

The Delawarean.

WHAT WILL HANNA DO TO HIM? IS THE QUESTION ABOUT ADDICKS

Will the Republican Commandant Call off and Aid the Gasman to Senate?

TELLS DR. BALL DELAWARE MUST ELECT SENATORS.

But the Congressman-Elect Replies That She Cannot Elect any Until Addicks Gets Out of the Way. -Democrats Vote Against Changing From Their Caucus Nominees.

The Grangers of Delaware swept down upon the State capital yesterday and their delegation was so large that it had to be accorded the hall of the House of Representatives for a hearing.

The farmers came here to importune the legislators to pass the bills now before them ceasing the commutation of State taxes to the various railroad companies during business through the State, and fixing the annual tax of the Delaware Railroad Company at \$80,000, the P., W. & B. Railroad Company at \$60,000, the W. & N. Railroad Company at \$3,000, and the D., M. & V. Company at \$3,200.

The Grangers argued that either the railroad corporations or the farmers must be taxed to meet the increased demand for State revenue. The general incorporation law was looked for for the increased demands for revenue, but it had fallen far short of expectations.

A. N. Brown of Wyoming, was the spokesman for the Grangers, and made an exhaustive plea in their behalf.

Chandler's bill preventing the sale of oleomargarine or imitation butter except in its original color, resembling lard, passed the House yesterday. It repeals all other "oleo" legislation including the law requiring all "oleo" packages to be labeled "Oleomargarine."

Wilmington Gets \$30,000 Present.

The fight for \$30,000, or one-half the liquor license revenue of the city of Wilmington to be restored by the State to the mayor and Council of Wilmington came up in the House and proved a battle royal between the rural and the city members. The \$60,000 now collected in Wilmington is paid into the State treasury and goes toward the school and other public expenses. This new bill was recently amended so that every incorporated city and town should receive half of its liquor revenue returned to it by the State treasurer. This was intended to interest all the legislators who are residents of these cities and still to give Wilmington the advantage. The other towns outside would receive \$20,000, reducing the State's receipts from \$70,000 to \$20,000.

Representatives Monaghan and Robertson fought hard for the bill, but were opposed at every advance by Representative Clark, who declared that the State, after all, was the protector and guardian of all law and all public interests and money is required to run the government and the State could not afford to make a clear gift to the cities of \$35,000. Dr. Moore also fought upon the same ground.

Representative Monaghan declared the receipts from the incorporation act would far exceed the loss to the State of this license money.

The Monaghan bill passed the House by the vote:

Yea—Baynard, Dayett, Ewing, Hardesty, Hensley, Hitchens, Hodgson, Holcomb, Hutchinson, Layton, Monaghan, Pepper, Ralph, Robertson, Shallcross, Scotten, Warren, West, Flinn—19.

Nay—Aron, Chandler, Clark, Clendaniel, Gooden, Hearn, Hope, Long, Moore, Pilling, Short, Vinyard, White, Wright and Speaker McCommons—15.

\$50 Fine for Playing the Owl.

The Allee slot machine bills making it a misdemeanor to maintain, own or operate a slot machine in this State under penalty of \$50 fine for each offense, or imprisonment for not less than thirty days passed the House Monday by unanimous vote. The bill was devised and drawn by Senator Allee who thinks the operation of these machines in this State a flagrant violation of the Constitution and have stationed many young men on a downward career.

Congregation May Again Elect.

The Senate Monday passed the bill repealing the peculiar law passed by last General Assembly whereby

the Methodist churches of the State have been unable to elect their trustees, but have been compelled to accept trustees appointed by the pastor or presiding elder. The law of two years ago, "An act in relation to religious societies," simply directs the various church societies to elect their trustees in accordance with their church laws, and as the Methodist discipline calls for the election of trustees by the pastor or elder, in order to avoid the failure of congregations in small places to elect, the bigger churches which have large congregational meetings were thus deprived of naming their trustees by ballot.

Senator Abbott introduced an act to create a State Railroad Commission which is in line with the legislation to get more revenue from the railroads after this year.

Senator Groves presented a measure for the improvement of school houses for colored children in this State, and carrying with it an appropriation of \$6,000 to put these buildings in good repair.

Senator Groves also presented an act in relation to closing the county office of New Castle county at noon on Saturdays.

Wilmington's New Government.

