

NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

SMITH'S BILLS GO TO GOVERNOR

Joint Contagious Disease Hospital Measure Passed by the House

The House of Representatives last night passed two more of the series of bills introduced in the Senate by Senator Frank A. Smith, of Dauphin, and they now go to the Governor for action. The Governor yesterday approved the Smith bill authorizing the construction of a joint city-county office building and the bills passed last night provide a way for third-class cities and counties to unite in the erection of a joint contagious disease hospital and clarifying laws for advertising for bridge contracts. The hospital bill is designed to facilitate the joint hospital planned for this city as a part of the model sanitary city.

The Martin bill proposing a constitutional amendment regulating removal of appointive officers was negatively reported. The Wallace third-class city bill was amended to provide for the ordinance carrying penalties and laid over.

The House passed the following: Permitting building and loan associations to make loans secured by Liberty Bonds.

Regulating acknowledgment of deeds.

Regulating ninety days' notice to tenants to vacate.

Increasing police magistrates in Pittsburgh.

The bill relative to costs of magistrates in civil cases was defeated after half an hour's debate between Messrs. Evans, Lancaster, sponsor of the bill, and Kennedy, Beaver.

Senate bills passed were: Regulating fees of notaries.

Exempting crude oil plants from minor labor.

Authorizing boroughs to make contracts with outlying districts for sewage disposal.

When Mr. Stadlander, Allegheny, sought unanimous consent to present a bill to allow municipalities to buy land for houses, Mr. Cox, Philadelphia, objected.

Representation of bills expired last week and Mr. Cox's action was taken to mean that consent to introduce bills will be hard to obtain.

STREET WALKING DANGERS TOLD

Startling Results of Army Investigations in Pennsylvania Cities Given

Representatives of the civilian activities of the War Department joined forces before the House Judiciary committee to urge prompt action on the Heber bill, drawn up to enable stricter enforcement of the laws against street walking and similar offenses by local authorities. The strongest pleas in behalf of the bill were made by army officers. Charles L. Miller, who directed a number of the Federal raids in cities in this State, representative of the law enforcement division of the War Department, presented the army side of the matter, while some startling results of investigations in various Pennsylvania cities were given. It was also urged that the bill would be in interest of protection of returning soldiers.

The speakers included Major M. L. Hays, Carlisle army hospital; Lieutenant Stanley Meyers, who has been in charge of law enforcement in Texas, and others, who spoke of the percentage of men drafted for the army infected with venereal diseases.

Dr. K. L. Gleason, of Erie, who recently returned from the front, Edward Hartman and M. T. Garvin, Lancaster; the Rev. L. S. Mudge, Harrisburg, and others spoke.

The Mearke Senate bill requiring lights on all vehicles on roads at night was ordered affirmatively reported by the House committee on public roads after a discussion on the measure. The committee also reported favorably the bill authorizing the State Highway Department to own and operate quarries.

The Scott bill for horse paths on State highways, a duplicate of which was presented in the Senate by President pro tem Buckman, was also ordered affirmatively reported. Changes will be made on second reading in the House.

The Phillips bill regulating standards of weights for payment of bituminous coal miners, was urged by a committee of miners from central Pennsylvania districts before the House labor and industry committee. B. M. Clark, of Pottsville, and John E. Eichenauer, of Pittsburgh, representing the two big Western Pennsylvania coal operators' associations, also appeared on the bill.

The State civil service bill was urged before the House municipal corporations committee by Ex-Representative Samuel B. Scott, Frank M. Riter and Albert Smith Faught, of Philadelphia.

Charles H. Bergner, of this city, representing the Pennsylvania railroad, and D. P. Reese, representing the Lackawanna and other systems, opposed the Riter bill to abolish grade crossing by procedure before the Public Service Commission as drastic and inopportune.

ROAD PROTECTION IS PROVIDED FOR

Tractors Must Comply With Law or State's Highways Will Be Harmed

Amendment of the Eyre tractor bill so as to provide for examination by the State Highway Department of all machines and refusal of license to those which do not conform to the provisions of the proposed bill, forbidding operation of machines with cleats on State highways, was agreed upon by legislators. Highway Commissioner Sadler, and his assistants, Secretary of Agriculture Rasmussen and manufacturers.

