



VICTORY FOR JOHN R. FARR

Compulsory Education Measure Favorably Reported by Committee.

BILL GIVES SATISFACTION

Eighteen of Twenty-five Members of the Committee Consider the Measure—Mr. Seyfert Gracefully Acquiesced to the Judgment of Committee.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, Feb. 6.—The Farr compulsory education bill won a decisive victory today before the education committee. Eighteen of the twenty-five members on the committee were present, and by an unanimous vote determined to report a bill with a favorable recommendation. Mr. Seyfert, the author of the other compulsory education bill, who is also a member of the education committee, gracefully acquiesced to the judgment of the committee, but reserved the right to submit amendments to the house when the bill is considered on second reading.

While there were natural complications arising from the fact that Farr and Seyfert, both members of the same committee, had submitted bills on the same subject there never has been a serious doubt but that the Farr bill would be the one desired. Particularly so has this been the case since the two bills were printed, giving opportunity for critical comparison. So thoroughly in harmony was the committee with Mr. Farr's views of a compulsory education bill that the amendments made in favor of Mr. Farr and in ways that will strengthen the measure without making it oppressive or in any way obnoxious to thoughtful people.

The Bill as Reported.

The exact language of the Farr bill, as favorably reported from committee, is as follows:

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., that every parent, guardian or other person in this Commonwealth, who has the custody of a child or children between the ages of 8 and 13 years shall be required to send such child or children to a school in which the common law branches are taught during at least sixteen weeks each year in which schools in their respective districts shall be in session unless such child or children shall be excused from such attendance by a superintendent of the school district in which parent, guardian or other person resides, upon the presentation to said board of satisfactory evidence showing such child or children are prevented from attendance at school or application to study by mental or physical or other urgent reason; provided that in case there be no public school within a reasonable miles of the nearest traveled road of any person within the school district he or she shall not be liable to the provisions of this act. Provided that this act shall not apply to any child that has been or is being otherwise instructed in the common English branches of learning for a like period of time; and that no child shall be required to attend any school or other educational institution or of any teacher that any child has been or is being so instructed, issued to such child or its parents or guardians, shall be sufficient and satisfactory evidence thereof.

Sec. 2. For every neglect of duty imposed by the first section of this act the parent or guardian shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or alderman, forfeit a fine not exceeding \$2 on the first conviction and a fine not exceeding \$5 for each subsequent conviction. Provided, upon condition the defendant or defendants may appeal to the court of quarter sessions of the peace of the proper county within thirty days upon entering into recognizance with one surety for the amount of fine and costs. Provided, however, that before such penalty shall be incurred the parent, guardian or other persons liable therefor shall be notified in writing of such liability and shall have opportunity to make compliance with the requirements of this act then and thereafter to avoid the imposition of such penalty.

For Truant Officers.

Sec. 3. It is deemed necessary for the better enforcement of the provisions of this act boards of school directors or school controllers in cities, boroughs and townships shall be authorized to employ persons whose duty it shall be to look after truants and others who fail to attend school in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the assessor of voters of every district at the same time that the June registration of voters is made to make in a substantial book provided by the county commissioners for that purpose a careful and correct list of all children between the ages of 8 and 13 years within his district, giving the names, ages, residences of each, and whether in charge of a parent, guardian or other person, together with such other information as may be deemed necessary which enumeration shall be returned by said assessor to the county commissioners of the county in which the enumeration is made, whose duty it will be to certify it to the secretary of the proper school district, who shall immediately furnish the principal or teacher of each school with a correct list of all children in his or her district who are subject to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of each teacher in the school district to report immediately to the secretary of the board of directors or controllers at the close of each school month and thereafter the names of all children on the list previously furnished by the secretary who were absent without satisfactory cause for five successive days during the month for which the report shall be made, when if it shall appear that any parent, guardian or other person having control of any child or children shall have failed to comply with the provisions of this act, after due notification in writing, as provided in section two, the secretary, in the name of the school district, shall proceed against the offending party or parties in accordance with law by complaint before any alderman or justice of the peace.

NOW PLAIN MRS. DOMINIS

Queen Lil Divested of Her Yellow Feather and Other Symbols.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TAKEN

The Coffee Blonde Has No Further Desire to Govern the Sandwich Islands. Sensation at the Trial of the Rebels—Speckles Accused.

San Francisco, Feb. 6.—The Australian, which arrived this morning from Honolulu, brought confirmation of the reported capture of Wilcox and Nowlen, the leaders of the recent revolt, and also the arrest of the ex-queen, who is a prisoner in the palace.

MR. PULLMAN DISAPPEARS.

Cannot be Found When Wanted to Testify at the Debs Trial—Eugene on the Witness Stand.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—It was expected that George M. Pullman would take the stand at the opening of the Debs trial this morning, but the marshal reported that he could not find him, and that it was his belief that the palace car president was in his office part of the day yesterday, but refused to allow the officer to gain admission to his presence. Later on, it is claimed, Mr. Pullman took a train to Florida.

CRAZY PREACHER'S ACT.

He Enters a Bank and Binds and Gags the Cashier.

Another Furnace Lighted.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 6.—The Temple furnace, which was blown out four weeks ago for repairs, relighted last night. The stack is a capacity of about 500 tons a week. The Reading Iron company's furnace No. 2, which was banked up several weeks ago because of an accident to the machinery, was started tonight.

