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LAWMAKERS WILL TAKE A HOLIDAY

The Legislature is to Adjourn Until After Spring Elections.

GOVERNOR WILL GIVE A RECEPTION

A Most Brilliant Social Affair Will Take Place at the Executive Mansion--A State Dinner at Which the Governors of New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware Will Be Guests. Capital Speculations.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, Feb. 7.--The state lawmakers are going to mix pleasure with business the coming week, and then take a holiday. A reception in their honor will be given by Governor and Mrs. Hastings Tuesday evening at the executive mansion. It promises to be the most brilliant social function ever tendered the official life at the state capitol. Invitations have been issued to senators and members, state officials and employes, the legislative correspondents and their ladies. Members of fifty leading families of Harrisburg have also been invited.

The affair will continue from 8 to 11 o'clock, and will be followed by a state dinner, with covers for twenty-four. A feature of the reception will be the presence of three visiting state executives in the receiving line. They are Governor Griggs, of New Jersey; Lowndes, of Maryland, and Tunnell, of Delaware. Mrs. Lowndes will accompany her husband, as will also the adjutant general of Delaware, in full uniform. Mrs. Griggs may be detained at home by the illness of an aged aunt. Governor Tunnell is a bachelor.

There will also be in the receiving line Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Lyon, President Pro Tem and Mrs. McCarrell and Speaker Boyer. Cabinet officials and their ladies will assist in entertaining the guests. The mansion will be brilliantly decorated, the prevailing colors being apple green and white. This scheme will be carried out in the reception, dining and receiving rooms. A large annex has been built to the dining room. The walls and ceiling will be laid off in squares of green and white check cloth. The room will be decorated with eighty incandescent electric lights, with green and white shades. The shades will be tied with bows of green silk ribbon. There will be a large arch over the table, with a cluster of electric lights in the center. The floral decorations will consist of lilies, chrysanthemums and chrysanthemums. An orchestra will be stationed in the reception room behind a large wire screen, covered with smilax and cut flowers.

Those who will attend the state dinner are Governor and Mrs. Hastings, Governor and Mrs. Lloyd Lowndes, Mrs. H. C. McCarrell, Auditor General, Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Walter Lyon, President Pro Tem and Mrs. McCarrell, Speaker Henry K. Boyer, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Mrs. Frank Reeder, Attorney and Mrs. H. C. Stewart, Auditor General, and Mrs. Amos H. Mylin, State Treasurer and Mrs. H. J. Haywood, James H. Lambert, commissioner of insurance; B. Frank Gilkeson, commissioner of banking; Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart, Lewis E. Bett, the governor's private secretary, and Secretary of Internal Affairs and Mrs. J. W. Latta.

The legislature will adjourn the latter part of this week, and the Monday evening following the spring elections. During the recess the proposed changes in Grace Methodist church will be complete and both bodies will continue without further interruptions. Neither body will do much, however, until after the inauguration of President-elect McKinley. The committees have been handicapped in their work by the destruction of many bills by the burning of the capitol. Chairman Kunkel, of the house committee on judiciary general, has called a meeting of that body for Tuesday afternoon. He will offer a bill making the wife a competent witness against the husband in actions for alienating the wife's affections and in case of an action for damages for assault and battery.

Senator Walter Merrick, of Tioga county, is staying over in Harrisburg during the recess trying to get rid of a heavy cold. He has drafted an important bill which he will offer Monday evening. The measure provides that where evidence shows conclusively by the certificate of a reputable physician or the superintendent of a state hospital for the insane that a man or woman is hopelessly insane this shall be sufficient ground for divorce. Senator Daniel S. Walton, of Greene county, has drafted a bill to reduce tax on real estate by making properties now alone taxable for state purposes subject to local taxation, except school properties. Mr. Walton will also offer a bill changing the system of paying the officials of Greene county. His scheme is to pay them a fixed salary and require the fees of office to be turned into the county treasury.

