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WEEK IN HARRISBURG.

The Lexow Committee and Its Demand For Over \$65,000.

SOME ITEMS IN THE BIG BILL.

What It Means to the Taxpayers of the State—The Notorious Saunders-Roberts Election Case—An Unholy Alliance Between Republicans and Democrats.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, May 25.—The people are destined to hear a great deal from this committee on the Lexow committee and its demands. The sum of \$65,000 is a pretty penny for the people of the state to pay for a faction fight in Philadelphia. This is what it has cost the taxpayers for Senator Matthew Stanley Quay's club, which for the past two years has been swiping over the head of David Martin and other anti-Quay leaders in Philadelphia.

Last week the bill of expenses for the Philadelphia Lexow committee was presented to the house. It took the shape of an appropriation bill for \$65,308.36, which was divided into lump sums as follows:

- For expenses incurred in procuring witnesses to appear before the committee, including witness fees..... \$28,071 06
- For expenses for stenographically reporting testimony and additional copies, and typewriting and printing bill..... 9,812 25
- For expenses incurred for expert witnesses..... 4,951 16
- For expenses at Hotel Walton 5,912 40
- For clerk hire and detective services..... 5,162 09
- For counsel fees of attorneys to arrange testimony and conduct examinations..... 12,000 00

An Interesting Review.

A review of the items in this bill makes interesting reading for the farmers and wage earners of the state, who will be compelled to pay the bill. In the first place the sessions of the committee were held at the Hotel Walton, one of the largest, most palatial and highest priced hotels in the United States. Its rates vary from \$5 to \$10 a day. Nothing was too good for the committee, and they put up at the best hotel in the state. All sorts of stories are told about the splendid meals furnished the committee, and so it is not to be wondered that the expenses for living at this hotel are figured out to be \$5,912.40. At this rate one man paying \$5 a day for board at this hotel could live for three years and a half on what it cost the Lexow committee to live there at intervals during the past 18 months. A suite of rooms, it is understood, was engaged for the use of the committee, and the best that the house afforded was always at their command.

The first item in the bill of expenses is a striking one. "For expenses incurred in procuring witnesses, paying mileage and witness fees, \$28,071.06 is charged to the state. It must not be forgotten that this was a Philadelphia investigation. Only Philadelphians, with one or two exceptions, were summoned before the committee. The mileage under such circumstances should be comparatively nothing, and the expenses in procuring witnesses also very small. And yet over \$28,000 is charged up to this account.

If this were all it would be enough, but there were other witnesses. The third item in the bill charges expenses for expert witnesses \$4,951.16. Add this to the above charged for witnesses of \$28,071.06 and the enormous sum of \$33,022.22 is the amount which it cost the people of the state for witnesses in and around the city of Philadelphia alone. With this sum of money ten first class farms could be purchased in Pennsylvania. It would educate 30 young men and women, with a four years course in any first class academy and boarding school in the state, and get the taxpayers are expected to come and smile and pay this sum without a word of protest.

\$12,000 For the Lawyers. But there are other items in this bill that are equally as startling. Counsel fees of lawyers to arrange testimony and conduct examination amounts to \$12,000, and yet there were three lawyers on the committee. What were they there for? According to the statement in this bill these lawyers hired other lawyers to examine witnesses and conduct examinations, while they sat with folded hands and looked on. A matter of \$12,000 is a small fortune to be put into the pockets of a couple of lawyers. The stenographer alone who reported the proceedings is to be given \$12,25. That is about as much as a Pennsylvania farmer, with good crops every season, could save in 20 years. And the result of all this expenditure? Money is what?—nothing. Absolutely nothing, except that it intensified the factional fight in Philadelphia. It is whispered here in Harrisburg that the bill will not go through; that a sentiment against voting this sum of money is very strong, and it is growing every day. Yet extraordinary measures will be taken to rush it through the house. It is even reported that the Lexow club will swing over

the house, and that members who refuse to vote for the appropriation of the sum demanded will stand a small chance of getting their own appropriation bills through the house. If this is done look out for a revolution, for there will come a time when even the legislative worm will turn.

The State Finances.

The question of raising money with which to meet the expenses of the state and the demands of charitable institutions is getting to be a very serious one. Everybody is concerned about it here in Harrisburg. On Thursday night a second conference is to be held at the governor's residence to discuss ways and means for raising more money. This year will close with a deficit of \$2,000,000 in the treasury. That money has to be raised. And yet in the face of all this, despite the depressed business conditions and the hard times, the state bosses are dodging around trying to find out how little of the state's money they can put out at interest, and how much they can retain in active depositories, where no interest will be paid, at least so far as the people of the state are aware.

