

SMITH BILL WILL PASS

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Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Harrisburg, April 22.--The religious garb bill will become a law. It will be introduced in the senate education committee this week with the amendment suggested by Chairman Flinn. It was thought the committee would smother the bill, but the senators are afraid to do this after the publication by The Tribune of the Cambria county schools. When the measure gets to the floor of the senate it will go through with a whirl. Governor Hastings is said to be committed to the bill and will sign it as soon as it reaches him.

Senator Flinn, chairman of the education committee, and ex-State Councilor Kerr, of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, had a conference at Pittsburg on Saturday, at which the senator promised to bring out the bill at the next meeting of the committee. Mr. Kerr agreed to the bill, and the latter committee of the Juniors, to Senator Flinn's amendment placing the penalty for the violation of the proposed act upon the boards employing teachers wearing religious garbs in the schools instead of upon the teachers. Senator Flinn was met soon after by several prominent members of the local councils of the Juniors, to whom he said the bill would certainly be brought out this week.

Representative Smith, of Philadelphia, author of the bill, will present the amendment in the house. This change will meet the objections of certain members of the house who opposed the bill because of the penalty clause. Senator Flinn expects to have a meeting on Wednesday of the senate education committee to take the bill into consideration.

The grangers now claim to have sixty-five votes pledged for the Cochran bill taxing brewers 16 cents a barrel for beer brewed in the state. A conference of the grangers will be held this week to agree upon a line of action to be taken in the event of the committee on vice and immorality. Efforts will be made to amend the bill by fixing the tax at 24 cents a barrel, that is 6 cents on quarters, 12 cents on halves, and 24 cents on full barrels. The bill has also been amended so as to apply to beer brewed in the state, but sold within. Under this system brewers will not be required to pay an annual license of \$1,000, but county commissioners are required to sell certificates as agents for the state treasurer and enforce the law.

Fighting Quasy County Bill.

The lobby of the capitol is crowded tonight with a delegation of Schuylkill county politicians in opposition to the Quasy county movement. The bill on the house calendar for third reading and will probably come up tomorrow. The party includes ex-representatives Losch, Pettis, Jones and Brower, ex-District Attorney Jack Whitehouse, County Chairman Payne and the board of county commissioners.

Major Losch claims Chairman Gilkeson, of the state Republican committee, is trying to get the bill through by telling members that Senator Quasy wants it to become a law. Losch says the people of Schuylkill county are opposed to the bill because it robs them of a portion of the richest section of the county. The part it is proposed to take off this county has increased in valuation about \$300,000 the past five or six years, and is constantly growing richer through the valuable coal fields which are being opened up.

A meeting of the Schuylkill and Luzerne delegations in the house will be held tomorrow morning to outline a plan of action. It is believed that it is believed they will filibuster against it as they did when it was up on second reading in the hope of disgusting members and inducing them to vote against it to get it out of the way for other legislation.

Senate Proceedings.

The senate met at 8.30. The house resolution fixing Thursday, May 23, as the date of final adjournment was, on motion of Senator Gobin, referred to the committee on finance. The house resolution providing for a committee of six to wait on the representatives of the various coal companies to assure them of the desire of the legislature to co-operate in any measures intended for the relief of the anthracite mine workers was, on motion of Senator Grady, referred to the committee on finance.

The Farr compulsory education bill was amended so as to require children who are habitual truants to be taught in the room set apart for insubordinate pupils.

These bills passed finally: Relating to the appointment of prison commissioners, relative to the letting of contracts by county commissioners; authorizing the incorporation of laundry companies, and companies for the packing and disposing of grapes and manufacturing unfarmed grape juice; repealing the act of prohibiting the issuing of liquor licenses in the borough of East Pittsburg; for the protection of the nests and eggs of game birds; for the protection of speckled trout; defining lawful seals on deeds and other instruments of writing. The bill creating an additional normal school district was defeated.

School Book Wrangle.