The rural members are organizing to oppose the proposed cut in the appropriation to the public schools. William G. Smith, of Bedford county, who led the fight two years ago for a change in the method of distributing the fund, serves notice that he will not agree to any bill that gives less than \$5,500,000 a year to the schools. "The burning of the capitol," Mr. Smith said, "is already being made an excuse for those who advocate the cutting down of the school appropriation. Two years ago a determined effort was made in the same direction and was only prevented by the most active and persistent efforts on the part of the friends of the schools. Let economy be practiced in other directions, but do not place more burdens on the overtaxed poor of Pennsylvania by withdrawing from them the aid they have for years been receiving.

"Over \$100,000 was absolutely thrown away in re-fitting and repairing the interior of the capitol. This is the way the state money is spent, and then the cry is 'cut down the school

appropriation.' If a fair distribution of this appropriation were made, small cut in it might be had, but if not, there should be no reduction. Many of the counties receive no state appropriation except for schools, and it is unfair to take that from them. The state should be allowed to spend millions of dollars for a new capitol. A half a million erected the large executive and library building two years ago, and that sum ought to be sufficient for a new capitol. All the public offices are already provided for except that of superintendent of public instruction, so that all that is required is a building for the meeting of the legislature and committee rooms and besides one other branch of the government. The executive, the auditor general, state treasurer, state department, banking, internal affairs, etc., now have their quarters. To rob the people in these houses would be a crime that will not be excused by the voters." Wambaugh.

PHOENIX CONTRACT CASE

Attorney Burns Will Call Attention to Several Important Points of Law. Mr. Spencer a Victim.

Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 7.--The chief witness in the Phoenix Contract company case on Saturday was Prosecutor Geo. W. Koons, of Audubon. He said he is employed as manager of a large hardware company at Audubon. The witness was not asked to go into details of the alleged conspiracy, and merely identified the checks given him by Aubrey and Spencer.

Fred P. Turner corroborated Mr. Koons' testimony about the checks. Some time ago when Koons first discovered that he was duped and when he began proceedings, he had issued a foreign attachment on the goods and chattels of Spencer and Aubrey at Scranton.

Mr. Koons was then recalled and said he first had business relations with Aubrey and Spencer in April, 1896. He identified the first letter received by him from Aubrey in March, 1896. It related to the purchase of cut nails. The letter was read to the jury by District Attorney Fell. The letter stated that "We have large business with you in the immediate future."

Another letter sent by Aubrey to the Scranton Iron company was also read to the jury, and both letters were offered in evidence. Two other letters from Aubrey to Koons were also offered in evidence by the prosecution. One of the letters stated that the Phoenix company is "greatly disposed to buy from Koons by reason of past favors received." Another company, according to the letter, was "hot after the Phoenix company's trade."

There is a possibility that the case may not reach the jury. Attorney I. H. Burns, of Scranton, one of Mr. Spencer's attorneys, is looking after the law points in the case, and it is not improbable that he will ask Judge Bennett to take the case from the jury. Mr. Burns claims that there can be no conviction of Mr. Spencer for three reasons:

First, the allegation is solely of a conspiracy to cheat Koons, the proof being that if Koons had checked at all it was by the Phoenix Contract company, of which Mr. Spencer was not even a stockholder.

Second, if any offense was committed it was not committed in Luzerne county, but either in Lackawanna or Carbon counties, and that the Luzerne court has no jurisdiction.

Third, that the offense, if any, was by the Phoenix Contract company, and that a corporation cannot be guilty of conspiracy. At least, not without definite corporate action.

It is also claimed by the defense that Spencer has been a loser instead of a gainer by whatever business connection he had had with the company, and instead of being an offender he has been a victim of a lot of sharpers.

PENSION AGENCIES ABOLISHED.

Secretary Francis Expects to Save \$150,000 a Year by the System.

Washington, Feb. 7.--The president has signed on the recommendation of Secretary of the Interior Francis an important order reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighty to nine. The object of the order is to effect a large saving to the government without inconveniencing the pensioners. The secretary demonstrates that by this reduction of the pension agencies the cost of disbursing pensions can be reduced at least one million dollars. This executive order will go into effect Sept. 1 next, its execution having been postponed until that date in order that no pensioner should suffer inconvenience in consequence of delay in receiving his pension checks. The time for the removal of the rolls and records from the agencies discontinued.

