

BILL TO PENSION JUDGES

The Civil Pension List Measure Passes Second Reading.

A BLOW AT THE FLOBERT RIFLE

Mr. Fox Introduces a Measure to Suppress the Sale of Firearms to Minor Children--Inspectors for the Sweet Shops.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 4.—The house met at 10 o'clock. Among the bills reported from committee was one authorizing cities, boroughs and townships to appropriate moneys for memorial day expenses.

Mr. Fox, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill to prevent the sale of guns, rifles, carbines and small arms to minor children under a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$100 and imprisonment not exceeding one year.

A bill was read in place by Mr. O'Malley, of Lackawanna, to prevent physicians disclosing in evidence upon the trial of a cause any information acquired in attending a patient in a professional capacity and necessary to enable him to act in that capacity.

The Grothers pure food bill was discussed and amended on second reading. It is the same bill introduced by the late Mr. Newitt, of Blair, at the last session, and similar in its provisions to the Grigsby bill, passed a few days ago. It was amended by eliminating all reference to drugs and providing that general beer shall be made of barley and hops—that made of any other substance to be labeled.

The bill regulating the employment of persons in tenement houses (sweet shops) passed finally. It provides for eight inspectors who will be under the direction of the factory inspector's department.

Train Robbing Bill. Among other bills which passed finally one defines the crime of train robbing, and makes the penalty 15 years in the penitentiary; another abolishes arraignment in courts of over and termier except where the charge is murder.

Mr. Riser, of Philadelphia, called up the bill to permit judges who have served twenty consecutive years, or thirty years altogether, an amendment was offered by Mr. Riser, striking out the word "shall" in the first section and inserting "may" so as to leave it optional with the judges whether they shall resign under the bill. It was agreed to.

An amendment to include preachers who have served fifty years was declared not germane.

Mr. Mattox, of Venango, opposed the bill because it would mean the creation of a civil pension list, and because it was an idea foreign to American institutions. Several other members spoke for and against it. The bill passed second reading.

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WILL CHASTISE REBELS

Spain Reforms Her Penal Code for Benefit of Cuba.

SEVERE PENALTIES PROVIDED

Insurgents Will Do Well to Keep Out of Sight of Government Officials.

General Salicio at Santiago de Cuba.

Madrid, April 4.—The chamber of deputies today approved the proposed reforms of the Penal Code as applicable to Cuba, and providing the most severe penalties for the promoters of the movement favoring separation from Spain.

Marshal Martinez de Campos has started for Cuba, where he will assume supreme military command. The minister of state, a large number of military officers and high officials, have been ordered to follow him.

Havana, April 4.—At daybreak this morning a battalion of Spanish troops marched out from the fortress of Cabana, which lies westward on the hills above the city.

The railway station, from which trains travel south across the island to Havana. It is from that port that the government troops are being forwarded to eastern districts of Cuba; and, when the battalion en route today shall have reached Santiago de Cuba, all other troops newly arrived from Spain will have been mobilized at that point.

When all are there, there will be a grand review, and then the hunt for the insurgents will begin. Meanwhile the organization of the troops by brigades is being effected.

There are two grand divisions, and two brigades in each division. The first division will be commanded by General La Chamba, now military governor of Manzanillo. This will be his base of operations, and for the present he will be expected to preserve quiet, or make battle against the rebels in the districts of Principe, Nuevitas, Tunas, Bayamo, and possibly part of Holguin.

Within this territory, chiefly in Principe (or Camaguey, as it may be referred to), some of the bitterest business of the last rebellion took place.

General Salicio will have his base of operations at Santiago de Cuba, and his forces are expected to put down any rebellion in the districts of Jiguani, Cuba, Guantanamo, Baracoa and the eastern part of Holguin. These two commands will cover the forces indicated will number something like 4,000 men.

At the palace of the governor general the writer was today informed that when all the troops that are now expected to come from Spain shall have arrived there will be available against the rebellion about 35,000 men.

The number of troops already on the island here, the standing army of Cuba and all volunteers and Guerrillas. The last named are not the Guerrillas familiar in the states, but are separate companies enlisted for a definite time and purpose. Regular army officers and men are to be assigned to the various troops to drill and lead them in battle. These officers receive for this service \$20 per month and the men receive \$25.

NOVEL THEATER

Complete Music Hall Launched at Boston.

Boston, April 4.—There was a novel kind of ship launch at East Boston this afternoon, the launching of the float which will carry the theater of the Floating Palace Amusement company. This is the very latest thing in theaters and it is certainly unique as the only thing which approaches it are the London Music Halls, which are moved along the docks, or the old flat boat theaters of the Mississippi river.

The theater will be anchored off the Marine pier, South Boston, for part of the summer season and will also go to Fair Harbor, Connetquot Island and other summer resorts. In the winter it may go south. This can be easily done, as the float is broad and flat, and will tow easily. It is built a good deal like a lighter, except that it has a rounded bow, and is very strongly put together. The stage will be at the stern and will be 40x48 feet. The main floor of the theater runs forward to the round of the bow. It is arranged so that the seats can be taken away and the floor raised to a level, giving an ideal dance hall. There will also be a gallery which will be little above the deck.

