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Letter from Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, PA., Mar. 13, 1895.

EDITOR POST:

The House got down to work in good earnest on Monday evening and kept up a lively pace during the week.

The resolution, fixing the 25th of April as the date for final adjournment, is lying on the table. No one, or at least very few expect to get away by that time. Bills are being introduced every day and as long as they are coming in to load down the already burdened calendar there is little prospect of getting away before the crow's appetite is whetted by the sprouting corn.

The introduction of bills may be denied after next week, a matter which is absolutely necessary in order that the work may be properly systematized and inspected. In order that the business may be more vigorously pushed, three sessions will be held each day instead of two.

Steering Committee.

There is some talk of the appointment of a Steering Committee whose duty it would be to sift the calendar of all useless and trashy bills and direct legislation in general. One great objection to the appointment of such a committee is the fact that almost every member that has a bill on file deems it of sufficient merit to receive the endorsement of the House, and consequently would be opposed to entrust the judgment of the House into a committee of three or five persons. As for myself I prefer to do my own steering.

Dr. Warren's Bird Book got it in the neck.

Dr. Warren was again disappointed in not receiving the Governor's approval of the bill, providing for the publication by the State for gratuitous distribution of 24,000 copies of his valuable work on the birds and mammals of Pennsylvania. Dr. Warren is recognized as one of the leading ornithologists of the country and many will regret that the revenues of the state would not permit the necessary expenditure of money to publish the book at this time.

The Governor has the following to say in explanation of his veto:

"Notwithstanding the popularity and value of the work and the general demand made upon me, especially by the farming people of the State, to sign the bill, I am of the opinion that in the present condition of financial and business affairs, it is not economy to expendt his sum of money for such purpose: This proposed edition, valuable and popular as it would be, can be dispensed with, and I place the withholding of my approval upon the ground that the finances of the State will not warrant the expenditure of the money at the present time."

Under the plan of distribution about fifty copies would have been allotted to each member, scarcely a sufficient number to make a start.

Persons will know, of course, why there will be no "Bird Books" to distribute this year.

Quay County.

The wary junior United States Senator is to be honored in a way that does not appear to be extremely acceptable to him if newspaper reports count for anything. A new county, is to be carved out of that of Luzerne and Schuylkill counties which is to be called Quay. The bill has been favorably reported against the protest of a great number of people from that section and rumor has it that it may pass. A week ago several hundred "No New County" men appeared before the committee to protest.

The Compulsory Bill passed the House. The bill, compelling attendance at school of children between the ages of eight and thirteen years for sixteen weeks in a year, passed the House finally on Tuesday.

Several speeches were made against its passage although only thirteen votes were recorded in the negative, the democrats refrained from voting.

Before the vote was taken a little scrap took place between Lytle of Huntingdon, who had been called to the chair by speaker Walton and Fow, the windy Democrat from Philadelphia. Dilatory measures had been resorted to after which some one moved the previous question which was carried. At this point Mr. Fow moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Education. Mr. Lytle ruled that nothing was in order but the calling of the roll.

Mr. Fow insisted on his motion to recommit, shouting: "I know my rights as a member of the House and I know the rules of the House. The people will be told how this measure was forced through." Bedlam had broken loose for a while, members crowded around Mr. Fow's desk.

Mr. Lytle waxed warm, grew red, pounded the desk vigorously, and ordered the clerk to continue the roll call.

The vote was taken amid great confusion.

A similar bill was passed at two previous sessions and it was fated to go through this time.

Your correspondent voted against the measure for the following reasons:

1. "Free attendance upon free schools seems to most befit a free people."

2. Investigation convinces me that such a law is most difficult to enforce, particularly in agricultural communities:

3. Secretaries of school boards are mainly burdened with the responsibility of its enforcement.

4. The law enforced might work hardships on persons who are least able to bear them.

5. The same amount of money and energy necessary to make the law operative would if directed to the strengthening and intensifying of the system as we now have it, be productive of as much good.

The Smith Garb Bill.

The bill, prohibiting teachers employed in our public schools from wearing any garb, emblem, or insignia indicative of their adherence to any church or creed, was called up on second reading and after considerable opposition passed on second reading. It was denounced by Mr. Seyfert of Lancaster county as the most "vicious, atrocious, outrageous, and un-American measure ever introduced." He declared that a great many protestants wore peculiar garbs, that it was a direct blow against the Roman Catholic church but at the same time affected the Mennonites, Germans, Baptists, Quakers, Dunkards, and Schwenkfelters all of whom are of the best citizens in the Commonwealth. There is a pronounced sentiment in favor of the bill and unless all signs fail it will pass the House finally.

The New Jersey Senate defeated a similar bill a few days ago, but I don't believe that the Pennsylvania Senate will do likewise.

The bill abolishing the December registry passed the House with one vote to spare. I hope that it will pass the Senate. It is in the line of of economy by removing an expense of $200 or $300 for which there is scarcely any return.

The bill abolishing the office of Jury commissioners and the one providing for expenses of directors in attendance at the triennial convention to elect a county superintendent, were defeated.

Douglass Memorial Services.

A society of colored citizens held memorial services in honor of Frederick Douglass in the House of Representative on Thursday night. A number of speeches, eulogistic of the dead hero, were delivered by colored orators.

Douglass was perhaps the most distinguished of his race. He was the Moses to his people on their march from bondage to freedom, and the nation has had few men who exhibited more self-sacrifice and devotion to duty than was shown by this man, an orator, a philanthropist.

Quay visits the Governor.