The agencies abolished are: Concord, N. H.; Augusta, Me.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Pittsburg, Louisville, Knoxville, Detroit, Milwaukee, Des Moines and Topeka. A new agency is established at St. Louis. The method now in vogue of paying by remittances has so facilitated the work of the pension agency that the abolishment of the above offices was possible. The following are the nine agencies and the number of pensioners paid thereat under the new order: Boston, 94,257; New York, 98,322; Philadelphia, 106,725; Washington, 140,256; Columbus, 104,402; Indianapolis, 118,067; Chicago, 125,127; St. Louis, 161,705; San Francisco, 23,928; total, 870,673. All pensioners of the United States residing in foreign countries, and now numbering 3,781, will continue to be paid from the Washington agency, and the navy pensioners which will be paid, as heretofore, from the Boston, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington.

Secretary Francis is of the opinion that no valid objection can be offered to this change, and believes that the saving will be even greater than estimated.

Queen Victoria is No Invalid.

London, Feb. 7.--The queen, through her private secretary, Sir Alfred Byles, has written to the mayor of Sheffield announcing her intention to open the Town Hall there in person in May next. This fact should dispel the rumors about the physical and mental prostration of her majesty.

LIVE NEWS FROM FOREIGN LANDS

The Sultan Will Be Presented with Plans of Proposed Reforms.

ILLNESS OF THE CZAR OF RUSSIA

The Afflicted Monarch Has Abandoned Smoking and is Limited as to Wine--Austria Furnishes a Parallel in the Ailments of the Present Heir Presumptive.

Berlin, Feb. 7.--There is the very best authority for the statement that the draft of the reform protocol as completed by the ambassadors at their conferences in Constantinople is drawn up on the assumption that the sultan will accept the proposals, but there is no reference therein either directly or indirectly to any possibility of a resort to coercion on the part of the powers to enforce them. The opposition of the Kaiser to any further consideration of the question of coercion to enforce the Turkish reforms may have the effect of neutralizing the results of the ambassadorial conferences, though it is understood that in deference to the wishes of the other powers Baron De Calice, the Austrian ambassador and president of the conferences, will be authorized in presenting the sultan to inform the Turkish emperor that the powers are prepared to enforce their acceptance and operation. In regard to the extent or character, or the method of applying coercive measures, however, nothing has been decided upon.

A pretty good idea of the situation may be gathered from the utterance of the Vossische Zeitung, which in an article on the subject says: "The greatest task of the powers will only begin when the question is forced upon them that a long time will elapse before the protocol, after being approved by each of the governments concerned in its formulation, goes through the formal diplomatic course of presentation to the Porte. This formal course will be through with, the proposals will be presented to the sultan by his ministers and they will be certain to be referred back to the ambassadors, throughout a long process of exchange of communications extending until 1898 unless events in the meantime have altered the regime and compelled the powers to play their own game. The plain truth is that now, as before the so-called concert, the powers are insincere and do not intend to take concerted action in the matter of coercion and the sultan knows that they don't."

THE CZAR'S AILMENT.

The peculiar ailment of the czar has been no secret at the German courts for some years. Since he was a lad emerging from boyhood, it has been known that he was subject to occasional fits. These were not, however, supposed after the closest medical diagnoses, to be likely to disappear as his physique strengthened. The seizures, which in his early youth took place about every four months, became more frequent, and he was distinctly epileptic type, but he never particularly trying to his constitution until after he became burdened with the work and troubles inseparable from the throne. During the last year he has had pronounced epileptic seizures at intervals of a month. Not only his serious fears are entertained, but the czar being obliged to create a regency, nor any as to immediate danger to his life. His royal relatives are distressed, however, by the possibility of body and mind being weakened if the seizures do not lessen in frequency, and are understood to concur in urging the czar to give up most of his imperial duties to the projected new council of state. His medical attendants have prescribed a strict regimen, designed to strengthen, especially the nervous system. He has abandoned smoking and only takes a very limited quantity of wine. Apart from his epileptic condition, his health is good. There is better news about the condition of the czar's wife and the czar's younger brother, the Grand Duke Michael, always in delicate health, is becoming stronger.

