

KREAMER.

Miss Mabel Gutelius spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Gruver, of Lewisburg. A. C. Smith lost his valuable trotter, Sheriff Fagely and six of his comrades of Northumberland spent a day at this place last week fishing. Miss Zora Smith spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Thompson of Hillsburg, Selinsgrove. Miss Jennie Heilicker, one of Williamsport's most accomplished young ladies, and mother and Mrs. James Row and daughter of Selinsgrove were the guests of J. T. Walter and family last week. Calvin Stetler and son spent Sunday evening with N. C. Gutelius and family. Our city looks still more business like since the telephone poles are raised. Next we want are the trolley cars. Norman Hummel made a business trip to the coal regions. Quite a number of our young people attended the festivals at Salem and Globe Mills. During that recent thunder storm the lightning played havoc in and around our town. It struck in Jarvis Roush's chimney, doing no damage but destroying the chimney, also in a tree on Wm. Freyman's farm and killed his cow and stunned another. One mile west of town it destroyed by fire John Zeiber's barn and nearly all it contained and also struck in O. Beaver's barn. With these all struck in several trees and fences near by. The storm was one of the severest electric storms that we had for a while.

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T. F. Swineford cut 70 acres of wheat last week for different parties with his \$250 machine he bought some time ago. The festival at McClure on last Saturday evening was well attended. The Adamsburg Band played some choice music for the occasion for which they have the name of doing, either for honor or for pay. Mrs. Henry Barth was bitten on the hand by a copper head last week and is doing as well as can be expected and is reported to be out of danger. John Penington and wife of Lewistown spent Sunday with some of their Snyder county friends. West Beaver knew they had a few cranks, but did not think they had any one cranky enough that wanted to shoot himself on account of an old horse, but such was the case some time ago. Warrick McGlaughlin spent last week in Lewistown with his friends and reports a good time considering the hot weather.

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FREEBURG.

Rev. G. D. Druckenmiller held communion services here last Sunday forenoon. S. W. Watt of Williamsport was a welcome visitor at the home of his son-in-law Jerry Charles. Mrs. Margaret Dill, Elizabeth R. Dill, Mrs. W. L. Dill and little daughter of Paterson, N. J. are welcome visitors in our midst. Elizabeth is president of the missionary department of the Combined C. E. Societies of N. J., a very responsible position, for which she is well qualified. She has taught eleven successive terms of public school of ten months each in the City of Paterson. She has been promoted at different times and is now one of the most prominent teachers in a city of 95,000 population. They are enjoying the visit and recall many reminiscences of the time they lived here. Prof. Boyer and wife attended the Communion Services held by Rev. G. D. Druckenmiller at Grubb's church on the 4th inst. Allen Arboast and family were visitors here last week. Noah Roush purchased the home-stead of his father Alex. Roush, Dec'd, for \$700. There is a thrifty peach orchard on the premises. Dr. D. G. Smith purchased the lime lot and limekiln for \$135. H. S. Schnee is adm'r of the estate. We have prospects for a very bountiful crop of peaches in the different orchards near our place. All the telephone poles in our locality are on the ground and men are now engaged in digging the holes and placing the posts in the ground—we expect the trolley car to follow soon after the erection of the telephone. F. E. Hibish will sell an extra lot of horses next Thursday. They arrived Monday afternoon.

The Seventy-Six Wins.

They Save the School Fund and the State Normal Schools.

BOSSSES BEATEN EVERY TIME.

What the People Owe to the Plucky Anti-Quay Minority—The Detailed Story of How They Defeated the Machine and Forced the Tax on Beer.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, July 6.—The legislature of 1897 adjourned without day on Thursday, July 1, and is now a thing of the past. In many respects it was the most remarkable body that ever sat in Harrisburg. Its record cannot be judged by what appears upon the Legislative Record or in the bills that have gone to the governor for signature. Its record rather lies in what it did not do, and it did not do a great many things because the Wanamaker men, known as the "Seventy-six," prevented it.

All that has been predicted in these letters concerning this legislature has been verified. It was said weeks ago that an attempt would be made to cut the school appropriation; it was also stated that an attempt, persistent and vigorous, was to be made to protect the notorious beer trust of the state, and that to do this crowded insane asylums, hospitals where inmates were compelled to lie upon the floor for want of beds, and all of the many charities of the state were to be made to suffer, because Mr. Quay's lieutenants would refuse to place a tax upon beer.

It was also stated in these letters that no tax would be placed upon beer unless an overwhelming public sentiment compelled the legislature to do it. Among other things predicted was that an attempt would be made to incorporate distilleries, thereby creating a new source of campaign contribution for the bosses.

All these things have come to pass just as predicted. At the last moment on last Wednesday, when the general appropriation bill was called up in the senate, it was discovered that a million dollars had been lopped off the school appropriation. It was also discovered that the \$250,000 for normal schools was to be killed, and all for the purpose of saving the beer trust. A bitter fight was made, however, in the senate against cutting the appropriation. It was led by Senator Kauffman, of Lancaster, and with the assistance of others the scheme was defeated.

In the last ten days of the session the force of public opinion, in the shape of denunciations from newspapers of every shade of opinion in the state, in the form of thousands of letters from indignant constituents, and voiced in hundreds of telegraph messages, became so strong that even Senator Quay and his agents could not withstand the pressure, and orders were given to form a graded license law for breweries and distilleries. The object sought by the framers of this law was to tax "the little fellows," and let the big fish escape. It was also sought to increase the tax on retail licenses, and thus save the breweries. The object of this law was apparent when it is known that some of the big machine politicians in the state have organized a beer trust, the object of which is to consolidate the beer interests, increase prices, increase production, and ultimately to drive out of the trade all of the smaller concerns.

Wanamaker Men Active.

But the Wanamaker men were active and vigilant. No finer example of political harmony and unity of purpose has ever been seen than has been displayed by the "Seventy-six" in this legislature from beginning to end. They knew what was intended to be accomplished in the beer tax bill, and so when the measure was brought out an instant fight was made upon it.

This fight upon what is known as the beer revenue bill was not for the purpose of defeating it, because all along the anti-Quay, or Wanamaker men, have insisted that the revenue necessary to run the state government for the ensuing two years, to make up the existing deficit, should come from beer. They therefore fought the bill because it did not impose a heavy enough tax.

The Beer Tax scheme. As the bill was presented it simply taxed the smaller breweries, and let the big fellows, the great brewery concerns of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, escape scot free. The reason for this is that the big breweries, and not the little ones, have been liberal contributors to Mr. Quay's campaigns. Therefore all the more necessary for protecting them. The fight was continued bitterly, and the house refused to agree in the senate amendments to the bill. This beer tax bill originally passed the house known as one of the Bills beer bills, but the senate amended it as described. As a result of the refusal of the house to agree, the bill was sent back to the senate, and a conference committee was appointed. This committee brought out some new amendments which slightly increased the tax on breweries; still this did not satisfy the valiant "Seventy-six." They demanded that an adequate tax be placed on beer, and not a mere makeshift.

It was now the last day of the session. The telephone line between Harrisburg and Washington was kept hot with messages between Senator Quay and his leaders. Word was conveyed to the senior senator that the "Seventy-six" could not be whipped, and unless the beer bill was amended or some agreement was reached the state would lose \$1,500,000 of revenue, and the Republican party would be irretrievably ruined by reason of its attitude in closing the public schools and opening the breweries.

The Seventy-six Wins. Again was the bill amended on the demand of the "Seventy-six," and this time the Quay people, finding that nothing could be done, included the big breweries in the graded tax list. The bill had now reached a point where the "Seventy-six" leaders could discuss it with the Quay men. On the last night of the session there was a conference. Mr. E. A. Van Valkenburg, the able and skillful leader of the "Seventy-six," represented that body, while Speaker Boyer and Senator W. H. Andrews represented Senator Quay. The "Seventy-six" proposition was submitted, that they would now vote for the beer tax

bill with the distinct understanding that the public school appropriation was not to be cut. Second: That the item of \$300,000 for normal schools was to be reinstated in the general appropriation bill. It was also part of the agreement that as an evidence of good faith Speaker Boyer would come down out of his seat, make a speech upon the subject, and give his personal word that the school appropriation would not be cut, and that the normal schools would be protected.

Thus in one night all Mr. Quay's pet plans were swept away. He was compelled to tax beer, he was compelled to agree not to reduce the school fund, and he was compelled to make an appropriation for the normal schools.

The "Seventy-six" comes out of this legislative fight crowned as the bills' champions. They fought the bosses and all the combined machinery of the Republican leaders successfully.

The Lexow Licked. There were more notable features in connection with this legislature, other than those quoted above. The Lexow committee was never brought forth. It was well known that it could not be passed, and it was deemed wiser to let it lie over until a more kindly legislature would pay its expenses, if such a legislature was ever elected.

The various investigating committees, which had piled up numerous expense bills, were all compelled to cut them down nearly one-half. Few greater raids on the treasury had been organized than these expense bills, but the house, not the senate, voted against paying them until, at last, rather than lose all the men who demanded the extortionate sums were compelled to come down to actual items of expense, and then the bills passed.

In an interview, following the close of the legislature on Thursday, Mr. E. A. Van Valkenburg, of the "Seventy-six," had this to say concerning its work:

"The legislature of '97 is Senator Quay's Frankenstein. Its record, like a nightmare, will pursue its creator even to the solitudes of Brigantine and St. Lucie. Helplessly man-acted, the dominant faction could do no better.

"The half has not been told, yet the present legislature was not worse than others of the past, obedient to the same power. But never in the history of Pennsylvania has such determined and unceasing war been waged against the battlements of machinism. The mantle of the patriots of '76' has fallen upon the '76' of '97.

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"They have laid the foundation for great revenues in the future from beer, the most legitimate subject of taxation, and though the beer brewers' interest has been guaranteed immunity from taxation, the lines of its protectors have been forced. It has laid bare many of the secrets of capitol hill, and exposed the glaring frauds and steals of the general appropriation bill. It has protected the pure butter interests of the state, saved the normal schools and prevented the reduction of the public schools appropriation, that less than a fortnight ago, from this very town, Senator Quay gave preemptory and positive orders to cut \$1,000,000.

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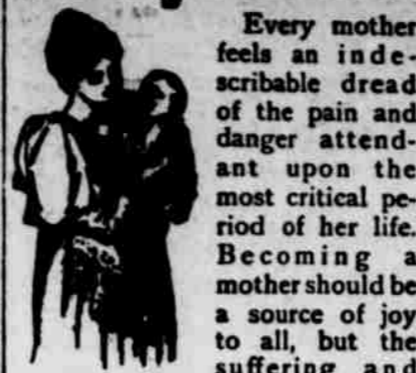
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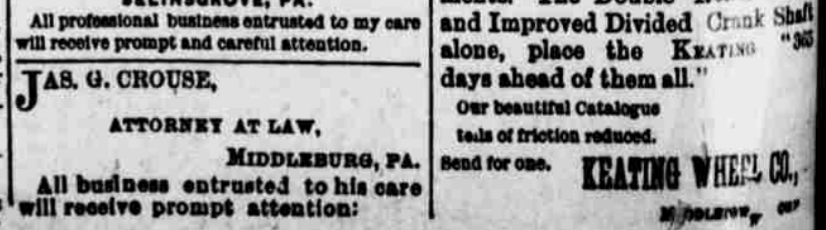
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