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### DEBATING WILSON'S BILL.

A Quorum in the House Secured Monday.

A VOTE JANUARY 29TH

Will be Had on the New Tariff Bill. Wilson's Address Greeted With Applause.

The debate on the Wilson bill is at last under way. After a deadlock of four days, the Democrats, with the aid of warrants to arrest absentees, succeeded Monday in mustering a quorum and the obstruction which the non-voting Republicans, Populists and disgruntled Democrats placed in the path of the tariff debate last week was forced aside.

A sharp tilt with Mr. Boutelle over the Hawaiian matter and a lively debate over the adoption of the special order fixing limits of the debate preceded Mr. Wilson's opening speech. The chairman of the Ways and Means Committee began at 3:15 and after speaking one hour and a half was so exhausted that he asked the indulgence of the House to complete his remarks Tuesday. His speech evidently made a deep impression.

As soon as the reading of the journal had been completed the Speaker recognized Mr. Catchings to call up the report from Committee on Rules. Mr. Boutelle was on his feet demanding recognition to call up his resolution to the effect that the President's Hawaiian policy had invaded the rights and dignities of the House.

Mr. Boutelle Has His Say.

The Speaker was disposed to ignore him, as he had done on two previous days, but Monday morning Mr. Boutelle made the point of order that the Speaker in attempting to give precedence to a report from the Committee on Rules over a question of privilege himself invaded the question. Under the rule to which he referred and the ruling he had cited Mr. Boutelle insisted that his point of order should be submitted directly to the House.

At this point Mr. McMillin vainly attempted to call Mr. Boutelle to order, but the gentleman from Maine continued more impetuously than ever. "If my point of order does not intervene," he proceeded to say, "then the proceedings can bar out everything, even impeachment proceedings; even a message from the President declaring that he had usurped imperial power. The House is absolutely manacled."

Speaker Crisp Elaborates.

Speaker Crisp in ruling on Mr. Boutelle's point of order went into an elaborate discussion of the parliamentary situation. "If the gentleman from Maine can invoke an existing rule to prevent it from proceeding to consider a change of the rules then the House itself hand and foot. If the House feels that its honor and dignity has been assailed by the Speaker or by the Executive then the House can vote down this report and the Chair will recognize Mr. Boutelle to call up his resolution."

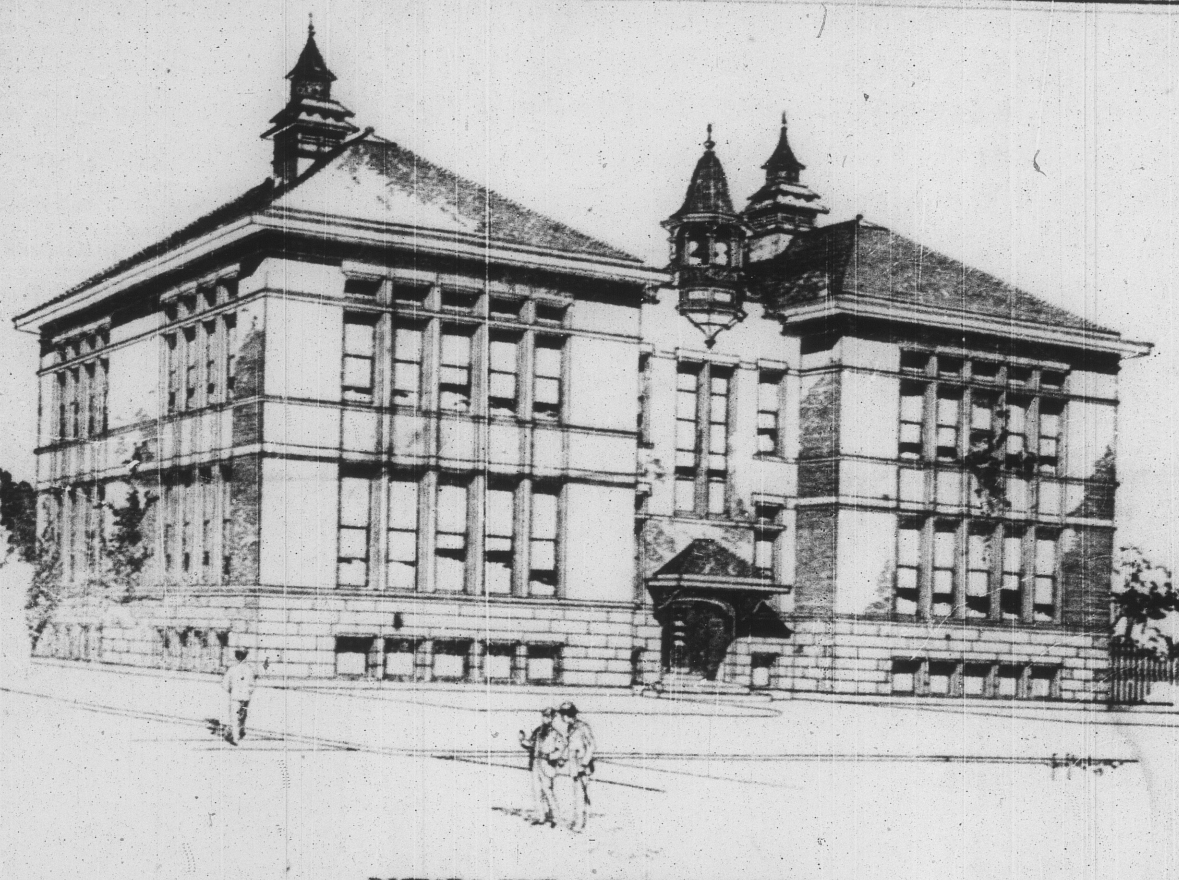
Mr. Boutelle tried to continue the duel with the Speaker, and was proceeding to insist upon a direct ruling from the Chair, but Speaker Crisp pounded his desk with the gavel and refused to recognize him further.