The highway authorities contended that the State is about to spend many millions on construction of highways and that some means of protection against machines which would damage surface must be provided. Experiments will be made to determine just what injury results from use of machines with the cleats commonly used and heavy machinery. Provision for operators who run in defiance of the law will also be inserted in the bill. Commissioner Sadler pointed out that there are 1,400 miles of bituminous surfaced roads in Pennsylvania and that when weather comes, machines not properly equipped do much damage. He insisted that all but eight per cent of the farmers of the State can be reached over roads of a type that will not be damaged by tractor engines and that while there are over 450,000 motor vehicles, there are only 3,000 tractors.

There was an interesting discussion of the problems. "All that we ask of you," said the Commissioner, "is that when your machines reach improved, thoroughly good roads steps to see that they do not crush through the top surface, or 'carpeting,' because when water once gets through this 'carpet' to the base of the road, and frost comes, the road is damaged."

A. B. Farquhar, of York, head of the A. B. Farquhar Company, and well known throughout the State, was spokesman for the manufacturer. "My idea of it is," said Mr. Farquhar, "that we manufacturers must not build tractors or traction engines which will damage the new roads you propose building. Personally, I would rather stop manufacturing tractors than be responsible for the tearing up of the thoroughfares of this State."

"I believe," said Senator T. L. Eyre, chairman of the Senate roads committee, "that we must protect our road investment."

Mr. Farquhar absolutely right," said Mr. Farquhar. "Your State Highway Department should have authority to protect the roads; and there is no denying the fact that the roads and narrow cleats cut the road surface. I would suggest that the Department before licensing tractors and traction engines, see to it that the machines come within the requirements of the law."

The Highway Commissioner called attention to the fact that in the Ditchbill, now approaching final action, the Department is given authority to stop the use of automobile trucks of a gross weight of more than 26,000 pounds.

"Knowing what weight we are to carry on our roads we are going to build the roads to carry that weight," said Commissioner Sadler. "What we must watch in the case of trucks is vibration—not abrasion, as in the case of traction engines. We are asking that you request your clients to aid us in solving this problem. We will see to it that motor vehicles live up to the law."

"I was informed to-day," interposed Senator Eyre, "that there are 3,000 trucks operating in Pennsylvania having a gross weight of more than 28,000 pounds when loaded."

"Senator," said the Highway Commissioner, "there are trucks running out of Philadelphia which weigh 40,000 pounds when loaded."

"It is not the intention of this Highway Department to abuse the power invested in us by the people," continued Commissioner Sadler. "Were we to abuse that power we would be removed—and we should be removed. Our aim is to protect the roads of Pennsylvania from damage from every source. We ask the co-operation not only of traction engine manufacturers and users, but users and manufacturers of all other vehicles."

GOVERNOR SEEKS BIG EDUCATOR

Tells Farmer Legislators Some Plans and Rasmussen Speaks

Legislators who own or operate farms got together at a country dinner last night and were told by Governor Sprout and Secretary of Agriculture Rasmussen some of their plans.

The Governor said that he had invited to become superintendent of public instruction, a man who will stand out as one of the best qualified for the position as can be found in this country, one who has had the best experience in educational matters of any man in the United States. If the man invited comes here, the Governor said, he will be a specialist in school management and especially so in the supervision of rural schools, in which he has had as much experience as any man in the world. The Governor would not name the man he has in mind.

The dinner was held at the legislative affairs of the State. The roast pig, the apple sauce, pumpkin pie, vegetables and other good things provided were put on the table and everybody helped himself.

Representative Charles C. Jordan, of Lawrence county, presided, and those who spoke, in addition to the Governor, were: Mr. Jordan, Frederick Rasmussen, secretary of agriculture, who explained the plans of his department; Lieutenant Governor Beidleman, President of the Senate; Buckman, Speaker of the House; and Senator Crowley, who expressed their interest in farming.

Mr. Jordan told the farmers that the object of the dinner was to create a larger interest in agricultural interests in the State. Pennsylvania, he said, ranked tenth as an agricultural State and if the same efforts were put into increasing the production of the State, it would be advancing the mineral interests of the State. Pennsylvania would soon rank seventh. The city and the country, he added, should get together, because one of the vital questions of the day is more food and better food.

