

Pennsylvania News.

KEATOR BALLOT BILL IS IN SIGHT

An Effort Will Be Made to Amend the Baker Ballot Law.

FEATURES OF THE NEW MEASURE

Will Provide for a Fair and Full Opportunity to Every Elector to Express His Choice—An Important Bill Placed on the Calendar—An Old Week in Legislative Circles.

Harrisburg, Pa., April 25.—The Keator ballot reform bill will be taken up by the house next Thursday for second reading. It was reached last week and postponed by Mr. Keator, owing to the absence of many members. The measure embodies the amendments to the Baker act recommended by the Pennsylvania ballot reform association. It introduces the Australian system and changes the present disability clause. Names of candidates with their political appellation are arranged under the title of office, except in the case of presidential electors, which are grouped. The candidate's name may appear on the ballot only once, thus doing away with the cumbersome confusing and misleading custom of placing the name of the candidate in several places. This will reduce the ballot to about one-sixth the present size. After the names appear all the political titles of the candidates. Blank spaces are left for written names, and these require no other name to be made after every other name voted for. Under the proposed law every elector is disabled to mark his ballot must swear to his disability. The one who assists must also make oath not to attempt to influence the vote or disclose the voter's ballot, except in judicial proceedings. This is a great simplification of the system of voting. Mr. Keator has had printed for illustration a sample ballot as it will appear if the bill becomes a law. A number of other ballot measures are pending, but none has reached the stage of the Keator bill.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, the municipal reform leader in the house, is cooperating with Mr. Keator in urging the passage of his measure.

"The amendments will not interfere with any of the good features of the Baker law of 1893," Mr. Woodruff said, "but will provide for a fair and full opportunity for every elector to express his choice. The bill is just and equitable both to the voter and to the candidates. The present law is unjust in that it discriminates against a class of voters in favor of another. Under the civil service bill, it seems that, except for some politicians whose classes may be interfered with, all classes are interested in having the measure become a law."

ADVOCATED BY THE BAR.

The legislation advocated by the Pennsylvania Bar Association at its annual meeting last summer at Bedford is still on the calendar. The Simpson bill regarding the practice in the superior court was passed the house and has been brought out of the senate by the general committee and read the first time. Its object is to make identical the practice in the higher appellate courts.

Another bill is that creating a commission to review and keep within constitutional limits all bills introduced in the legislature. This measure was defeated a month ago on second reading and later put back on the calendar.

This will be an off week in legislative circles. The senate has taken a recess until Wednesday evening and the house until Wednesday afternoon to allow the members to attend the unveiling of the Grant monument next Tuesday in New York.

While limiting the expense of candidates and political meetings, making eight hours a legal day's work for mechanics, workmen and laborers in the employ of state and municipal corporations and on public works, are among those on the house calendar for second reading, but will not be reached this week.

BADLY HURT IN A RUNAWAY.

Edward Weaver Drugged for a Mile by a Horse.

Bellefonte, April 25.—Edward Weaver, of Wolf's Store, this county, had a thrilling experience yesterday which may cost him his life.

While riding a horse which was attached to a corn drill, the horse became unmanageable and kept jumping. Weaver attempted to jump from the horse's back, and his foot caught in the harness.

He was dragged on his back for almost a mile over a stony road, only pulling loose from the harness by striking against a stone fence. His clothing was torn from his body and his flesh mutilated in many places.

Pingree System for Coke Workers.

Pittsburg, April 25.—The H. C. Frick Coke company is taking the initiative in the matter of establishing the Pingree potato patch system in the Connelville region. The company owns large tracts of land that are unutilized and are preparing to plant them to the coke workers for cultivation.

Double-Headed Chicken.

Pittsburg, April 25.—A serious fire is raging on the South Mountains, near Dillsburg. Heroic efforts are being made to stay its progress.

Dr. Archer Out on Bail.

Reading, April 25.—Dr. Percy Archer, who had been in jail ten days charged with arson and conspiracy, was released on bail yesterday.

Van Valkenburg's Case Goes Over.

Pottsville, April 25.—The trial of E. A. Van Valkenburg, charged with attempting to bribe Webster C. Wells, representative at Harrisburg from Northampton county, to vote for Hon. John Wanamaker for United States senator, has been postponed to the June term of court. This makes the third postponement.

PHYSICIANS PUZZLED.

Unable to Account Satisfactorily for a Girl's Death.

Bellefonte, April 25.—The case of little Helen Noll, the 8-year-old daughter of James B. Noll, of Milesburg, who died a few days ago, is puzzling the physicians of Milesburg and Bellefonte.

Wednesday of last week the little girl, always bright and active, went home from school complaining of a pain in her head. A swelling appeared which her parents thought the beginning of an attack of the mumps and treated her accordingly. Later Dr. Brauch was called in. Although he thought the symptoms were those of mumps, he could not exactly diagnose the case. On Thursday she suffered a severe hemorrhage, and blood flowed from her mouth, nose and ears. A few days later she had another hemorrhage which resulted in her death. The case is a new one to the physicians and they are at a loss to diagnose the symptoms satisfactorily to themselves.

FIENDISH ROBBERS.

They Take a Young Man's Valuables and Throw His Body on the Lehigh Valley Tracks.

Shenandoah, April 25.—John Hall, aged 24, a prominent and respected young man of this city, was on his way home last night, when in a lonely and dark portion of town he met three characters, one of which asked him for ten cents. He complied and was about to pass on when he was struck from behind and knocked unconscious. They took his gold watch and other valuables and then threw the unconscious body down a twenty-foot embankment on the Lehigh Valley railroad tracks.

When he regained consciousness some time after he found he was gagged and his body lying across the tracks. His left leg had been cut off by a train. Nine men have been arrested.

GHASTLY DISCOVERY.

Body of Frederick August Rohrer Floating in a Creek.

Lancaster, April 25.—Several young men walking along the Conestoga creek near the eastern city limits this afternoon saw a peculiar looking object floating in the water, which, upon investigation, proved to be the body of a man. It was encrusted with mud from head to feet and the features were unrecognizable until scrubbed with hot water and soap.

A passport found in his pocket bore the name of Frederick August Rohrer, and showed that he had come to this country from Saxony in 1882, and had his passport renewed annually. He was 58 years of age. No valuables were found on his person and he was dressed like a laborer. His appearance indicated that he had been in the water for several days.

NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.

A Bank Cashier and His Wife Thrown Into a Creek.

Towanda, April 25.—The county bridge over Shepherd's creek, at Milltown, near Sayre, collapsed last night, and Cashier Percy L. Lang, of the Waverly National bank, and his wife narrowly escaped death.

They were crossing the bridge at the time one of the horses being killed. The bridge was built in 1885 and was supposed to be still in good condition.

New Castle's Airship Effect.

New Castle, Pa., April 25.—Eli Houk, of Shenango township, was in New Castle today and told a remarkable story of his airship which he says is a number of others had seen pass over the Energy creamery. It was quite near the ground, and he could distinctly see two of the occupants.

Court House Safe Cracked.

Ebensburg, Pa., April 25.—Burglars last Friday night blew open the safe in the police office here in the Cambria county court house and stole \$100 in cash. The explosion, which was heard by a number of persons, but not located, was terrific and the proprietor's office is totally wrecked.

An Oil City Divorce Suit.

Franklin, Pa., April 25.—In the prothonotary office here has been filed the petition of William Agnew, of Oil City, for a divorce from his wife, Libbie Agnew. He charges his wife with being unfaithful and neglecting her duties as a wife.

Runaway Boy from Pittsburg.

New Castle, Pa., April 25.—A 15-year-old boy, who gives the name of Frank Cunningham, and says that his home is on Brownsville avenue and Carson street, South Side, Pittsburg, has wandered into New Castle. He says he was not treated at home, but just ran away to see the world.

An Employee Gets a Verdict.

Mauch Chunk, April 25.—A local jury awarded W. H. Hoover, of Harrisburg, \$500 damages for injuries received in an accident on the Carbon County Electric Street railway here September 12, 1895. The plaintiff was in the employ of the company at the time the accident occurred.

Dishonest Employee Caught.

Greensburg, Pa., April 25.—For several months the Sterling White Lead company in Greensburg has been losing valuable tools and other articles. Suspicion fell upon an employe, John Kleber. Search of his premises resulted in the finding of a lot of the stolen tools. He pleaded guilty.

A Trap Gets a Flogging.

Wellsville, April 25.—At Ansonia yesterday a trap set for the purpose of catching a L. C. Warren, and made himself obnoxious. Later in the day he was captured by some railroad men, who stripped him, flogged him with hickory switches until he begged for mercy.

INSURANCE AGENT IS UNDER ARREST

Edward S. Farrow Picked Up at Grand Central Depot.

WAS LIEUTENANT IN THE ARMY

Declares That He Is Anxious to Return to Pittsburgh and Stand Trial. Expects to Be Acquitted -- Will Carry on an Aggressive Policy Toward His Persecutors.

