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Pennsylvania Legislature.

In Senate, House bill No. 172, to incorporate the New Castle Gas Light company, was taken up, and passed its several readings.

Mr. Cresswell read in place a bill relative to the State Arsenals.

[This bill abolishes the State Arsenal in Philadelphia and Meadville, and makes the Arsenal at Harrisburg the only depository of the State arms and military ordnance.]

Mr. Wilkins, one to equalize the salaries of the Judges of the city of Philadelphia and county of Allegheny; also, a bill to repeal the act consolidating the several wards of the city of Pittsburgh for educational purposes.

Mr. Wilkins moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the last mentioned bill, remarking that it was a bill referring to a subject which was of considerable importance and great interest to his constituents, and to himself personally.

Mr. McClintock objected to the consideration of the bill, which, under the rule, laid it over.

Mr. Wilkins moved that the bill be referred to a select committee of five, of which he desired not to be a member. He then proceeded to give his reasons for the motion, which were in substance, that the Committee on Education was not the proper committee to consider the bill, for the reason that the chairman of the committee (Mr. McClintock) had a deep personal feeling in the matter, and had prejudged the subject. He stated, at length, the character and effect of the law proposed to be repealed, and read from a memorial and letter from citizens of Pittsburgh to show the extent to which it increased taxation in the city for educational purposes, and that it was highly oppressive and unjust to the tax payers. The law, he charged, had been got through the Legislature at the last session, without the knowledge and against the wishes of the people of Pittsburgh.

Mr. McClintock replied at some length in vindication of his course on the subject, and in defence of the bill proposed to be repealed, arguing from statistics and facts as to the effect of the law, against the assumptions of his colleague, and those opposing the law, and to show that its effect was not only not injurious, and not against the wishes of the people, but highly beneficial, and satisfactory to a large portion of the citizens, which, at a proper period, he would show to the Senate. With regard to the reference to the bill, he said he had no objection whatever to its reference to a select committee.

The motion to refer to a select committee was then agreed to.

Mr. Killinger called up Senate bill No. 205, relative to the Sheriff of Lebanon county.

Mr. K. submitted an amendment making the bill general, and providing that the County Commissioners of the several counties, (except Philadelphia and Allegheny,) shall have power to regulate the pay of sheriffs or keepers of county prisons for the board of prisoners, provided the amount be not higher than thirty cents a day.

Mr. Welsh moved to strike out "thirty" and insert "twenty-five" cents; which was agreed to; when the bill passed finally—yeas 21, nays 10.

On motion of Mr. McClintock, Senate bill No. 166, to incorporate the Monongahela Turnpike Road company was taken up and passed its several readings.

Mr. McClintock called up Senate bill No. 265, to authorize the Coal Hill and Pittsburgh Turnpike road company to borrow money. Passed its several readings.

In the House, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the Franciscan Brothers of Cambria county was resumed.

Mr. McComb moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to investigate and report to the House the constitution and by-laws of the Third Order of Franciscan Brothers, and the old obligations taken at initiation into the said order.

Mr. Miller was an advocate of this bill, but he did not understand that this order was open to any of the objections which had been made against it. In Europe, the civil powers had given these institutions greater powers than they should have had; and the same abuses would have occurred if the parties thus entrusted with great power had been Protestants. This bill gives no extraordinary powers, such as they enjoyed in Spain or Italy. They ask only such privileges as have been granted to other religious societies, and as were entirely consistent with the public good. The act of 1855 regulated the whole question, and was sufficiently guarded to protect the people. With regard to the exemption of the property of this company from taxation, we every day exempted like property held by other parties; and it was perfectly right to grant it. The bill was, in his opinion, clearly not within the jurisdiction of the courts, as it included several distinct purposes, in which cases the courts could not act.

Mr. McComb said that the courts have the power to act in the matter; and the more he examined the matter the stronger was his conviction. He had learned, as the debate had progressed, that this bill was intended to incorporate into a political existence a secret society which was bound by the most solemn oaths and obligations assumed, on bended knee, in the presence of a spiritual adviser. The Legislature had never passed such a bill as the present; and he hoped that we would pause before taking such a step. At least before acting, it was proper that we should be informed fully of the objects and organization of the society.