Senator Quay came to the city, called on the Governor, and hied himself away before the smaller statesmen had an opportunity to pay their respects. Of course every one has a different opinion as to the results of the conference. A number of Phila. appointments are pending and it is apparent that the Martin-Porter combine is compelled to fight for every inch of disputed ground. Penrose with his daughty Durham are a match to their skillful foe. The Philadelphia Republicans can't afford to quarrel but if they must fight I venture to say that there will be some lively scimmages before the battle is over. Quay proposes to get to Harrisburg again about the first of April.

Marshall Pipe Line Bill Approved.

Contrary to the expectation of a great many, the Governor signed the Pipe Line Bill. This bill was commented upon by the leading papers all over the State and the general sentiment appeared to be that the oil industry should not be disturbed by legislation. We voted against this bill, believing that by so doing we would best serve the people and we are not sorry the approval of the Governor notwithstanding. Among other things the Governor gives the following reasons for signing the bill. "It would seem that when a new oil field is opened, there may be for some time room for two or more pipe lines for the transportation of oil, but later on, by reason of the decrease of production, one is abundantly sufficient to do the business. To permit the act of 1883 to remain upon the statute books is to prevent non-paying and useless pipe line companies, or individuals owning pipe lines from selling their stocks, their bonds or their corporate franchises to any person or corporation that may be willing to buy them.

"I am convinced, after a hearing of both sides of this controversy, and upon the fullest investigation, that the effect of the act of 1883 is directly the reverse of its ostensible object. Instead of encouraging competition and fostering the building of pipe lines to compete with each other, the fact that, when the property becomes unprofitable, the owners are prohibited by law from selling it, must necessarily discourage investors in such enterprises.

"All legislation, the tendency of which is to control, hamper or restrain individual enterprise, should in my opinion, be closely scanned, and unless some great public reason exists to the contrary, it is much better that all commercial enterprises should remain unfettered."

Dr. B. F. Wagenseller came down to the city last Wednesday. He said his visit had no political significance. The Doctor however, is too sprightly yet to retire from the participation in questions political.

Mr. Pawling, of West Milton, and his bride, who is the accomplished daughter of our friend Prof. Wm Moyer, of Freeburg, stopped off at the capitol city on their wedding tour long enough to take in the sights on the Hill. The writer took pleasure in escorting them through the different departments. From here they left for Washington and other cities.

C. W. H.

PORT TREVERTON.

MR. EDITOR.—We want to refute an inference thrown out in your valuable paper of last week's issue by your Port Trevorton correspondent, viz: "All the talk in our town is on church matters, politics is all laid aside, our election was not whether the nominee makes the best officer, but whether he is a "Dubsite" or an "Esherite." After reading this the reader would naturally infer "that the woods were full" of Esherites down here. Just the reverse being the case. Port Trevorton Evangelical church is composed of 73 members and a growing K. L. C. E. Women's Aid Society and a Sunday School with 140 members on its rolls. Many of the older people built this church, and when the decision came, refused to recognize Rev. Wilson as their pastor, not wishing to throw out their pastor Rev. Davis who had indeared himself to them in various ways the last two years. Besides last summer they had repaired the church and parsonage to the extent of several hundred dollars. Most of the congregation are poor people and the money they contributed to repair the church and parsonage was earned by hard manual labor.

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Tuesday March 19 1895, Henry Pontius of Monroe township will sell Live stock, Farming implements and Household goods 2 miles North East of Kratzerville.

Tuesday, Mar. 5th Perry Aurand, 2 miles from Kreamer, will sell 3 horses, 6 head of cattle farming implements, and household goods.

Thursday, Mar. 7th 1895, 3 miles west of Middleburgh A. H. Klose will sell 4 horses, 7 cows & all kinds of farming implements.

Tuesday Mar. 12th, Amos Bowersox of Franklin Twp, will sell 2 horses, 4 cows farming implements and household goods, 1½ miles west of Middleburg.

Thursday Mar 14th, 4 miles south east of Troxeville, Geo. S. Kline will sell 4 horses, 6 cows, 6 shoats and all kinds of farming implements.

Friday Mar 22nd Wm. Wenrich, two miles west of Middleburgh, will sell 7 horses, 11 head of cattle and all kinds of farming implements.

Thursday Mar. 21st 1895, 2½ miles South East of Richfield Joel Reichenbach will sell 2 mules 3 horses, and all kinds of farming implements.

Saturday, Mar. 9th Zachariah Moyer will sell at the residence of Mrs. John Hackenberg 4 miles N. W. of Middleburgh, 2 horses and all kinds of farming implements.

Saturday, Mar. 30th Mrs. Hattie Smith will sell Hotel Fixtures and Furniture at the Central Hotel, Middleburg.

Monday Mar. 11th Ezra Roush will sell live stock and Farming implements at Mt. Pleasant Mills.

Saturday Mar. 23rd Geo. I Kline will sell live stock and Farming Implements 1 mile south East of Centreville.

Wednesday, Mar. 20th, S. J. Bilger will sell Personal property in Washington Township, 1 mile East of Mt. Pleasant Mills and 2 miles North of Freeburg.

Saturday, Mar. 9th 1895. A. C. Field will sell at New Berlin, Live stock and Farming implements.

Saturday, Mar. 16th, Chas. E. Steininger will sell Live stock and farming implements, ½ mile West of Middleburgh.

Saturday Mar 23rd, Allen Moyer will sell 4 horses 2 cows, 5 buggies and other livery fixtures in Middleburgh.

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