Introducing Governor Sprout, Representative Jordan said: "Mr. Sprout was engaged in the same industry that war carried on in the Garden of Eden which caused so much trouble—that of apple raising. Governor Sprout praised the activities of the farmer, the grower of fruit, and the Highway Department, declaring that he felt satisfied that he had placed at the head of each of the best men that he could find."

After making his reference to the superintendent of public instruction, Governor Sprout expressed his pleasure over the way he is getting along with the members of the Legislature. He said that since he has gone to the other end of the Capitol, he has changed his mind about the Governor's office, and he now feels that there is no place, except possibly in the Senate, where he would be known about the Governor's office than in the Senate. When he views legislation now, he said, he has to do it making his own work out, "pass the buck" to anyone else.

Senator Crowley said he had always taken an interest in agriculture. He made a special plea for State College. It should be given better support by the State and should be made to stand along side any agricultural college in the State.

Secretary Rasmussen said that in advancing the agricultural interests of the State, social and economic conditions must be taken into consideration so as to keep intelligent people on the farms. One of his ambitions, he said, was to work out a plan to co-ordinate all agencies that are now in operation to improve farming. Federal aid should be allowed, but this aid should not be a general elimination of duplication in the State's work in enhancing the agricultural interests of Pennsylvania.

The Secretary said the people of the cities should see something more in agriculture than cheap food. When wages are raised in the cities, the price of farm products goes up, also, because the raising of the price brings competition for labor and the farmer has to raise the pay of his men to hold them and also has to pay more for the machinery manufactured in the cities. It would be a great thing, he said, if people better understood the relations of industry to agriculture.

Mr. Rasmussen spoke of the functions of the several bureaus coming under his jurisdiction. He said there should be more co-operation in the raising of cattle and that the farmers should organize in a business way along the lines that business in the cities organizes. Farmer institutes will be operated on a different plan, he said, and there will be co-operation with farm bureaus in counties where such exist. Regarding the Bureau of Markets, Mr. Rasmussen says, the next ten years will see more progress in the distribution of farm products than was made in the last fifty years. Some agencies now used in the production of products, he said, would be eliminated and their functions centered in the country.

Scoutmasters Receive Orders For Mobilization at Monthly Conference

The monthly supper and meeting of the Scoutmasters' Association of the Harrisburg Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. with over thirty officials present. Scout Commissioner W. H. Gorman, addressed the members on the various phases of civic good turns and also conveyed to the scoutmasters of the city the thanks of the police department for the effective work done at the recent parade by the Scouts. He also announced a new system of orders for mobilization. This will be in the form of a written request transmitted to every scoutmaster before the troop will be called upon for civic work. However, in the case of an emergency call the routine followed in the past will be carried out, i. e., a direct call to the scoutmaster by telephone.

He also read an appeal from the Red Cross asking for magazines for distribution to soldiers passing through the city, and to insure that the whole city is covered in the collection of magazines, the following districts have been assigned: First week in the month, all troops on the Hill, Penbrook and Paxtang; second week in the month, all troops in the central district north to Boas; third week, all troops from Boas to Muench; fourth week, all troops from Muench to city limits. Scoutmasters were urged to collect only new magazines as these are the only ones desired by the local Red Cross. All that are collected will be delivered to the Red Cross headquarters in the basement of the Public Library.

The scoutmasters expressed a keen interest in the latter subject as it will form part of the new efficiency chart being established at headquarters.

It was voted that on Tuesday, May 27, a reception to be held at scout headquarters to the new deputy commissioner. At this time it is hoped that all the new commissioners will be present and will become acquainted with the scoutmasters and their respective districts.

The instruction at the meeting on June 3 will be on astronomy, and a round table on how to conduct a hike.

State Orchestra and Glee Club's Program

The concert to be given by the Pennsylvania State Orchestra and Glee Club to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, their friends and the public, will be held in the hall of the House of Representatives, this evening at 7 o'clock.

The following program will be rendered: Overture, "Mignonette," J. Baumann; song, "America Triumphant," Demarest; selection, "The Red Mill," Herbert; song, "The Miracle of Love," McKee; waltzes, "The Princess Pat," Herbert; song, "March Onward," Geibel; finale, "Songs of the Nation," Lampe.