The house convened at 8.30 this evening. Bills on first reading was the first order of business. Ten were disposed of when the hour of 8.30 having arrived, senate bill 304, to prohibit changes in school books faster than once in every five years, was called up on second reading. When the first section of the bill was read Mr. Phillips, Chester, offered an amendment so that the changes in text books shall not take place until the five years shall have expired from the time of the first adoption of the books.

Mr. Moore, Bradford, opposed the

amendment saying that it would be taking undue advantage of the normal schools and other higher schools in the state, where scientific books were changed often so as to keep abreast of the time.

Mr. Schwartz, Monroe, said that if the school book bill passed that the people would be at the mercy of the book trust.

Mr. McClain, Lancaster, read a dispatch from the school board of the city of Lancaster, where they held a meeting tonight, protesting against the bill. He said, because there was a snake in it, and a person had only to read between the lines to discover it. The Phillips amendment was agreed to as follows: Providing that no changes shall be made for five years from the adoption of any book or books. The bill passed second reading as amended.

FORTUNES IN WHEAT.

The Long Expected Boom Has Arrived at Last--Advance of Seven Cents in Seven Days--Scramble in Chicago.

Chicago, April 22.--The advance in the price of wheat, which began last week, going higher at the rate of 7 cents in seven days, continued in a sensational manner today on the board of trade. When trading began there was a panic scene as it was estimated that the favorite option, in ten minutes the price had reached 63 cents, which was 2 cents over the closing price of Saturday. The action of the bears in selling a lot at 63 cents had the effect of checking the advance, and there was a reaction to 62 cents. Just now Chicago is the greatest source of supply. The world must look to this city for its wheat. In the elevators are stored 26,000,000 bushels of wheat. There is comparatively little grain at other points and except that 5,000,000 in store at New York, there is no wheat on the American seaboard. There is little about foreign markets and the millers of the northwest are buying the wheat that is stored in that part of the country at higher prices than it can be sold for here. The foreign traders know of the immense quantity of wheat in store here, but had the mistaken idea that they could buy it at their own price at any time they wanted it.

The flurry today was not the result of the raising of the shorts to cover because little of the business was done by the leading bears or their brokers. There was a sudden and general demand for wheat and no one seemed ready to supply it. The trading was so fast and furious that the pit presented a panic scene and it was estimated that twenty minutes from the opening more than 10,000,000 bushels of wheat changed hands. E. D. Partridge, who is said to be short 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 bushels of wheat, did not seem worried over the sharp advance, although at the first hour's trading meant a loss of \$100,000 to him.

Armour & Co. make an enormous profit by the advance, as the firm is credited with owning 12,000,000 of the 26,000,000 bushels in local elevators. Wheat has jumped 7 cents since a week ago and at that rate their winnings amount to \$40,000.

ROSENBACH'S CRIME.

Stroudsburg Milkman Assaults a Sixteen-Year-Old Girl.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Stroudsburg, April 22.--Considerable excitement prevailed here this morning when it was feared that a man by the name of Rosenbach, who at one time drove for the Minisink dairy, had committed an assault on a young girl about 16 years of age by the name of Mary Engler, who lives at Mount Home, but is employed in the woolen mill and boards with parties in East Stroudsburg.

About 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, as Rosenbach and Miss Engler were driving near the Water Gap, he pulled her from the buggy and threw her on the ground; after committing the crime, he jumped in the buggy and allowed the girl to walk home, a distance of five miles.

Rosenbach was arrested about 5 o'clock this morning by Constable Welter at the house of George Cortright, where he is employed. He was given a hearing and committed to jail. He treats the matter lightly and does not seem worried over his arrest; but public sentiment is very strong against him, and it is probably just as well that he is out of the reach of certain indignant citizens.

Decision in Bowman Case.

Philadelphia, April 22.--Among the decisions handed down today by the supreme court was that of the commonwealth vs. Bowman from the over and term court of Luzerne county. The decision was per curiam, one and the prayer of the appellant was granted and ordered accordingly.

