

The Teachers' Contest.

The interest in the Power's Prize Contest continues to increase. It would not be fair at this time to disclose how the vote stands, yet all the readers should know for whom votes are deposited. The names follow in alphabetical order:

- Hansy, Michael, Kanitz, Charles, Edwin, Fort Trevorton, Gill, A. W., Middletown, Keller, Laura, Adamsburg, Kuhn, William, Shamokin Dam, Landis, C. W., Freeburg, Livingston, Lizzie, Selinsgrove, Leminger, H. S., Franklin Township, Specht, Charles, E., Swineford, Uplinger, D. F., Mt. Pleasant Mills, Zechman, W. J., Troxville.

Out this out and bring or mail to the PCST.

On the 1st of August the National Guard will encamp as follows: The First and Third Brigades from August 20 to 27 inclusive; the Second Brigade from August 3 to 10 inclusive. The place of encampment for each brigade will be designated by the brigade commander. The annual inspection will be made by the Inspector General. The quartermaster and commissary departments will furnish necessary transportation, quartermaster stores, camp and garrison equipments and subsistence. The adjutant general has issued the usual orders relative to these inspections.

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A big timber land transaction was consummated at Shenandoah by the sale of 30,000 acres located at Caminal, Lycoming county, and about forty miles north of Williamsport. The sale was made by Charles E. Titman of this town, who is about retiring from the business and the purchasers were Dr. J. S. Kistler, John Robbins and H. W. Titman, also of this place. The sale includes the railroad which extends from Caminal through the timber land. The tract has been one of the main sources of supply for pine timber used in this region.

While a great electric storm was in progress Saturday afternoon a cloudburst tore out a mile of Terrace mountain in Jack's Narrows, seven miles east of Huntingdon. Thousands of tons of earth and rocks fell upon the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad, carrying away the rails and demolishing the roadbed. The landslide swept away part of a freight train that was passing, but nobody was hurt.

At the Malby mine, Wilkesbarre, John Steve, a miner with a naked lamp, ignited

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Letter from Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 14, 1895. Editor Post: The end of the session is fast approaching which fact was evidenced last week when the Committee on Rules reported an order of business that dispenses with the reading of House bills on second reading. This does not mean, however, that all bills which have not reached that a advancement will be prevented from being considered.

It would not be fair to summarize crowd bills from the calendar or block the consideration of them and it was asserted by the Committee on Rules that a second reading calendar would be prepared whenever important bills were to be considered. Special calendars will be prepared for Revenue, Appropriation, and Appropriation bills. All bills, making appropriations to charitable and educational institutions not wholly under State control, require a two-thirds vote of all member-elect to pass. A great many members have pet schemes or measures to sponsor, some of which have gone overboard and as a result everything is not rosy and peaceful.

A good deal of log rolling will be indulged in from this time to the end and it will be necessary to provide an extra supply of clubs to kill the snakes that may have the effrontery to stalk undaunted through the legislative mill.

School Directors to qualify each other.

Several years ago a law was passed compelling school directors to subscribe to an oath of office before entering upon their duties. That law in many instances put boards in the rural districts to great inconvenience because it was necessary to qualify before a person duly authorized to administer such oaths. A bill passed the House to authorize directors to qualify each other before entering upon the duties of their offices. If the bill will become a law it will remove such inconvenience, a very desirable feature since school boards are obliged to do a great deal of work without any monetary consideration.

ing liquors on Memorial day. A great deal of bluster has been occasioned by the bill, providing that the sale, furnishing or gift of intoxicating liquors be prevented on Memorial day. There are about 50 old soldiers in the House and the great majority of them are favorable to the bill. A few take a decided stand against the measure. A number of petitions have been offered both for and against the bill; a number of protests coming from the old soldiers. The bill is on third reading and it will have rough sailing, if it will be able at all to withstand the onslaught of its enemies, before it will get a place among the laws enacted during this session.

The Appellate Court Bill. This bill is still hanging in the House but Mr. Kunkel, its sponsor, means to call it up during the week. There is a great deal of opposition to the measure, particularly among the members from the country, but, notwithstanding the friends of the bill claim that they have enough votes pledged to pass the bill. This new court may be needed but in the judgment of the writer the Judiciary will cost the State too much money if all the schemes offered this session will become laws. The first and most nonsensical is the pension that the poor judges, that may retire under the pending act, are to receive.

The second increase in cost comes from the unwarranted increase of the number of judges as provided in the pending Judicial apportionment bill. There is no necessity to provide for eight additional district Judges, if several of the proposed districts are any indication of the amount of work that should be imposed upon one man. The establishment of this intermediate court would add a cost of at least \$50,000 and more a year—an expense which I think is not at all commensurate with the requirements. The revenues of the state will not allow any unnecessary expenditures and it appears to me that the cost it will require to maintain this court can be dispensed with.