The speaker then stated the question to be on the demand for the report of the Committee on Rules and the vote was then taken. The Republicans refused to vote, as they did last week, and several of the Democrats, headed by Mr. Sperry, of Connecticut, also declined to answer to their names. But when the roll was completed it was found that 199 Democrats had voted, ten more than a quorum. According to the rules the demand for the previous question having been sustained, 15 minutes for debate was allowed on each side.

Catchings Opens the Debate.

Mr. Catchings, the Democratic leader on the floor, opened the debate with an explanation of the purpose and scope of the rule which it was proposed to adopt. The majority of the Committee on Rules, he said, did not desire to curtail debate on this bill, but the condition of the country was such that speedy action was more important than discussion. Every one appreciates that so long as uncertainty existed so long there would be instability and depression. "We believe," said he, "that the Wilson bill is a great stride in the direction of the achievement of the full measure of Democratic doctrine. We do not claim it is perfect, but it is a great step in the direction of tariff for revenue only."

Mr. Reed replied to Mr. Catchings. "The tariff bill presented here," said he, "offers so many different aspects that it needs more discussion than any bill ever submitted." The House, he



PATTON'S NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

### MODERN SCHOOL BUILDING

Proposed for the New Borough of Patton.

A VOTE IN FEBRUARY.

Proceedings Now Under Way to Submit the Matter at the Municipal Election.

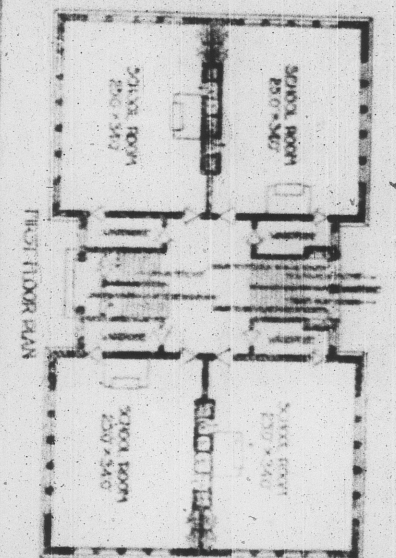
FORWARD, is the watchword in Patton, and the initial step was taken by the school board Tuesday evening that will place the town considerably in advance of its present condition in the matter of schools. And if the plans are carried to maturity the town will be placed in advance of the older communities in Pennsylvania. The board has performed its duty in preparing the way for the people to say if they want a good school in Patton. Plans for a building not to exceed in cost \$10,000 were submitted and approved at the meeting Tuesday evening and at the February election the people will have the opportunity to decide if the building shall be erected.

Meas. Noonan, Deak, Barson, Parcell, Donnelly and Sanford, the full board, were present at the meeting and the opinion was unanimous that Patton must have public schools. Mr. Robinson, of the firm of Robinson & Snyder, of Altoona, Pa., was present and submitted a drawing and plans for a school building, a cut of which appears on this page. The plans were explicitly explained and critically examined. Mr. Robinson stated that a building of the kind submitted could be erected at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, complete with all furniture for its equipment. The cut is an excellent one of the building, except that one wing will be omitted until the needs of the town require it. It is so planned that the main entrance and one wing, with four rooms, can be built and afterwards the second wing with four additional rooms can be added without marring the harmony of the whole, but will rather add to its beauty. Something of this nature will meet with the approval of the people. It will only be a few years until more room will be required and in the plans accepted it can be had with small expense. Mr. Robinson will proceed with the necessary specifications and details and if the vote in February is favorable for an issue of bonds the building will be completed and ready for the opening of the schools the first of next September. The school rooms are each 25x34 feet, which will provide seating room for from forty to sixty pupils each, according to whether single or double desks are used. The floor plan of the first story is given on this page.

After Mr. Robinson had retired from the meeting the matter of a school building was more thoroughly discussed and the expression was unanimous a building that will be a credit to the town and adequate for the future needs was wanted. The first question a stranger asks, who contemplates locating in a new town, is: "How about the schools?" and the town that has good schools is the place farthest in advance in all things that are desirable as a place of residence.

On motion it was agreed that the school board take necessary legal steps to submit to the people at the February election the question of an issue of 7-30

bonds, not to exceed \$10,000, for the purpose of erecting a school building. By issuing 7-30 bonds they can be redeemed at the expiration of seven years, if desired, or refunded at a lower rate of interest, if possible, and cover a period of thirty years.



