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ABSURDITIES OF EXAMINATIONS

Defects of the Law Pointed Out by Various Members--Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts Its Only Champion. The House Enters Upon the Second Day of Tariff Debate.

Washington, March 23.--The senate today in an almost one-sided denunciation of the civil service law and its administration. The matter came up in the shape of a resolution offered by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, directing the committee on civil service to inquire into the dismissal of some half dozen employees (microscopists) of the bureau of animal industry in Omaha.

His assertions were that the dismissals were for political reasons. Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, did not favor the proposed investigation, because it would bring out so many hundred other like grievances; and Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, objected to it on the same grounds, saying that such a Herculean task should not be thrown upon the committee at this session.

Various instances of absurdities in civil service examinations was furnished by senators--Mr. Gallinger mentioning the requirements of would-be competitors in the government printing office that they should have twenty times on one foot; Mr. Wilson, of Washington, said that civil service examinations had been ordered in his state for a cook in the penitentiary; and for a sawyer on an Indian reservation; and even Mr. Hawley, of Connecticut, who had been a member of the house committee which reported the law originally, admitting that the commission had fallen into a state of "conscious incompetence."

MR. ALLEN'S RESOLUTION. The upshot of it all was that Mr. Allen's resolution was agreed to, with an amendment so as to instruct the committee on civil service and retirement to inquire and report whether the civil service law should be continued, amended or repealed. These three bills were passed by the senate.

THE TARIFF DEBATE. The second day's debate on the tariff bill was something of an improvement over that of the first day, although Mr. Dockery's statement early in the day was, in fact, correct, that up to this time the debate, compared to those which have preceded it within the present decade, is tame and uninteresting. The event of the day was the speech of Mr. Dilliver, Iowa. He held the attention of the whole house, Republicans and Democrats alike, for over an hour, and kept his hearers laughing heartily from start to finish by his humorous descriptions of the effects of free trade or tariff for revenue laws. His eloquent periods in advocacy and defensive of the protective tariff policy aroused his political associates to a high state of enthusiasm.

Other speeches in favor of the bill were made by Messrs. Gibson, of Tennessee; Lacey, Iowa; Newlands (Silver, Colo.), the latter of whom spoke from the standpoint of an opponent of the Republican party's financial policy, but an advocate of protection. A full measure of prosperity, he claimed, would never be restored to the country until the old time parity of silver with gold was re-established.

The speaker in opposition to the bill was made by Mr. Dockery, Missouri, who attacked the agricultural schedule particularly; Mr. McLaurin (Dem., S. C.), who advocated a tariff on cotton and rice and announced his opposition to the policy of free raw material; Mr. Swanson, of Virginia, who agreed with Mr. Newlands that the rehabilitation of silver as a basic money was an essential prerequisite to the return of prosperity; and Mr. Cochrane, Missouri, who contended that the reason why factories ceased operations was because the people had no money with which to buy their products.

TEXAS BANK FAILURE.

The Local Banks Refused Assistance Asked and the Farmers and Merchants Went to the Wall.

Paris, Tex., March 23.--The Farmers' and Merchants' bank, one of the oldest and thought to be the strongest financial institution in North Texas, with a paid up capital of \$200,000, and a surplus of \$60,000, made an assignment to Judge L. H. Scott this morning. This action was precipitated by the failure of the cotton firm of Martin, Wise & Fitzhugh yesterday. An appeal to the other local banks for assistance was made, but refused. When the doors opened this morning the run was renewed and continued until the bank was forced to close. This set people wild and a rush was made for the City national, which was also a large creditor of Martin, Wise & Fitzhugh. A great crowd gathered in front of the building, and it became necessary for the police to clear the sidewalks.

At 11 o'clock Colonel George F. Hicks, vice president of the First National bank, walked in and laid \$100,000 on the national's counter, and told the people to come forward and get their money. This was followed by the announcement that the bank would remain open until 6 o'clock to pay depositors. This allayed the fears of some, but many continued to withdraw their money. Apprehensions are felt for banks in neighboring towns who are involved in the failure of Martin, Wise & Fitzhugh.

DR. SWALLOW'S TRIALS.

