

# NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

## COAL TAX BILL LAID OVER AGAIN

### House Committee Hears Objections From the Retail Coal Dealers Men

The House Ways and Means Committee postponed action on the Davis bill to tax hard and soft coal two and a half per cent. ad valorem after a protest had been made against considering it by Lackawanna county members who asked that a full hearing be accorded. The bill was attacked by W. H. Search, of Bethlehem, representing anthracite operators, and W. M. Bertolet, of Reading, representing the State Retail Coal Dealers' Association.

Mr. Bertolet argued that it would be class legislation, that anthracite is a necessity which should not be taxed and that the hard coal business is now heavily taxed. He also pointed out that if bituminous coal is taxed it will be brought into competition with untaxed coal from West Virginia, Ohio and Illinois and result in an increased cost.

In behalf of the Scranton Board of Trade it was asked that there be a full hearing and also that some information be obtained whether it was the intention to have the companion bill appropriating half the tax levied to the municipalities where the coal is mined for highway purposes.

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## HOUSE HISTORIES A BIG FEATURE

### Hutchinson and Brackney in Charge of Compilation With Moore

Two Pittsburgh men, holding responsible positions in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives—J. Edward Brackney, assistant chief clerk, and Harry L. Hutchinson, desk clerk—are getting out for the convenience of the Legislature and the citizenship of the state that is interested in the activities of the 1917 session of the House a complete history of each bill and resolution that goes into the House. This is the first session it has been done. They have expedited the work of those who come here seeking information concerning the mass of legislation and which to one of the uninitiated is a confusing proposition. The history proposition was first started by Secretary W. Harry Baker, of the State Senate, and his lead has been speedily followed in the lower house by Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Brackney.

S. Edward Moore, of Uniontown, is the chief assistant to the two Pittsburgh men, and while younger in years, bids fair to become one of the best posted men in legislative matters in the state. He is in the Legislative Reference Bureau when the Legislature is not in session.

In explaining the method of getting out the history Mr. Hutchinson said today:

"This history is published weekly and appears on the file of each representative at the regular weekly opening of the Legislature on Monday evening. It contains the title of the bill, its author, number, file folio number, the committee to which it has been referred, its progress through the committee, through the House and Senate, and its appearance before the Governor. It shows if the bill has been successful or fails and contains enough of the bill in the title to give an excellent idea of what the bill is meant to do. There is a ready index for the bills, and as appropriation measures form an important part of the deliberations of Pennsylvania legislatures those bills have been indexed separately. Resolutions are also indexed separately. One improvement that I think has been made is the alphabetical list of representatives, one to a line, and after each member's name the House number of the bills he has introduced."

This history has been of great service to civic organizations, boards of trade, commercial organizations, banks, corporations and those who naturally would be interested in the work of legislative bodies. Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Brackney and Mr. Moore apparently have perfected a valuable piece of legislative machinery.

**DOUBLING GAP SPRINGS HOTEL BOUGHT BY PHILADELPHIANS**  
Carlisle, Pa., March 21. — Miller and Mitchell, a Philadelphia firm of wholesale grocers, yesterday purchased at sheriff's sale the property of Mrs. Charlotte K. Freyer, including the Doubling Gap Springs Hotel, a summer resort. On a previous occasion the property had been marked sold, but the bidder did not make the first payment, so that Job K. Conklin, who made the purchase for the Philadelphians, had to pay one-half of the purchase amount, \$2,400, in cash.

**SHOWER FOR MRS. BLOCK**  
Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 21.—Last evening a miscellaneous shower was given Mrs. W. B. Block, recently married, by a number of her friends, who came in a crowd and surprised her. The guests were entertained with music and readings. Refreshments were served to the merry party, among whom were Miss Lillian Fought, Miss Margaret Smith, Miss Ruth Chase, Miss Ella Briggs, Miss Catharine McMichael, Miss Reba Barnes, Miss Ida C. Kast, Miss Maude K. Williamson, Mrs. C. E. Umberger, Mrs. J. H. Gross, Mrs. Elmer E. Steele, Mrs. U. G. Seyler, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Block and Allan Sangree, of Harrisburg; Mrs. Mary E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Block.

**CIVIL WAR HERO DIES**  
Gettysburg, Pa., March 21.—Daniel S. Reigle, aged 75 years, a Civil War hero, died at his home near here yesterday from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Reigle was a member of the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania regiment during the war. General Sheridan ordered him to report to Washington for the purpose of having presented to him by President Lincoln a medal "for marked bravery displayed on the battlefield on the evening of October 19, near Middletown, Va., and for gallantly rushing forward through a terrific fire and capturing a rebel flag at the stone fence where the enemy's last stand was made."

