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HARRISBURG.

Proceedings of the Legislature—Bills Passed by Senate—Bills Creating Water Commission in Pittsburgh, Authorizing the Issue of Bonds to Retire Municipal Indebtedness, and to Purchase Ground for a Public Park, Introduced in the House—Bill Requiring Aldermen to Provide Personal Official Seals Amended so as to Exclude Pittsburgh and Allegheny—Gas Inspection Bill Passed by the House.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARRISBURG, March 9, 1869.

SENATE.

Increasing the fees of Sheriff of Jefferson county.

Supplement to the Erie and Allegheny Railroad Company.

Relating to the collection of State mercantile licenses by the Treasurer of Pittsburgh.

Authorizing the State Treasurer to pay certain moneys to Samuel Allinder, late Treasurer of Pittsburgh.

Supplement for Mount Washington borough.

Authorizing the First Presbyterian Church of Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, to remove dead bodies from cemetery.

Relating to fees of Sheriff of Allegheny county.

Incorporating Allegheny County Monumental Association.

Authorizing Allegheny Valley Railroad Company to apply to much as may be needed of bonds authorized to be issued by act of April 11th, 1867, or to be issued therefor, to the payment of indebtedness secured by mortgage, and for improvement of facilities of the road.

Authorizing Mercer Mining and Manufacturing Company to guarantee the interest principal of bonds of Shango and Allegheny Railroad Company to an amount not exceeding \$25,000 per annum.

Authorizing the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Bridge Company, at Hand street, to provide for the construction and maintenance of foot walks in Chartiers, Scott and Robinson townships, Allegheny county.

Empowering Bishop Domenech, of Pittsburgh, to sell certain real estate in Millin township, Allegheny county.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

The following bills from the House passed finally:

Authorizing Ormsby borough to borrow money.

Extending Pittsburgh vehicle license law to Ormsby borough.

Relating to the collection and collection of taxes in Ormsby borough.

The bill requiring Aldermen in Philadelphia, Allegheny and Butler counties to provide personal official seals, was amended by Mr. ERBERT to exclude Pittsburgh and Allegheny, and passed finally, including Lancaster.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MR. TAYLOR, of Allegheny, introduced a bill incorporating the German Turners' Association of Allegheny City.

Mr. HUMPHREYS last night introduced a supplement for the State Road in Allegheny and Butler counties, and a bill to amend an act of the Legislature, passed in 1867, relating to the duties of the Commissioners. Passed finally.

Mr. JONES, of Armstrong: Authorizing the School Directors of Kittanning to borrow money.

Mr. WILSON, of Allegheny: Creating a Board of twenty-three Water Commissioners in the city of Pittsburgh, to be appointed by City Council from their membership in each ward, and to serve without compensation, and providing for the management and control of water works in said city.

Also, authorizing Pittsburgh to issue bonds not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars for retiring municipal and making indebtedness in said city, and to purchase and improve grounds for a public park.

Mr. KELLY, of Centre: Requiring the publication of insurance companies' annual statements in two newspapers, one with the largest circulation, in each county.

Mr. WESTLAKE, of Mercer: Extending the Licensing act, prohibiting any but regular licensed druggists and graduated physicians from vending and practicing medicine, to Mercer county.

PRIVATE BILLS.

In the House in the afternoon the following private bills were passed finally:

Providing for the appointment of an Inspector of Illuminating gas and gas meters, regulating the inspection of the same and providing consumers and manufacturers thereof in Allegheny county, amended by Mr. MORGAN by increasing the salaries of the Inspector to ten thousand dollars.

Authorizing the Burgess and Town Council of Ormsby to grade, pave and macadamize streets, construct sewers and assess the expenses thereof.

Authorizing the School Board of the Hitesburgh and Twenty-first wards, Pittsburgh, to borrow money and levy a special tax for building purposes.

Incorporating Meadville Co-operative store.

Extending the act punishing buying and receiving scrap iron, brass or other metals from minors, unknown or irresponsible parties, in Allegheny, to the whole State.

Providing for the payment of damages Dr. Hervey, a marshal and a constable, from Muscatine, went to Mowery's house, the latter came out and a dispute ensued which ended by Mowery shooting the Doctor dead. The murderer was arrested and an excited crowd threatening to lynch the prisoner.

FOURTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

Variety of Bills Introduced—Bill Repealing Office Tenure Act Passed by the House.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1869.

SENATE.

The bill to strengthen the public credit was reported from the Finance Committee, and Mr. WILLIAMS said he would call it up to-morrow.

Mr. SHERMAN reported a bill supplementary to the National Currency act, and said he would call it up to-morrow.

Mr. OSBORNE introduced a bill granting land to aid in the construction of bridges over the Mississippi above the mouth of the Missouri. Referred.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to secure a copyright for paintings, drawings, engravings and models. Referred to Committee on Patents.

Mr. MOYTON offered a joint resolution to grant the right of way to the Memphis, El Paso and Pacific Railroad from El Paso to the Pacific ocean. Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. FOLEY introduced a bill granting lands to Wisconsin to aid in the construction of a breakwater, harbor and canal to connect the waters of Green Bay with Lake Michigan. Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. HOWE offered a joint resolution extending the time for the construction of a railroad from St. Croix river or Lake to the west end of Lake Superior.

