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Harrisburg, February 14, 1863—feb16-6t*

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The Patriot & Union.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 25. 1863

PENN'A LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, March 24, 1863.

The Senate met at 10½ o'clock and was called to order by the SPEAKER.

PETITIONS.

Mr. CONNELL, the remonstrance of 450 citizens of Germantown against the passage of an act authorizing the Germantown passenger railway company to use steam dummies on their road.

Also, a petition in favor of the appropriation of $20,000 for the endowment of the Phila. School of Design for women.

Also, the remonstrance of 56 citizens of Philadelphia against the exclusion of negroes and mulattoes from the State; also, one from 99 citizens of Sullivan county of similar import.

Mr. SMITH, the petition of 295 citizens of Montgomery county for the repeal of the supplement to the Ridge turnpike company.

Mr. CLYMER, a petition from Dauphin co. for the exclusion of negroes and mulattoes from the State.

Mr. TURRELL, a petition from Susquehanna county for the incorporation of the Philadelphia Dental College.

Mr. M'SHERRY, 3 petitions from Adams county, asking that the fines paid by those exempted from the late draft on account of conscientious scruples, may be paid to the commissioners of said county.

Mr. LOWRY, the petition of John C. Ellison, of the 24th ward, Philadelphia, for the passage of a law to prevent the immigration into this State of all persons having hair of the color usually denominated red, which was read.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. STEIN, a bill to authorize the Lehigh coal and navigation company to extend their railroad from Mauch Chunk to Easton.

Mr. CONNELL, a supplement to the Powelton coal and iron company.

Mr. KINSEY, a bill to repeal the supplement to the Milford and Richland turnpike company, in Bucks county.

Mr. SMITH, a bill to incorporate the Springhouse and Penllyn turnpike company, in Montgomery county.

BOUNTIES TO VOLUNTEERS.

Mr. CONNELL, from the Finance Committee, reported the amount of bounties paid by the several counties of the State, amounting in the aggregate to about $1,600,000.

STATE LIBRARIAN.

On motion of Mr. BOUGHTER, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the nomination of Wien Forney, of Dauphin county, for the office of State Librarian for the period of three years, and the nomination was confirmed—yeas 17, nays 12.

BILLS CONSIDERED.

Mr. REILLY called up the supplement to the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven railroad company, authorizing it to build a branch road, six miles in length, which passed finally.

Mr. RIDGWAY called up the bill to refund to George R. Berrill certain money overpaid by him as an auctioneer, which passed finally.

Mr. NICHOLS called up House bill 236 relative to constables' fees on tavern licenses in the city of Philadelphia. The bill was amended so as to require the city treasurer to do all now required to be done by the clerk of quarter sessions, under the act of 1860, relative to the sale of intoxicating liquors and to pay the constable fees monthly, and passed finally.

Mr. SERRILL called up the bill to extend the charter of the Bank of Delaware County, which passed finally—yeas 20, nays 8.

Mr. STEIN called up the bill to extend the charter of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Easton, which passed finally—yeas 18, nays 8.

Mr. STUTZMAN called up the bill to pay John P. Ashcum, erroneously mustered into the service of the United States as Surgeon of the 116th regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, which was discussed and passed finally—yeas 19, nays 9.

Mr. HIESTAND called up the resolution offered by him last evening, as follows:

Whereas, it is believed by many citizens that the Delaware and Hudson canal company have violated their rights as an incorporated company, *Resolved*, That a committee of three, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to investigate said charges.

Mr. HIESTAND, in response to an inquiry, stated he was informed that this company were holding thousands of acres of land more than they were authorized to hold by their charter.

After some discussion the resolution was adopted. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. WILSON called up the bill to suspend in the counties of Tioga, Potter, Lycoming, M'Kean and Warren the penalties of the acts of 1817 and 1838 relative to the issuing and circulation of small notes. The bill led to an extended discussion and was negatived—yeas 10, nays 17.

Mr. BOUGHTER called up the House bill for the relief of the sureties of William Callahan, supervisor of repairs on the Portage road and superintendent of the Columbia railroad, which passed finally.

Mr. BOUGHTER called up the bill relative to the claim of John Laban, which passed finally.

Mr. BUCHER called up the bill authorizing the commissioners of Philadelphia to draw their warrant for the payment of certain services in the office of register of wills, which passed finally.

Mr. CONNELL called up the supplement to the act incorporating the city of Philadelphia, relative to water pipes, which passed finally.

Mr. CONNELL called up the bill to extend the charter of the Commercial Bank of Pennsylvania, for the period of five years from the expiration of its charter, which passed finally—yeas 20, nays 6.

Mr. CLYMER called up bill No. 447, relative to the publication of legal notices in certain counties, which passed to third reading. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY, March 24, 1863.

The House was called to order at 10½ o'clock, by SPEAKER CESSNA.

The regular order of the day was the consideration of the bills on the private calendar.

NEW PASSENGER RAILWAY.

Mr. YOUNG obtained leave to read in place a bill, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Fairmount and Columbia Bridge railway company."