The Wilmington city charter bills, providing for the election of a mayor whose duty it shall be to appoint the heads of the various departments and which heads of departments shall constitute his cabinet, and providing for making new wards of the city, so that each legislative district will constitute a ward, and that five members at large and two members from each district shall constitute the City Council, was presented in the Senate by Senator McNulty and in the House by Mr. Robertson, with a view of having both committees sit jointly in hearing and amending the charter bill. It is a revolutionizing of the city government of Wilmington and would make it safely Republican, but as the Democrats must support the measure to pass it by a two-thirds vote, they will probably be allowed to amend it. One amendment suggested is to allow the minority party one-third of the departmental officers and the mayor's cabinet.

Pillory, But no Slot Machines.

Chairman Chandler of the Committee on Crimes and Punishments, in the House reported unfavorably and thus practically killed the Senate bill to abolish the pillory as a method of corporal punishment, and the old instrument of torture will probably stay. The committee made a favorable report on the abolition from the State of gambling slot machines—the Allee bill.

Hutchinson's bill providing that the Levy Court of each county shall pay a ransom for the extermination of hawks, and placing the reward at 50 cents a head for each hawk's scalp presented under affidavit that the bird of prey was killed in the State, was presented Monday.

Chairman Hope of the Committee on Private Corporations reported favorably the measure allowing the Ferris Industrial School \$100 each, without limit for boys committed there by the courts from each county in the State. Justices of the Peace may also commit.

The House passed the Senate amendment to the bill prohibiting the shipping of wild ducks and geese from this State into other States. All of these toothsome fowls must now be killed for home consumption.

Mr. Robertson introduced his Board of Trade bills substituting a tax of 50 cents on the capital stock invested for the present inquisitorial manufacturers' tax.

Teachers' Examination.

An examination for the first and second grade certificates will be held in Dover on Saturday, February 16 in the public school building. Only those teachers whose certificates have expired will attend this examination.

J. E. CARROLL,
Supt. Schools Kent Co.

GRAND LODGE OF WORKMEN.

Ninth Annual Session of the Delaware Jurisdiction.

ADOPTED NEW STEP-RATE PLAN.

Grand Recorder's Report Shows That \$98,000 has been Paid to Stricken Homes in This State Since Last February's Session in Dover. Supreme Officers Present.



J. L. Ellis, of Delmar.

The ninth annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, Ancient Order of United Workmen began in Smyrna yesterday. Grand Master Workman George M. Stevenson of Smyrna, presiding. This will probably be one of the most important meetings of the Grand Lodge ever held, as the matter of changing the assessment

from the level to the graded plan will come before the members. There are fifty-five representatives from the thirty-two lodges in the State, besides grand officers in attendance. Wilmington Lodge, No. 1, has fifteen representatives, and Industry Lodge, No. 2, both of Wilmington, has nine. Diamond Lodge, No. 9, of Dover, is the only lodge out of Wilmington which sends two representatives, having over 200 members.

The cession of a large slice of the State of Pennsylvania to Delaware is a matter of great interest to the Workmen of the State. Through the efforts of Grand Master Stevenson, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has decided to give over to the Delaware Jurisdiction, that section of Chester county lying south and west of the line of the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, commencing at the Delaware State line and extending northwestwardly to Coatesville and then south of the line of the Pennsylvania railroad which extends westwardly from Coatesville to the line of Lancaster county. This is in consideration that the Delaware Grand Lodge shall place an organizer in the city of Chester, and add fifty new members to the Lodge already there, without cost to the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge.

Almost all of the required number of members have been secured. S. L. Poits and Charles M. Murch of Wilmington, having been actively engaged in bringing in additional members to the Chester lodge.

In his annual report Grand Master Stevenson recommends the appointment of a permanent organizer for this jurisdiction, especially for the aid of weak lodges in the rural districts. He suggests this as more beneficial than allowing each lodge \$3.50 for every member taken in. "In my opinion," the Grand Master Workman says, "the man who pays to get in this or any other organization is the one who says in and is not suspended month after month for non-payment of assessments."

The report also congratulates the members of the Finance Committee of the Order, who have done such excellent work during the year.

The officers of the Grand Lodge are as follows: Grand Master Workman, George M. Stevenson, Smyrna; Past Grand Master Workman, Frank P. Lackey, Wilmington; Grand Foreman, J. L. Ellis, Delmar; Grand Overseer, Benjamin A. Groves, Marshallton; Grand Recorder, Charles E. Woods, Wilmington; Grand Receiver, Edgar A. Finley, Grand Guide, Dr. H. W. Howell; Grand Inside Watchman, Curtis Kirk; Grand Outside Watchman, Caleb S. Watson; Grand Medical Examiner, Dr. Lewis W. Flinn, all of Wilmington.

