STATE EXPENSES WERE UP IN 1877

Attorney General Had to Make **Ruling That State Should** Pay For Mansion Ice

Forty years ago Capitol Hill was all stirred up because of a controversy over what part of the expenses of maintaining the Executive Mansion should be borne by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and George Lear, attorney general under Governor John F. Hartranft, invoked the classics in ruling that coal, ice and flowers were necessary to the comfort and enjoyment of the people who isited the official home of the governors and should be paid from the funds of the State. Mr. Lear also rul-ed that the State should pay \$15 for sprinkling. Front street in front of the mansion as a proper expense for the Commonwealth because he reasoned that the furnishings of the house might be damaged by dust from the then unpaved street.

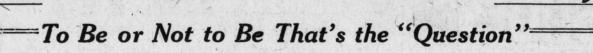
The questions which vexed the offi-clal mind in the summer days of 1877 were raised by Justus F. Temple, of Greene county, then auditor general and one of the last of the Democrats to hold that office, a place which has

and one of the last of the Democrats to hold that office, a place which has been the storm center of successive administrations. It is interesting that Mr. Temple stood upon the itemization of the general appropriation bill and that he "bucked" on paying the coal and ice bills and cavilled at the flow-ers because there was no specific ap-propriation for them. It was Mr. Lear's legal ruling that the governor was "the host of the peo-pie" and that the State should enable him to "dispense-a generous hospital-sion, although the Temple idea, which was Democratic in days of strendous politics, did not accord with the thoughts of the Republicans of the Hartranft administration. There is also something interesting because of the comment of a recent governor that the State should have been been been been been been been to a strendous of the save thin a big house and seven or eight servants and required him to feed them when he did not need them, in the Lear oplinion of forty years ago. He says that the State did not provide a build-ing with furniture nor repair and re-plenish it from time to time for the mere purpose of affording a residence for the executive of the State. "The state," he says, "has undertaken to provide him an abode where he can meet his guests on true Republican equality." The attorney general of that day purced Latin and used the homely ex-tension "it is necessary to stick in the

state. The says, "has undertaken to provide him an abode where he can meet his guests on true Republican equality." The attorney general of that day pression "it is necessary to stick in the bark in this case" in holding that "too minute a stress must not be laid on the strict and precise significance of words." He says that 'to supply" means "to furnish with anything that is wanted" and asserted that definition "covers the whole ground from the fuel to the flowers." Apparently the legislators of that day were not given to specific appro-priations which became the rigorous rule immediately after the Capitol furnishing scandal because he says "It would be better to appropriate a con-tingent fund for these purposes, but it has not been the practice. It is im-possible to describe every item in such cases in a general appropriation bill. But there may be eccompy in embrac-ing all the public buildings in one ap-propriation; for several small appro-priations could be passed by the leg-islature with more facility than one containing a large sum and yet the small ones would 'aggregate much more than the large one." Evidently Mr. Lear has his ideas about ependiture of money because he adds "and there will be economy in paying he items referred to out of the appropriation of \$10,000 rather than have it expended, as it will be, for other purposes if not so applied and at the next session of the legis-lature the supplies or furnishings of the executive mansion will be pro-vided by a special appropriation. The propriation is rich in the legal here saying that the items are proper and should be paid he con-cludes "I will therefore share with be libefore you." The opinion is rich in the legal here conduce of the responsibility of approving the bill before you." The opinion is rich in the legal here he appropriation would undoubt-eding result in the expenditure of the stopper on the here items are proper and should be paid he con-cludes "I will therefore share with by the responsibility of approving the here here t

150,000 Germans "Are Armed in Chicago"

Philadelphia, Feb. 2. — One hundred and fifty thousand armed Germans, ready for action, are in Chicago, with 55.000 English, also armed, watching them, said William Ellis Scull at the annual meeting of the Transatlantic Society at the Bellevue?Stratford yes-terday. He added that he had receiv-ed the information from good anthorterday. ed the ir ity. mation from



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ity. Plans were made for a dinner in March to which will be invited Sir Gil-bert Parker and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. Dr. Albert Cook Myers, just return-ed from England, where he collected relics and data for his blography of William Penn, said that, although two members of the Penn family, Captain William Penn-Stuart and Lieutenant Esmee Stuart, had been killed, the Penn line is not broken, there being other descendants.

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