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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLAURE.

Senate and House Well Attended at Open-
ing Session.

The Senate chamber presented a very uni-
fied appearance Tuesday morning, there
being, beside the Senators, a large attend-
ance of visitors, who crowded the lobbies
and corridors and the space back of the
chamber. A number of halos were present.
A handsome chamber was made more
attractive by the many pretty floral tributes
sent by friends on the senators' desks.

IN THE HOUSE.

The handsome hall of the House of Repre-

lative was crowded with members, Republicans and spectators from the time it opened at 8 o'clock until the assemblyman were seated together at the noon hour by Chief Clerk Fetterolf. Many changes have been made in the room since the close of the last session. The ceiling has been lowered to give a roomier and a handsomer effect, and numerous other changes made. The effect of this improvement is seen in the remarkable change in the acoustical properties of the room. There were floral tributes on desks of many members, from friends and constituents.

John A. Linn of Philadelphia, and M. J. Lehman, of Allentown, were nominated as Republican and Democratic candidates for speaker of the House. Mr. Boyer received 31 votes and Mr. Lehman 33 votes. Mr. Boyer's sworn in made a short address.

After the House was called to order prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Binkley, a minister from the Twenty-fourth Philadelphia district. The members arrayed themselves before the bar of the House in groups of 20 to take the oath administered by Judge Bennett, of Harrisburg. The judge was escorted to the presence of the House by James E. Vourhees and Charles A. Muehlenbachs.

The returns of the last election for general assembly were presented by Gen. Frank Fisher, secretary of the Commonwealth. They were opened and read by Chief Clerk Fetterolf. To hurry the business, a motion was made that the clerks read only the names of the members. Every member answered to his name when the roll was called by Reading Clerk Watkins.

The election of Jere B. Rex, of Huntingdon, as chief clerk, followed. He was ap-

by James Sweeney, of Hazelton. Mr. Sweeney had 167 and Mr. Sweeney 30 votes. A. Fetterolf, of Montserrat, was elected clerk. He received 167 votes. His Democratic opponent, John Dehoney, of Bristol, was given 32 votes. The usual committee to notify the Governor and attend to other duties were appointed. The joint Republican caucus nominated Penrose to be Senator. Cameron's successor. The total vote cast for the various candidates were: Penrose 133, Wanamaker 10, Senator Cameron 1, Congressman Robin-

re Charles E. Rice, presiding judge of the court. I.

The session of the Legislature held a recess Wednesday morning, and then a recess until January 18 to allow the bidding officers time to prepare the list of bidders.

Mayor Bates Penrose and ex-Lieut.-Gov. Percy F. Black were formally nominated to the House for United States senator, and John W. Gubin and Longsight for the House. H. Speer were appointed tellers. The election will be held at a joint convention of both Houses January 18.

Contrary to all precedent, bills were introduced in the Senate. No bills will be put in House until after the committee have appointed a senator. A bill introduced for the creation of the office of tax collector in cities of the third class, to regulate service in cities of the third class, relating to the division of wards in cities of third class. All of the above were introduced by the convention of cities of the third class held in Williamsport last August. The last two bills are appointments of not-a-legal-made during the recess were introduced by the Senate. Mr. Coyle introduced

creating a mining department and defining its purposes and authority; creating an office of commissioner of mines, defining powers and authority, prescribing his salary and fixing his salary; providing for appointment of a deputy commissioner and fixing their salaries. The commissioner is to be \$5,000 a year, the deputy \$3,000 a year.

at \$3,000 each; the deputy \$2,000, five are \$1,500 and 40 mine inspectors \$3,000. The Senate then adjourned until day, January 18.

Good Horses a Drug.

Good horses must be a drug on the market when 1100-pound teams sell for \$1.50 a pound, and 1000-pound horses, broken to ride drive, bring \$2.50 a head. These were prices eighteen head of horses brought day recently at an auction sale of horses the Northern Pacific Railway Company at