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HARRISBURG.

Proceedings of the Legislature—Appropriation Bill Passed by the Senate, Amended—Philadelphia Cattle Bill—Tax on Banks.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, April 2, 1869.

SENATE.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Appropriation bill was still under discussion on second reading.

Mr. ERRETT moved to strike out two thousand dollars for the Philadelphia School of Design. Agreed to.

Mr. LOWRY moved two thousand five hundred dollars for St. Mary's Sisters Charity, Titusville. Disagreed to.

New Brighton Retreat was struck out.

Mr. FISHER moved to amend by increasing the appropriation for the Mexican monument dedication to fifteen hundred dollars. Disagreed to, and the whole section thrown out.

The Erie Marine Hospital was reduced from twenty-five to ten thousand dollars.

The bill then passed finally.

Fifteen hundred dollars for a piano for the Executive Mansion was struck out late last night.

The appropriation to members of the Philadelphia Judicial Contested Election Committee was wrongly printed. Three *thousand* should be three *hundred*.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE BILL.

The bill incorporating the Philadelphia Cattle Market Company, and establishing a depot for the sale of cattle, calves, sheep and hogs in Philadelphia, and for the inspection of the same, passed finally.

Adjourned till Monday morning.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BILLS PASSED.

The only important action to-day was the final passage of the Senate bill authorizing corporations to increase bonded obligations and capital stock, and of Mr. Wilson's bill imposing a tax of one per cent. on national banks and State saving institutions, in lieu of other tax.

Adjourned till to-morrow.

NEW YORK CITY.

Safe of the Union Pacific Railroad Company Broken Open by Sheriff's Officers—Origin of the Proceedings Instituted by Fiske.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, April 2, 1868.

A remarkable scene occurred to-day at the office of the Union Pacific Railroad, on Nassau street. Under the order of Judge Barnard, Wm. M. Tweed, Jr., the receiver appointed by the Judge, appeared in the office, accompanied by Sheriff O'Brien's deputies, and without other opposition than a warning to leave, on pain of being prosecuted civilly and criminally, proceeded to the work of breaking open the safe. The operation was finished about half-past four, and what books were found were taken before A. A. Redfield, who appears to have been some days ago appointed referee by Judge Barnard. The evidence of Mr. Tuttle, Assistant Treasurer of the company, was partially taken. The books were then committed to the receiver until to-morrow, when they will be taken before Judge Barnard. With one exception, the books captured are some two years old, the newer one embracing a portion of transactions down to December last.

Simultaneously with these proceedings an attempt has been made to directly stab the credit of the Company, by the circulation of rumors that their paper or acceptances had gone to protest, which is without the slightest foundation, and by equally false statements that bonds were down to 82½. It appears a few bonds were pressed on the market for cash and sold to 85, but the depreciation was quickly checked by unlimited offers by the Company at 90, they having within a few days refused an offer for one million at the latter rate. These transactions have no effect on the operations of the line of road which is being carried forward rapidly to completion.

It appears that the recent proceedings of James Fiske, Jr., before Judge Barnard, originated as follows: In the Fall of 1867 there was an active contest between two parties among the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company to control an approaching election of Directors. At that time Fiske tendered a subscription for one million dollars of the stock, on which he offered to pay fifty cents on the dollar. The Treasurer of the Company refused to receive this subscription, unless the stock should be paid up in full, according to the requirements of the charter. Various other parties tendered subscriptions, amounting to fifteen million dollars, all of which were refused, for the same reason, as it was known they would be when offered. Fisk afterwards bought six shares of stock, of the par value of six hundred dollars, which is the entire amount of his interest in the company.

The clipper ship Baltic, seized yesterday for a violation of the passenger act, was formerly the steamer Baltic, and was bound to San Francisco, not Liverpool. She gave $31,000 bonds, and was permitted to proceed to-day. The Judge remarked that the proceedings against this vessel were hardly warranted by the facts.

Among the books found in the safe of the Union Pacific Railroad Company was the stock ledger of the Credit Mobilier, in which the following names appeared: Thos. C. Durant, Geo. F. Train, C. M. Hall, O. W. Barnes, L. E. French and G. T. M. Daly.

High Water at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, April 2.—The Ohio river at this point has been rising at a very rapid rate for several days, and the water to-day reached the sidewalks on the lower warf. It is feared that the inhabitants along the levee will soon be driven from their quarters by the approaching flood.