CONVENTION SCHEDULED

Two conventions are scheduled for the Penn-Harris Hotel next week: The Knights of the Mystic Chain will meet next Tuesday, and the Knights of St. George will meet next Saturday and Sunday.

Senate Passes Smith Bill to Reorganize Insurance Department

The Senate this morning passed finally Senator Smith's bill reorganizing the State Insurance Department. The measure now goes to the House for concurrence.

A State Department of Conservation will become a reality should the House pass the Buckman bill, which went through the Senate this morning 34-3. Under the provisions of this measure, the work of the Department of Forestry and Fisheries, the Board of Game Commissioners and the Water Supply and State Forestry Reservation Committee, is vested in the new department.

The salary of the commissioner of conservation is fixed at \$8,000 per year. The commissioner is to be assisted in his executive capacity by an advisory board of nine members. Senator Shantz, Lehigh, introduced a measure creating a civil service board of three members in third class cities, to examine candidates for the position of superintendent and assistant superintendent of plumbing, or for inspector and assistant inspector of plumbing.

A bill providing for the recovery and collection of municipal claims by action of assumpsit against the owner of property affected by municipal improvement, was presented by Senator Mearke, Allegheny.

Banking Commissioner Explains Holiday Measure

Commissioner of Banking John S. Fisher, who was besieged to-day by inquiries as to the effect of the legal holiday proclaimed yesterday by the Governor in accord with the legislative resolution honoring the 18th Division, made this statement: "The resolution adopted by the Legislature and the proclamation issued in pursuance thereof by the Governor making Thursday, the 15th Division, a legal holiday because of the home-coming of the Keystone Division, does not create such a holiday as will operate to suspend the usual and ordinary course of business by banks. This action of the State authorities was taken in just recognition of the splendid services of the Pennsylvania soldiers. While the holiday is possibly not fully legalized, nevertheless it is hoped that the banking institutions of the State will observe it in as full a measure as possible."

To End the Recess Appointment Plan

At a session of the Senate late yesterday afternoon Senator Shantz, Lehigh, presented a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the State Constitution. The amendment provides that after the adjournment of the Senate no officer may be appointed whose nomination the Senate had previously refused to confirm.

The measure is designed to avoid conditions such as existed under the Brumbaugh administration, when nominees for State office who failed to receive the approval of the Senate were appointed immediately after the adjournment of that body.

The recess appointment now stands as a result of the Supreme Court decision.

HURT BY FALL

Harry S. Zoller, 1126 Montgomery street, was slightly injured when he fell from an engine in the erecting shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was employed as a machinist.

Senate Committee Kills Spangler Bill

The Senate Committee on Agriculture yesterday afternoon killed in committee the much-discussed "dog" bill sponsored by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Robert S. Spangler, of York.

The measure, intended as an amendment to the present dog law, would make it obligatory upon constables to hold unlicensed dogs three days before shooting them. Under existing laws, the constables may shoot the unlicensed canines on sight. Representatives of the sheep raisers of the Commonwealth declared that the measure would work a hardship on their activities. Spangler and John R. K. Scott spoke in favor of the measure.

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Members Told to Talk on Outside

A suggestion that Messrs. Sowers, Philadelphia, and Simpson, Allegheny, go to the anteroom to settle a prolonged debate over a magistrate's court procedure bill was made by Mr. Williams, Tioga. The discussion got down to a dialog carried on in conversational tones and with neither seeking recognition from the Speaker. Mr. Simpson offered to go if Mr. Williams would referee. The House indulged in a laugh and defeated the bill, which was sponsored by Mr. Sowers.

When the debate bill providing for condemnation of land suitable for forest reserves came up, Mr. Phillips, Clearfield, called attention to the fact that it referred to the Department of Conservation, which, he said, had not yet been created. The bill was then postponed. Another Senate bill postponed related to collection of delinquent borough taxes.

REWARD FOR CROOKS

Five thousand dollars was voted by the House last night for arrest and conviction of persons sending "federal" machines or threatening letters through the mails. The resolution was ordered sent to the House for concurrence.

Face Peeling Habit Becoming Fashionable

Women of fashion and refinement seem to have been afflicted with the merciful wax habit, depending less and less upon cosmetics for their complexion. The wax habit is a lot saner to just peel off the worn-out skin when it loses its youthful color and appearance—now that this can be done so easily, safely, painlessly and economically.

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