Had for Wilde and Taylor.

London, April 22.--In the central criminal court, Old Bailey, today, the recorder advised the jury to return a true bill against Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor. Until the decision of the jury is announced, tomorrow, the date of the trial will not be fixed.

Maceo's Suicide Reported.

Santiago de Cuba, April 22.--It is rumored that General Maceo, the insurgent leader, committed suicide because of chagrin at the failure of his expedition. A body has been found, which, while it has not positively been identified, is believed to be his.

Earthquake at Laibach.

Vienna, April 22.--A violent earthquake, accompanied with thunder, shook Laibach this afternoon. Eight or ten buildings collapsed and the few families who had returned to their homes fled back to the fields.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

The raising of squabs for market is a profitable Berks county industry. Fees of Reading doctors are regulated by rules adopted twenty-three years ago. A branch of the Commercial Travelers' Home association has been organized at Williamsport.

Up to date 106 fire companies have promised to attend the firemen's convention at Reading next October. Professors Haynes attached the furniture of a Kittanning business college for unpaid salary and closed the school. The arrest of John Lucas and Frank Holmes yesterday is expected to end a long series of robberies at Snow Shoe.

Lebanon, Pa., for supply, that was condemned by the health board, is declared by water commissioners to be wholesome.

CRUSADE AGAINST SILVER

The Jaws of the Eloquent Will Be Opened in Unison.

TALK AGAINST FREE COINAGE

Democratic Orators Expect to Crush Silverites with the Weapon Made Famous by Sampson in His Encounter with the Philistines.

Washington, April 22.--A strong and vigorous fight against the free and unlimited coinage of silver independent of international agreement is to be made by the administration. With that end in view officers in the various executive departments, appointed under the present administration, are being urged to organize systematically for the purpose of conducting the contest along the lines laid down in the president's message. Many of the higher officials who enjoy reputations at home as stump speakers will probably take to the field early in the summer and others are even now engaged in writing letters to their local papers, or personal friends, impressing upon them the importance of sustaining the administration in the position it has outlined. Federal officers in the several states will be organized as a nucleus about which all who uphold the proposition of free and unlimited coinage of silver, will be expected to rally.

INDIANS MUST LIVE.

When they kill game in Arizona the White Mountain Gamekeepers, Albuquerque, N. M., April 22.--Deputy Sheriff Tom Drum is circulating a petition along the Atlantic and Pacific railroad to the secretary of the interior to suppress Indian wanderers from the reservations of northern Arizona. It is claimed that the red men are devastating that part of the country for game, in direct violation of the laws of the territory, and with the consent of the Indian agent.

AN EDITOR'S SUICIDE.

George H. Riecker, suffering from Whisky Melancholia, Cuts His Throat. Hartford, Conn., April 22.--George H. Riecker, aged 26, editor of the Bristol Herald, and correspondent for the New Britain Herald, committed suicide this morning at the home of his brother-in-law, J. B. Whitmore, in New Britain, by cutting his throat with a knife from side to side. The deed was done in a fit of despondency resulting from drinking.

EVERYBODY MUST TALK.

Nearly all of the cabinet officers will take the stump for one or more speeches. Secretary Carlisle will certainly make two more speeches in the Kentucky campaign. Secretary Morton will deliver an address in Chicago and perhaps one in St. Louis. Secretary Herbert and Congressman Clarke will probably speak in Alabama. Postmaster General Wilson is being urged to go west and speak in Illinois and Indiana and find time to do so late in the summer.

PHILADELPHIA ENTERTAINED BY THE "WILD WEST" COMBINATION.

Philadelphia, April 22.--Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) opened his season here this afternoon with his "Wild West" show, before an audience of 5,000 people. The "Wild West" will show here for two weeks, and will then make a tour of the state, and the residents of the interior cities of Pennsylvania will have an opportunity of witnessing what life on the plains really was a few years ago.

