

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

BOLARD BILL IS PASSED AT LAST

Fight Made in House, but It Got 116 Votes After Debate

The Bolard bill to require that all legal advertisements be published in newspapers published in the language of the land was passed finally in the House last night after a strenuous battle. The bill was defeated by a close vote last Tuesday and in the meantime many people have been active to have it enacted.

The bill was reconsidered last night and passed 116 to 63 in the presence of one of the largest audiences of the session. Mr. Curran, Washington, moved the reconsideration and Mr. Bolard, Crawford, its sponsor, spoke for it. Messrs. Glass, Golden, Baldi and Bennett, Philadelphia, and Alexander, Delaware, spoke against it. Mr. Martin, Allegheny, advocated the bill.

All the Dauphin Members voted for the bill as did Cumberland, Lebanon and other central Pennsylvania county men. Mr. Glass read a letter from Judge Joseph Buffington, of Erie, Pa., who said the bill was doubtful and some things not clear to him. Both Messrs. Bennett and Golden declared the principle in the bill against American ideas of freedom and praised the loyalty of the foreign born during the war. Mr. Martin vigorously championed the bill and when Mr. Alexander read an anonymous post card abusing him for voting against the bill last Tuesday, Mr. Bolard said it was an unfair matter and wrong to inject it into the debate.

Mr. Bolard said: "I think no more time should be taken by this House in talking of the patriotism of our boys 'over there,' but simply to consider the bill. We do not need to make patriotic speeches. Nearly all of us have boys who have been in the service and are patriotic. We do not need to make any patriotic speeches after the patriotism that has been shown by them. Now the question is merely the way legal practice is to be conducted, whether it is to be in half a dozen different foreign languages. Are we to be Americans in Pennsylvania, or are we to have half a dozen languages as they have in Europe, where they cross the border from one country to another? If we go into one district we would have to read in Italian, and in another district English. Is that the way we are to enact our laws? The entire point of this bill is to require every legal notice to be printed in English. This is a good thing for us as a nation. It is the proper thing for us as a state in all our legal proceedings. It is that that it is not to have any restrictions placed on the publication of legal notices. I say it is not unfair or unjust to require this, and it is not unfair to ask for a reconsideration of the bill. We have had this bill tried last week, unfortunately forty members happened to be absent at the time it was considered. Now I ask all of you and all of those forty who were not here to vote for this bill and hope that those forty are in line to vote for it.

To reconsider it now gives every one of the members a chance to go on record and show whether he is for or against this bill. "Now another point raised in reference to this bill is that it has been brought forth by the English Publishing newspapers. The bill did not come from foreign newspapers. It came from me personally because I was tired of having the notices published in a German newspaper, and I agreed to present this bill. Under the law at the present time a sheriff or other officer can do as he pleases. He can advertise in a German paper or Italian paper if he wants to. I differ from the gentleman from Philadelphia, (Mr. Glass) when he says the bill is unfair. After we acted on the bill the other day an attorney from Crawford county said it cost him \$130 for advertising in a German newspaper. It is simply nothing but a legal holdup, and I say it is absolutely unjust; and I say, gentlemen, the bill should have unanimous support of every man in this House. If any one is not interested in supporting any such German newspapers, or foreign tongue newspapers, I can see no argument in not supporting this bill. I ask you to support it, and I do not care to go into any discussion as to the loyalty or patriotism or anything of that sort, for we all know about that."

MEDICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS
Liverpool, Pa., March 25.—Dr. George M. Boggs, of Liverpool, who recently returned from France, has been elected first vice-president of the Perry County Medical Society. Other newly elected officers of the County Medical Association for the ensuing year are: President, Dr. H. O. Orris, Newport; second vice-president, Dr. J. A. Shebley, of Shermansdale; secretary-treasurer, Dr. L. S. Carl, of Newport; censors for county, Dr. E. B. Moore, New Bloomfield, and Dr. Charles E. DeLancey, of Newport.

SPROUL BILLS ARE UNDER WAY

The Most of Them Will Be Ready by First of April

Attorney General W. I. Schaffer said today that he had prepared bills for the creation of the departments of conservation and State police and an anti-sedition act. He expected to go over the proposed laws with Governor William C. Sproul and have the legislation ready for introduction before the Legislature adjourns this week. Thursday afternoon he will confer in Philadelphia with Harry Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, concerning the amendments he has prepared for the compensation law.

