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WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1867.

There is no quaver in Governor Beaver's tone when he speaks of the pledges made in the Republican platform.

Above the numerous bills read in place in the House on Tuesday last was one by Mr. Pugh to repeal the \$2 mill tax.

Four Knights of Labor hold the balance of power in the Indiana Legislature, and a United States Senator cannot be elected without their consent.

The Inter-State Commerce bill regulating transportation by railroads and other common carriers passed the House on Friday last by the emphatic vote of 219 years to 41 nays. This bill was widely demanded as a protection of shippers from indiscriminate discriminating rates by railroads, and is intended to protect the people against corporate abuses. Whether it will have the effect contemplated in the test of time and a fair trial can alone determine. The bill is now in the hands of the President, and there is but little doubt that he will make it a law by affixing his signature. A synopsis of the bill covering its main features, will be found in another column of this paper.

GOVERNOR BEAVER is the twentieth Governor of this State. Governor Patterson was the only Democratic Governor we have had with twenty-five years.

The President of the Senate has placed Mr. Alexander of this district on the following committees—Federal Relations; Judiciary Special; Reincarnation and Reform; Education and Agriculture.

U. S. SENATOR DAVIS was re-elected from Massachusetts on Wednesday last. There were three Republican candidates before the Legislature and the Democrats threw their votes to Davis and elected him.

In the New York legislature, on Wednesday last Hon. Frank Hinckley now a Republican member of Congress, and re-elected to the next House, was chosen United States Senator over the present Senator, Warner Miller.

On Wednesday last, the Legislature in joint session elected Colonel Mathew Stanley Quay of Beaver county, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, to succeed John J. Mitchell whose term expires on the 4th day of March next.

The Executive Mansion at Harrisburg is surrounded in gloom, caused by the sudden death of the youngest child and namesake of Governor Beaver. The card set sympathizing all who learn of it, will be extended to the Governor and his wife.

The Republican Caucus Committee at Harrisburg on Wednesday last unanimously resolved to report in favor of a prohibition amendment pure and simple, without any compensation clause attached. A big fight for the adoption of the compensation clause is anticipated.

GRANVILLE PAYNERS of Mercer county, who was elected Chief Clerk of the House at the organization two weeks since, has been appointed his Private Secretary by Governor Beaver, and Major Samuel A. Lewis of Schuylkill county has been elected Pearson's successor as Clerk of the House.

The Democrats in the New Jersey legislature don't look away any chances, when a vote is to be made. Last week they seated, by a strict party vote, a member whom the Chief Justice of the State had decided was not elected. But then his vote was needed at the election for United States Senator.

Mr. BAILEY is reported as saying that Mr. Davis should decline his election to the United States Senate because it was secured through the agency of Democratic votes. What rot! Would Mr. Bailey have declined the Presidency, had a few more Democratic votes in New York secured him the prize?

After a good deal of flirting and bickering between the Independents and the Democrats of Philadelphia, they have failed to agree upon a candidate for Mayor and other city offices, and the result is that there will be only straight Republican and Democratic tickets in the field.

SENATOR VAN WYK got a little too large for his clothes, and entirely too independent of his obligations to his party, to suit the Republicans of Nebraska, so they have set him aside, and have elected to his place Hon. A. S. Paddock who will not be so self important that he cannot co-operate with his party friends in the Senate.

The figures show that the United States does well enough. Since 1865 our population has increased 60 per cent; our hay crop, 105 per cent; our cotton crop, 292 per cent; our grain crop, 256 per cent; our railway mileage, 280 per cent; our insurance against fire, 310 per cent; and our production of pig-iron, 360 per cent.

GOVERNOR BEAVER has appointed, and the Senate has unanimously confirmed the following Cabinet Officers.

Adjutant-General—DANIEL H. Hastings of Centre County.

Attorney-General—WILLIAM J. Kirkpatrick of Northampton County.

Secretary of the Commonwealth—CHARLES W. Stowe of Warren County.

Our Mexican Pension bill, which passed both Houses, is now awaiting the President's signature, provides a pension of \$8, per month for every householdably disabled soldier or sailor, sixty-four years of age who served sixty days during the Mexican war, whether in Mexico or not, and for the widow of every such soldier or sailor if she has not remarried.

RANDALL'S man, Charles Sanders of Philadelphia, was—in Wednesday last elected Chairman of the Democratic State Committee in place of W. H. Hensel, crushed. The curse words uttered by the Wallace men are loud and deep, but Randall holds his grip on the throat of the organization, all the same. Pennsylvania is mortgaged to Cleveland in the next National Convention, and Randall's bunches get the official pass.