ELOPED WITH THE PASTOR

The Aged Dr. Carter Creates a Sensation in Virginia.

Lynchburg, Va., April 4.—The Rev. Dr. George W. Carter, one of the most prominent ministers in the Virginia Methodist conference, and now pastor of a Portsmouth church, has left this city for Washington in company with Miss Virginia Statham, a highly respected lady of 21 years, with the avowed purpose of getting married. Dr. Carter was at one time a prominent figure in Washington. He is about 70 years old.

Washington, April 4.—A marriage license was yesterday issued to the parties above named, but it is impossible to ascertain whether a ceremony has yet taken place.

UNITED FOR SILVER

Illinois Democracy Will Declare for the White Metal.

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—The Democratic state committee held an important meeting this morning. It was decided to call the state convention to meet in Springfield June 4.

Chairman Hienrichsen, of the state committee, gives out an interview on the subject, asserting that there is no question that Illinois Democracy is almost unitely for free silver, and he believes that the convention will so declare. He expects a tremendous outpouring of Democrats to the state convention.

REUNION OF VETERANS

Survivors of Hartranft's Division Will Meet at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 4.—The survivors of Hartranft's division of the Ninth corps, Army of the Potomac, will hold reunion in this city on next Tuesday. Major J. B. Brown is president of the association. The day of reunion will be

SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

Inhabitants Believe They Should Be Protected by United States.

POSITION OF GREAT BRITAIN

She Will Not Arbitrate Her Control of the Country Now Held by Her.

at the Mouth of the Orinoco River.

Washington, April 4.—"Venezuela," said a gentleman today who has lived many years in South America, "would rather be reduced to ashes than permit Great Britain to occupy permanently the country in dispute between her and British Guiana."

This declaration seems correctly to express the sentiment of the Venezuelan people with reference to this long mooted question. What action Venezuela may ultimately take in the matter is not known, but it is doubtful if the Creole administration is considering the probability of war with Great Britain as a result of the latter's refusal to abandon this territory.

The Venezuelans believe that their interests will be protected by the United States, and they are hopeful that the dispute between themselves and Great Britain may yet be referred to arbitration. They insist strenuously that the territory belongs to them and that Great Britain has been encroaching upon it for years, because of Venezuelan inability to prevent her.

Great Britain, on the other hand, has long maintained that while she will arbitrate some of the points in dispute between the two countries, she will not for a moment arbitrate her control of the country now held by her, which embraces about 40,000 square miles, and is 100 miles long by 35 wide, stretching from the coast eastward and embracing a portion of the mouth of the Orinoco river.

There is nothing new in this position taken by Great Britain. In the correspondence between Mr. Bayard and the Salisbury government as far back as 1888, when Mr. Bayard filled the office of secretary of state, Great Britain then asserted that this territory was as much a part of her country as any of her colonial possessions and that she could not, for that reason, permit her right to occupy to be arbitrated. More recently still the British representatives have claimed that their ownership of this land could be no more the subject of arbitration than Great Britain's right to Surrey or Essex, or any other of the counties in England.

FOREST WEALTH OF CANADA

Nearly \$100,000,000 Invested in Industries Allied to Wood.

Ottawa, Ont., April 4.—The department of agriculture has issued a report on the forest wealth of the Dominion, in which the statement is made that Canada, in various industries depending for their existence upon the supply of wood, there is invested capital amounting to nearly \$100,000,000, and an annual wage list of over \$20,000,000, with an output valued at close upon \$110,000,000.

From the mass of cited data the conclusion is drawn that Canada is now within a measurable distance of the time when, with the exception of spruce, as to wood, and of British Columbia, as to provinces, it shall cease to be a wood-exporting country.

POISON IN A WELL

Dastardly Attempt to Kill the Family of Levi Reed.

Pottsville, Pa., April 4.—A large quantity of Paris green was found down the pump to the well at Levi Reed's farm on the top of Schuylkill mountain, near Friedensburg. The family was not at home, and the attempt to poison them was not discovered until yesterday afternoon. A man passing along the road stepped in the garden to get a drink. He saw the water was colored and on looking around found a paper bag containing some of the poison.

Mr. Reed suspects some one who had been in his employment. A thorough investigation will be made.

HARRISON AS A SENATOR

The ex-President May Return to Legislative Work.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—Ex-President Harrison may return to the senate if he does not return to the white house next year. Of course, Senator Voorhees is more interested in the matter than any other person in Washington.

If the legislature were to be Democratic, he would unquestionably be elected to succeed himself.

If the Republicans have a majority in the legislature, ex-President Harrison, if he has not been re-elected to the presidency, may be re-elected to the senate. It is understood that he would be entirely willing to return to congress.

