lancaster's postoffice for the year ended Feb. 1, were \$5,401.4. Attempting to mount a freight car near Market, George Burkholder was mangled lifeless. Being refused money, robbers dangerously beat aged Mrs. Mary Megan at Pittsburg. Schuylkill county yesterday paid the state \$13,266, the commonwealth's share of liquor license money. Joseph Stahl, of near Sharon, has lacerated his nose who disengaged four teeth ago with his eyes. He is at Lansing, Mich.

HAYWARD'S TRIAL BEGINS

Terrible Story of the Murder Told by Clausa Biggs.

DESCRIPTION OF A TRAGEDY

Hayward, It is Alleged, Threatened to Kill Biggs' Wife--Details of the Awful Crime--The Remarkable Nerve of the Prisoner.

By the United Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 5.--In the trial of Harry Hayward today for the murder of Miss Gling, Clausa Biggs, who confessed to firing the shot that killed Miss Gling, was the first witness. After giving details of the meeting and acquaintance with Hayward Biggs said that on the night of the murder, Dec. 3, Hayward told him that he was to kill Miss Gling that night. "Any way, Biggs," said Hayward, "there will be a funeral before the sixteenth. I have got to make it better off. Now I am going to kill her. I would kill her, Biggs, just like a dog. If there was a dog and this woman together and I was going to shoot one of them, I would kill her and let the dog go."

Hayward, he said, then gave him some whisky and told him when he had arranged to have Biggs kill Miss Gling, "I want you to do it, Harry," the man replied. "I want have anything to do with it," and he turned away. "So here Biggs," said Hayward, "I'm afraid of that wife of yours, I guess she knows too much and I want to kill her. You are a good fellow, and I want her anyway, a good deal better off."

When he began to describe Hayward's threats toward Mrs. Biggs he stared straight at Hayward for the first time since he took the stand. The prisoner smiled and gave no other sign than to shrug his shoulders contemptuously.

THE MURDERER WEEPS.

"Go on," said the state's attorney, but the murderer had reached his limit of endurance apparently. He collapsed, weeping like a child. In describing the fatal ride he said Miss Gling asked him what he was trying to conceal at his right. He replied that it was a revolver and the shot. "I did not look at it. Then she shot--I did not look at it. Then she turned away and I did not look--I did not look at all--I could not look. I just threw the revolver up quick and shot her. I did not know where I shot her--I did not look to see. Harry told me to shoot her behind the ear, or in the forehead--he said these were the places to shoot, but I did not look--I was scared. I was afraid Hayward would kill my wife--and he would have killed her if I had gone away. Then I threw her out--threw the body out."

Biggs claimed that Hayward had told him of killing two women, one a Chinese, and wounding a third. Biggs' bearing during the cross-examination was remarkable, and in vain did Mr. Erwin, for the defense, try to shake him. Court adjourned with Biggs still on the stand.

PROVIDENCE MURDER.

The Jury Finds Keegan Guilty of Killing Emily Chambers.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 5.--The jury in the Keegan case returned its verdict at 5:30 o'clock this morning, finding the prisoner guilty of the murder of Emily Chambers. The prisoner, who was very pale when brought up from the cell room, tottered for an instant and with a high gasp downed his case against him. His counsel gave notice by an application for a new trial, and the judge deferred sentencing for seven days. He still claims that Keegan's conviction under a new trial would be certain, as the state has discovered two witnesses who would settle the case for one and all. The Chambers murder was one of the most mysterious cases that has ever occurred in this state. On the afternoon of Sept. 28, 1894, a North Scituate farmer found the mutilated body of a woman lying in the bushes a few feet from the road, near the old bank village. The woman had been dead for some hours, and for many days she remained unidentified. At last, however, the remains were recognized as those of Emily Chambers. It was soon discovered that she had hired a carriage on Sept. 27, and had driven through Onleyville and out the Hartford pike, accompanied by a man. Those who saw the man gave an accurate description of his peculiar features, and as they talked with the story told by Henry Taylor, who had loaned his revolver on Sept. 27, Lawrence Keegan was arrested.

WOMAN TORTURED.

Finnish Work of Midnight Ruffians at Sharon.

Sharon, Pa., Feb. 5.--Mrs. Mary Sechler, aged 60 years, a widow, living two miles west of Greenville, Mercer county, was found bound and gagged yesterday morning, and her chances of recovery are doubtful. Three masked men entered her residence Sunday night by smashing in the door. Falling by the door, she saw her discolor the hiding place of her wealth which held her fast in the blaze of a lamp and otherwise tortured her. The woman had placed several hundred dollars in the bank. The robbers took everything of value. The woman is nearly blind.

TELEGRAPHIC SPARKS.

Earthquakes have shaken down many houses in Tuxtepec, Mex. Joseph Sandler was arrested in New York for running a gambling house for boys from 5 to 10. Gold ore that yields from \$16 to \$35 a ton, an active business, has been found in Spruce Gulch, Black Hills, S. D. Bituminous coal operators along the Hocking Valley railroad in Ohio have at last combined and agreed to stop competition.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Commander J. J. Price has been placed on the retired list of the navy on account of disability incurred in the service. A new circuit judgeship, just established by congress in northern Illinois, will, it is thought, provide a place for Mr. Sprinzer. Brigadier General T. H. Ruger will be made a major general as soon as the president signs the bill making General Schofield a lieutenant general. Judge Parker, of the western Arkansas district, who refused to recognize the authority of Associate Justice White in his district, has been reversed by the supreme court.