The consumptive and neuritic tendency in the Russian imperial house has its parallel in the Austrian. The political consequences arising from the suicide of Crown Prince Rudolph and the illness of the present heir presumptive, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, have been long under consideration by Emperor Francis Joseph. It is now whenever in court and which political quarters that the emperor has consulted his ministers and political leaders, both Hungarian and Austrian, to ascertain what support they would give to the recognition of his granddaughter, the Archduchess Elizabeth, and that he has found ready support from Hungary, but little or none in Austria. The emperor, who has reached his sixty-seventh year, has by no means abandoned his design to set aside the Sallé law in Austria. Meanwhile the health of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand is, according to newspaper reports, greatly improved, but the story which the archduke's supporters in Vienna have caused to be circulated that his diseased lungs are healing and that he is nearly able to go mountaineering in Corsica is considered doubtful. He looked doomed about six months ago, emaciated and subject to severe paroxysms of coughing, and only his return to active duty in the army and his reappearance in Vienna society will convince the court and public of his restored health.

CARPENTER'S STRANGE FATE.

Blown from the Roof by a Gust of Wind and His Back Broken. Ashland, Feb. 7.--Joseph Reith, a carpenter, was blown off the roof of a house here, sustaining injuries from which he cannot recover. Reith had the contract for building the house, and to prevent its collapse climbed to the roof for the purpose of securing it, and was engaged when a gust of wind hurried him to the ground, breaking his back and injuring him internally.

MEN OF PROMINENCE.



JOHN ADDISON PORTER, Who is to Be President McKinley's Private Secretary.

John Addison Porter is the editor and proprietor of the Hartford Post, one of the oldest and most influential dailies in the state. He is about 40 years old and is a native of Connecticut. More than three years ago he began to agitate the question of McKinley's nomination in 1896. He was the president for several successive terms of the McKinley club of Hartford, the largest political organization in the state, and two years ago the club entertained great banquets at a dinner in Hartford, at which Mr. Porter presided. When the time came for electing delegates to the St. Louis convention that year Mr. Porter became active in the effort to secure the election of men pledged to support McKinley instead of Speaker Reed, and he was so far successful that seven delegates were said to be for the Ohio man out of a total of twelve. Strangely enough, Mr. Porter himself did not secure his own election. His grandfather, Joseph Sheffield, was the founder of the Sheffield Scientific school, the scientific department of Yale university, and his father was at one time the dean of that institution. Another illustrious relative was the late William Walter Phelps, his uncle, who at the same age as Mr. Porter occupied the post of minister to Austria. After his graduation from Yale Mr. Porter went abroad to travel and study, and then came to Washington, where he spent some time as private secretary to his uncle, then Senator Phelps. He was well known in Washington, and among the newspaper fraternity has a host of warm friends. About fifteen years ago he purchased the Hartford Post, and has ever since been its editor. During this period he has made frequent contributions to magazines and general periodical literature. He was not educated in law, but has taken an extended course of instruction in legal subjects not directly calculated to admit him to the bar. Six years ago he was a member of the lower house of Connecticut in the famous deadlock legislature. Two years ago he was a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, and received eighty-eight votes in the convention. This was followed by his candidacy for the same nomination last fall, when he was defeated by the present governor, Lorrin A. Cook. Mr. Porter is a man of considerable wealth, and has a fine summer home in the fashionable town of Pomfret, in Windham county. His wife is a charming lady, and is a leader in Hartford society. Both himself and his wife are well known in the best social circles of Connecticut, and will no doubt take equal interest in social affairs in Washington. This will be particularly the case in view of the determination of President McKinley to make the office of private secretary one on a footing with other high offices in his gift.

MANY CHRISTIANS KILLED.

The Turkish Soldiers Pillage Baker's Quarters. Athens, Feb. 7.--A dispatch from Canea to the Asly states that incessant rifle and cannon firing was heard outside Canea yesterday and to-day, and that the Turkish troops took part in the fighting, using artillery. Many Christians were killed. It is reported that the Christians have captured the arsenal at Suda. The Asly correspondent adds that he saw Moslems pillaging the bakers' quarters in Canea and killing and mutilating Epibot bakers.