—The Association of the Army of the Potomac will give a grand banquet in New York on the 6th of July next.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

[FIRST SESSION.]

SENATE: Indian Appropriation Bill Passed—Bill to Establish a Uniform Currency. HOUSE: Covode-Foster Contested Election Case Discussed and Recommitted.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, April 2, 1869.

SENATE.

Mr. HOWARD presented a resolution of the Legislature of Michigan in favor of the construction of a ship canal to connect the St. Lawrence with Lake Champlain.

Mr. DRAKE presented a protest of the Kentucky loyalists against removing political disabilities from Kentucky rebels. Referred to Committee on Disabilities.

Mr. RICE reported a bill to extend the time for the construction of the first section of the Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroad. He asked immediate action.

Objected to.

Mr. HOWE, from the Committee on Claims, reported a bill for the settlement of the claims for quartermaster and commissary stores furnished to or taken by the United States within the States in rebellion during the late war.

Mr. SHERMAN introduced a bill in relation to the coinage of gold and silver, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. With a view to promote uniform currency among nations, it provides for the establishment of a new standard of weight and fineness for United States coinage, being identical with the bill reported from the Committee last year.

Mr. HOWE moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill to extend the time for the construction of a railroad from St. Croix lake, or river, to the west of Lake Superior.

Messrs. MORRILL and CONKLING opposed the motion, but it was carried.

Mr. MORRILL moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Public Lands.

This motion was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, which brought up the Indian Appropriation bill, as unfinished business.

Mr. HARLAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, offered several amendments.

An amendment providing for the organization of a Board of Ten Commissioners, to be selected for their intelligence and philanthropy to supervise, to control disbursements of appropriations for Indian purposes, was modified, on motion of Mr. FESSENDEN, so as to give the Commissioners not absolute control, but only joint control with the Interior Department, under the direction of the President. It was then agreed to.

The bill was then passed.

At half-past three, the Senate went into Executive session, and after some time spent therein adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. FINKELBURG introduced a bill to prevent vexatious land litigations. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

The joint resolution to purchase or lease suitable premises in New York for the Staff Department of the Army, etc., was passed; also, relative to government buildings at Totten, Dakotah, with amendments.

The River and Harbor appropriation bill was reported, and made the special order for to-morrow.

The Election Committee reported that J. T. Hoge has a *prima facia* right to the seat for the Third South Carolina District.

The House then took up the Covode-Foster contested seat case.

The debate on the question occupied the whole day's session, but was devoid of any feature or incident of public interest.

Mr. PAINE moved to recommit the whole subject, with instructions to report on the merits of the case.

Mr. SCHOFIELD said he was requested by his friend (Mr. Covode) to say he was not opposed to the motion made by Mr. Paine, and desired to have the whole subject investigated on its merits. What he was opposed to, was the giving the seat temporarily to Mr. Foster, on the mangled election returns, which the Governor had rejected.

Mr. CESSNA also approved of the motion made by Mr. Paine.

The previous question was seconded, and the motion by Mr. Paine agreed to without discussion.

So the whole subject was recommitted.

Mr. WILSON, of Minnesota, introduced, and asked to have acted on immediately, a bill authorizing the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to extend its branch line from a point near Portland, Oregon, to Puget's Sound, and to connect the same with its main line at the Cascade Mountains, the Company not to be entitled to any subsidies, money, bonds or lands, except such lands as may be included in the right-of-way. He explained the object of the bill.

Mr. WHEELER, Chairman of the Pacific Railroad Committee, moved an amendment, requiring at least twenty-five miles of the extension to be completed by the first of July, 1871, and forty miles per year thereafter.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. FITCH moved to lay the bill on the table. Rejected.

The bill was then passed without division.

Mr. CAKE, from Committee on Printing, reported a resolution rescinding orders heretofore given for the printing of the accounts of the Treasurer, and of the evidence in the Sustead impeachment case, Alaska and Overland Mail case, the reports only to be printed.

Mr. JENCKS moved to lay the resolution on the table.

On division the vote was ayes 52, nays 45—no quorum voting.

The House thereupon, at 4:38, adjourned till to-morrow.

Execution at Ironton, Ohio.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CINCINNATI, April 2.—Adam Price was hung at Ironton for the murder of Halgenburg, October 16th, 1868. He alleged that Andrew Spears, his confederate, sent to the penitentiary for life, was more guilty than he.