Mr. COLEBY introduced a bill for resolution authorizing the sale of a portion of Fort Leavenworth military reservation to the Kansas Agricultural Association.

Mr. RAMSEY introduced a bill to facilitate telegraphic communication between the United States and Europe. Referred.

Mr. MOYTON introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of gold by the Treasury. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

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SECOND EDITION.

THE CAPITAL.

President Grant Withdraws His Request for the Repeal of the Law of 1859—Mr. Stewart Resigns the Secretaryship of the Treasury—General Army Orders—Cabinet Meeting—Revenue Affairs—Mr. Stewart's Letter of Resignation.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1869.

MR. STEWART DECLINES.

Mr. Stewart has declined the appointment of Secretary of the Treasury and the President has accepted his declination.

MESSAGE WITHDRAWN.

The following message was sent by the President to-day:

To the Senate of the United States:

I have the honor to request to be permitted to withdraw the message of the United States my message of the 6th inst., requesting the passage of a joint resolution by the two Houses of Congress to relieve the Secretary of the Treasury from the disabilities imposed by section 8th of the act of Congress, approved Sept 24, 1859.

[Signed.] U. S. GRANT.

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1869.

CABINET SESSION.

Secretary Washburne was engaged with the President, on official business this morning, at an appointed hour.

A regular Cabinet meeting was held, there being present Secretaries Washburne, Creswell and Schofield, and Assistant Secretaries Hartley of the Treasury, Exton of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Interior, and Assistant Attorney General Ashton. The Cabinet meeting was not of long duration, the President stating there was no particular public business demanding attention. Several of the Representatives were present.

Mr. BORTON, Chief of Staff to General Grant, returned from New York last night, and was engaged with the President this afternoon.

Mr. BORTON was qualified as Secretary of the Navy this morning and entered upon his duties this afternoon.

GENERAL ARMY ORDERS.

Head Quarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington March 8, 1869.—General Order No. 11.—The following orders of the President of the United States are published for the information and government of all concerned:

By direction of the President, General Wm. T. Sherman will assume command of the Army of the United States. The Chief of Staff of the Army will be Brevet Major General J. K. Barnes, Surgeon General; Brevet Major General B. F. Bruce, Paymaster; Brevet Major General Wm. W. Holt, Judge Advocate; Brevet Major General A. A. Humphrey, Chief Engineer; Brevet Major General M. G. Meigs, Quartermaster; Brevet Major General G. C. B. Smith, Major of the Ordnance; Brevet Major General A. J. Myer, Chief Signal Officer.

General orders in addition to the duties heretofore required of them, will give their special attention to the economical administration of all branches of the service with their command, whether of line or staff, and to this end will exercise due supervision and command of every detail of the army within their limits and especially excepted.

Third—General depots of supply, arsenals of construction, permanent forts in process of construction, or extensive repairs, general recruiting depots and offices employed on duties not military, are excepted from the operation of the foregoing paragraph.

Fourth—All orders and general instructions to the troops, or to staff officers serving in military departments, must go from the headquarters of the army, through the Adjutant General's Office, and through the General commanding the military division or department in which the officers are serving, but ordinary correspondence relating to details in execution, may be carried on between parties concerned, and head of staff, dependent on corps charged with their execution.

[Signed.] W. T. SHERMAN, General.

THE CASE OF MR. STEWART—HIS LETTER.

This morning, A. T. Stewart prepared and accepted a transfer of his entire interest in the profits in the business of A. T. Stewart & Co. during the past year, to be applied to charitable purposes, to Wm. B. Austin, James Brown, Wm. E. Dodge, and John B. Roseberry. It is supposed that this course met the general approval of

some leading Senators and members of the House, but did not satisfy others, who insisted that Mr. Stewart could not qualify short of an absolute sale and disposition of all property he now owns connected with his business. When the transfer was yesterday proposed to the President, he approved of it, provided it could be done under the legal obligations, and expressed his high appreciation of Mr. Stewart's purpose, but at the same time stated he felt scarcely warranted in doing so, because Mr. Stewart would have to make great a sacrifice, and not express himself to the same effect to many members of Congress, who called upon him with reference to the success of his business. Mr. Stewart was given to Mr. Stewart's purpose, the consequence of this has led to many expressions of opinion, concurring in the view that through this would meet the letter of the statute, it might possibly be construed into an evasion of the law. Under these circumstances, Mr. Stewart was prepared for either emergency, and having reflected upon the matter, he decided to leave the question to the result of a conference with the President.

In this spirit they met this afternoon and the result was that they agreed that it would be less embarrassing to the administration of President Grant to have Mr. Stewart resign the Secretaryship, and in this manner avoid any comment upon the propriety of the law must be strictly complied with. The interview was long and marked by the utmost cordiality.

The following is Mr. Stewart's letter:

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9, 1869:

To the President, Dear Sir: Appreciating the high honor conferred upon my nomination and the unflinching support afforded by the Senate, of myself to the office of Secretary of the Treasury, I regret to find myself beyond my control compelled to decline. Could the difficulties presented by the provisions of the act of Congress, which in organizing the Department of the Treasury, prohibits the Secretary from being directly or indirectly concerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce, be overcome by any reasonable sacrifice, personal or otherwise, I should be glad to accept of the office. I am, however, unable to do so, and I must respectfully decline to accept of the office. I am, however, unable to do so, and I must respectfully decline to accept of the office.

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