New York, April 25.—Edward S. Farrow, formerly a lieutenant in the United States army, was arrested at the Grand Central depot here today by central office detectives on requisition papers charging him with conspiracy in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is wanted. He was arrested immediately on his arrival from Canada, where he went several days ago. Farrow claims that he gave himself up voluntarily and met the detectives by appointment. He is charged with being engaged in insurance frauds in Pittsburgh. He will be arraigned in general sessions tomorrow and will probably sign a waiver of all the requisition formalities. He declares that he is anxious to go to Pittsburgh to stand trial and says that he has determined to carry on an aggressive policy toward his persecutors, and gave out a long statement in which he made grave charges against the Mutual Reserve Fund Life association, of this city, of which he says he is general superintendent of insurance. He claims to expect to be speedily acquitted.

Ex-Lieutenant Farrow was graduated from West Point in 1876. He is author of the Standard Military encyclopedia, the amount being valued at \$600. Other property owners are also losers and the indebtedness for rents collected and not paid, it is said, will reach \$14,000 to \$15,000.

GEORGE ERICKSON MISSING.

A Warrant for His Arrest Was Ready to Serve March 30.

Philadelphia, April 25.—George Erickson, who, since the death of his brother, John M. Erickson, six years ago has had a real estate interest in and has managed the real estate business of John M. Erickson & Co., 3947 Lancaster avenue, is missing, and constables who have since March 30 been endeavoring to serve a warrant of arrest upon him have thus far been unsuccessful in their quest.

John E. Lonergan, of 865 North Fortieth street, a client of the firm, caused the warrant to be issued, and the charge made by him is embezzlement, the amount being valued at \$600. Other property owners are also losers and the indebtedness for rents collected and not paid, it is said, will reach \$14,000 to \$15,000.

MALVERN DRUGGIST VANISHES.

Mysterious Disappearance of Louis Kirk, and Vague Rumors.

West Chester, Pa., April 25.—The mysterious disappearance of Louis Kirk, a young man engaged in the drug business in Malvern, this county, has caused his friends great alarm. Without a word to his family or any of his friends, Kirk vanished several days ago, and nothing whatever can be learned of his whereabouts.

Peach Crop Damaged.

An Edgemont Grower Says the Loss Will Be Heavy.

Chambersburg, April 25.—A. L. Rogers, a large peach grower, of this place, has just returned from his farm at Edgemont, on the south mountain. He reports that all the crops in that region were destroyed by the freeze of last night and that the loss will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Morphine Ended Her Life.

Sharon, Pa., April 25.—Mrs. Lucy Rogers, of Sharon, N. Y., daughter of P. F. Davis, proprietor of the Carver house, this city, died yesterday morning from the effects of morphine, which she had been taking with suicidal intent.

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WILL SELL AT MY OFFICE, IN THE City Exchange, in the city of Scranton, Pa., Friday, May 1, 1897, at 10 o'clock, twenty thousand dollars of the bonds of the Scranton and Carleton Manufacturing company, for the benefit of whom it may concern.

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REV. MR. PRICE RETURNED.

Says He Was Drugged and Taken South.

Quakertown, April 25.—Rev. Jonas Price, a Dunkard minister residing near this place, mysteriously disappeared while on a business trip to Philadelphia in January. Since then every effort was made to discover his whereabouts and his family had about given him up as dead.

Last evening he returned home. He tells a terrible tale of his sufferings, claiming that on the day of his disappearance he went to Ridley Park, where he says he was drugged. That, according to his story, was the last he remembers until he found himself working in a coal mine in South Carolina, where he was kept constantly guarded, and from whence he escaped and worked his way home.

DR. SWALLOW'S CASE.

Testimony Is Taken Before a Notary at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, April 25.—Testimony was taken before a notary public today on the fourteenth reason for a new trial in the case on which Dr. S. C. Swallow was recently convicted. This reason relates to the language of David Shepler, of Penbrook, who was foreman of the jury. It being alleged by the defense that Shepler expressed a decided opinion a day or so before being called as a juror on the second case. Four of five witnesses were examined as to the conversation with Shepler. The latter denies having made the expressions attributed to him before the trial.

BURNS MAY PROVE FATAL.

A Tot's Clothing Catches Fire at Lancaster.

Lancaster, April 25.—A terrible accident occurred this morning in the southwestern part of the city, a 4-year-old daughter of John McKelney, being probably fatally burned. A party of children had been playing around a bonfire when the little girl's clothing caught fire. In an instant she was a mass of flames. Before assistance arrived, the child's clothing was almost burned from her. Her condition is pronounced extremely critical, with but slight hopes of her recovery.

IN MEMORY OF THE FOUNDER.

School Board Erecting a Monument in Honor of John Pott.

Pottsville, April 25.—Work commenced upon a handsome \$5,000 monument, to be erected at this place to the memory of John Pott, who founded Pottsville in 1816. The monument will be a magnificent shaft of granite, suitably inscribed, and will be erected in the public park. The school board is bearing the expense in appreciation of Mr. Pott having granted the first ground in the borough for school purposes.

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