Jury Returns a Verdict of Not Guilty in First Case--The Criminal Libel Suit on Trial.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.--The jury in the case of the Soldiers' Orphan school commission against Rev. Dr. Swallow, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, charged with criminal libel, returned a verdict this morning of not guilty, but directed the defendant to pay the costs.

Two hours were consumed in getting a jury for the second case in which Dr. Swallow is accused of libel. The jury having charged the board of public accounts and buildings and Captain J. C. Delaney, the superintendent, with having guilty knowledge of the alleged fact that not all the money on contracts was paid to the bidders. Governor Hastings was called as a witness this afternoon and testified that he was president of the board of public buildings and grounds, and that he had appointed Captain J. C. Delaney superintendent of grounds and buildings.

Auditor General Mylin also testified that he was a member of the board. Much of the testimony this afternoon was to prove malice in the publication of the alleged libel. The defendant, Rev. Dr. Swallow, the defendant, was in the witness stand almost three hours this afternoon. He is now defending the charges that two, four and even eight prices were paid for articles purchased for repairs at the capitol, executive mansion and graves church, and that certain state officials had guilty knowledge of these excessive prices. Dr. Swallow related amid much interruption and objection the stories upon which he based his publication. He was told that a grand jury payment was laid in Capitol park for \$1,800 that could have been constructed for much less under a proper system of bidding; that great extravagance characterized the furnishing of the rooms of the Board of public buildings; that Dutch metal was used instead of gold leaf, as specified; that \$70,000 was paid for remodeling the hall of the house, when a contractor agreed to do it for \$30,000, and that a bill was approved for over \$100,000 for more than was used in remodeling the graves church for the legislature, and many other things of like character.

PITTSBURG POLITICS.

Delegates Prepared to Boon John Wanner.

Pittsburg, March 23.--The delegates elected from the eight legislative districts of Allegheny county at Saturday's primaries met today in convention and elected delegates to the state convention. The regular convention carried six of the eight districts and elected thirty-one delegates. The Quakers secured the two districts in Allegheny without opposition and elected seven delegates. Five of the legislative conventions endorsed John Wanner for state treasurer and the delegates from the Seventh district will vote for him if his name is presented at the state convention.

In the resolutions adopted by the Sixth legislative district convention, the Carnegie Steel company was condemned for trying to control the primaries in that district in behalf of the Quay people by intimidating its employees.

FRIGHTFULLY INJURED.

Results of an Explosion of Gas in Mines Near Shenandoah.

Pottsville, Pa., March 23.--An explosion of gas occurred at William Penn shaft near Shenandoah this morning. It was caused by a fall in an old work which forced a large volume of gas into the gangway where workmen were using naked lamps. The gas ignited causing an explosion which shook the entire workings and strained the massive timbers.

The following were fatally injured: Joseph Sargeant, Philip Haggerty, William Lavenburg. Logan Currie's Successor. Washington, March 23.--T. O. F. Swayze, of New Jersey, has been appointed chief clerk of the treasury department, vice Logan Currie, resigned. Mr. Swayze was formerly chief clerk of the treasury department.

STATE OFFICIALS ARE EXONERATED

The Joint Committee on Investigation Is Discharged.

SAYLOR RESOLUTION RECONSIDERED

Wrangle Over the School Bill--Various Measures Introduced Yesterday--The Cheese Bill and Other Acts of Importance Are Passed. Matters of Interest at the State Capital.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 23.--Lieutenant Governor Lutz called the senate to order this morning at 10 o'clock. Among the bills reported from the committee on judiciary special was the anti-treating bill and that repealing the county solicitor act of Dauphin county.

The case of Rev. Dr. Swallow, on motion of Mr. Grady, was postponed until the first morning session after the trial of his cases, when, Mr. Grady said, he would appear and answer any questions which may be asked.

The following bills were read in place: By Mr. Heller--Appropriating \$100 to the state commissioner of fisheries for the two fiscal years beginning June 1, 1897, for the protection and propagation of fish.

By Mr. Chisholm--To provide for the selection of a site and the erection of a state hospital for the homeopathic treatment of diseases of the eye in the Homoeopathic State Hospital for the Insane of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Crouse--To make the proceedings of the department of army, grand army of the Republic, a part of the public records of the state. The bill making Philadelphia the state capital was recommitted to the judiciary special committee.