—Silver has been discovered in the mountains near Sonora, about seventy miles from San Francisco. There is a great rush of people there and claims are rapidly staked off.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

Large List of Nominations by the President—Colored Men Appointed to Office—Canadian Annexation.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, April 2, 1869.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The following nominations were sent in to-day:

To be Collector of Internal Revenue: John Richmond, Seventh District, Illinois; H. C. Denning, First District, Conn.; R. J. Donaldson, First District, S. C.; Wm. A. Darling, Ninth District, N. Y.; E. H. Hobson, Fourth District, Ky.; Chas. F. Hogarte, Sixth District, Ind.; Wilson Bowlby, District of Oregon; Jas. P. Prince, Second District, Va.; A. W. Mann, Third District, W. Va.; E. F. McGill, Sixth District, Tenn.; T. S. Johnson, Third District, La.; James S. Chapman, Second District, La.; C. A. Lord, First District, Mo.; Jas. A. Galbraith, First District, Tenn.; G. C. Evans, Third District, Pa.; Lewis G. Brown, Second District, Texas; Thos. W. Davis, Twenty-second District, Pa.; Wm. M. Baird, Eighth District, Pa.; C. J. Brunner, Fourteenth District, Pa.; Geo. Babb, Eighteenth District, Pa.

To be Assessors of Internal Revenue: Charles W. Pierce, First District, Ala.; A. P. Shattock, Third District, Miss.; Chester S. Cole, Twenty-seventh District, N. Y.; George B. Johnson, Third District, Ohio; O. Hatch, Fourth District, Wis.; B. F. Joubert, (colored) First District, La.; S. B. Davis, District of New Mexico; K. R. Cobb, Second District, Va.; O. W. Matther, Third District, W. Va.; James O'Brien, First District, Tenn.; H. C. Redigo, First District, Texas; F. M. Summer, Fourth District, Texas; Benjamin Emmons, Fourth District, Mo.; J. B. Kenny, First District, Pa.; Sam Knox, Twelfth Pa.; Russell Errett, Twenty-second District, Pa.

Also, George Eyster, Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia; William A. Martin, Surveyor of Customs, Portsmouth, N. H.; William R. Holliday, Surveyor of Customs, Wheeling, West Virginia; George Jerome, Collector of Customs, Detroit; J. H. Bailey, Collector of Customs, Portsmouth, N. H.; William R. Leeds, Collector of Internal Revenue, Second District, Penna.; D. M. Carman, Assistant Assessor, Tenth District, Pa.; A. Chamberlain, Assessor, Twelfth District, Pa.; William F. Henderson, Assessor, Sixth District, N. C.; J. F. Wilcox, Collector, Fifth District, Pa.; George Willey, United States Attorney, Northern District, Ohio; D. R. Parker, Marshal in Virginia; E. E. Camp, Attorney, Eastern District, Tennessee; Robert M'F. Smith, Middle District, Tennessee; Isaac M'Quimby, Marshal Northern District, N. Y.; James Marshall, Southern District, N. Y.; Edward Pierrepont, Attorney Southern District, N. Y.; A. F. Ackerman, Attorney of Georgia; Joseph P. Glover, Attorney Northern District, Illinois; Thomas B. Wilson, Attorney Southern District, Ill.; Q. S. Strickland, Associate Justice of Utah; A. M. Barney, Collector of Customs, District of Saut Hago, Texas; Wm. Muller, Collector of Customs at Mobile; A. J. Goss, do. at St. Augustine; Wm. D. Nolan, do. at Delaware; E. O. Goodrich, Surveyor of Port of Philadelphia; W. H. Hawkins, Collector Internal Revenue, First District, N. Y.; W. H. Treadwell, Assessor, Seventh District, N. Y.; John O. Gridley, Collector, Eighth District, N. Y.; James McCurtin, Assessor, Fifth District, N. Y.; James Freeland, Collector, Second District, N. Y.; A. P. Ketchum, Assessor, Ninth District, N. Y.; Augustus Ford, Assessor, Eighth District, N. Y.; J. F. Bailey, Collector, Thirty-second District, N. Y.; J. S. Cleaveland, Assessor, Thirty-second District, N. Y.; L. L. Doty, Assessor, Twenty-second District, N. Y.; G. W. Palmer, Collector, Twelfth District, Pa.; J. T. Foster, Collector, First District, Ala.; Alfred Pleasanton, Collector, Fourth District, N. Y.; G. L. Ford, Collector, Third District, N. Y.