GENERAL MCCOOK RETIRED.

Last Survivor but One of a Family of Warriors. Washington, April 22.--A general order was issued at the war department today announcing the retirement of Major General Alexander D. McCook, of which the service of the retiring officer was referred to in the highest terms of praise.

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FIRE IN PATENT OFFICE

Five Gallons of Ether Explode with Startling Effect.

SEVERAL PERSONS ARE BURNED

Chemicals in the Photographic Department Are Ignited and Destroyed--Flint and Lattimer Blown Out of Doors--Others Injured.

Washington, April 22.--The United States patent office was for the third time visited by fire about 1:15 o'clock this afternoon. The scene of the blaze was in the southwest corner of the basement in the photographic blue print room, close to a crowded public thoroughfare. Mr. Flint, chief of this room, was pouring ether into five gallon jugs when the explosion occurred, and running down the floor came in contact with the stove and ignited. Mr. Flint was caught in the flames and severely burned about the face, arms and shoulders.

Watchman Perkins, who ran into the room where the trouble was, was also caught in the flames and received painful burns. Miss Nevins, in charge of the telephone lines in the building, whose office is located in the adjoining room, was overcome by smoke and fainted, but was carried out uninjured. The room was filled with vast volumes of smoke which caused a hasty stampede of the numerous clerks employed in other parts of the building.

PREVIOUS CONFLAGRATIONS.

The patent office has twice previously been on fire. In 1877 a fire occurred there which burned for twenty hours and totally destroyed the museum of the patent office, necessitating the entire reconstruction of that portion of the interior department building. The photographers and assistants had many narrow escapes for their lives, and nearly all were on fire, as well as plumes flew about the room. Beside Mr. Flint, the chief, there were at the time of the explosion assistant photographer Theobald, J. B. Wheat, J. E. Lattimer and Mr. Blackage, assistants.

Theobald's story of the occurrence was that when Mr. Flint was pouring about five gallons of ether into a bottle the bottle fell to the slate floor and broke, the contents running along the place. He began sweeping it toward the door, remarking to those about to be careful with the lamps, and so forth. Some of the fluid reached the stove and there was an explosion, which was quickly followed by a second with considerable force, blowing up about seventy-five bottles. Mr. Flint was blown through the door, his head striking a mass of papers piled in the hallway. He arose, his clothing in a blaze, and rushed for the area calling for help.

BLOWN THROUGH A WINDOW.

J. E. Wheat, Jr., was standing near Mr. Flint, and was also blown through the door, his hair ablaze and clothing torn. He received no permanent injuries, and attended to by Mr. Flint. Mr. J. E. Lattimer was blown through the open window on to the lawn, and was followed through the adjoining window by Mr. Blackage, who was in the dark room at the time.

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COUNTERFEITING GANG.

One of the Members Proves to Be a Salvation Army Leader.

Butte, Mont., April 22.--The arrest of E. L. Spalding, a Salvation Army leader, on the charge of counterfeiting, has resulted in the discovery of what is probably one of the most extensive counterfeiting schemes unearthed by the United States authorities in a long time.

WANT A NEW TRIAL.

Philadelphia, April 22.--Attorneys Shakespeare, Rothel and Colonel McClure, as counsel for the Times Publishing company, today, before Judge Gordon, in the common pleas court, applied for a rule for a new trial in the case of ex-Mayor William B. Smith against the Times for libel.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES.

The life of the Prince of Wales is insured for \$3,500,000. Professor Huxley, the scientist, is very ill at Eastbourne, Eng. The czar has refused to grant the petition for a relaxation of press laws.

W. J. WEICHEL.

Rev. Charles Martineau, the noted English theologian and philosopher, will celebrate his ninetieth birthday tomorrow. Lord Alfred Douglas, son of the Marquis of Queensberry, writes to the London Star, asking a suspension of judgment against Oscar Wilde, who he says, is persecuted.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; westerly winds.

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