**STUDENT MAY LOSE SIGHT**  
Carlisle, Pa., March 21.—Richard Russel, of Carlisle, will lose the sight of one eye and may be totally blinded through an accident in the chemistry department at Dickinson College yesterday. Young Russel poured hot sulphuric acid into mercury and an explosion followed. His face was badly burned and bits of glass from the receptacle holding the mercury, cut into his face and eyes. After receiving treatment from local physicians he was taken to Philadelphia, where he will be put under the care of specialists.

**LARGE BARN BURNED**  
Blain, Pa., March 21.—A barn on the Edward Johnson farm, near New Germantown, was burned with all its contents on Monday night. The barn was the largest in the upper end of Perry county. Ten head of cattle and a horse were burned. The loss will be about \$5,000.

**VALUABLE PROPERTY SOLD**  
Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 21.—Sale of one of the best business locations in town was made this week when the three-story brick building located on the Square, corner East Main and North Market streets, belonging to Mrs. Naomi S. Long, of Carlisle, was sold, through the agency of Happle & Swartz, to John M. Starr, of Huntingdon. The building will be remodelled and an up-to-date business house made on the lower floor.

**LANCASTER COUNTY DEATHS**  
Marietta, Pa., March 21.—Martin Weaver, aged 85, a well-known retired farmer, died Monday night at Goodville. He is survived by two children, a brother and a sister.

John Getz, of Kinderhook, aged 73, died Monday after a long illness. He is survived by his wife and several children.

**MILITARY COMMISSION NAMED**  
Baltimore, March 21.—Governor Harrington yesterday announced the appointment of a commission to report on the practicality of providing military education for youths between fourteen and twenty-one years of age and to creating a military reserve. The naming of such a commission was authorized by an act of the last Legislature.

## DEATH PENALTY IS A BACK NUMBER

### Noted Men Speak at the Hearing in the Hall of the House Yesterday

Declarations that the infliction of the death penalty is against the trend of the times characterized the three hour hearing given yesterday afternoon in the hall of the House of Representatives on the bills to abolish the death penalty. In addition judges, lawyers and others wrote letters against the continuance of capital punishment on the statute books, among them Warden John Francis, of the Western penitentiary. The committee will take action very shortly.

Chairman Beyer, of the House judiciary general committee, presided, and among speakers were District Attorney S. P. Rotan, William Draper Lewis, George M. Warner, prominent lawyer; Judge Joseph P. Rogers, Prof. J. P. Lichtenberger and Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia; Bishop J. H. Darrington, Harrisburg, and others.

District Attorney Rotan said the death penalty is not a deterrent, that there would be a better administration of justice in murder cases. He explained how hard it is to get first degree verdicts because they have an aversion to sending a man to his death. This results in the murderers getting five to twenty years in prison and with the reduction of time for good behavior, or possibly parole, many murderers are walking the streets while other men serve longer terms for lesser crimes, he said.

George W. Kirchway, of Columbia University, former warden of Sing Sing Prison, said the death penalty was a survival of barbarism. He gave his experience with about thirty murderers in the death house in that prison and with other criminals and declared

that the new penology that is coming will not classify criminals according to their crimes, but according to the mental characteristics of the individual.

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**SCHOOLBOY DISAPPEARS**  
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applications for a sufficient amount of insurance with an advance premium to at once place the company in such a position that it can furnish safe protection. Under the present laws of Pennsylvania anyone can organize a mutual company without providing what is considered as sufficient protection to the persons who become associated therewith. It does not prohibit any company from operating on the cash plan, but when cash policies are issued the company is required to maintain unearned premium reserves sufficient to protect the policyholders, and the members holding mutual contracts are not, therefore, liable for heavy assessments to pay the losses that may occur under the cash policies.

The bill does not affect any of the mutual companies already organized and doing business in Pennsylvania, but only such companies as may be hereafter organized, although all of the state's companies are given the opportunity in the act to accept its provisions and operate under it. This provision, it is held, does away with objections that might be raised by companies already licensed and doing business in the state. It also provides for the licensing of mutual companies of other states upon proper financial showing and under proper regulations. At the present time there is no provision in the law for licensing any but mutual fire insurance companies.

**"BLUE SKY" BILL AN IMPORTANT ONE**  
Would Give State Authority to Head Off Future Insurance Scandal

Considerable attention has been attracted in the Legislature by the Mearkle bill to provide "for the incorporation and regulation of mutual insurance companies," which was drafted by a committee of the Insurance Commissioners of the United States in conjunction with a committee of the representatives of the various mutual interests. It is designed to provide a uniform method for the organization and regulation of companies transacting insurance on the mutual plan. It has already been enacted into law in a number of the states and has been presented to the legislatures of twenty additional states this year.

It provides a specific method for organizing these companies and requires

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