Mr. Phelps was surprised that members of the House, of acknowledged legal ability, should doubt the power of the courts over this bill. If the word "religious" was alone embraced as the designation of the society, it would comprehend all which the bill contains, and the courts have power to incorporate "religious" societies. The place of this corporation is not designated, except that it must be established in Cambria county. He was averse to action now, as he wished to have an investigation of the objects and constitution of the order asking to be incorporated by this House. If their purposes were as charged upon them, they had no right to extended privileges. This State and country was essentially Protestant, as it extended to all religious denominations equal privileges. But this order, if he was correctly informed, seeks, as far as in its power, to take from us all these privileges, and place us in the condition of the people of Spain, Italy and Mexico, where they have and have had control over the government. He would protest every man in his rights; but when told by the agents of a secret religious organization that if they had the power they would destroy the rights of all differing from them, he would falter before giving them root upon the soil. He was in favor of an investigation.

The bill was then postponed for the present.

Friday, Feb. 8.—In Senate, a joint resolution to adjourn from the 15th to the 20th was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wilkins, Senate bill No. 184, relative to grading and paving streets and alleys in the city of Allegheny, was taken up and passed its several readings.

Senate bill No. 7, to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors, came up on second reading, pending the amendment of Mr. M'Clintock to the amendment of Mr. Browne.

Mr. M'Clintock addressed the Senate at length, on the general subject, and in explanation and support of his amendment especially. He deprecated the mixing up of this question with politics, and appealed to Senators to approach it not as politicians, but as moralists, and to discuss it in this spirit. He thought his bill was better calculated to satisfy the wants of the people than either of the other propositions pending.

His amendment was negatived by yeas 2, nays 29, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Ingram and and M'Clintock—2.

The question now recurring on the amendment of Mr. Browne, that Senator took the floor in explanation and support of his bill. He took the general ground, that if the law of the last session must be repealed, and hotels must be licensed, the friends of temperance would be satisfied with nothing less than a very stringent law—such a one as would break up all low groggeries and rum shops, and elevate the standard of the hotels, inns and taverns. The bill he offered as an amendment he thought accomplished this object—the other bills pending did not.

Mr. Wilkins followed in some general remarks in reply to some of the positions assumed by the Senator from Philadelphia (Mr. Browne) as to the details of this bill. He concluded by moving that the further consideration of the subject be postponed till Monday next. He made the motion, he said, in order that he might have an opportunity to further examine and compare the provisions of the two bills.

The motion was agreed to, and the subject was postponed till Monday next.

In the House the bill to abolish the usury laws was taken up.

When a motion to postpone indefinitely was agreed to.

Resolutions instructing the United States Senators to vote for the repeal of the Kansas and Nebraska act, substituting therefor the act organizing the Territory of Oregon were next in order; and were then indefinitely postponed.

The House took up the Senate resolution, for an adjournment over from Friday at 12 o'clock on the 15th, to Wednesday the 20th at 3 o'clock; which was adopted.

Cold Weather and Fruit Trees.—The Cincinnati Horticultural Society, at their meeting, Jan. 26th, had an interesting discussion on the effect of the cold weather on fruit trees:

R. Buchanan requested the members to state their observations respecting the effects of the frost upon fruit trees, and particularly the fruit buds. He found the peach buds and those of the finer cherries were killed; those of the apples, the grapes the hardier pears and cherries are still safe.

Mr. Kelly thought the examination premature; some of the young shoots are destroyed; this was true of peaches, cherries, and pears, that had made a late growth in the fall. As heretofore remarked by him, the Mazzard cherry had suffered more than some of the finer kinds.

R. W. Reilly reports all the Morellos safe.—Napoleon, the Spanish, the Dukes and other finest varieties are killed, not only the buds but the fruit spurs; also, the finer Pears have their spurs killed and the blackness often descends to the main branch. Some early apples appear killed; the late ones look well. The peaches are evidently killed. His trees, (five years old) he thinks are not killed.

