

THE RAPID TRANSIT BILL

Causes a Spirited Discussion in the House.

MR. FOW OFFERS AN AMENDMENT

Opposition Angry When Mr. Crothers Opposes It. The Measure Finally Passed Yesterday. The Senate Will Pass a Bill Finally Allowing Trolley Railways to Carry Mail.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Yesterday was another lively day in the state legislature and both branches were busy throughout the entire session with the transaction of important business.

Among the bills reported to the senate yesterday was the Brown measure to make counties responsible for the losses incurred by riots.

Among the bills passed finally were the following:

To authorize the printing and distribution of an extra volume of the session reports of the commission.

To provide for the appointment of a game commission for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and empowering them to appoint game warden.

Providing for the relief of needy, sick, infirm, and in case of death, burial, of indigent persons whose legal claim of settlement is unknown.

Considerable time was spent in consideration of the congressional appropriation bill, the democrats opposing time in a vain attempt to substitute the democratic version of the bill passed finally.

The senate refused to go into consideration of the whole for special amendment and the bill passed.

These measures were defeated:

Providing for the destruction of wildcats, foxes, minks, weasels, skunks, woodchucks and certain hawks and owls.

To prohibit fraudulent practices by the officers and directors of corporations.

One of the bills passed finally was the measure to permit trolley railway companies to carry express packages. The permission to carry express packages was struck out, but will probably be again inserted.

Senate adjourned until Monday night.



Senator George W. Skinner, of Fulton.

Some of the leaders of the house, he is an administration democrat and resided in the building now for session again at Harrisburg under President Cleveland. Senator Skinner has always been active in G. A. affairs.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

There were many empty benches when the house was called to order. The journal read, as usual, started to read the journal when the motion was made to dispense with its further reading. Mr. Ritter, of Philadelphia, objected, and the reading proceeded.

Mr. Stewart, Philadelphia, introduced a bill making an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase of new buildings for the Pennsylvania museum and school of municipal art.

The speaker presented a senate resolution asking the consent of the governor of the bill relating to the issuing of marriage licenses, providing that they be issued in counties where the ceremony is performed or some other of the contracting parties reside.

Mr. Ritter, the reformer obstructionist, called the yeas and nays on the adoption of the resolution for the purpose of further delay.

Mr. Wertheimer remarked that it seemed to him the purpose of some members of the house to obstruct business, and he moved now that the house adjourn sine die. The motion was greeted with a hostile laughter, and the speaker's resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Vanhook gave notice that he will call up the report on the Tappan-Baker contest next Tuesday afternoon.

The house then resumed consideration of the rapid transit bill and passed an amendment giving preference to the lines of the rapid transit companies.

Mr. Fow offered an amendment that would tend to prevent elevated roads from encroaching on public property in cities. This was opposed by Mr. Crothers, who thought elevated roads could take care of this matter. Fow got very angry at this and demanded an immediate vote, which he said was here to pass the bill. As Fow himself had been passing as a rapid transit friend his speech caused derisive laughter. The house then killed Fow's amendment.

Mr. Crothers made a vigorous protest against any further bill of this kind with respect to the rapid transit bill. The house has some business, according to Mr. Crothers. It has not taken action on any important legislation. It has neglected important bills and it is time it got down to business. Finish this rapid transit legislation and to some work for the good of the whole people.

Mr. Crothers's plan was passed. The rapid transit bill was passed second reading in about one hour, and will come up on final passage next week.

The act authorizing the incorporation of drainage companies passed second reading.

The Afternoon Session.

PARLIAMENTARY, April 14.—The entire afternoon session of the house yesterday was devoted to the consideration of an amendment to the act for the protection of game. Several amendments were adopted and a number were knocked out. The most important amendments provided for the killing of snail for a period of three years, making the season from October 1 to December 15, thus doing away with autumn shooting of this bird, and making the season from October 1 to December 15. A section providing for the appointment of a game commission by the commonwealth was also passed. Several amendments were made near going through, being defeated by only a few votes. The bill as amended passed second reading but will have hard sledding to get through on final passage.

SIXTEEN HORSES BURNED TO DEATH

Serious Loss by Fire in a Brooklyn Lumber Yard.

New York, April 14.—Fire broke out in the shingle shed of the lumber yard of Harry & Voorhes, Metropolitan avenue and Newtown Creek, Brooklyn. The fire spread to the lumber piles adjoining and reached the stable.

Of the fifty horses owned by the company, only valued at about \$600, sixteen were burned. The total damage will reach over \$100,000.

The lumber yards cover a quarter of an acre of ground. The estimated value of the plants is placed at \$1,000,000. At one time it was feared that the whole thing would get up in smoke, and two alarms were rung.

The alarm brought many of the employees who live near by to the scene. Efforts were made to save the horses and many of the animals were blinded and led safely out. But the others that were burned refused to be rescued, and not only died but the flames, a few stations, narrowly escaping death, themselves in an attempt to save the horses.

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It was a brilliant affair.

Governor and Mrs. Patterson Entertain the Lawmakers.

HARRISBURG, April 14.—Governor and Mrs. Patterson's biennial reception last night to the members of the legislature and state officials was a brilliant affair. The Executive mansion was crowded from 9 until 12 o'clock with a well-dressed assemblage of political leaders, who were accompanied by the feminine portion of their families.

Mrs. Patterson was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Wm. F. Harris, Mrs. General Grant, Mrs. Louis A. Watres, Mrs. H. D. Tate, Mrs. Thomas J. Stewart, Mrs. C. C. Thompson and a number of Harrisburg ladies.

PROF. FICKS A GREAT GUESSEUR.

St. Louis Greatly Elated Over His Success as a Storm Prophet.

St. Louis, Mo., April 14.—The city is elated over the success achieved by Prof. F. W. Ficks in predicting the recent tornadoes.

He predicts further "that between the 15th and 18th the whole country will feel the effect of a very warm wave, and storms of great violence are to be apprehended on about the 15th, 16th and 17th."

"The 17th is the central day of the Venus perturbation, which lasts with growing power for about twenty days before and after the equinox, ending for about twenty days after the central day, so that the Venus characteristic, hail, starting electrical phenomena, enormous downpours of rain, and sudden changes from hot to cold, may be looked for."

"The 20th is the central day of the last period of the month, which period concludes the 25th to the 27th, inclusive. During this period it will grow very warm again, and many storms of rain, hail and thunder will travel from the west to the east across our continent. After the storms let, out for cold and frost."

The Destruction Was Complete.

Benson, Mich., April 14.—The indications are that reports of the destruction of the town of Benson, nine miles north of Ypsilanti are true. Nothing has been seen from here since Wednesday night and before the explosion, Benson was on the Lake shore and Michigan Southern railroad, and had a population of 1,200.

At Ypsilanti the damage done by the tornado will reach fully \$250,000. Only three of the wrecked buildings will be rebuilt at present. Among these is the opera house, from which work will be resumed Monday. In all there were twenty-one buildings completely demolished and more than twice that number introduced elsewhere damaged.

Sixteen Were Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., April 14.—Though three nights and two days have passed since the cyclone tore its way through Missouri from southwest to northeast reports of damage and loss of life are still coming in. The towns which suffered most are comparatively small, and nearly all located in the northwestern part of the state on a strip lying to the southeast of Kansas City. A summary of the casualties shows that nineteen persons were killed and over a hundred more or less injured, many of whom will die.

All Was Swept Away.

Memphis, Tenn., April 14.—The latest particulars from Robinsonville, this state, are to the effect that twenty-three people had been killed and many more injured as a result of Wednesday night's tornado. There are also eleven others who received injuries which will prove fatal. There was not one house left standing and the inhabitants—about 300 in number—are in decidedly distressing circumstances, as all they had on earth was swept away, nothing being left for them to begin life anew with.

The New York Suicide Identified.

New York, April 14.—The woman who jumped before an elevated railroad train yesterday morning was identified late in the afternoon as Johanna Tenor, a servant, who was last employed by Mrs. Stratton, at No. 484 East Fifty-sixth street. She came to this country six years ago from Hannover, Germany.

Mrs. Tenor's Health Improving.

New York, April 14.—Mrs. Fannie A. Borer, who was a victim of mania that entered the second edition last year, has dangerously ill at St. Luke's hospital. The book is descriptive of her life in the field and hospital during the civil war. She is over 60 years of age and the doctors pronounce the illness fatal.

Deputy Will Fight the Winner.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 14.—Jack Dempsey has telegraphed the management of the Coney Island Athletic club, in response to a telegram, that he is willing to meet the winner of the Williams-Smith fight. The club officials offer a purse of \$5,000 for the fight, the men to weigh 142 pounds.

Judge Will Take the Oath of Office.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Judge John S. Hall, of Atlanta, Ga., who was recently nominated and confirmed as an assistant attorney general for the interior department, yesterday took the prescribed oath of office and entered upon his new duties.

Charles Longfellow Dead.

BOSTON, April 14.—Charles Longfellow, son of the poet, died yesterday after a lingering sickness. He lived with his sister, Miss Alice Longfellow, in the old family mansion. Miss Longfellow is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

A Negro Boy Murdered.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 14.—Near Lampkh. Ga., yesterday Willie and Price Winberry, 10 and 7 years old, respectively, killed a negro boy by punching his entrails out with a sharp stick.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Dr. Gardner Passes Away.

HARRISBURG, April 14.—Dr. Thaddeus S. Gardner, a prominent physician and banker and treasurer of the Allegheny Iron Company, died at his residence in this city, aged 74 years. For many years he was associated with Phillips, Nimick & Co., the Pittsburgh iron firm, and was surgeon-in-chief of the Pennsylvania Pennsylvania cavalry in the late war, being the youngest full surgeon in the army of the Potomac. He leaves a wife and two sons.

THE NEWS IN GENERAL.

Minnesota timber thieves have stolen \$3,000,000 worth from the state.

The New York Yacht club will give the Vlahy ship a special reception upon arrival.

A flock of prairie chickens' feathers, made by a Dakota woman, is a World's Fair entry.

M. Waddington and Prince d'Ardenberg have been elected to the board of directors of the Swiss canal.

The Paris Courier states that General Lonzini, minister of war, will open an inquiry into the melinite scandal.

Alleging patent infringement, the Edison company is suing the Columbia Incandescent Lamp Company, of St. Louis.

A. J. Hallour, the leader of the opposition in the house of commons, has decided not to speak in the debate on the hour rate bill until April 21.

Seeking the mayoralty of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Anna Potter, who wore breast and diamonds at the same time, spent \$9,000 and got twenty-six votes.

The German imperial loan is covered by subscriptions to nearly quadruple the amount asked for by the government, and the President has agreed to triple the amount. The government has reason to be gratified with this evidence of confidence on the part of financiers.

Lehigh Valley Division.

Passenger trains leave Shenandoah for Penn Haven Junction, Mauch Chunk, Lehigh, Schuylkill, White Hall, Catawissa, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Philadelphia, Hazleton, Weatherly, Quakertown, Delaware and Mahanoy City at 6:04, 7:40, 9:05 a. m., 12:55, 3:10, 5:27 p. m.

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