These bills passed finally: Making constables ex-officio fire wardens for the extinction of forest fires and for reporting to the courts of quarter sessions any violations of the laws prohibiting forests; to prohibit the public exhibition of hypnotism, establishing a dental council and state board of dental examiners; to enlarge the competency of their secretaries, and to have their husbands making valid the diploma of physicians by any reputable college in another state or foreign country; to authorize the sale of brook trout artificially reared or grown in ponds or pools by the owners at any time during the year; directing county commissioners to pay unpaid costs to constables.

JOINT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The report gives a history of the investigation as covered from time to time in the United Associated Presses dispatches. The report finds that the full amount of the state treasurer's bond, which is under the present law he and his bondsmen are responsible to the commonwealth for any loss that may occur by reason of the failure of any banking institution where state funds are deposited. He has unlimited power in the matter of selecting depositors, and which to place state funds. An executive order has been issued by the treasurer showing them to be properly executed and that the principals and sureties are sufficient to fully protect him. The report says:

The committee deems it but just to say that in its investigation of the state treasury no fact has been developed that is not creditable to the state and complimentary to the treasurer.

In relation to the resolution introduced by Mr. Kauffman as to contributions being made toward campaign funds by banks, the report stated that affidavits are attached to the report denying that any letters making any such demands had been written.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S COMPLAINT

The report in touching the auditor general's department gives the revenues of the commonwealth and the source from which they are derived. It contains the complaint of the auditor general that with the limited force under him he cannot possibly perform the daily routine business of his office and at the same time keep close watch on delinquent corporations. It goes into considerable detail as to the money received as taxes from corporations, and points out as flagrant the large amount turned into the treasury through the efforts of the auditor general and the attorney general.

The report recommends that the legislature enact a law requiring receiving deposits of state funds to pay interest on the same at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum; that since, under any system of conducting the state treasury, it will be absolutely necessary to have active banks conveniently located for the purpose of transacting the daily routine of business of the department, it is recommended that provision be made for at least six depositories which shall be required to pay interest, three to be located in the county of Philadelphia, one in the county of Dauphin and two in the county of Allegheny. The report recommends that the legislature provide for the employment of an additional clerk, to be known as delinquent clerk.

WORK OF THE CYCLONE.

Nineteen Deaths Reported from the Georgia Hurricane--Loss to Crops and Property Will Be Large.

Atlanta, Ga., March 23.--The cyclone that struck south Georgia has left a trail of death and disaster which grows worse as time passes. The valley of the Chattahoochee is almost swept clean. At noon today the total deaths reported are 19, and at least 200 are more or less hurt.

The loss to crops and property will be large, but no estimate can be made now. Of twenty-five school children buried in the ruins of the Arlington academy, nine are dead and more will die. Professor Abel Walker, the principal, is dying. Professor Covington will recover.

That part of Florida west of Tallahassee, southwest Georgia and southern Florida were struck by the storm raged with such fury is largely without telegraphic service, and the extent of damage wrought cannot be learned.

TREACHERY UNMASKED.

A Despicable Scheme to Betray Traction Employees Exposed at Philadelphia. Narrow Escape of Lutz.

Philadelphia, March 23.--What is alleged to be a treacherous attempt on the part of two labor agitators to betray men whom they were endeavoring to organize into an organization was exposed at the office of the Union Traction company today. When the treacherous scheme was discovered, the Unamalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees none was so outspoken for a radical course as Hiram Lutz. When the December strike was settled Lutz, it is alleged, continued to keep the mind of the men inflamed and a couple of months later, upon his own authority, ordered another abortive strike. Associated with him in his leadership was William H. Copeland, another labor leader. It is finally alleged that the association, since then Lutz and Copeland have been attempting to reorganize the employees of the Traction company with the view in the end, it is alleged, of forcing another strike. Some of the company's employees are said to have joined this reorganization and Lutz and Copeland saw in the movement an opportunity to line their pockets.