ROCK ISLAND HOLD-UP

Train Robbers Compel Passengers to Empty Their Pockets.

Oklahoma City, April 4.—Five men stopped a Rock Island train near Dover, I. T., at a late hour last night, and made the passengers deposit to secure the contents of the safe in the express car. Express Messenger Jones refused to open the door and was shot through a crack in the door, sustaining a serious wound.

The robbers went through the cars, which were filled with passengers, and compelled them to empty their pockets, securing in this way about \$250, six watches, two diamond rings, and other articles of value.

AGAINST STUART

The English Descendant of William Penn Loses Suit Against Easton.

Philadelphia, April 4.—The jury in the suit of William Dugald Stuart, of London, England, against the city of Easton, Pa., under instructions from Judge Dallas in the United States Circuit court, returned a verdict for the defendant, Mr. Stuart, as a descendant of William Penn, brought action to recover an historical piece of ground eighty feet square, now used as a public park, in the center of the city of Easton. The ground was dedicated, it was said, by Penn to Easton for a court house, it was used for that pur-

MILDRED V. LEE LOST

Another Fishing Boat Added to the List of Missing.

Gloucester, Mass., April 4.—The schooner Mildred V. Lee, one of the staunchest vessels of the New England fishing fleet, with a crew of sixteen men, is now to be added to the already large number of Gloucester's lost fishermen.

On the afternoon of January 30 she sailed from this port on a fresh halibut fishing trip to the Grand Banks, since which time she has not been heard from, and it is supposed she was lost in the great storm of February 8, as wreckage picked up in the vicinity of Sable Island about that time by schooner Henry Stanley was identified as belonging to her.

BALL AT NEW YORK

Season Opened by Giants and University of Pennsylvania.

New York, April 4.—The New Yorks opened the local baseball season today with the University of Pennsylvania, for in the Polo grounds. The attendance was the largest since the season opened, and did not exceed 1,500.

The home players worked hard and batted the college pitchers very freely, but the Pennsylvanians made a most excellent showing in the field. Rustie, Meekin and German pitched three innings apiece. The score: New York, 2; University of Pennsylvania, 4.

Batteries—Rustie, Meekin, German, Farrell and Wilson; Schoenheit, Dickson and Brennan.

DEVELOP NEW MATERIAL

University Foot Ball Players Will Begin Practice.

Philadelphia, April 4.—Captain Carl S. Williams today issued a call for all candidates for the University of Pennsylvania Foot Ball team to report in person at the club house after noon today. This marks the beginning of a departure for the university, although last year Captain Knipe had a few of his back field men at work in the spring.

The principal object of the move is to bring out and develop new foot ball material.

FOR MURDER OF REICK

Grand Jury at Wilkes-Barre Finds True Bills.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 4.—The grand jury in session today found true bills against James Hendricks, of Hoboken, James Fisher, formerly of Philadelphia, John Robinson, of Pleasant Valley, and William Kearney, of this city, for the murder of Barney Reicks.

Their cases will be called for trial at the next session of the criminal court, which will be held in this city the latter part of this month.

BREVORT HOUSE TO BE CLOSED

New York, April 4.—The announcement was made this evening that the Brevort House, at the corner of Fifth avenue and Clinton place, will close on the 15th inst. The Brevort was formerly one of the most prominent family houses in the city, and in its time has been the point of concentration of more prominent people than almost any other hotel of an exclusive character in the city. The house was originally opened in 1854.

VIctoria's Death Reported

New York, April 4.—A rumor that Queen Victoria was dead was circulated on the morning of the 4th inst. at about 2 o'clock this afternoon. Where it had its origin is not known, but it spread quickly, and the market became uneasy, though the rumor was not confirmed until yesterday afternoon. A man passing along the road stepped in the garden to get a drink. He saw the water was colored and on looking around found a paper bag containing some of the poison.

New Blasting Explosive

Vienna, April 4.—The president of the Nobel committee, of explosives, announced at the general meeting in Vienna today the discovery and successful production of a blasting explosive which is not affected by acids, and can be used with safety in the most dangerous mines.

British Officers Captured

Calcutta, April 4.—It is reported from Simla that the British officers, of the 10th and 12th regiments, were taken at first reported. Umra Khan is reported to have captured two British officers. Hundreds of natives are flocking to his standard.

Poisoned by Nicotine

Columbus, O., April 4.—It is reported here that John McBride, president of the American Federation of Labor, is seriously ill at Indianapolis. He is suffering from the effects of nicotine poisoning by smoking a pipe.

Arboret Day Designated

Harrisburg, April 4.—Governor Hastings issued a proclamation tonight fixing Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 20, to be observed as arboret days.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS

Cotton growers in South Carolina will reduce the average 25 per cent. from last year.

Five of Abbey's "Holy Grail" paintings for the Boston Public Library have arrived at the Hub.

Bogus checks drawn on New York banks by a fictitious Maryland state company, of Brooklyn, are circulating largely in Texas.

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