Mr. Morgan Is Satisfied.

New York, Feb. 6.—J. P. Morgan said tonight that he was satisfied no announcement of a bond issue will be made until after the vote in the house on the Springer bill. I am also satisfied that Mr. Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle are keenly alive to the situation.

Suicide of a Salesman.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 6.—A. N. Fritchle, a traveling salesman of this city, shot himself this afternoon, with suicidal intent, dying instantly. Dependence is the supposed cause. He was about 50 years old, and leaves a family.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

For forgeries aggregating \$1,200, Millard Haugh, of Frederick, has been arrested at Hanover.

Judge Biddle granted only thirty-five liquor licenses for Cumberland county—a decrease of six.

Owing to technicalities the vote cast in Republican primaries at Kennett Square has had to be recounted.

A freighting dog was thawed out by Mrs. Dantrich at Reading, only to turn and severely bite its benefactor.

As a result of burns sustained in her blazing home, Mrs. John Zeller, of Adams-town, died, as did her grandson.

The federal authorities at Altoona held Photographer H. A. Gripp, of Tyrone, for trial for fraudulent use of the mails.

Allentown social clubs that sell liquor are worried over Philadelphia and Pittsburgh legal decisions against such sales.

Jordan Lutheran church, Allentown, is almost rent asunder by an issue of vacancy between Pastor M. J. Kuchner and Oscar J. Heilmann, a school teacher.

A rush of coal fatally hurt Thomas Murphy in the East colliery, Ashland, and David Pears was killed by Patterson colliery mine wagons, near Shamokin.

TALE OF THE BLIZZARD.

Three Children Alone Two Days with Their Dead Mother.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 6.—A pathetic story came from this morning that grew into a tale of blinding sleet by nightfall. This long continued cold weather is without parallel in this section, and tonight's blizzard will add to the suffering that was already great. Telegrams from points west and southwest show that the storm is widespread.

FOR APPOMATOX PARK.

A Movement Is on Foot to Secure the Famous Battlefield for a National Memorial Plot.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Corporal James Tanner yesterday issued general order No. 4 to the Union Veteran Legion of the United States as follows, and it will be sent to the commanding officer of every encampment as speedily as possible. "It is desired that you will without delay to receive the order officially: 'The national commander desires to call the attention of every encampment of the Union Veteran Legion to the fact that a movement is now on foot to have the battlefield of Appomattox, this is a project which should receive the hearty cooperation of all surviving veterans of both armies. The ground on which Grant and Lee met for the last time in position; the ground on which they terminated the awful struggle of four years duration on terms magnanimous on the one side, and honorable on both sides; the ground on which their hitherto warring legions laid aside forever their character as enemies, and turned their hopeful faces from the dark valley of death toward the shining uplands of peace; may well be held sacred by all future generations. This ground should belong, in fact, as it does in sentiment, to all the people, and its physical conformation be preserved as near as possible as it was in the days when it was the scene which commanded the attention of the civilized world, and on which was set the mightiest tragedy of centuries. Believing this, the national commander earnestly recommends that every encampment of the Union Veteran Legion express by resolution its views upon the matter, and through the representative from its district communicate the same to congress.'

PURSUING UNLAWFULS.

French and Verdigris Kid Will Be Taken to the State Prison.

Muscouge, Feb. 6.—For two weeks Deputy United States Marshals West, Davis and Smith have been in pursuit of "French" and "Verdigris Kid," two desperadoes. Yesterday the officers were ambushed near Briartown, thirty miles east of here, by the outlaws and West was killed at the first fire, Smith and Davis escaping.

POCKETED HIS HAND.

Phenomenal Grit of a Fellow Who Was Maimed.

Royersford, Pa., Feb. 6.—A young man named Kirk, of Phoenixville, slipped and fell under a train which he was trying to board last evening. The car wheels cut off one of his hands. After the train bowled away Kirk coolly picked up the severed hand, placed it in his pocket and walked across the hill to a doctor's and had his wound dressed by him.

COLD ENOUGH FOR YOU?

State of the Weather at Various Localities Through the Commonwealth.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 6.—The weather throughout the Wyoming Valley and Luzerne county is moderating. At 9 o'clock this evening the thermometer at Pottsville registered 2 degrees above zero; at Williamsport, 2 below; at Harrisburg, 10 above; at Wilkes-Barre, 6 below; at Johnstown, 7 above; at Altoona, 6 below; at Reading, 6 above; at Lehigh, 8 above; at Scranton, 5 above. All report clear weather.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

Japan is to have a great watch factory, equipped with American machinery.

Cholera has again broken out at Constantinople and quarantine is again in force.

Rich and extensive gold fields are reported along the upper branches of the Rivers Beya, Nena and Ubat, in East Siberia.

TELEGRAPHIC WAILS.

Thomas Casey, the fifth victim of the Washpaug Pond (R. L.) boiler explosion, is dead.

Three weeks after installation as pastor of a Deaver church, Rev. Dr. John P. Coyne is dying.

Without food, money or fire, Emma Schaller, the "ossified woman," was found in a Chicago tenement and given aid.

The explosion of a boiler near Housatonic, Ind., killed Newton Anderson, Harvey Taylor, John Walker and Wilson Drake.

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