

DAY WITH THE LAWMAKERS

Work Before the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

MANY MEASURES CONSIDERED

Act Relating to Reading of Bibles in Public Schools Reported Favorably. Bill to Raise Penalty for Sunday Law Violations.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 26.—The house met at 10 o'clock this morning. The act relating to the reading of the scriptures in the public schools was reported favorably. It provides that each teacher shall devote not less than five nor more than fifteen minutes to the reading of the Bible every day before the session.

Mr. French, of Washington, introduced a bill increasing the penalty for violating the Sunday act of 1794 from \$4 to \$25.

Mr. Stewart, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill fixing a penalty of \$50 for the placing of dynamite or other explosives in a stream to catch fish. This is to meet the declaration of Judge Stewart, of Franklin, that the present law relating to this offense is unconstitutional.

When the order of original resolutions was reached, half a dozen members were on the feet in an instant with propositions for special orders for the consideration of favorite bills. Among those who was successful was Mr. Burrell, for the act creating the office of deputy auditor general.

Mr. Rice, of Montgomery, offered a resolution that the house should not adjourn until every bill on the calendar today had been considered. This created a stormy scene, but its opponents were not in the fight and the resolution went through.

A joint resolution was received from the senate providing for the creation of a commission to represent the state at the Atlanta cotton exposition. After being amended so as to include the president pro tem of the senate and the speaker of the house on the commission, the resolution passed.

SENATE BILLS CONSIDERED

The house then took up the calendar of senate bills on second reading, passing the following among others: To authorize the printing and distributing of mining inspectors reports; to prevent the pollution of streams supplying centers of population by the use of land for burial purposes within prescribed limits; for the incorporation of ship canal companies; regulating the leasing of corporate franchises and property; giving bidders associations the right to make temporary loans; authorizing traction or motor power companies to contract for the sale, lease and operation of their properties and franchises.

The bill to prohibit a change of text passed on Wednesday by not receiving a constitutional majority, again came up on a motion to reconsider the vote by which it was defeated. It was carried and the bill was again on final passage. It was postponed for the present.

There was considerable bitterness shown over this matter before the vote was announced. Mr. Herzog, charging that Mr. Ritchie had been marked as voting "aye," and Mr. Smith that Mr. Rhoads had been marked as voting "aye," when neither was present.

Mr. Focht returned the intimation that the charging was all on one side, by showing that Mr. Harrison had been voted when absent.

The house defeated the free kindergarten bill, and then adjourned until Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

OSCAR LOOKS CAREWORN

It is Also Announced That His Hair Has Been Cut.

London, April 26.—The trial of Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor was begun in the central criminal court, Old Bailey, today. Charles Parker, and the other witnesses who testified at the preliminary hearings were called to the stand and repeated the stories they had previously told. Wilde looked careworn and anxious, and was much thinner than usual.

The fact that he had his hair cut short added to his attenuated appearance. Taylor maintained his air of unconcern. Both prisoners pleaded not guilty.

TWO MINERS ENTOMBED

Imprisoned by a Fall of Rock in a Cranberry Colliery.

Hazleton, Pa., April 26.—A horrible accident occurred at Cranberry colliery this evening. Two men being imprisoned by a fall of coal. One of them, William Dugan, was taken out two hours later and died before being removed to his home.

George Weaver, the other man, is still inside the colliery. It is not known whether he is dead or not. Everything possible is being done to get him out alive.

ONE BODY FOUND

A Miner Entombed Last October Recovered by Rescuers.

Shamokin, Pa., April 26.—The remains of William Barcnavige, one of the four workmen who were entombed in the Luke Fidler mines on October 8, last, was recovered this morning. The remains were in good condition and showed that death ensued from suffocation.

It is expected that the bodies of the other three miners will be reached soon.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED

On May 1 Trouble Will Begin in Ohio Coal Fields.

Bellaire, Ohio, April 26.—The first district, containing the counties of Jefferson, Harrison, Guernsey and Tuscarawas within its borders, has the finest coal fields in Ohio.

It is conceded now by prominent coal operators that on May 1 another big strike will be ordered which will end in turmoil and riot.

AMPLE SATISFACTION

Local Unions Admissions That End the Alliance Affair.

Scranton, April 26.—A dispatch to the Central News from Madrid says that United States Minister Taylor refuses to talk on the subject, but information obtained in other quarters confirms the statement that the Alliance affair has been settled.

Spain gives to the United States ample and honorable satisfaction and admitted that the Alliance was outside the jurisdiction and waters of Spain when she was fired upon.

SIBLEY'S WESTERN TOUR

He Will Be Joined by Senator Stewart in His Campaign.

Washington, April 26.—Ex-Representative Sibley leaves his home in Pennsylvania tomorrow for California to open his campaign as the nominee for the new silver party for the presidency. Extensive preparations have been made for his reception, and he will address meetings at a number of places along the Pacific coast.

Senator Stewart is arranging his business affairs so that he can join Mr. Sibley without delay.

TIGHTENING THE CHAIN

Witnesses Examined in the Murder Case Against Durant—Chief Crowley's Opinion.

San Francisco, April 26.—There was as large a crowd as ever at the Durant examination today. The defense apparently has no hope of preventing the prisoner being held and are devoting their efforts to obtaining information for use at the trial.

Elmer Wolfe was the first witness this morning. He repeated the story told at the inquest of his being present at Dr. Vogel's on the night of the murder. Durant arriving about 9.30, leaving the house with Durant and several young ladies, of accompanying Miss Low home, and about midnight seeing a man who resembled the accused near the church.