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A motion was made to reconsider the vote on an act to authorize school directors to select sites for school houses, and on that motion a further motion was made to indefinitely postpone the matter, upon which Mr. JOHNSON took the floor against its postponement. He was followed by Mr. BENEDICT and others, who took similar ground.

Mr. CHAMPNEYS arose to explain why he desired the county of Lancaster exempted from certain provisions of the bill.

Much time was spent in discussing, pro and con.

The provisions of this bill are not general in their character.

Upon a call of the yeas and nays the bill passed finally.

THE STATE LIBRARIAN AND ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The SPEAKER presented communications respectively from the State Librarian and the Adjutant General.

The communication from the Adjutant General was a report upon the claim of one J. Pugh, late Brigade Inspector of the 2d brigade, 2d division, Pennsylvania militia, submitted by the administrator of said Pugh. The amount asked for is $895.

The communication from Wm. R. DeWitt, State Librarian, reports the amount of moneys received and expended by him since the first of January, 1863, audited and approved by the Auditor General. Ordered to be printed.

PRIVATE BILLS.

After the period usually provided for the adjournment of the morning session had nearly arrived the consideration of the bills on the private calendar was begun. The list being voluminous the House adjourned without proceeding far on first reading.

LETTER FROM THE ARMY.

[Correspondence to the Patriot and Union.]

HEADQUARTERS 18TH PA. VOLUNTEER CAVALRY, CAMP WYNDHAM, March 21, 1863.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Thinking a few lines from a member of a Keystone regiment would be well received by you and your friends, I find myself seated to write and let you and them know how the Eighteenth is getting along in the front of an armed force of rebel cavalry and guerrillas.

As we were camped some time around Harrisburg you will certainly know we were (as we now are) a fine body of men. We are officered by good men, some of them from your noble city, Lieutenant Colonel James Gowen and Major W. B. Darlington being residents of your town, while Captain Freeland, of Company E, who has already won laurels, are from Dauphin county. We left Harrisburg with no arms and have got but few since. We have condemned sabres and carbines, while other regiments of our brigade, doing the same duty as we, have serviceable arms, good sabres, Colt's Navy pistols and Sharp's improved carbine.

This morning some of the Eighteenth refused to go on picket for want of proper arms to defend themselves. No wonder Capt. Mosby said to some of our prisoners, "You are not worth taking, you have no arms." To say the truth, the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry is not fit for service. We are called cowards and hospital soldiers by the Fifth New York and First Virginia.

Is it not inhuman to send men to the front who are not capable of defending themselves against well drilled, well armed and efficient soldiers, such as Stuart's Cavalry? No doubt some of the friends and relatives of the members of the Eighteenth would think it odd to hear of them being called cowards, &c. No one that knows Colonel Gowen or Captain Freeland would say they are anything but soldiers. Why Company E has already established a reputation which will follow them through life. They have done duty like veterans of twenty years, always led on by the heroic Freeland or gallant Tresonthwick.

They charged into Middleburg and drove the videttes, of White's battalion within a few rods of their camps. They captured over $5,000 worth of contraband goods, such as phosphorus baking soda, boots, shoes, and other things invaluable to the rebels. For this they got no credit, to say nothing of prisoners and horses brought in by Company E.

We have now been out over six months and have received no pay. Certainly some person is to blame, as they are to blame on account of us having no arms. Our pay rolls were sent in and the boys patiently waited for their pay, but none came. Our requisition for arms was sent to the proper officers, but none came. What's to be done? Our quartermaster has done all in his power to procure arms, but can't get them. Why?

The men of the Eighteenth are willing to fight and do anything to settle this rebellion, but at the same time we want to be noticed and used as soldiers are; we don't want to be behind the rest of the boys from Pennsylvania. We left the iron hills of the Keystone State to do soldiers' duty, which we will do, if armed. We will carry terror into the very heart of rebeldom. Our motto is, "The Union and Constitution must and shall be preserved." We cannot coincide with the views of those who, for any reason, would terminate this war before the preservation of the Union and Constitution is assured. We feel impelled by every motive of patriotism to maintain the General Government in all *Constitutional* efforts to settle this most unnatural rebellion.

But give us what is justly due us; give us a chance on equal footing with other soldiers; let the proper authority be notified that some families are feeling the effects of the soldiers not being paid. We don't consider ourselves soldiers; we wear the uniform, but, as they say, we can't back it up. Our men are disheartened to be used in this way; they are tired of seeing their comrades shot down, or hearing of this or that post being taken for want of proper means to defend it, and save their credit as Pennsylvanians.

Well may one of our boys say we are in the mud, but if the rebels come we will meet them with muddy hands and horse pistol graves—I suppose meaning grave looks. Most of our officers have pistols and efficient sabres; but think of a private on an out post, the safety of the camp depending on his vigilance, with no revolver, an old condemned sabre, and one of Merrill's carbines that won't go off once out of five trials, there standing and enduring all the trials of a soldier's life, the inclemency of the weather, &c., expecting Mosby and some of his minions to come upon him. One of our boys told me that the time Mosby took the post known as Thompson's, he was dismounting; he saw a man go up to his horse and commence to untie him; he snapped his carbine at him, but, to use his own term, "he didn't go loose." By that time there was another one came on the other side of him and commenced to untie a horse also, so he was eaged; he didn't dare fire, for he only had one load, and two rebels close by him, one on either side. Had he been in possession of a Colt's revolver, those two horses would have been saved; and had each of the party been armed that post would have been defended, and horses and men saved.—Lieut. Nelson was wounded while trying to rally his men, who well knew the odds they had to contend with, and fell back into the woods, leaving their horses for the rebels to take at will.