The interest bill was sent back to committee last week for revision. Notice was served on the committee that there must be no half way measures. The committee had arranged to provide six banks, three in Philadelphia, two in Allegheny and one in Harrisburg, in which state money could be deposited without the payment of interest. They were called active depositories, and of course the scheme was to keep the bulk of the state's funds in these banks. Senator Kauffman, of Lancaster, however, served notice on the committee that if they attempted to fool the people of the state with any half way measure that a political revolution would certainly ensue, and that he would help to lead it.

The insincerity of the bosses, and the utter recklessness of the machine is shown in this interest matter. The state has hard work to secure enough money to pay its debts, and yet they are trying every possible way to keep at least \$100,000 annually from going into the state treasury, so that they may use that much for their self-interests in politics. If the taxpayers of the state, the property owners, and the men who want to see the Republican party taken out of the hands of one man desire to remedy these evils and prevent the waste of the people's money let them write to their representatives in house and senate, demanding that they vote for such measures as this and against all Lexow schemes.

In this connection it is gratifying to note that Governor Hastings has arrayed himself against the waste of money. Last week he vetoed bills which would have taken money out of the treasury. One of these was a bill providing for the publication of the Lexow committee's report. The object was to use it as a factional campaign document and bolster up the work of the committee. The governor set his foot emphatically on it, and further stated that to approve of such a bill would indicate that he would also approve of the bill appropriating money for the Lexow committee's expenses. A very significant utterance.

Coal Oil 8c.—N. T. Dundore.

The Troxelville letter and some other news was crowded out this week.

Misses Olive and Eva Wetzel visited Union county friends and relatives on Sunday.

Last week Protobonary Schoch and Sheriff Ritter went to Kittaning and bought 3 head of speed horses. Each one bought a fancy driver and the third, a colt, was purchased in partnership. A race track is the next thing in order.

Editor Post—In the columns of your paper we wish to thank our neighbors and the citizens in general, who so kindly assisted in protecting our home at the big fire on Saturday, and especially would we thank those who carried nearly all the household goods from the house and again helped to return the same without any damage to furniture.

W. F. & JENNIE S. FRESE.

Elder Wm. Tennison

OF BUFKIN, IND., Tells of the Great Benefits Derived From Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.



HEART DISEASE of long standing is not easily cured, but it is CURABLE. Elder Wm. Tennison writes: "I was afflicted for thirty-five years with heart disease, in fact, troubled with it nearly all my life. I think it hereditary as my father was afflicted with it. I have suffered great distress, my heart palpitated to such an extent as to shake my whole body. So distressing was it I could only with great difficulty compose myself to sleep. About two years ago I began taking Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. The first bottle gave me no perceptible benefit, but relief and I conceived I began to feel much better. I have good reason to believe the cure is permanent." Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee. Book on Heart benefits and money refunded. Book on Heart and nerves sent free to all applicants.

DR. MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

CONFERENCE AT PORT-TREVERTON.

The Ministerial, Sunday School, and Keystone League of Christian Endeavor Convention of Centre District, Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Evangelical church convened in the Olive United Evangelical church of Port Treverton, Pa., May 18-20, 1897.

The convention was formerly opened by Rev. A. Stapleton, A. M., of Lewisburg, Pa., who in a very earnest manner, and with appropriate words gave utterance to sentiments of weighty import and interest to the district.

After devotional services the following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. A. Stapleton, A. M., of Lewisburg; Vice Pres., Rev. L. Dice, of Beavertown; Rec. Sec'y., Rev. J. D. Shortess, Patterson; Treas., N. T. Dundore, Dundore, Pa.

The first session was a very interesting one and a large audience greeted the speaker. The interest was at high tide.

The choir rendered excellent music under the direction of A. W. Aucker of Port Treverton, Pa.

The words of welcome were given by Rev. W. C. Hoch, pastor of the Port Treverton church.

Well chosen words of appreciation and response followed by Rev. J. J. Lohr.

The second session opened on Wednesday at 8:30 a. m. with a large delegation present from the various Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor Leagues of the district.

The following topics aroused much interest: "Methods of Successful Revival Work," by Rev. C. F. Garret of Loganton; "Spiritual Culture of Young Converts" by J. J. Lohr; "The Faithful Minister in his Study, among his Flock, in the Pulpit, and away from Home," by Rev. D. P. Schaffer. The query box was then opened. It was productive of much thought and interest.

Wednesday afternoon, the third session of the convention was prefaced with devotional exercises. The following interesting topics were then discussed: "Church Finance in Centre District," by Rev. J. F. Shultz of New Berlin; "Religious Declension, its cause and results," by Rev. L. Dice of Beavertown; "Elements of Opposition to the Gospel and how to meet them," by Rev. J. Shambach of Mazeppa.