The following to be Postmasters: J. J. Kamm, Fort Wayne, Ind.; J. W. Foster, Evansville, Ind.; Wm. R. Holloway, Indianapolis, Ind.; Wm. M. Binckley, Columbus, Ind.; J. J. Hogaterigg, Greensburg, Ind.; A. G. Wade, Frederick, Md.; Jas. McGowen, Elliott's Mills, Md.; Jos. T. Mahon, Elkton, Md.; Andrew W. Denaison, Baltimore; Frank B. Stewart, Altoona, Saml. Dutton, Media, Pa.; Danl. A. Breckly, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Charles Eckman, Danville, Pa.; Robert S. Hendrich, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jos. W. Demmick, Montgomery, Ala.; Howell Flourney, Athens, Ga.; E. D. Fisher, Jackson, Miss.; Arthur J. Eggleston, Columbus, Miss.; Thos. J. Peckett, Paducah, Ky.; E. L. Winsor, Newport, Ky.; J. H. Clement, Portsmouth, Va.; John O'Connor, Baton Rouge, La.; Edward H. Reed, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jefferson L. Wafford, Corinth, Miss.; James A. McKee, Galveston, Texas; Charles P. Wilder, Columbia, S. C.; Thomas B. Richey, Salem, Oregon; Denniston Steele, Toledo, Ohio; Thomas H. Foulds, Cincinnati, Ohio; Abiel Beck, Newark, Ohio; H. Wolf, Rolla, Missouri; J. M. Vooris, Chillicothe, Missouri; Joseph Sanders, Charlotte, Michigan; James Coleman, Fon-du-lac, Wisconsin; William Utley, Racine, Wisconsin; John Wilcox, Eddyville, Iowa; D. O. Atkinson, Virginia City, Nevada; D. A. Sackett, Petaluma, California; William J. Usrey, Decatur, Illinois; A. D. Cadawalder, Lincoln, Illinois; Francis A. Eastman, Chicago, Illinois; Isaac Keys, Springfield, Illinois; James H. Clark, Mattoon, Ills.; Thomas McKibben, Danville, Ills.; John A. Miles, Charleston, Ills.; Warren E. MacKlee, Salem, Ills.; W. L. Ames, Jerseyville, Ills.; Joshua V. Brown, Tuscola, Ills.; Richard Evans, Hayes City, Kan.; Chas H. Troll, Junction City, Kan.; Cornelius Parmenter, Parmenter, Ohio; Richard M. Stephens, Santa Fe, New Mex.; S. G. Moffatt, Boonesboro, Iowa; W. H. Adams, Montana, Iowa; Jno. J. Griffins, Williamsport, Penna.; Jno. S. Scott, Brookville, Penna.; R. F. Snoddy, Shippensburg, Penna.; Jno. F. Johnson, Bellefonte, Penna.; Dennis Martin, Tarr Farm, Penna.

ANNEXATION OF BRITISH PROVINCES.

Correspondence has been in progress for some time between certain prominent men in the British Provinces and leading men in this country, relative to the prospective annexation of the Provinces to the United States. Enough has been developed to warrant the belief, among some members of Congress, that if the matter could be reached in an official way, proposals would eventually be made to the United States looking towards annexation.

The following resolution was sought to be offered in the House to-day, but, objection being made, the effort failed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of investigating the condition of our relations, present and prospective, with Nova Scotia, and that they be authorized to report to the House at any time.

COLORED MEN APPOINTED TO OFFICE.

Two of the five persons nominated to the Senate, yesterday, for Justices of the Peace, for the District of Columbia, are colored men. B. F. Joubert, nominated to-day as Assessor of Internal Revenue for First District of Louisiana, and S. M. Weder, Postmaster at Columbia, South Carolina, are also colored men.

Lieutenant Governor Dunn, of Louisianna, colored, had an interview with President Grant to-day.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Brigadier General Howard, who was to have been relieved by Brigadier General Hatch, will continue in charge of the Freedmen's Bureau, and the latter will take command of his own regiment. General Howard has made a large reduction of the force of his Bureau, except-ing in the bounty and educational divisions. He intends to advance educational interests in the South and to appoint one Superintendent of Education in each of the States in that section.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate this afternoon confirmed the following nominations: Geo. Earle, of Maryland, First Assistant Postmaster General, vice Skinner removed; E. O. Goodrich, Surveyor of the port of Philadelphia; Geo. Bergner, Postmaster at Harrisburg, Pa., and Alfred B. Dade, Postmaster at St. Joseph, Ind.