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Probable Fate of the Bicycle Globe Trotter by the United Press.

Pittsburg, Feb. 5.--The Pittsburg friends of Frank Lenz have received advice from La Vale, the leading cycling journal of France, asserting that it received a dispatch that Lenz had been murdered by Kurds near Erzerout, on May 17, 1894. The last time anything definite was heard from him. Frank Lenz was born in Philadelphia in 1862. Lenz started on his wheel for a ride around the world from the post-office building, Pittsburg, on May 15, 1892.

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WORKERS OF AMERICA, AND NOT TO ORGANIZE AS AN INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION.

This is a vote of confidence in the present national organization, as it means that the Massillon miners remain in the fold for fighting purposes only. They propose to leave no stone unturned to defeat Pennsylvania and the whole "McBride machine ticket." This they believe is practically accomplished. J. A. Crawford, of Illinois, is now a favorite for national president.

NUTT'S LAST CRIME.

The Murderous Farmer Fatally Wounded Two Persons.

Atchison, Kas., Feb. 5.--James Nutt, a prominent farmer near here, shot and fatally injured Mrs. Frank Poyten and a stranger who were in a buggy this morning. The cause of the tragedy is unknown.

MEADVILLE, PA., FEB. 5.--MRS. C. F. NUTT, mother of James Nutt, who shot Mrs. Poyten and companion in Kansas City today, has resided in Meadville for the past two years. Living with her are her daughters, Jennie and Nellie, and two sons, William and Walter. Another son, John, is in Akron, O., and a daughter, Mrs. S. J. Krepes, lives in Marshalltown, Ia. James Nutt went west soon after his trial and acquittal for the killing of Duke, a neighbor on a farm owned by his mother near Atchison, Kan. Mrs. Nutt heard from him frequently, but had not learned of the shooting of the woman today until informed by a reporter.

SANTA FE TRAIN HELD UP.

Both the Engineer and Fireman Are Covered with Guns--The Robbers Make a Big haul.

Hutchinson, Kan., Feb. 5.--When train No. 1 on the Santa Fe road reached Stylis, a small station twenty miles west of here, last night, it stopped for coal and two men crawled into the cab, at the same time covering Engineer Kearney and his fireman with guns. They robbed the engineer and fireman of their money and ordered them to march to the express car and break open the door. A demand was made upon the messenger, Jesse Ruble, to open the safe, but when he refused, the robbers abandoned the idea of robbing the express car. They then marched the engineer and fireman with sack into the passenger coaches, and while one man held the trainmen, the other covered the passengers and ordered "hands up." Thus they went through the train, dumping pocketbooks, watches, knives and revolvers into the sack. The amount of money secured cannot be approximated. One lady bought a ticket at Hutchinson for a Colorado point and the ticket agent here says she had at least \$200 when she purchased her ticket, which she was made to donate. After the work of robbing the coaches was over, the engineer and fireman were marched back to their posts and ordered to "pull out," which they did. After the robbers passed through the first coach, the conductor and a brakeman started to leave the car and raise an alarm in the town, but they were discovered by more robbers standing on the ground on each side of the train, who ordered them back into the coaches. The country is aroused, and the farmers are out well armed trailing the robbers, who rode off in a southeast direction.

MUST NOT RIDE BICYCLES.

An Order Prohibiting Catholic Priests from Riding Wheels Received.

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 5.--Father Sylvester, of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic church, has received from Rome an order prohibiting Catholic priests from riding bicycles. It is an order similar to the one applied to Austria, and is issued to those priests who ride from being hurt and from making their objects of jokes. Bishop Curtis, of this city, is a prominent bicycle rider.

CHRISTIANS IN DANGER.

A Repetition of the Massacre of 1860 Is Feared in Syria.

London, Feb. 5.--The Central News has a dispatch from Constantinople saying that anti-Christian outrages of the Armenian type are being committed in Sidon, Beyrut and Damascus, Syria. The Christian inhabitants of Damascus declare that they apprehend a repetition of the massacre of 1860, when thousands of Christians were murdered.

CAR IN NEW HANDS.

A Trolley Vehicle Goes Through a Funeral Procession at Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, Feb. 5.--A trolley car of the Cross-town line ran into a funeral procession at Wythe avenue and Broadway, Williamsburg, this afternoon. After the car had gone through the procession the hearse was found upset and the coffin lying in the gutter. The funeral was that of a 2-year-old child. The car was in charge of new hands.

COLD WEATHER DOWN THE VALLEY.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 5.--The coldest weather of the season was experienced today throughout the Wyoming valley. In this city the thermometer stood four degrees below zero. At Glen Summit it is reported twenty below, Harvey's Lake nine below, and at Bear Creek fourteen below.

CAUGHT FROM THE CABLE.

Italy's new ambassador to London is Senator and General Annibale Ferrero. A large quantity of ammunition for anarchists was confiscated by Berlin police yesterday. A wealthy timber merchant, Mr. Johannsson, was murdered and robbed on a Swedish railway train. Relief funds for earthquake victims in Sicily, to the amount of over \$100,000, are alleged to have been diverted by the Italian government.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; continued low temperature; northwest winds.

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