Mr. Sayres finds some of the young growth of pears looking badly, but in 1852 the same appearances were followed with no bad results. No peaches except a few buds, perhaps one per cent., on low branches near the ground. Cherries appear to be all dead. Fruit spurs look badly; but believes they will recover.

F. G. Carey has not examined sufficiently, but believes the cherries are all killed; a few, perhaps, will survive on the Early May. Plums are not injured. Peaches are killed now; some of the trees appear to be injured. He apprehended that we should see the effects of the frost during the next season in various blights.

Mr. Kelly reminded us that four years ago we had the same appearances, and where the shoots were used for grafts they failed; but where left on the tree they recovered entirely. He thought this discussion was altogether premature, except as had been suggested, by way of showing our powers of guessing; we must wait until the trees begin to grow in the spring.

John K. Greene said that Mr. Davis, of Clermont county, reported a depression of twenty degrees below zero. He is on white-oak levels; more than half of his trees appear to be killed; those in the nurseries were also much injured. At Loveland, near him in the valley, the mercury was reported to be from twenty-four to thirty degrees below zero.

A. H. Ernst was reminded by the appearances of the observations made in 1852, when the buds and also fruit spurs were injured, and it was thought they would probably fall off, so that we might have less fruit for two or three years; the result proved otherwise. He thought the trees were very well prepared for the cold by thorough ripening of the wood. The vital forces would restore the healthy condition of the trees. He thinks the young cherry and peach trees would throw off the injury by their intrinsic vitality.

Mr. Orange and others thought it premature to judge of the effects at this time, and this is the general sentiment of the members.

Mr. White had experienced a very severe winter in Massachusetts, when everybody dreaded the effect of the cold, but the ensuing season was very fruitful.

The Cold Weather and the Peach Tree.—A wide difference of opinion exists in the country as to the effects of the late cold weather on fruit trees, and semi-tender shrubbery. The Louisville *Courier* says that in Kentucky "the injuries to young fruit trees and nurseries is beyond calculation. Nearly, or quite all the fruit trees budded last fall, for this season's growth, have been destroyed, and the losses in some nurseries near the city will amount to several thousand dollars. In one nursery, from which we have heard, some seven thousand dwarf pears have been killed, and thousands on thousands of young peach trees ruined. The loss in ornamental trees and shrubbery has also been quite severe. The few fruit buds that escaped the former severe weather, have been effectually killed, and it is now rendered certain that in this vicinity at least we are to have none of the finer and more delicate fruits next summer. It is feared also that many well grown and bearing trees have been greatly damaged, if not entirely killed."

We trust this melancholy view may prove to be erroneous, although the following article from one of the most experienced Horticulturist in Ohio, is not very encouraging. We heartily commend the advice he gives in relation to severe pruning:

INJURY TO PEACH TREES—PRUNING.

Editor Ohio Farmer:—The fear expressed in your paper of the 19th ult., that the peach buds are nearly all destroyed by the severe cold, is more than realized in this part of Ohio, and I believe throughout the State; for not only are all the fruit buds killed, but the trees also, are greatly injured, as indeed was to have been expected, from the fact that the mercury descended as low as 20° below zero, in most parts of Ohio, on the night of January 9th—the coldest weather ever known in these parts, according to the 'oldest inhabitant'—though it is stated that in 1817, a similar 'snap' occurred, which destroyed most of the peach trees in Central and Southern Ohio; but the number of such trees was, no doubt, rather small at that time, compared with the present.

Four years ago, the thermometer reached nearly as low a point in Central Ohio, as it did the past month—say 16 to 18 below 0—and besides all the peach buds, many of the trees were much injured, and some entirely killed; still the damage to the trees was not as general, or as great, as most people anticipated, who judge from their appearance before the leaves put out in the spring. I had a young orchard of about 2000 trees at that time, near Columbus, which I feared was nearly ruined, but afterwards found that none of the trees were killed, except a dozen or so, which stood in wet soil, and a hundred or so of trees planted the previous season, which had not made a good growth, and were not firmly rooted. Portions of the tops of others were killed, but with some pruning, they soon recovered.