TAX ON TOBACCO.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue was sent for to appear before the Senate Finance Committee, in order that that Committee might obtain his views in relation to the proposed change in tax on tobacco, as embodied in the House bill now before the Senate.

INTEREST TO BE PRE-PAID.

Secretary Boutwell has given official notice that interest coupons payable on the first of May next will now be paid on presentation at the proper offices, upon a rebate of interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum.

CASE OF LONGSTREET.

The Senate discussed the nomination of Gen. Longstreet as Surveyor of the port of New Orleans, and adjourned without reaching a vote. A Senator, who has made a canvass, thinks he will be confirmed by six majority.

ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTION.

David Clark, of Hartford, Conn., after a personal inspection of Howard University, has given $25,000 towards its endowment.

RESIGNATION.

Commodore Thornton A. Jenkins has resigned the office of Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. He will be assigned to other duty.

THE TWITCHELL CASE.

Mr. Hubbell argued before the Supreme Court to-day in the Twitchell case for the defendant, but no decision will be given till Monday.

The Cuban Insurrection.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, March 30, via KEY WEST, April 2.—Troops are concentrated in the Cienfuegos district. The war steamer Pizarro has arrived here from Cadiz, with two hundred and seventy troops.

Innocencio Casanova, a citizen of the United States, has been arrested on suspicion of complicity in the plot for the seizure of the steamer Commanditaro.

The United States steamer Narraganset has sailed for Key West to coal. She will return in a few days.

A gang of negroes on the Manuelita plantation, near Cienfuegos, have joined the rebels. Troops are pursuing them. Four hundred militia and cavalry left to-day by railroad for Cienfuegos.

News from Mexico.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, April 2.—Advices from Mexico are to March 27th. It was reported that Colonel Meyer, late of the United States army, who was arrested on a charge of conspiracy against the Mexican government, would be banished from the country.

Executions without trial continue to take place in Yucatan, by order of Gov. Ceballos.

The sale of Mexican territory to the United States was agitated at the Capital and found many supporters.

Private letters from Mexico accused Lerdero De Fejada of hostility to Americans and of defrauding the Mexican government.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—Cotton receipts to-day, 2,363 bales; for the week, 11,541 do.; experts to-day, 2,900 bales; for the week to Liverpool, 922 do; Continent, 9,111 do; Coast, 2,855 do; stock on hand, 126,398 do; sales to-day, 18,000 do; demand limited, and declined ¼c; middling upland sold at 28½c. Gold, 132. sterling exchange, 141¼; commercial, 140@140½; New York sight, ⅛@¼ premium. Sugar dull at 11c for common, and 14c for prime. Molasses steady at 70c for prime. Flour firmer; sales of superfine at $5,62; double extra, $6,10; treble extra, $6,35. Corn firmer at 77½c for white, and 78c for yellow. Oats advanced to 70c. Bran, $1,15. Hay firm at $27,00. Pork firmer at $33,00. Bacon quiet at 14½@17½c. Lard dull; sales at 18½@18½c for tierce; and 20@20½c for keg. Whiskey dull and nominal; sales of western rectified at 86@92½c. Coffee quiet at 14½@15½c for fair, and 17½c for prime.

CHICAGO, April 2.—At open Board in the afternoon there was a moderate business for No. 2 Wheat, but the prices ruled lower, selling at $1,08¼@1,09. Other grains were quiet and the prices nominally the same as at the close of 'change. In the evening the market was quiet at $1,09 cash; $1,13 sellers for May. Provisions lively.

NASHVILLE, April 2.—Cotton dull and drooping; low middlings 24½c; good ordinary 23½c.

NEWS BY CABLE.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

SPAIN.

MADRID, April 2.—Troops are going forward to the Pyrenees to prevent parties of Carlists from crossing the frontier into Spain.

Marshal Serrano informed the Cortes yesterday that orders for the holding of elections had been sent out to Cuba, and deputies from that Island were expected to arrive at an early day.

TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 2.—The difficulties on the Persian borders are in a fair way to be settled. The Porte has agreed with the Persian Government to refer the rectification of the frontier to a mixed Commission of Turkish and Persian subjects.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 2.—Another explosion at Axley Colliery, in Lancastershire, to-day, killed twenty-eight persons and badly injured many others.

MARINE NEWS.