These bills, together with a "blue sky" act on fraudulent stock promotion schemes and few smaller pieces of legislation practically conclude the Sproul program, as measures to put on the books the other legislative subjects he advocates are now before the Legislature. It is the intention of the administration to take the "Blue Sky" bill now in the House. The measure is practically a re-draft of the Kansas law. The Banking Department will make a study of the bill and make any needed changes. It will be the same subject introduced last session by Representative John W. Vickerman of Allegheny.

Mr. Schaffer says the administration bill creating the Department of Conservation and bringing the activities of the Game, Fish, Forestry and Water Commissions or Departments under this new department. The Commissioner of Conservation will have in him all the powers these various bodies now have. There will be a deputy commissioner, an advisory council of nine and directors for the Game, Fish, Forestry and Water bureaus created. All of the various commissions now handling these matters will be abolished. The advisory council will be purely advisory, the powers of the commissioner being supreme.

The new Department of State Police will take over the present department and Fire Marshal's Department. Its affairs will be managed by companies of State police and this is to be increased to five. The State Police will be given authority to add in fire protection, but will not be made game wardens. The reorganization provides for a detective bureau which will be at the service of the authorities of the various counties in running down crime and keeping continuous records of crimes and criminals. This will include the establishment of a "rogue's gallery" and other modern methods of keeping track of the men with real criminal records. There are in the smaller counties that have no way of keeping these records together.

The Department of Fire Marshal will be abolished and its functions handled by a bureau of fire protection to add in fire protection. All inspection as to dangerous fire risks will be conducted by this bureau, thus putting an end to the present duplication of effort between the Fire Marshal and Labor and Industry Departments.

Library Will Be Given New Power

A bill reorganizing the State Library and Museum, will probably be presented to the Senate late this afternoon by Senator Frank A. Smith, Dauphin. The bill, which has the backing of the administration, changes the structure of the State Library organization, by abolishing the Free Library Commission, the Board of Trustees, and the advisory commission of public records. Under the new plan control of the State Library and the Museum, is vested entirely in the State Librarian and the Director of the Museum, without supervision from any outside source save the Governor. The bill would raise the salary of State Librarian Thomas Lynch, Montgomery, from \$5,000 to \$10,000, that of the deputy-librarian to \$4,000 and provides for a secretary at \$1,500, a messenger and shipping clerk at \$1,400, and a watchman and messenger at \$1,200 per year.

SESSION OF NIGHT SCHOOL
Blain, Pa., March 25.—The fifth session of the night school, conducted by the Agriculture Department of the Blain vocational school, was held by Nicholas Schmitz, of State College, who addressed an audience of farmers in the town hall on the subject of "Soy Beans." The school is preparing a Log Book which will be published some time before the commencement exercises in June.

JOINT OFFICES BILL ON WAYS

Smith Measure Will Reach the Lower House Before Long

Senator Frank A. Smith's Harrisburg bill, permitting the city and county to erect a joint office building, was passed by the Senate on second reading last night, and was scheduled to come up for a final vote this afternoon. Senator Smith is confident that the measure will receive the approval of the House and go to the Governor for approval in the very near future.

The desk of the late Senator Sterling R. Catlin, Luzerne, who died on Sunday, was heaped high with flowery last evening, the gift of the Luzerne county members of the House of Representatives. Senator William Crow, Fayette, chairman of the Republican State committee, in a short eulogy on Senator Catlin, referred to him as the "Dean of the State," both in age and years of service. Senator Crow also sponsored a resolution providing that the Senate attend the funeral of Senator Catlin, to-morrow, in a body.

The members will leave Harrisburg about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning for Wilkes-Barre. The arrangements for the funeral are in charge of W. Harry Baker, secretary of the Senate.

Senator Shantz, Lehigh, presented two bills which would make substantial changes in the present mode of government. The first measure provides that where a candidate for mayor or other elective office save that of city commissioner or councilman, receives more than half the total number of votes cast at the primary, he shall be the sole nominee at the general election.

The second Shantz bill permits of but one city assessment, providing that the city assessors shall furnish to the county commissioners and to the school board, copies of their assessment sheets. All county and school taxes are then to be levied with the city assessor's figures as a basis.

Senator Marlow, York, presented a bill establishing a new housing code, which would create a Bureau of Housing in the State Health Department. The code is designated as an intended to "protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of Pennsylvania, by regulating the light, ventilation, sanitation, fire protection, alteration, use and maintenance of dwellings and land connected with them. Approximately forty bills passed second reading last night, and come up for final action this morning and afternoon.