Wednesday evening, the church was crowded and a number could only with difficulty gain entrance. The services were very instructive, and the principal speakers were Rev. A. E. Gobble, D. D., of Central Pennsylvania College, New Berlin, who gave an excellent address on the subject, "How to Secure a More General and Thorough Bible Study" and Rev. Geo. Josephs of Lewistown, who in an entertaining manner spoke of the "Sunday School as conducted to-day, being promotive of spirituality to the church."

Thursday morning, Song services were conducted by A. W. Aucker, and devotional services by Rev. A. D. Gramly. The following subjects were then treated in an able manner: "Map drawing and black-board work in the Sunday School," by Rev. A. E. Gobble; "Perseverance in aggressive Temperance Work," by C. H. Goodling of Bellefonte; "Winning the Associate members for Christ," by Rev. G. W. Hiney of Millersburg; "Junior C. E. Work," by Rev. A. D. Gramly of Penns Creek; "Methods and Trophies of successful C. E. Work," by Rev. J. D. Shortess.

The last session proved to all the best and to many the most spiritual. "Inspiration of C. E. Work" was well ventilated by C. H. Goodling. This topic was followed by a practical address of Prof. W. P. Winter on the theme, "The committees and their work." The closing exercises were very ably conducted by J. B. Meloy of Patterson, Pa.

The following ministers were in attendance:

- Rev. A. Stapleton, Presiding Elder of the District, Lewisburg.
- Rev. A. E. Gobble, D. D., Pres. of Central Pa. College, New Berlin.
- Rev. C. H. Goodling, Bellefonte.
- " G. W. Hiney, Millersburg.
- " J. D. Shortess, Patterson.
- " J. J. Lohr, Millheim.
- " D. P. Schaeffer, Millmont.
- " W. C. Hoch, Port Treverton.
- " L. Dice, Beavertown.
- " J. Shambach, Mazeppa.
- " Geo. Josephs, Lewistown.
- " J. H. Hertz, Middleburgh.
- " A. D. Gramly, Penns Creek.
- " J. F. Shultz, New Berlin.
- " A. M. Schweigert, Herndon.
- " Wm. Lamey, Pastor of the U. B. church of Port Treverton.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- | Name. | Post Office. | Organization. | C. E. |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| W. G. Bratton, | | | Patterson, |
| W. D. Funk, | | | " " |
| J. B. Meloy, | | | Penns Creek, |
| C. O. Ferdig, | | | Shamokin Dam, |
| Annie Swengel, | | | Paxtonville, |

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| Hoyt Graybill, | " | S. S. |
| L. C. Wynn, Winfield, | " | C. E. |
| Mrs. Maggie Baker, Lawyer, | " | S. S. |
| Lizzie Lawver, | " | C. E. |
| Jacob Lawver, | " | " |
| Henry Beaver, Kratzerville, | " | S. S. |
| J. S. Yariak, | " | " |
| Eugene Markley, Aline, | " | " |
| Ed. Portline, | " | " |
| Daniel Krebs, Witmer, | " | " |
| A. S. Sechrist, | " | " |
| Jas. Shafer, Port Treverton, | " | " |
| Jerre Bogar, Sr., | " | " |
| A. F. Shambach, | " | C. E. |
| Carrie Keller, | " | " |
| Mrs. Snook, Lewistown, | " | " |
| Millie Brown, Mazeppa, | " | S. S. |
| Anna Ott, | " | C. E. |
| Laura Cherry, Bellefonte, | " | " |
| Laura Napp, Penns Creek, | " | S. S. |
| E. Jennie Walter " | " | C. E. |
| Nora Miller, Cowan, | " | " |
| Stella Cronley, | " | S. S. |
| Laura Hertz, Middleburgh, | " | C. E. |
| Allie Riegie, Dundore, | " | " |
| Sarah Arnold, | " | " |
| W. F. Howel, McClure, | " | S. S. |
| Walter Dice, Beavertown, | " | C. E. |
| J. F. Bingaman, | " | S. S. |
| J. B. Wetzel, New Berlin, | " | C. E. |
| Effie Hornberger, | " | S. S. |
| Prof. W. P. Winter, | " | C. E. |

This was a very good convention throughout, fruitful in suggestions, promotive of much good for Christ and the church. Many felt the pulse beats of the Father heart in every session and especially in the closing hour. Not a few of the delegates expressed their wish that the convention might continue longer. It was a profitable convention to ministers and delegates. The next convention will meet at Bellefonte, Pa. Be sure to come.