The present appearance of the peach trees in this region, indicates greater injury than in 1852, and many persons naturally suppose that their trees are killed. This is particularly true of young trees that had a very thrifty growth the past year, and standing in moist, rich soil; and worst of all, young trees that were transplanted the past fall. Many of the latter are evidently killed, nearly to the ground, as is also the case with cherry and pear trees of thrifty growth, transplanted the past fall; and the injury to these is more to be deplored, as they are not so easily restored or replaced.

To the owners of injured peach trees, I wish to say, *do not be too hasty in concluding that your trees are killed.* It is very probable that on cutting beneath the bark, you will find that the wood looks very dark colored, almost like mahogany, and you think the injury must be fatal; but examine the bark itself, and if that seems alive, or does not show dark color on being scraped with the knife, you may conclude the tree will live. After waiting a few weeks longer—say by the first or middle of March—the extent of the injury will be more clearly indicated by the external color of the bark, then will be a good time to decide on the best mode of

PRUNING INJURED PEACH TREES.

Few persons in this country devote any attention to the pruning of peach trees; hence, we find most of those that have borne several crops of fruit, are prematurely old, ill-shaped and often broken down; the limbs suffered to become too long, and the weight of fruit and leaves, being too far from the trunk, as the natural tendency of the sap is to flow to the extremities of the large branches, which should be counteracted by judicious annual pruning. But this having been neglected, and the fruit buds being killed, so that no loss of a crop can be feared from reducing the branches, the present is a favorable time for removing the tops of bearing peach trees, even though the wood may not be injured by the winter. And where it is evident that many of the branches are killed, it is quite important that the tops should be shortened pretty severely, so as to force out a new growth as near as may be to the trunk, as this is the surest way to restore the health, as well as improve the shape of the tree; and at the same time, improve the size and quality of the fruit, for succeeding years—*as good fruit is only produced on young and thrifty wood.*

The amount, or proportion of the limbs, it is advisable to cut off, must be left to the discretion of the operator, as it depends on the shape, size and condition of the tree. A good sized bearing tree in fair health, with the branches two few and long, should have its branches reduced full one half their length, which will commonly remove more than one half of the entire top. Quite old trees, will hardly bear so much reduction, as they cannot so readily produce new wood. Younger trees will bear still greater severity, if from ill shape, or injury by the winter, it seems necessary to decapitate them.

In cutting off large limbs, it is desirable that one or more small branches should remain just below the cut, as new shoots come out more readily from young wood than old; it is also important that some small branches, say to the amount of one quarter of the original top, be left upon old trees, to furnish leaves for the early growth, and recovery of the tree in spring, but these remaining twigs, or small branches, should be on the lower parts of the limbs, from which the tops were all cut away, then the new top to be produced, will assume a regular and compact form.

Young Peach Trees, transplanted the past fall, or taken from the nursery the coming spring, will probably be found to have a large portion of their tops killed by the winter; but where such trees are of but one year's growth from the bud, as is generally the case, this injury is very small, provided the roots are healthy, and a foot or so of the stem, or trunk, remains alive; for all experienced peach growers are aware, that cutting off the entire tops of such trees, when planting, is the best method of securing a good thrifty growth the first season; and in stems of one year's growth, it is not very material whether the cut is one foot, or four feet from the ground, as one or more strong shoots will immediately start from below the cut, and form a better tree at the end of the year, than if the old top had been allowed to remain. Of course, when the stem is uninjured, the cut should be made three or four feet from the ground, or where it is desired the head should be formed; but if done lower, it is only necessary to see that only one shoot is allowed to remain the first summer, and pinch off its top when at the proper height for the head.

In connection with pruning, as a means of renovating old peach trees, stirring and enriching the soil is necessary; otherwise, a thrifty growth of new wood cannot be expected, especially if, as is too often the case, the trees are standing in grass land. Let a good dressing of stable manure and leeched ashes be applied, and plowed or spaded in, over the entire surface of the orchard, or for a space as wide each way from the trunk of the tree, as the height of the topmost branch; then stir the surface with a cultivator, or harrow, frequently during the coming summer, to prevent the growth of weeds, or the baking of the ground, and the result will amply repay the expense and labor.