During Wolfe's cross-examination he was requested to take off his coat, but refused to do so. Counsel for the defense appealed to the court and Wolfe finally removed the garment. He then admitted to counsel that it bore a resemblance to the one worn by Durant. On the night in question witness wore a dark coat and vest and light trousers, which were now at the ranch where he was employed and could be secured at any time.

George R. King, organist of the church was then called. He had no key to the side door of the church, but had one to the library. He put the new lock on the library door, being assisted by Durant, who was the only one other than himself present.

The lock (which was produced) caused a great deal of discussion among counsel. It was apparent that the defense would maintain that Durant, having a key, could have unlocked the door, and that, in his case, there was no need why he should break the lock. The prosecution, on the other hand, is of the opinion that as only he and King had keys to the room, he knew that to have unlocked the door would have been a violation of the law.

Chief of Police Crowley is of the opinion that there is not a single fact that points other than to Durant. "Mr. Gibson has a perfect alibi," he said today. "We have studied him very carefully, and have spared no pains to ascertain the truth or falsity of his statements."

Speaking of the Lamont case, Chief Crowley said the police department would present, if possible, a stronger chain of circumstantial evidence than in the case of Minnie Williams. "We shall follow Durant's movements up to the time when Miss Lamont met her death, and his relations with her, and all the circumstances of the tragedy will be clearly brought out."

Chief Crowley added that at this time it would not be prudent for him to make public all the evidence in the case, but he intimates that new witnesses would be produced to show that Blanche Lamont was last seen alive with Durant and in the immediate vicinity of Emanuel church. The case was continued until next Tuesday.

It is said the defense at that time will have Wolfe present, dressed as he was on the Friday night and see whether the witnesses can say the man near the church that night will swear it was not Wolfe.

COURTING IN COLLEGE

President Marsh Reprimands Several Couples.

Alliance, Ohio, April 26.—The faculty of Mount Union college is going to prevent courting among the scholars. Several of the young ladies and gentlemen were reprimanded this morning. President Marsh remarked: "It is said that matches are made in heaven, but I think a branch office has been opened at Mount Union college."

Mr. Marsh wants more study and less trifling with Cupid.

FORTUNE IN THE LUNCH

Dolan Quit After Twenty-six Years with Plenty of Cash.

New York, April 26.—Dolan's lunch room, on Park Row, where coffee and snikers, beef and—other things which go to make up the old-time quick lunch have been dispensed for many years, was closed for good today, and a number of persons went around there to bid it farewell.

It was opened twenty-six years ago by Patrick Dolan, with a capital of \$22, and he is said to be now worth \$800,000.

BISHOPS IN SESSION

Carlsruhe, Pa., April 26.—The bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church convened in business session today with closed doors and no news given for publication.

This evening Bishop Newman delivered a lecture in Bosler hall to a large audience. His subject was "America for Americans."

STATE GLEANINGS

A Ladies' auxiliary to the board of managers of the new Pottsville hospital is to be organized.

The wool hat finishers of the United States will hold their annual convention at Reading June 10.

The saw mills of Williamsport will begin the season's operations next week, giving employment to 1,000 men.

The parade of the Knights of Pythias at Reading next August will be the largest in the history of the organization.

D. O. Cunningham's glass factory, at Pittsburgh, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000 by fire yesterday morning. Many of the workmen made their escape through the windows. The loss is probably covered by insurance.

The dead woman was the widow of Dr. Blackwell, of Madison, N. J. Her husband, a neighbor of Mrs. Blackwell, informed the police that the woman had told her she feared Carpenter would kill her. Carpenter, who is

JEALOUS FOREIGN POWERS

Show a Disposition to Deprive Japan of Fruits of Victory.

FRIENDLY ADVICE IS OFFERED

Russia, France and Germany Think That Japanese Occupation of Liu Tong Would Be a Menace to the Peace of the East.

London, April 26.—The latest and most direct information from authoritative sources as to the precise status of the negotiations between Russia, France, Germany and Japan, received here is as follows:

The Russian, French and German ministers separately interviewed the Japanese vice-minister for foreign affairs under instructions from their respective governments and presented memoranda, in which it was stated that the governments of Russia, France and Germany, upon examining the terms of peace imposed by Japan upon China, found that the possession of the peninsula of Liu Tong, claimed by Japan, would be a constant menace to the capital of China, and at the same time would threaten the independence of Korea and render it non-effective in fact. In this sense, and for other reasons, it was stated, it would be a constant menace to the permanent peace of the far east. Consequently the governments of France, Russia and Germany, desiring to show their friendly feelings for the government of Japan, advise it to renounce the absolute and final possession of the peninsula of Liu Tong. The memoranda of the three governments make it plain that they are presented in the way of friendly advice to the Japanese government, and are not intended in any way to convey any open or covert menace.

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Then Retires to a Bathroom and Shoots Himself in the Head.

Vermont, Ill., April 26.—Samuel M. Schroder, a wealthy and prominent young farmer and stock dealer living two and one-half miles south of Vermont, shot himself through the temple early this morning. He had returned a few hours before from Chicago, where he had taken a load of hogs. He and his wife discussed the scandalous stories of the attempted intimacy of himself with the wives of his neighbors. He acknowledged his guilt and declared he would take his own life shortly.

He left Mrs. Schroder in the kitchen and went to the bathroom and there shot himself and died at noon. Instantly he undoubtedly the cause of the suicide, as well as of the other wrongdoing. His business ventures have not proved successful, and this is supposed to have unbalanced his mind.

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