The "Greater Pittsburghers" Celebration. Invitations have been sent to the members and Senators by the promoters of the Greater-Pittsburgh to a banquet at Russ' this city. Senators Flinn and Chris. L. Magee and their friends have reason to rejoice over their achievements and there can be no doubt that they will do it right royally to their guests on that occasion.

The School-text Book Bill. What is known as the McQuown book bill was finally killed last week. It was knocked down several times but by careful grooming it was revived as often. The bill was decidedly objectionable to many members who thought it was in favor of one or at least a few book concerns.

The writer received several petitions from different parts of the county protesting against the passage of the bill which were duly presented and filed. What is known as the Douthett bill passed the House but will likely die in the senate. That measure proposes to revolutionize the text book business in the State. It is almost an exact copy of the Ohio law. It provides that the Governor, State Supt. of schools and the Sec. of the Commonwealth shall constitute a commission.

This Commission is to get prices, samples, etc., from all the publishers whose books are used in the schools and there fix a price which is to be certain per centum of the wholesale prices. School boards are there to buy at the prices stipulated, etc. There are some good features in the bill but others can't help but work injury to the schools.

The distribution of the money appropriated to the support of the schools is a bone of contention. The Smith bill which was lost about a week ago was resuscitated and is again on the calendar. In the mean time another bill passed second reading. So that two bills different in plan but alike in purpose are on third reading. The Phila. delegation, of course, prefer to be let alone in this respect. A proposition has been made that all districts should raise at least half as much as they get from the State. While it is true that local interest must be maintained if we are to get the best results from our schools yet the writer asserts that any scheme of that kind discriminates against the poorer districts exactly the opposite of what it should be. Several years ago when the revenue bill was adopted the cry went up that enough funds would be forthcoming to pay the entire cost of the schools. The plan now seems to be

to coerce districts, a plan that is decidedly objectionable. A bill to allow female school teachers the same compensation as male teachers for the same grade of work passed the House and is now in the Senate.

Notes. Mrs. Herman and children spent several days very pleasantly here and in Phila.

John Wanamater, the merchant prince, gave a reception to the Governor last Friday to which the members were invited. Many went and report a very pleasant time. It may be possible that the ex-Postmaster General has United States senatorial aspirations. Well, what if he has? The Penrose resolution to investigate the workings of the Bullitt bill in Phila. is to pass the Senate. Some of the politicians don't appear to favor this Lexowen but if the garments are all clean it will hurt no one and if any are polluted a little exposure may do no harm. Let it come.

The Bill creating the office of Deputy Auditor General defeated. One of the first bills providing an additional office and fixing duties and salaries, went down on final passage with a "thud" that carries little encouragement to parties interested in similar measures still pending. The House appears to realize at last that there are a great many more fellows anxious to serve the people than the State can afford to pay and very properly the House is unwilling to provide places that are not absolutely required. The writer is of the opinion that the State could dispense with other appendages without suffering much loss or inconvenience.

Revenue Bill. The Revenue bill which was prepared by the Tax Conference appointed several years ago passed second reading without amendments. An unsuccessful effort was made to reduce the tax on the premiums of foreign loan and building associations. It is claimed that this measure will increase the revenues and at the same time relieve local taxation. I should be glad to give a general outline of the bill since it is important to all taxpayers, but space forbids it. I may be permitted to speak more fully of the measure in my next letter.

In behalf of "Old Glory." The bill, making it mandatory for school directors to place a flag upon school houses, was so amended as to leave it discretionary with school boards. That is right in my judgment. This may not be a patriotic age but I question whether the simple fact of a forced floating of the stars and stripes over our school houses will in itself teach the youth of our land the story of our great country. The unselfish devotion, the sacrifice, the heroism, and untold suffering of the fathers are a few of the lessons that must be learned before we can properly appreciate the institutions bequeathed unto us.

To Legalize Dehorning of Cattle. A great deal of merriment was occasioned by the discussion of the bill to legalize the dehorning of cattle. Some humorous fellow who objected to the further application of the principle offered an amendment that the provision of the bill should not apply to hydraulic rams. Another argued that if the animal should be robbed of its beauty and means of defense just because it sometimes used its horns for its own protection that for the same reason the noble animal should be detailed. The bill lacked a few votes.

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The Chicago Tribune... The Pan-American congress of religion and education will meet in Toronto in July. and sell in the same market with the Ontario... should become necessary.