M. B. Bateham.

Columbus Nursery, Feb. 2d, 1856.

Amendments to the State Constitution, have been proposed in the Senate, by Mr. Buckalew. The first is in reference to public debts, and provides that the aggregate amount of debt hereafter contracted by the Commonwealth shall not exceed the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, except in the event of war or invasion by a foreign power, or domestic insurrection, or the intended liquidation of a whole or a part of the present State debt. It provides for the creation of a sinking fund, for the extinguishment of the State debt; which fund is to be raised from the income of the public works, or the proceeds of the sale thereof, and from dividends on, or sales of property owned by the Commonwealth, the money comprising the fund being invested in the loans contracted by the State. Hereafter the credit of the Commonwealth shall not in any manner be pledged or loaned to any individual, company, corporation, or association, nor shall the State become a stockholder in such nor assume the debt of any city, borough, township, county, corporation, or association, unless the debt be contracted to enable the State to repel invasion, suppress insurrections, defend itself in time or war, or to assist the State in the discharge of any portion of its present indebtedness. It also forbids the Legislature granting authority to any county, city, borough, or township, to subscribe to the stock of any corporation, or loan its credit thereto. The second amendment provides that no county shall be divided by a line cutting off over one-tenth of its population, either to form a new county or otherwise, without the express assent of such county by a vote of the electors thereof. The third amendment provides that at and after the next septennial apportionment for representatives, any city containing a sufficient number of taxables to entitle it to at least two representatives shall have a separate representation assigned it, and shall be divided into convenient districts of contiguous territory, as near as may be of equal population, each of which districts shall elect one representative, but no city shall be allowed more than fifteen representatives.—Each county containing not less than three thousand taxables may be allowed a separate representation. Not more than three counties shall be joined, and no county shall be divided in the formation of a district; nor shall any county or district formed of counties be allowed more than five representatives. The fourth amendment gives the legislature the power to alter, revoke or annul any charter of incorporation hereafter conferred by or under any special or general law, whenever in their opinion it may be injurious to the citizens of the Commonwealth, in such manner, however, that no injustice shall be done to the corporators.—*North American.*

TO MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS. THE undersigned, having in view the extension of their business, lately purchased the "EXCELSIOR WORKS," on the Monongahela River, opposite this city. Since then we prefer enlarging our "NOVELTY WORKS," in the city. We would therefore sell the "Excelsior Works" at a fair price and make the payments easy. The property consists of lots corner of Neville and McKee sts., in the borough of Birmingham, being one hundred and twenty feet (120) front on Neville street, extending same width to low water mark on the Monongahela river, including right of Wharf. The buildings are of brick, new and substantial, and two stories high, the main building is one hundred and seventy-five feet long by fifty feet wide, containing Foundry and fitting up shops, and joining thereto in form of an L is a two story brick of seventy feet in length for engine house and other purposes.—There is also an excellent steam engine in good order, and other fixtures, with cupolas &c. ready to kindle fires and go to work without delay. Any person desiring such a property so favorably located, will please give immediate attention to this notice. LIVINGSTON COPELAND & CO. Pittsburgh January 25, 1856—ja26:1md

IT HAS POWER TO CURE—"I had not used it twice before I felt its beneficial effects." MR. R. E. SELLERS—Sir:—Suffering from a cold and cough, for which I tried many receipes, without obtaining relief, I was presented with a bottle of "R. E. Sellers' Cough Mixture." I think it a duty which I owe to both you and the public in general, to positively assert, that I had not used it twice till I felt its beneficial effects, and (under the Divine blessing) had no occasion to finish the bottle. I testify also, as to having witnessed its magic properties on friends of mine; one in particular, who had a trying attack on her lungs, accompanied with a distressing cough. Verily the only true Esculapius (where coughs and colds effect the sufferer) has descended amongst us in "R. E. Sellers' Cough Mixture." M. FITZGERALD, Pittsburgh, Jan. 18, 1856. 136 Wylie st. Prepared and sold by R. E. SELLERS & CO. ja25 corner of Wood and 2d sts.