London, Feb. 7.--The Standard's Athens correspondent telegraphs that sailors were landed from the foreign vessels in the harbor of Canea to prevent the entire destruction of that city by the incendiary fires that were started on Friday. The flames were not subdued until they had burned for thirty-six hours. The dispatch adds that a number of Turks aided by the troops have marched to Halaon, which place is defended by Christians. With the exception of Canea, Rodimo and Heraklion nearly the whole island is reported to be in possession of armed Christians, who are only awaiting a signal from Greece to proclaim the union of Crete with Greece.

Legislation Against Insurance Rates.

Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 7.--The house has passed a bill prohibiting any insurance company doing business in Alabama from belonging to any tariff association or compact which tends to regulate the rates of insurance and prevents free competition.

British Warships Sent to Crete.

London, Feb. 7.--Several British warships of the Mediterranean squadron have been ordered to Crete at once, because of the renewed disturbances there. An official report declares that only thirty Christians were killed, but the number is probably about ten times that. Many Christians, who had locked themselves in their houses, were driven out by the flames only to meet death at the hands of the Turkish soldiers, who shot them at sight. Others lost their lives while trying to reach the warships.

Train Over an Embankment.

Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 7.--A passenger train on the Fall Brook railroad jumped from the rails yesterday afternoon near Cedar Run station, about fifty miles northwest of Williamsport. Three cars rolled over a 12-foot embankment into the bed of Pine Creek. Andrew Husted, the fireman, jumped from the engine and was killed. No other person was seriously injured. There were only five passengers on the train at the time.

Orizaba Throws Red Light.

City of Mexico, Feb. 7.--The Orizaba volcano is somewhat active, throwing a red light against the sky and emitting large columns of smoke. The inhabitants are alarmed and fear that an earthquake will follow.

Cashier Breder in Toronto.

Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 7.--Defauling Cashier Breder, of the First National bank, has not committed suicide, but is in Toronto, Canada.

How Spain Treats Opponents.

Madrid, Feb. 7.--A dispatch from Manila says that eight ministers of the insurgent government have been shot.

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The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Feb. 8.--In the Middle states today, fair to partly cloudy weather and slightly lower temperature will prevail, with fresh northeasterly winds, shifting to brisk northeasterly, possibly followed by increasing cloudiness, snow or rain. On Tuesday, partly cloudy to clearing weather will probably prevail with slight temperature changes, possibly preceded by dangerous winds and snow or rain on the coasts.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Feb. 7.--Arrived: Steamers Welmar, from Bremen; Bergunda, from Marselloe and Naples; Aurinia, from Liverpool; La Normande, from Havre; Farnesia, from Glasgow. Sailed: Faldia, for Genoa. Arrived out: La Gascoigne, at Havre. Sailed for New York: Servia, from Queenstown.

Dissatisfaction at Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 7.--There is much dissatisfaction expressed here over what are believed to be the excessive concessions made to the Cubans in the scheme of reforms, and it is thought that cabinet changes are likely to result. It is reported today that Marquis Fidal or General Martinez Campos will shortly replace Senor Canovas Del Castillo, the prime minister.

Fire at a Sunday School.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 7.--At St. Luke's Lutheran Sunday school was set on fire by a defective fuse. The members of the Sunday school, 29 in number, got out in safety amid much excitement. The loss is \$5,000, and the insurance \$2,000.

Desperate Woman's Suicide.

Big Timber, Mont., Feb. 7.--The wife of John Curt last evening threw her three children into the Yellowstone river and then jumped in after them. All were drowned. The cause of the tragedy is said by the collector of customs under instructions from the state to be that the three children were under 2 years of age, two being twins.

The Three Friends Seized Again.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 7.--The steamer Three Friends arrived in port at noon from Jupiter, and was immediately seized by the collector of customs under instructions from the secretary of the treasury. She was taken in custody by the United States Marshal on a charge of piracy.

Death of a Noted Lawyer.

New Brighton, S. I., Feb. 7.--Charles W. Brooke, the noted criminal lawyer, died at 12:15 this morning at the S. R. Smith infirmary, in his 61st year, from cancer in the lower intestines.