

BOSSSES AND BREWERS.

The Struggle of the Machine to Keep from Taxing Beer.

THOSE BOGUS REFORM BILLS.

How the People of the State Have Been Fooled by the Bosses—The Alleged Reforms the Greatest Fake of the Session—Still Hunting for Revenue.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, June 22.—From now on until the 1st of July the legislature will work as it has not worked before this session. It must work, or the most disastrous consequences to the Republican party in Pennsylvania will be the result. If the Democratic party were not so hopelessly demoralized, the record of Mr. Quay's legislature thus far made would mean a Democratic victory this fall and possibly in the great contest of one year from now.

Never before in the history of any legislature has there been known such a conspicuous lack of leadership in the majority. Senator Quay's friends and adherents have been wholly unable to direct or control the legislature upon any great or grave question. And yet his friends have absolute control of the senate, and can, under whip and spur, control the house. The reason for this condition of affairs is a lack of confidence in the men chosen to lead. This persistent distrust is what is wrecking the machine in Pennsylvania.

Protecting the Brewers.

There is another reason for this general demoralization. The stubborn attitude maintained by Senator Quay's friends in their apparent determination to protect the millionaire brewers of Pennsylvania from taxation. The brewers' interests of Pennsylvania are to be protected; they have been protected not only in the senate of Pennsylvania, but in the senate of the United States.

A passive protection of this great and wealthy class of manufacturers would have attracted but little attention among the people. But the open and persistent effort to saddle a tax upon everything else in sight, to the exclusion of malt liquors, has been so conspicuous that every taxpayer in the state is cognizant of the fact. To save the brewing interests, suggestions have been made to cut the school appropriation, to cut down the amount appropriated every year to the National Guard, to legalize the sale of oleomargarine, and turn all of the license fees collected by the counties into the state treasury.

Fortunately for the people of the Commonwealth there is no danger that the school appropriation will be disturbed. Two members of the "Seventy-six," Messrs. Young and Smith, of Tioga county, have secured the consent of over one-half the members of the house to vote and work against any such proposition. The scheme to cut down the National Guard still remains to be passed upon. Such a cut in appropriations to keep the brewery interests from being taxed would mean the loss of perhaps one-third the membership of the guard. This is a vital question to the state. In these troublous times, when anarchists, half-crazy popocrats and other disturbing elements are abroad no one can foretell when it will be necessary to call upon our citizen soldiery to protect the lives and property of our citizens. The terrible railroad riots of 1877 sprang up into being in less than a week. The Homestead riot was a matter of but a few hours.

Over \$1,100,000 a Year.

But there is no necessity for any such expedient if Senator Quay will but order the senate to pass a bill taxing malt liquors one cent per gallon. It would raise \$1,100,000 every year for five years—money enough to cover the existing deficits in the treasury and build the new capitol besides.

But it is proposed, rather than to tax beer, to have the counties turn over all their license fees to the state. This would mean a revenue of nearly \$2,000,000. But the counties would lose this income. In the case of Philadelphia it would mean over \$1,000,000 loss. How would this be made up? By increasing the tax on real estate. It would mean that every farmer, every man that owns a home, every widow that has a roof over the head of her fatherless children, would have his or her property tax increased to the limit. And for what purpose? To protect the brewing interest of Pennsylvania. And why protect the brewing interest of Pennsylvania? Because the bosses of the Republican party have agreed to do so.

But if the school fund is not to be reduced, if the National Guard appropriation is not to be cut, and the county license fees are to be turned into the state treasury, how then shall the beer interests be taken care of? By putting a tax of 3 or 4 cents per pound on oleomargarine?

Upon the sworn testimony of witnesses who know what they are talking about, it has been developed in the hearings on the oleomargarine scandal that over 15,000,000 pounds of bogus butter are sold every year in this state. It will not be necessary to tax beer one cent a gallon if an impost of three cents per pound is placed on oleomargarine. And what does it matter to the bosses, anyhow, if by putting this tax on oleomargarine the sale of bogus butter is legalized in the state? What does it matter if the dairy interest of the farmers of Pennsylvania is which last year was worth \$16,000,000, is ruined, just so the millionaire brewers of Pennsylvania can be saved from taxation?

The Story of the Beer Bills.

The Bliss beer bills passed the house several weeks ago, went to the senate, were hidden or lost there for ten days, and then finally brought to light after Mr. Bliss had threatened to make a scandal by demanding an investigation. One of these bills placed a tax of one-half a cent per gallon on all small liquors brewed within the state of Pennsylvania. That bill was killed in committee. The other bill placed a tax of one cent per gallon upon all beer brewed outside the state, and brought within its borders and sold. Eminent lawyers pronounced this bill unconstitutional, because it is a violation of the constitution of the United States, which prohibits any state from placing a tariff upon the products of

any other state. The senate committee reported this bill out affirmatively, and it is now on third reading. The reason it was reported out was because Mr. Quay's friends knew that it was unconstitutional, and if it did pass no harm was done, because no court would uphold it.

When the bill came up in the senate on last Wednesday Senator Flinn amended it so as to make it read that a tax of one cent per gallon shall be levied upon all beer sold within the state, whether brewed within or without its borders. There was a bitter fight against this amendment by the bosses. They finally decided to let it go, because there are still very grave doubts as to whether or not the bill is constitutional, even in its amended form.

There will be another bitter fight on this bill this week. The sentiment of the taxpayers of the state is in favor of a tax on malt liquors. Representatives and senators have received bushels of letters favoring a tax on beer, and it is possible that even Senator Quay may be compelled to recognize public opinion and permit a beer tax bill to become a law.

The house is in an ugly mood. It is not likely that it will agree to postpone adjournment beyond July 1. It has worked very hard, has passed numberless revenue bills, only to see them sent over to the senate and there killed, hung up or ruined. The members of this body say that they are determined to go home on July 1, whether the senate is willing or not, and there the matter stands today.

Sham Reform Bills.

The greatest sham of the session was consummated this last week in final action on the so called "reform bills." It is another evidence of how the bosses can fool with, and deceive, the people of Pennsylvania. No more glaring case of political bunco was ever presented than in the matter of these "reform bills." They are Mr. Quay's bills. He is responsible for their beginning and their end.

Two years ago Senator Quay had presented in the state convention of 1895 a scheme of four reform bills. The first proposed the introduction of civil service reform; the second prohibited political assessments upon officeholders; the third did away with the scheme of purchasing poll tax receipts in bulk; the fourth made it a misdemeanor for any policeman, fireman or officeholder to influence or coerce any voter in the right of suffrage.

For two years these measures have been proclaimed abroad over the state as "Quay reform bills." Whenever any man objected to Senator Quay as a state boss he was howled down as an opponent of "honest reform." The bosses and machine politicians for two years have been shouting the praise of these bills, which were to bring the age of gold in politics. "Quay is no sham reformer" has been the cry. Two state conventions, at his request, endorsed these bills, and now it turns out that after all it was a case of "April fool."

As promised, the legislature, at Senator Quay's direction, has passed certain reform bills, but they are not the reform bills that he promised and that the state conventions endorsed. They are pure and simple fakes.

The People Nunciated.

The first bill regarding civil service reform has not been passed yet. Great difficulty is being experienced in shaping it so that it will be civil service reform in name only. A high official is authority for the announcement that when the civil service bill is presented it will be "a dandy." Bill number two, which was intended to prevent the assessing or collecting of money from officeholders for political purposes, simply perpetuates that evil. Under the original bill it was made a misdemeanor to "demand, solicit or request" contributions from officeholders. The senate has stricken out the words "solicit or request," making the bill to read "demand money" or any other valuable thing.

Thus it will be seen that there is no law against "requesting" a political assessment, and everybody knows what failure to comply with a request for such purpose means to an officeholder.

Bill number three, which proposed to end the evil of purchasing poll tax receipts in bulk, now legalizes that sort of thing. The bill as prepared allowed politicians or committees to purchase poll tax receipts only upon the "separate written order" of a taxpayer. The word "separate" has been stricken out by Senator Quay's friends. All the committee has to do now is to prepare a request at the head of a sheet of paper, get 10,000 signatures to it, and purchase 10,000 tax receipts.

The fourth one of these bills, prohibiting any policeman, fireman, mayor, head of department, county official or any firm or corporation from influencing or coercing any employe or citizen in his right to vote, has been amended and ruined by introducing the word "unduly" before the word "influence" in the bill. So it reads that no person shall "unduly influence" another in voting. There you have the whole story. To unduly influence a man it must be proven that he was threatened, clubbed or sandbagged.

No greater series of political fakes have ever been imposed upon the people of Pennsylvania than in these sham reform bills.

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Woman's Need of the Ballot.

Emily F. Collins, Hartford, Conn.

What need of the ballot have women? Ask men why they need it. "For our protection," they will reply, "for the protection of person, property and family." If women be the weaker sex, then for those objects they need suffrage more than do men. "Not so," we are told, "for men, especially husbands, are the natural protectors of women and their rights." But there are more appeals by women to the law for protection against those "natural protectors" than for any other cause.

In our earlier history, after a man had acquired a certain amount of property and paid taxes, he was allowed the suffrage to better guard his possessions. Women now own and control property and pay taxes but have no vote to protect their property rights. In 1844 it was brought to the notice of the Connecticut Legislature, that colored men though not allowed to vote, were taxed, in violation of one of the basic principles of our nation. Our law-makers readily saw the wrong of this and promptly exempted the property of colored men from taxation until they were given the elective franchise. Men had no difficulty in perceiving the injustice of taxing colored men while denied the suffrage, but continue blind to the wrong of taxing women, black and white, while still withholding the ballot from them.

The Connecticut Legislature lately defeated a bill to relieve women from taxation while disfranchised; and subsequently rejected a bill giving women the right to vote at all town, city or borough elections. The only reason urged against the bill was that not one-third of the women wanted to vote. But, if it were right for women to vote when all desired that right, it is equally just to grant the right to a less number who wish to use the ballot. Many men care nothing for the elective franchise and seldom or never use it. But to suggest that all men for that reason should be disfranchised would be deemed preposterous. There are a few women whose conditions are so pleasant that they want no change and a much larger number who have become accustomed to the limitations imposed upon them; they have walked so long in the narrow grooves cut out by custom and habit, that they refuse to try wider and better paths. While the law withholds its protection from young girls, whose minds are too immature to be trusted with the control of a dollar's worth of property, it is incomprehensible how any mother of young daughters can say she does not want to vote. Yet, strange as it may seem, there are such women, and they organize anti-suffrage societies and petition our law-makers to continue the disfranchisement not only of themselves, but of their sisters, who possess a more vigorous mentality, and are interested in problems of government and who desire the ballot to help solve those problems.

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