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For some time, but we are through at last. We are all fixed up in apple pie order for the

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## LAW MAKING FOR THE STATE

Business Men Closely Watch the Wheels of Legislation.

### MANY INTERESTS AFFECTED

New Sources of Revenue in the Freight Lines and an Income Tax and Cheap Freights by Trolleys and Protection For Miners in Proposed New Laws.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Feb. 7.—Business interests of the state which have main offices in this city are watching very closely the introduction of bills in the legislature which affect their operations or which may interfere with their continued prosperity by occasioning extra expense, either for taxation or through regulations which are not now required. The commercial world is especially interested in a resolution which was introduced in the state senate by Senator Neely, of Clarion county, which has an important bearing upon the taxation of corporations and which may result in a large increase in the annual revenues of the state. The preamble of the resolution sets forth that there are certain companies, associations or corporations, doing business in Pennsylvania, organized and formed for the purpose of carrying freight, and commonly known as "fast freight lines," among others the Anchor line, Union line, Blue line, Green line, Union Tank line, Empire line and Merchants' line, that have capital invested in this state amounting to many millions of dollars, and that the records of the treasury department do not show that the said corporations have complied with the revenue laws of the state or paid taxes as required by law.

WANTS AN INVESTIGATION.

The resolution provides that if the house concur there shall be a committee appointed consisting of three members of the house of representatives, to be named by the speaker, and two members of the senate, to be named by the president, and that they be authorized to investigate the reason or cause for such failure to comply with the law and all matters connected therewith, with power to subpoena witnesses and compel by process their attendance, with such books and papers as may be deemed necessary; before them, the said committee, to give evidence in like manner as in any court of record; the report of said committee to be presented to this legislature not later than Wednesday, March 15, 1899, provided that the meetings of said committee shall be held in the city of Harrisburg, and provided further that the members of said committee shall serve without compensation, the only expense incident to the said investigation to be the fees of the stenographer, which the said committee is hereby authorized to employ, provision for which shall be inserted in the general appropriation bill.

AFTER RAILROAD COMPANIES.

The resolution was referred to the committee on judiciary special. Senator Neely also introduced a bill on the same subject, which will require railroad companies engaged in business under charters granted by the state to incorporate in their annual reports to the secretary of internal affairs the names of all express companies using or making shipments over their lines, together with the amounts received by said railroad companies and the amounts paid by said railroad companies by reason and on account of the business transacted between them in the carriage of express and freight matter and the employment of the rolling stock of the respective companies.

It is claimed that the passage of this bill will make subject to taxation immense sums of money made by certain freight companies which have heretofore escaped the tax gathering officials of the commonwealth.

The bill was referred to the committee on judiciary general.

MINE OWNERS CONCERNED.

Officers of the big mining and coal concerns which transact their business in this city show apprehension over the prospects of the passage of a bill which, if it becomes a law, would make the corporations or individuals owning mining properties financially, if not criminally, responsible for accidents to employees. This bill was introduced in the house at Harrisburg by Representative Tighe, of Luzerne. A decision of the supreme court relieves corporations from liability for damages for injuries to employees of mines when accidents causing the injuries are due to negligence of what are known as mine bosses, superintendents and foremen. This bill defines the relationship between mine bosses, superintendents and foremen of coal mines and persons, firms or corporations owning or operating the same, and provides that "in all actions for the recovery of damages against persons, firms or corporations owning or operating coal mines in this state brought by, or on behalf of, any employee of the same or by his heirs or legal representatives, for injuries sustained by said employee while acting as such, whether said injuries may have resulted fatally or otherwise, any act of negligence, whether of commission or omission on the part of any mine boss, superintendent or foreman which may have resulted in or in any degree made possible said injuries to any employee as aforesaid, shall be deemed and held to be the act of a representative or

agent or said persons, firms or corporations owning or operating said coal mines and not the act of a co-employee of the person injured."

The laboring interests will make this one of the special measures to be advocated, this session. They hold that frequently the lives of hundreds of men who have gone down in the mines are imperilled by the negligence of employees of the corporations, whereas if the companies were made liable for damages such neglect would not be likely to occur. The shutting off of ventilation or the stoppage of pumps has frequently caused the death of many miners.

FOR CHEAPER FREIGHT RATES.

At the offices of the steam railroads

in this city reports from Harrisburg are scanned daily to see what progress is being made by the proposed legislation which is favorable to the development of the trolley lines of the state. The steam roads will fight the proposition to give the trolleys the right of eminent domain and they will also bitterly oppose the bill which gives the trolley roads the right to carry freight, express packages and the United States mails. There is a movement among the grangers in favor of these bills, as it is claimed their passage will not only be a great convenience to the farmers living along the lines of the trolleys, but that the competition between the trolleys and the steam roads will have a tendency to reduce freight on the transportation of milk, butter, eggs and other farm products, which are frequently shipped but short distances to market. Many members of the legislature have received letters from their constituents requesting them to vote for these bills.

MILLIONAIRES ARE ALARMED.

A bill which has already brought forth denunciations from the millionaires and other monied men in this city and, for that matter, in all sections of the state, is that of Senator Gibson, of Erie, which provides for an income tax. It proposes to assess, levy and collect a state income tax as follows: To tax gains, profits or incomes derived from any kind of property, rents, interests, dividends or salary, or from any profession, trade, employment or vocation carried on in this state, a tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent on all sums between \$1,000 and \$5,000; two-tenths of 1 per cent on sums between \$5,000 and \$10,000; three-tenths of 1 per cent on sums between \$10,000 and \$20,000; four-tenths of 1 per cent on all sums between \$20,000 and \$30,000; five-tenths of 1 per cent on all sums between \$30,000 and \$50,000, and one mill of additional taxation shall be added for every additional \$5,000 up to \$100,000; 3 per cent on all sums above \$100,000. Interest on bonds or securities of this state and of the United States are exempt from taxation. The word income, as used in the act shall be taken to mean gross profit. The tax is to be collected by the present tax collection system, and all persons liable under the act must make a sworn statement of a complete and full return of their gains, profits and income.

### ARE BLOCKING LEGISLATION.

Consideration of Appropriations For the Care of Charitable Institutions, Hospitals and the Common Schools Seriously Interfered With by the Tactics of These Political Insurgents.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Feb. 7.—There has been no material change in the senatorial situation. The deadlock continues. It is not likely to be broken for some time. Conditions, while they are daily becoming more favorable to the re-election of Senator Quay, are not such as to warrant a prediction of an early breaking of the deadlock. The contending forces are arrayed in solid columns. Though there is great discontent manifested among the people at the blocking of the wheels of legislation, the alleged Republicans who are holding out against the caucus nominee have up to date shown no signs of falling in with the wish of a large majority of the Republicans of the state.

That the members of the regular party organization do not propose to allow the action of the bolters to go unnoticed is indicated by the declarations that come every day from Republican clubs, county committees and ward organizations in the large cities. Wayne county leads off with strong resolutions which must not have been pleasing to Representative Norton, of that county, who has thus far voted with the bolters. Senator Hardenburg, of Wayne county, has stood loyally by Senator Quay, the caucus nominee, and his course has been commended by his party associates. The bolters from Chester county have come in for vigorous denunciation from the Republican city committee of Chester, which last week re-elected the officers, who are all Quay men, and adopted ringing resolutions which declared their belief in the principle that the majority shall rule and that any Republican who expects to maintain his standing in the party organization must recognize that idea and support the nominees of all convention or caucus action. Republican organizations in Senator Henry's district, in Philadelphia, are asking him to resign.

It is not merely a matter of party fealty that concerns many who have expressed themselves as heartily sick and tired of the tactics of the bolting Republicans, but they fear that a continuation of the deadlock means serious danger to many interests of the commonwealth. These bolters should accept the choice of two-thirds of the Republican members for senator, break the deadlock and let the public business proceed. They must be held responsible for the obstruction of all legislation if they do not. There are

many matters which should be pressed to conclusion at once in this legislature. There can be no more important subject than the raising of revenue to meet the requirements of the various institutions which require money from the state have not been looked after at all and it is not likely that anything can be done until the senatorial issue is disposed of and matters settle down to normal conditions. There is talk of leading Republicans interested in the various charitable institutions and schools and hospitals taking concerted action to force the bolting Republicans into line for the caucus nominee. Already in several counties appeals have been made by the friends of these institutions to write to their representatives who may be acting with the bolters and to urge them to drop factional feeling and turn in for Senator Quay's re-election.

Besides these appropriation matters, there are several bills of great importance to the masses in the way of securing revenue from corporations to meet the current and special expenses of the state. There is a feeling that the corporations of Pennsylvania do not pay their share of the taxes, and with a view to remedy this defect in the revenue laws, a number of bills have been introduced by leading members of the senate and the house. Of course, none of these measures is likely to become a law as long as the deadlock continues.

QUAY MEN CONFIDENT.

The Quay forces have reason to be satisfied with the developments of the last week. While there was no reason to make the McCarrell jury bill a political or factional issue, the Quay men stood nearly solidly for the bill and succeeded in passing it in the senate. When the bill came before the house committee on judiciary general, they once more scored a victory, and the bill was reported to the house with a favorable recommendation.

The next move of the anti-Quay Republicans was to get their friends among the Democrats to call a caucus of the Democratic members of the house to make the bill a political measure and line up the Democrats against it. There was a regular circus when this caucus took up the matter. A dozen lusty Democrats made vigorous speeches denouncing the attempt to work the Democratic party to satisfy the revengeful and spiteful feelings of a few bolting Republicans. They made it so hot for those who called the caucus that they withdrew the resolution to make the matter a party measure and adjourned. This caucus served to demonstrate the bitter feeling many of the Democrats have toward the men like Martin, Flinn, Wanamaker and the other leaders of the insurgents who have sought to use the Democrats for their selfish purposes, and also have given the Democrats nothing.

The weakness of the position of the 52 bolting Republicans is shown in an analysis of the situation.

ONLY QUAY CAN BE ELECTED.

Representative Charles E. Voorhees, of Philadelphia, vice chairman of the Quay steering committee, who has charge of the pairing of the Republican members of the house, when asked about the claim of the anti-Quay leaders that several members who have been voting for Quay would this week transfer their votes to an independent candidate, authorized the following statement:

"Yes, I have heard these reports. I have heard them almost daily since the balloting began. Any one who has carefully reviewed the matter will appreciate the fact, however, that charges of this character would have no material effect upon the situation. Nobody but Quay can be elected. The senator's forces have the unity of action and of purpose. His opponents are divided in both. There is nothing in common between Martin and Flinn on the one side and Wanamaker on the other. Wanamaker wants to be United States senator now, not four years hence. Martin aims to succeed Senator Penrose four years hence, and therefore would not stand for his fellow Philadelphian now. Flinn thinks that the Quay men will weary of the contest, and that most of them will then break to Magee. Although absolutely loyal to Quay, Magee would be heartily supported by both Martin and Flinn.

NO SERIOUS BREAK FEARED.

"No serious break can be made in the Quay lines, even if the legislature shall adjourn without electing a United States senator. This means either that the 52 bolting Republicans must be joined by 74 Democrats or that the 87 Democrats must be reinforced by 29 bolting Republicans in order to elect, in the former case a Republican as Quay's successor, or in the other case a Democrat. But the bolting Republicans have declared their purpose to elect a Republican, and it is certain that not half of the necessary number of Democrats would join them in that effort.

"I know that bolting Republicans claim that half a dozen supporters of Quay can be drawn away from him. We do not believe that they can break our lines. But for argument's sake concede them those six. That would reduce Quay's vote to, say, 107, and increase the number of bolting Republicans to 58. What could those 58 do without the 68 Democrats necessary to make up the 125, a bare majority of the members of the legislature? Any amount of pairing would, of course, continue the relative strength of the contending forces in the same proportions. Therefore, nothing can be figured out but the election of Quay or the adjournment of the legislature without electing a senator."