GLASGOW, April 2.—The steamer Britannia, from New York has arrived.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, April 2.—Consols for money 92⅞; for accounts 92¾@93; 5-20s quiet at 83⅝. Stocks quiet; Illinois Central 97; Atlantic & Great Western 22½; Erie 24¼. Tallow 46s 6d. Refined Petroleum 1s 10¾d. Fine Rosin 14s 6d. Sugar to arrive 29s 6d. Calcutta linseed 59.

ANTWERP, April 2.—Petroleum firm at 54@54¼f.

HAVRE, April 2.—Cotton dull on spot 147f, 146½f afloat.

FRANKFORD, April 2.—Bonds 87⅛.

LIVERPOOL, April 2.—Cotton flat; middling uplands at 12½@12¾d; Orleans 12¾d@12¾d; sales of 8,000 bales. Wheat; California white wheat at 9s 9d, red western 8s 11d. Western Flour 23s. Corn 30s. New Oats 3s 4d. Barley 5s. Peas. Pork 101s. Beef 90s. Lard 74s. Cheese 76s 6d. Bacon 62s 6d. Spirits Petroleum 9d, Refined 1s 9d. Tallow 45s 6d. Turpentine 30 9d@31s.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Last Day's Proceedings — Discussion, Resolutions, &c., &c.—Final Adjournment.

MORNING SESSION.

Institute re-assembled at the stated hour, President Douthett in the chair. The exercises were opened with prayer by Prof. Gilbert.

After a song, Prof. Jones, of Erie, delivered an address on the "Laws of Teaching." He held that the following were the most important laws: First, Teachers should know well what they pretend to teach; Second, They should get and keep the attention of the pupils; Third, They should use plain language; Fourth, They should pass from the known to the unknown; Fifth, They should tell nothing the pupils can ascertain for themselves; Sixth, They should require pupils to tell, in their own language, all they know about the lesson; Seventh, Reviews should be frequent. The speaker commented upon these laws at some length, and contended that a strict observance of them would be beneficial.

After a recess of five minutes Prof. Northrop was introduced and delivered a lecture on gymnastics, and urged its general introduction into the public schools. He contended that such exercise would contribute to the development of the physical powers of pupils, and would likewise stimulate the mental faculties.

When the Professor had concluded, the President announced that the next business in order would be a discussion on the question "Are the evils of absenteeism, irregular attendance and truancy capable of correction or materially lessened by legal enactment?"

Prof. Northrop opened the discussion. He had no fault to find with the law on this subject, but he contended that kindness and moral suasion on the part of the teachers would exert more influence in correcting the evils complained of.

Rev. Mr. Gilchrist, of Washington county, thought something could be done by legislation. Kindness and moral suasion could not reach children who would not come to the school, and he favored the enactment of some law which should compel attendance. When that was secured, the influence of kindness and moral suasion could be brought to bear.

Mr. Johnston, of Plum township, thought that, in the rural districts at least, the attendance of pupils would not be such as was desired until the school houses and schools were made comfortable, pleasant and inviting. Without such improvement all other efforts to correct the evils would be in vain.

Prof. G. L. B. Eberhart, of New Brighton, read selections from Bryant, Saxe, and "Sheridan's Ride."

Prof. Shoemaker followed in a brief lecture on Elecution as a Science.

The Institute then adjourned until two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Institute opened at the usual hour, with music by the choir.

Miss H. Renwick, Principal of the Eighth ward, schools, Allegheny, then read an interesting and well written essay on "Success."

Prof. Shoemaker then read several selections in his usual effective style, after which Mr. Horner sang the song "Free as a Bird," with most admirable effect—Miss Frisbee performing the accompaniment.

Prof. Congdon, of Harrisburgh, then spoke for fifteen minutes on the subject of teaching penmanship. He thought little children should write at least an hour each day. In some schools the pupils wrote but one line, two or three days in the week. In a session of ten months, the quantity written was not more than would occupy a good writer two hours. He thought this was a great mistake and supported his position by forcible argument.

REMARKS OF PROF. WICKERSHAM.