House Committee For Catlin Funeral

Speaker Spangler has appointed the following committee to attend the funeral of Senator Sterling R. Catlin at Wilkes-Barre to-morrow: Conrad G. Miller, Luzerne county; Peter Murphy, Luzerne county; Patrick H. Wynne, Luzerne county; Thomas J. Morgan, Luzerne county; Richard J. Powell, Luzerne county; John McKay, Luzerne county; Robert B. MacCullum, Luzerne county; James W. Brislin, Luzerne county; David Fowler, Lackawanna county; Hugh A. Dawson, Lackawanna county; Frederick C. Ehrhardt, Lackawanna county; Michael J. Ruddy, Lackawanna county; William W. Jones, Lackawanna county; David F. Davis, Lackawanna county; Joseph E. Phillips, Clearfield county; Sinclair Williams, Fayette county; George Williams, Tioga county; W. T. Ramsey, Delaware county; James A. Walker, Philadelphia county; Harry Zanders, Carbon county; John Coldsmit, Westmoreland county; John Fitzgibbon, McKean county; William C. Wagner, Allegheny county; William McCaig, Allegheny county; William Benning, Northumberland county; Robert S. Spangler, York county.

DRINKS MAY BE 2 3-4 STRONG

Bill Establishing a Standard of "Kick" Presented to the House

An act providing for enforcement of the prohibition amendment and declaring all liquors containing more than 23-4 per cent. of alcohol to be intoxicating was presented last night in the House by Mr. Ramsey, Delaware. The bill makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not over \$5,000 or imprisonment of not over a year or either or both for any person, corporation or partnership to engage after January 16, 1920, in manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within the State or to import or export them.

A series of bills relative to State charges and prisoners was presented by Mr. Hess, Lancaster. One provides for two additional members of the State Board of Charities and others for State industrial farms, extension of land for the Eastern penitentiary, regulating furnishing of supplies, forbidding paying a daily rate to wardens or others in charge of prisoners or convicts for maintenance; establishing six correctional farms, creating a committee of delinquency in the State; abolishing the Prison Labor Commission and requiring purchases of supplies for penal institutions from the State Board.

New Taxation Bill
A big bill establishing subjects for taxation in counties and in counties co-extensive with cities at a rate of four mills, including personal property, was introduced by Mr. Franklin, Philadelphia. It embodies many features of the present law.

Mr. Martin, Allegheny, introduced bills regulating instructors of blind in institutions and appropriating \$10,000, and Mr. Aron, Philadelphia, one requiring newspapers, periodicals, magazines and other publication to print time of going to press on first pages under penalty of \$1 fine for each copy not so printed.

Other bills presented included: Mr. Simpson, Allegheny—Establishing a State hospital west of the Alleghenies and appropriating \$25,000.

Mr. Shaffer, Columbia—Regulating annulment of charters of boroughs. Mr. Glass, Philadelphia—Authorizing private banks to have branch offices.

Mr. Pike, Montgomery—Regulating election of commissioners and assessors in first class townships.

Mr. Miller, Jefferson—Requiring school directors to expel unvaccinated children from schools.

Mr. Sowers, Philadelphia—Amending first class city act of 1885 so that offenses for which employees are dismissed must have occurred within six months and regulating hearings by the Civil Service Board after charges are filed.

Mr. Brady, Philadelphia—Prohibiting county commissioners from changing polling places when protests are filed in writing.

Mr. Miller, Susquehanna—Removing exemption of capital earned in manufacturing from the five mill State tax.

Mr. Lanier, York—A State housing code to be administered by the State Department of Health with definition of dwellings and other houses, providing for special education of children unable to keep up with classes or incapable of receiving proper education.

Mr. Milner, Philadelphia—Validating service in divorce cases when made on or before a return day.

Mr. Palmer, Schuylkill—Permitting persons to hunt and fish on wild lands, lands used for resorts and along streams used for domestic purposes.

Bills Passed
Providing for two per cent. of foreign fire insurance tax to be paid to municipalities.

Reorganizing State Legislative Reference Bureaus.

Appropriating \$250,000 for Valley Forge Park.

Bills providing for the construction of the compensation and old age pension commissions went back to the appropriations committee. The third class city building inspection bill was recommitted to judiciary general.

The Dawson bill authorizing the Auditor general to appoint clerks to assist registers of wills to collect inheritance taxes, which was defeated last week, was reconsidered.

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