We are well fed and clothed, many thanks to our commissary and quartermaster. We hope to have our arms soon; then for a break into the rebel possessions of the Old Dominion.

If we get paid on or before the 4th day of July, we promise to maintain the name of Pennsylvanians to the last.

Yours most respectfully, J. S.

EXCITING SCENE IN THE PRUSSIAN CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Prussian Chamber of Deputies was recently the scene of an excitement as extraordinary as almost any which even revolutionary times have witnessed. In the debate on the Polish Question, the Premier, von Bismarck, denounced the Liberal members in so outrageous a manner that the President of the Chamber would not stand it any longer, and sternly rebuked the Minister. The Minister defied his authority, and a scene of extraordinary excitement prevailed.

The following account of it is from the Berlin correspondence of *The London Star*:

The Minister President (after taking a short survey of the proceedings on the Polish Question) continued:

The House demanded the discussion, and in the course of it German orators behaved in a manner previously unheard of. Deputy Waldeck compared the calling in of the reverses to the sale of Hessian subjects to North America. Deputy Von Unruh hinted, amid your hearty applause, that, if from the measure of the Government, foreign complications should arise, the means for the defense of the country would be refused to the King. Is not that as much as saying to foreign powers: "Come here; now's your time; the moment is favorable; Prussia is defenseless?" [Loud contradiction, and cries of "Oh! oh!"] I am rejoiced to see that you have at least one expression of indignation for such things; that you have a little patriotism left. [Uproar of contradiction from all sides of the House, and shouts of "Order! order!"]

The Vice-President, Behrend, (who occupied the place of the President to day)—I beg first for silence. The Minister-President has declared that he rejoices at this expression of indignation. Whether the Minister-President is pleased to express here his joy at what the House has done or thinks of doing, is his own affair; a call to order I do not regard as called for. [Applause.]

The Minister-President. The question how far a call to order can be justified when directed to the Ministry, I will not here discuss; but should it be broached again in this manner, I shall take occasion to make some remarks on this point. Gentlemen, the threat of making Prussia defenseless was uttered by the same Deputy Von Unruh, whose name, in connection with the refusal of taxes in the year 1848—[Indescribable confusion in every part of the House, the rest of the Minister's sentence being lost.]

The interruption having lasted several minutes, the Vice-President at length rose and said: I must observe to the Minister-President that his last expression is totally irrelevant to the question before the House.

The Minister President: I cannot concede to the President of the House any right to disciplinary interruption of me when I am speaking. I have not the honor to belong to this assembly. I have had no voice in making the standing orders, nor in the election of the President. The disciplinary powers of the President find their limit at these barriers, [pointing to the palisading before the Ministers' desk.] As my superior I have only his Majesty the King. I do not rise to speak by virtue of the standing orders, but by virtue of the authority given me by his Majesty the King. You have not the right to interrupt me!

The Vice President: I have not refused the Minister permission to go on speaking, nor, constitutionally, could I do so. But according to the standing orders of the House, the President for the time being exercises his disciplinary powers as far as the four walls of this House reach—[loud applause]—and these powers I shall exercise.

The Minister President: I must characterize this view as one which is not shared by the Ministry of the State. So, as I have said, Deputy Von Unruh, whose name, in the year 1848, with the well known resolution for the refusal of taxes [loud and long continued uproar, shouts of indignation from every quarter of the House; the Deputies spring from their seats; some rush to the seat of the President; the public in the galleries join in the shouts and confusion; calls of "Don't let yourselves be provoked;" "Let the President put his hat on;" "Adjourn! adjourn!" &c.]

After silence had at length been in some measure restored, the Vice President said: I cannot allow the Minister President so flagrantly to violate the rights of this House. The order of the House is in my hands, and it is not competent for the President of the State Ministry to break through it. I will prove this to him by adjourning the sitting if he ventures again to return to the resolution about refusing the taxes, which has nothing whatever to do with the present question. [Shouts of "Bravo;" the disturbance still continues; the House still prevents the Minister from being heard; the President rings the large bell with great energy; after about ten minutes, quiet is to some extent restored.]

The Minister-President: I cannot prevent the President from adjourning the House. Having twice touched on the subject of refusing the taxes I hold it superfluous to return to it again. I therefore proceed. [Renewed disturbance, cries of "adjourn!" "President's bell!"] The Minister, after the restoration of silence, then continued.

Deputy Twesten made a severe attack on the Minister-President, and said that it was a lamentable thing to have to confess that the attacks which were made abroad on the government were well grounded. ["Very true."] But we are unfortunately obliged to declare that the honor of the present government is no lon-