Prof. Wickersham, State Superintendent, was then introduced. He expressed his gratification at the large attendance, and argued from it that the cause of education was progressing in Allegheny county. He then spoke of the fact that the Legislature, for the first time in its history, had passed the school appropriation. The sum appropriated was $500,000. The "machine" ran itself now, and he was not ashamed to ask for all the money demanded by the children of the Commonwealth. He then alluded to the amount being spent in building schools in the State. Almost $2,000,000 had been expended for this purpose last year, and this year the indications were that $2,500,000 would be expended—an amount greater than was expended in any other State, even in the great "Empire State" itself. This was another very gratifying fact. The proposed changes in the law relative to the collection of school taxes, and allowing uniformity in text books in school districts, were then alluded to. The speaker doubted the propriety of concentrating large interests in the hands of book publishers. The speaker continued his remarks on the different questions arising in the management of the Common School System, exhibiting a thorough acquaintance with the subject, and engaging the close attention of the Institute throughout.

Rev. Mr. Gilchrist, of Washington county, made a brief speech, congratulating the Institute upon its success.

Mr. Caldwell then announced the organization of the Committee on Permanent Certificates, with B. F. Gamber as President, and J. Morrow as Secretary. The Committee will meet on the second Saturday of each month, except-ing July, in Prof. Curry's school room, St. Clair street.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McClymonds, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted a report. We append the more imtant of the series:

4. That the Legislature be requested to pass a law which will *compel* every child of the Commonwealth to receive an education, sufficient to make it an intelligent voter.

6. That the school book agency system, whether conducted openly or secretly, should be discountenanced, as being injurious to the cause of education, by inducing directors to exchange one series of books for another without any perceptible advantage, entailing needless expense, and creating and embittering opposition to the whole system of public instruction.

7. That in A. T. Douthett we recognize a faithful public officer, and respectfully request the directors of Allegheny county to re-elect him to the office he has filled with credit to himself and benefit to the cause of education.

The eight resolution was one of thanks to the different musical organizations participating in the Institute, and to the members of the press.

The ninth and last resolution was expressive of regret at the death of Hon. Charles R. Coburn, in whom the case of education had lost an able supporter.

A motion was made to take up the resolutions *seriatim*, but the President suggested that to do so would consume too much time.

It was then moved to adopt them as read, and agreed to by a very light vote—several ladies pronouncing an emphatic no.

The Institute adjourned until evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Superintendent Douthett called the institute to order at seven o'clock. The attendance, both of teachers and visitors, was much larger than usual.

The Philharmonic Society rendered in excellent style, as an opening exercise, a song entitled "Spring Time," after which Rev. Wm. Evans was introduced, and entertained the audience with elocutionery exercises for about half an hour.

Misses Frisbee and Johnson now favored the audience with a vocal duett, which was heartily encored.

A recess of five minutes then followed, after which Prof. Caldwell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the State Teacher's Association be requested to hold the next meeting of the Association in Allegheny City.

Adopted.

Messrs. Douthett, Caldwell, and Still, were appointed a Committee to confer with the State Committee in reference to the matter.

Prof. J. P. Wickersham, State Superintendent, was then introduced and delivered a lecture, in which he discussed at length the objections made to the Common School system by its opponents. He said the objections seemed to be those which were made to the principle upon which it was based and the plan by which it was carried out.

The speaker then took up in detail and examined in an able and convincing manner the minor objections arising out of these two, contending that they are without foundation, and at variance with the progressive spirit of the age.

At the conclusion of Prof. Wickersham's remarks, the Philharmonic Society sang the hymn, "What mean those holy voices," after which a resolution was passed, requesting a copy for publication of Rev. J. B. Clark's lecture, (delivered Thursday evening), also a resolution thanking Prof. Wickersham for his able address, and expressing the confidence of the Institute in his ability and devotedness to the school interests of the State.

Professor Shoemaker then read a number of selections, after which a resolution of thanks to Professor Douthett for the manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of the Institute was unanimously passed.

The Benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Evans, and the ninth annual session of the Allegheny County Teachers' Institute stood adjourned.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a special meeting of the borough Council of Mount Washington, held Thursday evening, April 1st, the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Mr. D. B. Ferguson and unanimously adopted by the Council:

WHEREAS, The Almighty, in His inscrutable wisdom, has removed from amongst us Isaac Whittier, Burgess of the borough of Mount Washington, we members of the Council, over which deceased presided, deem it but fitting to pay tribute to his memory. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Isaac Whittier, our borough has lost a most excellent citizen and an efficient officer. In his long sojourn in this community he was ever held in the highest esteem, his integrity being of the highest order, and his life pure and unspotted in all respects.

Resolved, That the Council present to the friends of deceased an attested copy of these resolutions, and that they also be entered upon the minutes of the borough Council.