

REFORMING EVILS WHICH NOW EXIST

Skeleton of the Andrews Investigation Committee's Report Prepared.

TOUCHES UPON SEVEN SUBJECTS

Civil Service, Police, Electric Lighting and Political Assessments Are Provided For—Digest of the Voluminous Report That is About to Be Submitted to the Legislature.

Harrisburg, Feb. 25.—A skeleton draft of the report of the senatorial committee, appointed to investigate the affairs of Philadelphia, has been drawn up and will serve as the ground work for the final report which is to be made to the legislature in a short while.

These bills relate to an improved civil service system; to the better regulation of the police; to the creation of a state electric light commission; to the absolute prohibition of assessments for political purposes; to the prevention of corruption at primaries; a better and more rigid system of contracts; and to enlarged duties of magistrates.

Senators Kennedy, Grady and McCann, the legal advisers of the committee, will go over the report, which is to be afterwards passed upon in executive session by the entire committee. Senator Quay has pledged his support to each of the seven bills.

The report indicates that the testimony elicited before the committee indicates the inefficiency of civil service as at present practiced in Philadelphia.

In this connection the committee recommends the establishment of a state civil service commission to be composed of two Republicans and one Democrat, to be elected by the voters.

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Perhaps one of the most important subjects discussed is that in relation to electric lighting. The committee recommends the creation of a state board, to be composed of three commissioners, who shall have jurisdiction as to the control of such corporations.

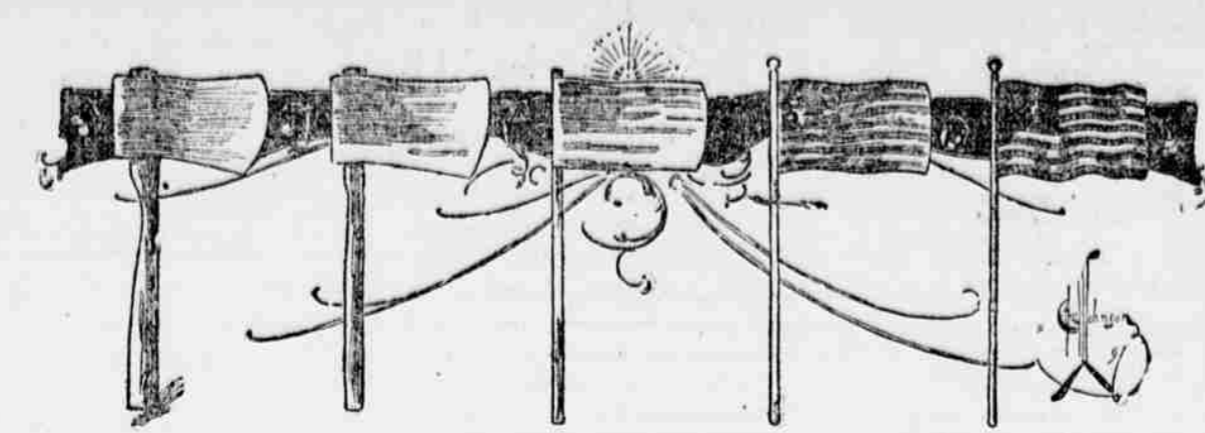
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bill which leaves no room for evasion or doubt. Fines and imprisonment are the penalties for violation of the act.

TROLLEY CAR SMASHED. Two Passengers Killed and Several Injured by a Chicago and Illinois Locomotive.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—A north bound train on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road and the Columbia Heights race track, south bound on the same road, simultaneously struck a trolley car at the one hundred and third street crossing this afternoon.

MONEY CONVENTION. An Executive Committee of Fifteen Appointed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—C. Stuart Patterson, chairman of the Indianapolis monetary convention, was directed to appoint an executive committee of fifteen members of the committee.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED. Four Persons Injured in an Accident on the Fitchburg Road.

Greenfield, Mass., Feb. 25.—The last two cars of Eastbound passenger train No. 10 on the Fitchburg road, jumped the tracks at Pine Tree curve, two miles west of Shelburne Falls, at 11 o'clock today, and four persons were hurt, but none seriously.

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