A. D. GRAMLY.

W. H. Smith, proprietor of the Central Hotel, sold his team of ponies and bought an excellent team of horses at Paxinos.

Harry Harter and wife of Hartleton drove to Middleburgh Sunday. Mr. H. returned Monday and Mrs. is spending some time with parents at this place.

A Western editor heads his department of births, marriages and deaths as "Yells, Bells and Knells."

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State vs Bucknell.

State College and Bucknell will meet in baseball at Lewisburg on Friday afternoon, May 28th. Game at 3:30 o'clock. Admission 25 cts. Both teams are putting up a great article of ball, so a close game is anticipated. All lovers of the National sport who come will see a close contest.

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Ordinance No. 32.

AN ORDINANCE.

Granting permission to The Penn Telephone Company to erect and maintain its Telephone Lines in the Borough of Middleburgh, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1.—Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Borough of Middleburgh, in Town Council, and it is hereby enacted, and ordained by authority of the same, that permission, be and the same is hereby granted to The Penn Telephone Company to erect poles and run wires on the same over or under any of the Streets, Lanes or Alleys of this Borough, for the purpose of transacting a general Telephone business, and the same from time to time to alter, re-new and re-pair.

SECTION 2.—Said poles shall be straight and barked and shall be painted at least 10 feet from the ground. The location of the line and poles shall be under the supervision of the Street Committee of said Borough, and should it be necessary at any time in the judgment of the said Committee, to change the location of any pole or poles, the said "Penn Telephone Company" shall immediately upon notice from said Town Council make the desired change at the cost and expense of the said Penn Telephone Company.

SECTION 3.—The said Telephone Company, before entering upon any of the streets, alleys or lanes of said Borough, for the purpose of constructing or erecting poles to said Telephone line, shall enter into a bond in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to the said Borough, to be approved by the Town Council, conditioned for the payment of all damages occasioned by the construction of said Telephone Line, and also conditioned that the streets alleys and lanes shall be left in as good condition as they were before entering upon the same for the purpose of constructing said Telephone Line.

SECTION 4.—The officers of the Borough shall have the free use of said Telephone Line, within the Borough limits, for sending and receiving messages over the same for all municipal purposes, as long as said line shall be maintained.

SECTION 5.—The provisions of this ordinance shall be formally accepted by said Company, and in default of such acceptance the same shall be null and void.

SECTION 6.—That the Borough of Middleburgh shall be at no expense, now or hereafter, by reason of the publication of this ordinance.

SECTION 7.—If the said Telephone Line is not in full operation within one year from date of the passage of this ordinance, the same shall be null and void.

Passed at a special meeting of Town Council, May 24, 1897.

Attest: FRANK S. REIGLE, President.

May 25, 1897, the within ordinance having been duly passed as amended by the Town Council and the same having been duly presented to me for my approval or disapproval, I hereby approve the same.

J. F. BERZ, Chief Burgess of the Borough of Middleburgh, Pa.

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Court Proclamation.

WHEREAS the Hon. Harold M. McClure, President Judge of the Judicial District, composed of the counties of Snyder, and Union and Jeremiah Cross and Z. T. Gounbering, Esqs., Associate Judges in and for Snyder county, have issued their present, bearing date the 25th day of Feb. A. D., 1897, to me directed for the holding of an Orphans' Court, a court of Common Pleas, court of Oyer and Terminer and General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, at Middleburgh, for the county of Snyder, on the 2nd Monday, (being the 7th day of June 1897), and to continue one week. Notice is therefore hereby given to the Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables in and for the county of Snyder, to appear in their proper person with their rolls, records, transactions, examinations and other remembrances to do those things which of their offices and in their duties they are to do and to be done and persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth against any person or persons are required to be then and there attending and deposing their names to the said Justices and persons prosecuting in behalf of the Commonwealth, under their hands and seals at the appointed time aforesaid, to wit: the 7th day of June 1897, at the County Court House in Middleburgh, at the 2nd day of April, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven.

P. S. BITTER, Sheriff.

Court will convene Monday, June 7th.

John F. Stetler, wife and daughter, Lillian, went to Liverpool Wednesday.

Lightning struck in William Snyder's barn on Monday and killed several horses.

The C. E. Society of this place visited the Adamsburg Society Tuesday evening.

John Smith came home from a Philadelphia hospital. He is greatly improved.

Samuel Bilger of Centre county visited David Ocker and wife Monday.

The prothonotary's office in the court house is undergoing repairs. It has been wainscoted and refitted and painted. It greatly improved the appearance of the office.