They made a proposition to Assistant General Manager Shaulder, of the Traction company, to sell out the men and betray their secret to the association. Mr. Shaulder refused to agree to the proposition and learned the names of some twenty of the Traction company's employees who were the leaders among the men in the movement. For his treachery Lutz asked for \$15 a week, should be paid him, and Copeland set his price at \$25 a week for a year or \$1,000 in cash. Mr. Shaulder made an engagement this afternoon with Lutz and Copeland to meet him at his office and talk the matter over. They met and the subject was discussed, and then a most unpleasant surprise was sprung upon Lutz and Copeland. When by their conversation their treachery had been laid bare, the door of the office burst open and ten angry men rushed into the room. The traitors had been caught in their own trap.

Mr. Shaulder had frankly gone to the men whose names had been given by Lutz and told them of the affair, and then had contacted them in the room adjoining his office, that they might confirm his statements by the evidence of their own ears. With oaths the angry men fell upon Lutz and Copeland, and they were dragged from the room. Mr. Shaulder's appeals, dragged him from the room toward the street. Fortunately for Lutz, some such outburst had been anticipated, and a force of detectives, who were on hand, rescued the frightened men, and Lutz and Copeland slunk away amid the angry jeers of their would-be dupes.

FOR KENTUCKY'S SENATOR.

Vote Taken in the Senate and House Yesterday.

Frankfort, Ky., March 23.--The senate and house balloted separately at noon today for United States senator. The vote in the senate was: W. G. Hunter (Republican), 12; J. C. S. Blackburn (Silver), 14; George M. Davis (Gold Democrat), 6; St. John Boyle (Republican), 1; necessary to a choice, 15.

The house voted: Hunter, 53; Blackburn, 24; Davis, 3; S. H. Buckner (Gold Democrat), 1; James R. McCreary (Democrat), 1; Boyle, 3; R. T. Tyler (Democrat), 1; W. J. Stone (Democrat), 1. A joint ballot will be taken tomorrow.

THE QUESTION SETTLED.

San Francisco, March 23.--James J. Corbett and Robert Fitzsimmons will never meet in the prize ring for another championship battle. This question was practically settled this morning when the two pugilists met in the bar room of the Baldwin hotel and talked over their plans quietly. There were no threatening gestures and no loud talk.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today: Rain; Colder. 1 Senate Denounces the Civil Service Law. 2 Work of the State Lawmakers. War Preparations Go on Unceasingly in Greece. 3 Financial and Commercial. 4 Local--Museum Promoters Allege a Misunderstanding. Court Proceedings. 5 Editorial. 6 Washington Gossip. 7 Local--Death of Rev. John Evans. Asphalt Question Is in a Mess. 8 (Story)--"My Love Is Blind." 9 West Side News and Gossip. Suburban Happenings. 10 Up and Down the Valley. Whitney's News Budget.

SULTAN CONTINUES TO GROW BOLDER

Said to Rely on Russia and General Reluctance to War.

MORE ARMENIANS ARE KILLED

One Hundred Christians Killed by the Mussulmans--Greece's Spirit Is Still High--Her Troops on the Frontier Are Full of Warlike Enthusiasm.

Constantinople, March 23.--Authentic details of the outbreak on Sunday last at Tokat, in the Sivas district, Asia Minor, when the Turks attacked the Armenians while the latter were in church, show that one hundred Christians were massacred. The Armenian quarter and bazaar were given over to pillage for eight hours.

The representations of the ambassadors of the foreign powers regarding the condition of Anatolia have made but little impression upon the sultan, who, relying upon the support of Russia, is convinced that he has nothing to fear from the so-called concert of the powers, which is continually harped upon, although it is believed that little or no concert beyond the desire in some quarters to postpone an outbreak of war really exists.

The diplomats here are said to be once more turning their attention to the conduct of the sultan, and it is semi-officially intimated that they are again of the opinion so frequently attributed to them, that the system of friendly representations on the subject of Armenia which has hitherto been followed, must be changed for sterner methods of dealing with the evils complained of. But the sultan has heard this story many times during the past few years, and he consoles himself with the belief that he will survive this new fit of righteous indignation as he has done over others of a much more serious nature.

The ambassadors have formally notified the Turkish government of the intention of the powers to land troops on the island of Crete for the purpose of relieving the detachments of foreign marines now on duty ashore. The news has raised no objection up to the present, believing that the foreign fleets will then carry out the threat of the powers to blockade the principal ports and coasts of Greece. On this question, however, there is no unanimity of opinion, the impression prevailing being that Great Britain and Italy at least will strongly oppose such a step, believing that it would cause Greece to promptly declare war upon Turkey, a culmination of the crisis which some of the powers are apparently still hopeful of averting.

NO YIELDING BY GREECE.

In the meantime the war preparations of Greece are continuing night and day, and there are no indications of a backward step. Troops are being continually hurried to the frontiers, the work of erecting fortifications is progressing rapidly and all should be in readiness for an advance early in April, when the weather will be much more propitious than now for military purposes. Some people intimate that war will break out about April 6, next, the anniversary of the raising of the Standard of the Cross against the Crescent in 1821, at the commencement of the Greek war of independence.

The Turkish squadron is still in the Bosphorus, and the opinion is expressed that it will remain there indefinitely. The Turkish headquarters are at Elassona, and the Greek headquarters being at Larissa. Field guns and other batteries have been placed in position by both sides at the entrances or exits, as the case may be, of the mountain passes leading to and from Thessaly into Macedonia and Epirus. The line of supplies of the Turks is at Salonica, and that of the Greeks is at Athens, although the troops and supplies for the armies in the field are landed at Volo, Lamia and other ports.

The Turks are estimated to have 20,000 men, regulars and irregulars, under arms in Macedonia and Epirus, and they are credited with having 150 to 200 field pieces with them. The Greeks are believed to have about 40,000 men under arms on the frontiers, and to be hastening forward every gun procurable, in order to counteract as much as possible their inferiority in the number of pieces of artillery. In cavalry, also, the Turks are said to be much stronger than the Greeks, but by the beginning of April it is believed the Greeks will be in much better state of readiness for war than at present. Money does not appear to be lacking for the equipment of the Greeks, and large supplies of arms and ammunition have been forthcoming from somewhere.

THE BERMUDA CLEARED.

Her Captain Takes the Omnibus Oath Required.

Washington, March 23.--The treasury department today directed that clearance papers be granted the alleged filibuster, Bermuda, now at Fernandina, Fla. The Bermuda's captain took the omnibus oath required by the department before the permission was given. He was obliged to make affidavit that the vessel would not transfer any part of her cargo to any other vessel before reaching her destination, nor take on board more men than was needed to run her.

Copies of the affidavit were examined by Secretary Gage, before clearance was ordered. The steamer will clear for some port in the West Indies, not Spanish, with a cargo of munitions of war.

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MR. HILT WANTS DAMAGES.

Singular Case Against the Philadelphia and Reading Road.

Philadelphia, March 23.--Benjamin F. Hilt today began suit against the Philadelphia and Reading Terminal Railroad company to recover \$100,000 for property alleged to have been taken wrongfully from him by the company because it was used for purposes other than designated. Hilt owned a hotel on Fifth street above Eleventh street in this city which was on the line of the elevated road and station constructed by the terminal company. The plaintiff claims that inasmuch as the company built a market house on the site it prostituted its rights, such an enterprise being in no way connected with the railroad, nor in any way or manner necessary for its use or enjoyment of the lands and premises of the plaintiff in the exercise of their right of eminent domain under the charter granted and given to it, but wholly without authority at law.

Numerous other claimants are interested in the outcome of the suit. It is said to be the best action of the kind ever instituted in Pennsylvania.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, March 23.--Arrived: Steamer Columbia from Genoa. Sailed: Siroco for Bremen. Genoa, for Glasgow. Arrived out: Italia, at Genoa; Werra, at Genoa (both on March 19); Pirat Bismarck at Genoa. Sailed for New York: Pennsylvania, from Hamburg; Thunberg, from Christiania (March 19); Georgia, from Sietin (March 20).

The Herald's Weather Forecast. New York, March 24.--In the Middle states today, partly cloudy and considerably colder weather will prevail, preceded by rain on the coast with fresh and brisk easterly winds, shifting to westerly and northerly, followed generally by clearing by the afternoon. On Thursday, clear and a squall of ground and the loss will be about \$100,000.