The lots selected are on dry grounds, opposite the new Methodist church, on Palmer avenue. It will be donated by the Chest Creek Land and Improvement company and the deed will be ready whenever there is evidence that work is to proceed.

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR.

The Borough Councilmen Attended to Official Business Tuesday Evening.

Regular meeting of council convened in the borough building Tuesday evening at 8:30. Burgess Jackson presiding, Councilmen Worral, Brown, Wilson and Mellon were present. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The first business to come up for consideration was the report of the street committee. The committee was then instructed to give especial attention to the building of sidewalks and see that property owners build according to regulations laid down in the ordinances. The following bills were ordered paid: Peter Keith, for grading on Magee avenue, \$3.00; Levy & Mitchell, lumber, \$34.00; Samuel Jones, road and sewer supplies, \$3.65. An order was drawn in favor of Burgess Jackson to pay D. A. McGough, for having deeds recorded, \$6.50. Matters of minor importance were discussed and on resolution council agreed to care for all carbon oil street lamps furnished by citizens, providing the same are placed on the curb line. Adjourned to meet next Monday evening.

Foreign Money Order Offer.

Through the international money order system of the United States money orders can now be obtained at the Patton postoffice for any foreign country. Heretofore money sent outside of the States from the office at this place with safety had to be sent by registered letter. The money order system makes the transmission of money through the mails absolutely safe and is much more convenient than registering. There are but three offices in Cambria county from which international money orders are issued. They are Patton, Johnstown, Ebensburg and Gettysburg.

The examination of mine foremen will be held at Johnstown on the 18th inst. John Hunter, of Ashcroft's mine, and M. Boggans, of Reilly's mine, are applicants for admission from Patton.

### AN INCREASE OF BUSINESS.

A Good Showing for the Patton Postoffice

DURING THE YEAR 1892

Steady Increase from January to December, by the Last Quarter the Best.

For the benefit of persons who are not familiar with the wonderful strides Patton made during the year 1892 a brief statement of the increase in the post office receipts will serve as an illustration that is correct. The cancellations of stamps for the first quarter ending March 31st amounted to \$244.98; for the second quarter, ending June 30th, \$355.91, an increase of a little over 40 per cent; the third quarter, ending September 30th, \$387.06, an increase of 90 per cent. The last quarter, ending December 31st, amounted to \$558.31, an increase of 90 per cent. It is doubtful if there is another town in Pennsylvania that can produce proofs so conclusive of its substantial and permanent growth than Patton has attained in the short interval of one year and a half.

The postoffice receipts, the First National Bank financial statement and the prosperous business houses, as well as the fact that many shrewd men have obtained large interests here, are evidences of the substantial and permanent growth. The moneyed men of the community are not erecting fine buildings and investing capital to deceive the verdant, but for the simple reason that the future of Patton warrants the investment.

WAS IN PATTON LAST WEEK.

A Counterfeiter Arrested at Foxsawney and Taken to Pittsburg.

The crook who was in Patton last week and passed counterfeit money, was arrested at Foxsawney Thursday. He had been in that town for some time and the police finally became aware of his presence. After he had been locked up an examination of his room revealed a counterfeiter's complete outfit, consisting of dies, material and an electric battery. Twenty-seven spurious dollars were found in his valise and two dollars in the electric solution undergoing the finishing process. The burgess of Foxsawney wired the authorities in Pittsburg and received a reply that an officer would come on as soon as possible and take charge of the prisoner. This is a very important capture and the evidence is sufficiently strong to send him to the penitentiary for a long term of years.

A Night Man Discovered.

Sunday night every night telegraph operator, all night yard men, switching crews and callers on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg road between Foxsawney and Bradford, were laid off until further notice. This move will directly affect about seventy-five men along the line and indirectly affect many more. No trains will be run over the road at night, while heretofore a great part of the freight business was done between sunset and sunrise. The suspension of work tonight may also affect the miners of that region, although it is probable that if there is business to handle the railroad company will find a way to do it. The first time in the history of the road the night telegraph office at DuBois has been closed.

Hotel Men Still Waiting.

Clearfield county hotel men are still on the anxious seat. Last week, as stated by the CHIEF, Judge Gordon, who took the oath of office on the New Year, heard the petitions and remonstrances. There were several hundred of them and by reason of a new judge being on the bench the number of applicants was more than one-third larger than usual. The entire week was devoted to considering the petitions and Monday morning of this week argument court began. The applicants are still waiting with great anxiety for the final decree.

Moved to Clearfield.

The Monitor, the prohibition paper of Clearfield county, heretofore printed at the Clearfield Review office, has been moved to Clearfield for publication. Mr. S. C. Watt, the editor and proprietor, has put in an entire new plant at Clearfield and will enlarge his paper. The publication has always been well edited and has done much in the county for the party it represents.

Sleighing is surely coming and parties from Patton, Spangler, Hastings, Ebensburg, or elsewhere who want a good time should go to Carrolltown. Stop at the Eureka, where you can get anything you want at any time, night or day.