LAWRENCEVILLE PROPERTY FOR SALE—A Lot of Ground 50 feet front on Borough st. by 140 feet deep, on which is erected a Brick House 24 by 36 feet, with brick kitchen back, the whole containing six rooms and cellar, out buildings, and good well of water, &c. This property is well located and will be sold low and on reasonable terms. Title perfect. Apply to BLAKELY & RIGBEY, ja30 corner Seventh and Smithfield sts.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received for renting the second and third stories of Wilkins Hall, either together or separately, until the 15th of February. Possession will be given on the 1st of April. The Proposals may be left the MAYOR'S OFFICE, addressed "Police Committee." ja25td

BUILDING STONE—The Subscriber is willing to contract for furnishing 9500 perches of the best kind of building stone, at a fair price if application be made soon to the subscriber at No. 157 Wylie st., Sixth Ward. Persons in want of any considerable quantity, can rely upon being furnished with the best kind for strong walls, as the stone are flat, well shaped and form a very strong solid wall. fe5-tf J. C. CUMMINS.

OFFICE TO LET—On 5th st., near Market, lately occupied by the Allegheny Valley R. R., as a ticket office. Also, 2 Warehouses on Water st. Also, No. 149 Wood st., near 6th. Owners of Dwelling Houses, desirous to rent them, will please give us a call, as we are almost out of Dwelling Houses, with daily demands for more. S. CUTHBERT & SON, 51 Market st.

RYE FLOUR—100 bbls. rec'd and for sale by ja15 BELL & LIGGETT, Water st.

SUGAR & OIL—10 hhds. N. O. Sugar. 10 casks B. W. W. Oil, for sale by fe7 JONES & COOLEY, No 141 Water st.

BUTTER—1 bbl packed rec'd and for sale by DAVID C. HERBST, fe6 corner Hand and Liberty sts.

CLOVER SEED—11 bags in store and for sale by fe6 DAVID C. HERBST.

FLOUR—Choice Extra Family brands in store and for sale by fe6 DAVID C. HERBST.

OSGOOD'S INDIA CHOLOGOGUE—A never failing remedy for Fever and Ague—12 doz rec'd by fe5 JOS FLEMING.

CLOVE ANODYNE—A sure cure for toothache, &c—12 doz rec'd by JOS FLEMING.

20 KEGS No. 1 Lard for sale by fe6 McCANDLESS, MEANS & CO.

A TWO Story Brick Dwelling House containing a hall, two parlors and kitchen, good cellar and four chambers. The lot is 20 feet front on Grant st., by 90 deep on Strawberry Alley. Price $3000. Terms $500 in hand, remainder at $500 a year. fe2 S. CUTHBERT & SON, 51 Market st.

ONLY $400 CASH REQUIRED—For sale a two story brick Dwelling House of 5 rooms, hall and cellar, with a lot of 20 ft front on Carrol st., Allegheny, by 100 deep to Jefferson st. Peach trees, grape vines, &c. Price $1,000, $400 in hand, remainder at $300 per year. fe6 S. CUTHBERT & SON 51 Market st.

JUG EXTRACTS FOR THE HDKF.—A supply of those fine Extracts, superior to any now in use, rec'd by fe6 JOS FLEMING.

HOTELS AND PRIVATE FAMILIES, can be supplied with help of all kinds on shortest notice, and Cooks, Chambermaids, Girls to do house work, can find situations on short notice, and on easy terms at BARR'S Intelligence Office, fe1:1yd 140 Liberty st.

BECKER'S EYE BALSAM—I have just rec'd a supply of Becker's genuine Eye Balsam, superior to anything now in use for sore and inflamed eyes. fe6 JOS. FLEMING.

RYE FLOUR—Extra choice in store and for sale by fe8 D. C. HERBST.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—150 sacks in store for sale by fe8 D. C. HERBST.

CHEESE—800 boxes prime W. R. cutting Cheese, for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS.