

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE

New Capitol Bill Reported Favorably in the Senate.

MANY MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED

Bill to Prohibit Treating to Intoxicants is Defeated—Mr. Flinn and Mr. Magee Make the Senate Wary with Rates of Woe Concerning Politics in Allegheny County.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 24.—President Pro Tem McCall called the senate to order this morning at 11 o'clock. The new capitol bill, which was introduced yesterday by Mr. Walton, was reported from the committee on public buildings and grounds with a favorable recommendation.

The following bills were read in place: By Mr. Loech.—To prevent the sale of galleons of patenting, thereby assisting the state, unless the formula is registered with the secretary of state pharmaceutical examining board.

By Mr. McQuinn.—To authorize all railroads which may lawfully use steam, also to use electricity for a motive power and other purposes in operating the same.

By Mr. Dunbar.—To amend an act in relation to any licensed saloonkeeper to furnish food without charge, with spirituous, malt or viscous liquors.

By Mr. Loech.—Limiting the taking of testimony in all contested election cases, excepting governor, lieutenant governor, presidential electors, and members of the United States, to ninety days, and providing that county, city or township pay no costs accruing or chargeable in any case after that limit.

STILL LAWFUL TO "SET 'EM UP." The bill to prohibit treating to intoxicating liquors, which came up on final message, was defeated.

A bill to provide for the appointment of a game and fish warden and prescribing his powers and duties, passed finally.

Several nominations were confirmed in executive session, including that of James W. Patterson, of Pittsburg, to be inspector of illuminating gas and gas meters for Allegheny county.

When the act to protect the free exercise of the right of suffrage at primary and general and special elections, and to prohibit interference with the right to vote at primary elections and meetings for party purposes, came up on third reading, it was referred to the committee on amendments offered by Messrs. Flinn and Magee, including corporations and limited partnerships in the provisions.

Mr. Flinn, attacked the Carnegie company in connection with the primary elections in Allegheny county last Saturday. Mr. Magee followed him in the same strain.

Mr. Grady said the senate was growing tired of the troubles of the Allegheny county politicians, and that the senate was largely against the amendments and they fell.

The bill then passed finally. Mr. Grady offered a resolution providing that when the senate adjourns tomorrow it meet Monday afternoon, April 5, at 4 o'clock. It was adopted.

COAL REGION RESOLUTION. The house met at 10 o'clock this afternoon. A message from the governor was read announcing that he had signed the joint resolution to appoint a committee to investigate the distress in the bituminous and anthracite coal regions.

Speaker Boyer, in behalf of the house, appointed on the bituminous commission Messrs. McWhinney, of Allegheny; Lytle, of Huntington and Dickson, of Erie, and on the anthracite commission, Messrs. Roberts, of Luzerne; Dunlap, of Philadelphia and Campbell, of Fayette.

The house concurred in the resolution from the senate, which allows the senate to adjourn from tomorrow until April 5, at 4 p. m.

Mr. Foster from the committee on public buildings, reported affirmatively from that committee the Nesbit resolution which charged extravagance in fitting up Grace Methodist Episcopal church for the use of the legislature.

Mr. Britton, of Franklin, immediately followed with a resolution empowering the committee to send for persons and papers, and to employ a stenographer and that no other expenses be allowed.

Mr. Nesbit thought that this interfering with the resolution just reported, asked for a special committee to make the inquiry and raised a point of order on the Britton resolution.

Mr. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, moved to amend the resolution so that it should be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The Nesbit resolution was adopted, and then Mr. Harris, of Clearfield, moved to reconsider the motion by which it was carried, saying that the officials who were charged with the extravagance had a right to be heard before the committee on public buildings, as well as those who made the charges.

A sharp debate followed between Messrs. Nesbit and Harris, after the motion to reconsider was adopted.

A motion to reconsider the resolution to the committee on public buildings was subsequently carried.

WRANGLE OVER REMONSTRANCE BILL.

Mr. Hosack, Allegheny, called up postponed bill 86 directing the time in which remonstrances shall be filed against applications for liquor licenses.

The bill was vigorously opposed by Mr. Lytle, of Huntington, who said it was a backward movement in temperance reform and he would not by his vote or voice encourage it, and as long as he stood up against such legislation.

Mr. Hosack stated that the bill intended to give to the liquor dealer the right he was entitled to, to have the plea of the liquor dealer heard by Mr. Feltner, Lebanon, spoke in favor of the bill. It was defeated.

The bill defining libel and providing a punishment therefor was next considered. Mr. McElhenry argued that a publication in a Philadelphia paper libeling him would not injure him in that city, where he was not known, but that when the paper reached his own city and circulated among his friends, then the injury would be done, and he would be obliged to sue for damages in any county of the commonwealth wherein the alleged libel had been made public.

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Mr. Smith, Bedford, was of the opinion that should the McElhenry amendment carry that an editor could be sued at the same time in each of the sixty-seven counties of the state. The amendment was defeated. Mr. Christman, Columbia, then offered the following amendment, which was agreed to:

Provided, that in the trial of said civil or criminal action or actions for libel evidence shall be admitted showing the publication of said libel in all the counties of the commonwealth. On agreeing to the first section of the bill, the committee on amendments offered by Messrs. Flinn and Magee, including corporations and limited partnerships in the provisions.

SENATE ON CIVIL SERVICE The Attack of Tuesday Is Followed Up by Two Bills—Scenes in House During Tariff Debate.

Washington, March 24.—The senate spent only half an hour in open session today, the remainder of the time being given to the consideration of the arbitration treaty behind closed doors.

The report of the commission on the arbitration treaty, which was reported back in the shape in which it passed the house last week and was placed on an early day.

The attack upon the civil service law and the introduction of a bill which distinguished yesterday's proceedings was followed up today by the introduction of two bills, one by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, for the repeal and annulment of the law and of all executive orders issued under it, and the other by Mr. Pritchard, of North Carolina, chairman of the committee on civil service and retirement, modifying it in its application to the government printing office.

A bill prohibiting the exhibition, in the district of Columbia of kinetoscopic illustrations of prize fights, and also prohibiting the transportation of material therefor through the mails or by express, was introduced by Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, and was referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, introduced a bill to erect a monument to Abraham Lincoln in the city of Washington.

At 4 p. m. the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

THE TARIFF DEBATE. Large audiences in the galleries and unusually large attendance on the floor of the senate today, were the result of the debate on the tariff bill.

The principal speeches of the day were those of Johnson, North Dakota; Grosvener, Ohio, and Evans, Kentucky. Republican members of the committee on ways and means, in favor of the bill and of McMillin, Tennessee, the oldest Democratic member against it. Other speakers were Fox, Mississippi; Sims, Tennessee; Williams, Mississippi; Terry, Arkansas; Sawyer, Texas, and Max Mos, Georgia (all Democrats), against the bill, and by Adams, Pennsylvania, and Walker, Massachusetts, in favor of it.

The general debate will be closed tomorrow, when Messrs. Russell, Connecticut; DeBolt, Pennsylvania; Steed, Indiana, and Payne, New York, Republican members of the committee on ways and means, and Mr. Bailey, Texas, the Democratic leader, will speak.

The latter makes the formal closing for the minority. Mr. Payne for the majority. Besides those Messrs. Hepburn, Iowa, and Richardson, Tennessee, will speak.

MRS. GERDEMANN DEAD. The Wife of a Priest Whose Elopement Caused a Sensation.

Philadelphia, March 24.—With the burial of Mr. McClain yesterday afternoon, the death of Mrs. Gerdemann was the most sensational scandal that ever shocked local Catholic circles.

The dead woman's husband was pastor of St. Bonifacius, a Catholic church, which she had followed to Philadelphia, where she became organist at St. Bonifacius' being an accomplished musician. It was on the eve of the feast of St. Charles Borromeo in 1874 that the members of the congregation and Catholics throughout the city were shocked by rumors of Father Gerdemann's elopement with Miss Whittig and his alleged embezzlement of church funds. The next heard of the couple was the announcement of their marriage by a justice of the peace in Jersey City.

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Philadelphia Provision Market. Philadelphia, March 24.—There was a fair jobbing movement and prices were generally firm. Flour, No. 2, 25 1/2c.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market. Chicago, March 24.—The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—March, 74 1/2c.

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MARKETS AND STOCKS. Wall Street Review. New York, March 24.—Depression checked the trading of the stock market.

Buffalo Live Cattle. Buffalo, March 24.—Cattle—Firm for good, choice fat and butchers' steers.

Chicago Live Cattle. Chicago, March 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000.

Oil Market. Oil City, Pa., March 24.—Optim oil and credit balances quoted at 91.

EXECUTORS NOTICE. ESTATE OF REV. GEORGE M. DECK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the court of the county of Luzerne, Pa.

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