Colonel Quay Elected.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 29.—Nearly everybody has heard of Senator Quay "Senator" in complimentary anticipation, but the title was to-day made legal. Senator Quay marched over to the House again this morning with Sergeant-at-Arms at his head, and after Lieutenant Governor Davies had called the joint committee to order, the comparison of the separate votes of the two Houses for United States Senator was made. This was done by the clerks of the two Houses reading the roll-calls and the votes for Quay and Wolverton, thus formally showing that Quay had secured a majority in both Houses. Lieutenant Governor Davies then moved the first resolution that Senator Quay was elected United States Senator, and he and the two tellers signed the certificate.

Prohibition B. & O.

NEWARK, Ohio, Jan. 29.—The Baltimore and Ohio paymaster, who visited this place yesterday, completed each employee of the road to-day, pledged to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors before he could draw his pay. The movement is said to have started because of the ugly rumors about drunken tampering in connection with the Republic dinner on the 4th inst.

"We want a sight of the books," "Turn the rascals out" was the word of the Democrats during the last Presidential campaign. They got a sight of the books, and found every cent accounted for, and now they are shrieking "Too much money." What a commentary on Democratic ways and Democratic statesmanship. When the Republicans came into power, they found the Buchanan Administration had left them a bankrupt Treasury, when they went out of power they left "too much money" and the Democrats don't know what to do with it. "Turn the rascals out."

INTER-STATE COMMERCE BILL.
Abstract of the Measures as It Passed Both Houses of Congress.

The Interstate Commerce bill, as agreed upon by both Houses of Congress, in its first section applies the provision of the act to any common carrier engaged in the transportation of merchandise by railroads, or partly by water, when both are used, under a common contract, management or arrangement through more than one State or territory, or from any place in the United States to an adjacent foreign country. It deems the term "railroad" to include all bridges and ferries used or operated by any railroad. All charges made for any service rendered in the transportation of passengers or property shall be reasonable and just, and every unusual and unreasonable charge for any service is prohibited and declared to be unlawful.

Section 2 makes it unlawful for any common carrier to provide the provisions of this act to charge, demand, collect or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person or persons, a greater or less compensation for any service rendered in the transportation of passengers or property than it charges demands, collects or receives from any other person or persons for doing him or them a like and contemporaneous transportation of a like kind of traffic under substantially similar circumstances and conditions.

Section 3 makes it unlawful for any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act to charge, demand, collect or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person or persons, a greater or less compensation for any service rendered in the transportation of passengers or property than it charges demands, collects or receives from any other person or persons for doing him or them a like and contemporaneous transportation of a like kind of traffic under substantially similar circumstances and conditions.

Section 4 makes it unlawful for any common carrier to provide the provisions of this act to charge, demand, collect or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person or persons, a greater or less compensation for any service rendered in the transportation of passengers or property than it charges demands, collects or receives from any other person or persons for doing him or them a like and contemporaneous transportation of a like kind of traffic under substantially similar circumstances and conditions.

THE LONG AND SHORT HAUL.

SECTIONS 4 and 5 the long and short haul and pooling systems are as follows—

Section 4. That it shall be unlawful for any common carrier subject to the provisions of this act to charge or receive any greater compensation in the aggregate for the transportation of passengers, or of like kind of property, under substantially similar circumstances and conditions, than for a longer distance, over the same line, in the same direction, the shorter being included in the longer distance, but it shall not be construed as authorizing any common carrier, within the terms of this act, to charge and receive a greater compensation for a longer distance, provided, however, that upon application to the commission appointed under the provisions of this act, such common carrier may in special cases, after investigation by the commission, be authorized to charge less for shorter than for longer distances for the transportation of passengers or property, and the commission may from time to time prescribe the extent to which such designated common carrier may be relieved from the operation of this section of the act.

THE CRIME FOR WHICH BIRDS WILL SUFFER DEATH.

The crime for which birds will suffer death is the following known as "hunting." He himself confessed that the assist and jester of the medical college, Anderson Perry had proposed to him to kill an old white woman who lived in Rose house, and that he would give him \$10 for the body. Without any more ado Rose proceeded to do the job. He prevailed on Albert Hawkins, another colored man, to help him. The two men killed the woman, cut off her head, and took her to the house and buried her with birds. The body was never found.

THE CRIME OF THE MEDICAL STUDENT.

The young man was made a great noise, and the coroner and doctors believe that the man was crazy. Colakoff was a drunkseller, three children, mortally injured, two others and had then committed suicide. The two children who were still alive were removed to a neighbor's house, but they still live. No cause for the terrible deed is given.

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