Mrs. Dr. Allison of Northumberland is visiting James Runkle's family in this place. Mrs. A. is a daughter of Mr. Runkle and during the past year has been ill almost constantly with pulmonary troubles. She is now greatly improved.

Prof. Harry Bower of Lewisburg, who was principal of the school at Rolfe, Pa., during the past winter, spent several days in town during the past week.

The Drama played in Middleburgh "From Sumpter to Appomattox" will be repeated in Freeburg Saturday evening 29th inst. This is a war drama and the day will be a suitable one for its rendition.

Statistics on Marriage.

Of 1,000 men who marry, says an exchange, 332 marry younger women, 579 marry women of the same age, 86 marry older women and 1,000 marry more or less trouble; to which another equally retrospective contemporary adds: Of the 1,000 women who marry the 1,000 men, 479 live in degradation and misery, 332 live quiet, happy, comfortable lives 89 live in luxury and are loved and cherished by their husbands.

An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. W. H. Spangler, Middleburgh; M. Rothrock, M. D., Mt. Pleasant Mills, will give you a sample bottle free. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large size 25 and 50cts.

Executors' Sale of Valuable REAL ESTATE!

The undersigned, Executors of the last will and testament of Susanna Bowersox, deceased, late of Franklin Twp., Snyder Co., Pa., will offer for public sale, on

Saturday, June 12, 1897.

at 2 o'clock p. m., the following described real estate to wit:

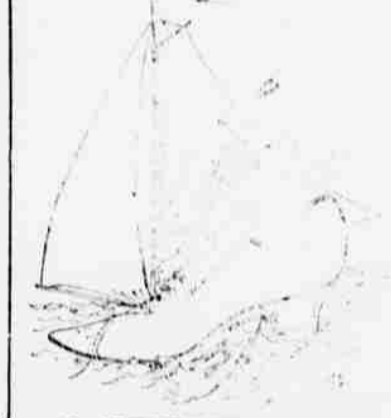
Tract No. 1. A farm situated in Franklin Twp., county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: On the north by lands of W. W. Wittenmayer and E. Freyman, on the East by Evans farm, on the South by Middlecreek, and on the West by lands of Jacob C. Hassinger, containing 41 Acres and fifteen perches, more or less, it being the old homestead farm, on which are erected a good two-story frame House and Bank, Barn, with the usual outbuildings and conveniences. Extent of about 15 acres more or less, in the prospect to be sold with the land.

Tract No. 2. A tract of woodland situated in Franklin Twp., Snyder Co., Pa., containing sixteen acres, bounded and described as follows: On the North by Middlecreek, on the East by lands of J. B. Bronner, on the South by same, on the West by lands of W. W. Widenmayer, containing 19 Acres and 150 perches more or less.

Tract No. 4. A tract of mountain land situated in township, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: On the North by lands of John Brunner, on the East by lands of The Bloomburg Iron Co., on the South by same, and on the West by lands of John Brunner, containing 2 Acres and four perches more or less.

Terms: 20 per cent to be paid cash on day of sale, and the balance on or before 1st of July, when deeds will be delivered and possession given.

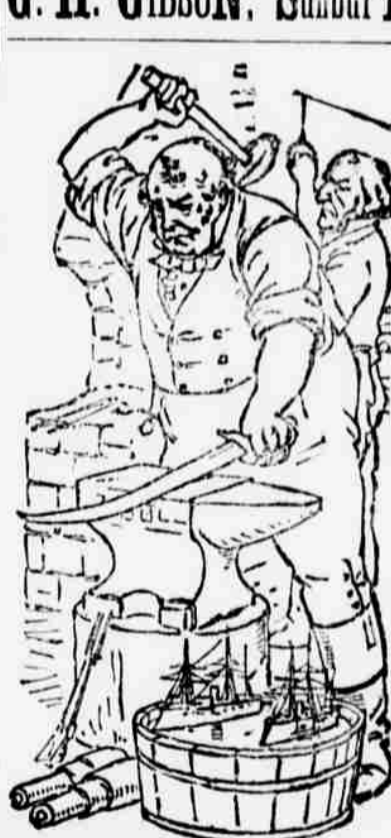
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FRANKLIN BOWENSON,
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DIED.

May 18th, 1897, near Richfield, Jennie Mable Crowford, aged 5 years, 11 months and 26 days. Funeral was held on the 21st, at the Niemond's Reformed Church. Rev. O. M. Romig officiated.

May 12th, in Washington township, Anna Maria Stroub aged 81 yrs. 4 mos 11 ds.

May 10th, in Middlecreek twp., Mrs. Elizabeth Breon, widow of David Breon, aged 82 years, 2 mos. 1 day.