Grand Trustees—Dr. J. W. McK

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THE THREE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Governor Huna Chooses Professors Jones, Carroll and Davis, Respectively, and Senate Confirms. Governor Huna yesterday appointed the three superintendents of public schools for the State of Delaware for the term of two years, each. They are: Daniel B. Jones of Townsend, for New Castle county; James E. Carroll of Dover, for Kent county; Leon H. Davis of Greenwood, for Sussex county. Cornelius B. Frear was also appointed State Librarian. The Senate met in executive session and confirmed all four appointments.

JOHN W. CLARK BORN HERE DIES NEAR DENTON.

One of Thirteen Children he Started Out Poor But Acquired 1,000 Acres of Fine Farm Land.

A special to the Morning News of yesterday from Denton, Md., says: John Wesley Clark, Sr., a prominent and wealthy citizen of this county, died at this home in Tuckahoe Neck on Friday evening last at 6 o'clock, after a short illness from a severe attack of grip, aged 76 years. It is estimated that he leaves an estate of at least \$50,000, being the owner of 1,000 acres of excellent farm land and valuable mill property, and stock in the Denton National Bank valued at \$8,000. Mr. Clark assisted in the organization of that institution in 1881, and his excellent business qualifications have contributed much to its success, he having retained a directorship there until his death.

The deceased was born near Dover, Delaware, and was one of a family of thirteen children of John and Mary Clark, his father and mother attaining the ages of 84 and 90 years, respectively. On December 24, 1846, Mr. Clark married Mary E. Smith, of near Dover, and to them six children were born: Robert, Mary M., Laura, John W., Jr., Sarah M. and Anna, all of whom are still living. He was a consistent and earnest member of the Methodist Protestant Church and strictly temperate in his habits. Always a Democrat he never sought or held public office. His prosperity shows him to have been a man of energy and intelligence, and his farm property is among the finest in the county.

MANY ABANDON TOMATOES SO SAY THE FARMERS.

Cannery Reverses and Low Prices Offered Discouraging Those who Grow Tons Last Year.

Bowers Del., February 13.

The grip, which prevailed in this surrounding neighborhood for the past three weeks, is on the decrease, and the majority of those who were confined to their rooms with it, are now convalescent.

During the present cold wave the two rivers were frozen over and the bay contains acres of floating ice, which is a great bother to navigation. Should the wind blow a stiff breeze for twelve hours from the northeast, this shore would be blocked mountains high with drifted ice.

The outlook is favorable now for Messrs. Stevenson and Johnson to become proprietors the present year of the Beach Hotel here, now conducted by G. W. Fiach. Should the above named young business men be successful in their efforts, we wish them much future success, and that they will give to their guests and the public at large as good satisfaction as Mr. F. M. did during his proprietorship in the year of 1896.

The public school here that was closed the past week owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Lydia Martin, opened on Monday last with a full attendance.

The outlook at present is that but few tomato canneries will be run in this county the present year, owing to the vast amount of canned tomatoes now on the market and the low prices offered. The few who anticipate running the present year will not pay over \$5 per ton to the growers, and the growers say that it will not pay to grow them at the named figures, and many of the farmers have come to the conclusion that it will pay better to continue raising 40c. corn, \$6 hogs and \$7 beef and make 25c. butter than to go half bent picking tomatoes on a hot September day in the midst of the mosquitoes, averaging ten tons to the acre.

LEGISLATURE NOW CONSIDERING A STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Will Consist of Three Members at \$1,800 Annually and be Non-Partisan.

TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM EXCESSIVE TARIFF RATES.

Other Matters of Importance Which Have Passed the Houses.—Wife-Beating Bill Becomes a Law After Some Objection in the House for Fear it Would Disgrace Wives and Children.—The Pillory to be Continued.

All three factions engaged in the triangular fight for two United States Senators for Delaware—one for six and another for four years, have held distinct caucuses this week.

The Union or Addicks Republicans met in the State House parlor to formally consider their course on future legislation and incidentally to hear the report of State Senator Allee who went, with other prominent Union Republicans of the State, as a committee to Washington on Saturday and held a conference with National Chairman Hanna and others of the National committee. At the time they went it was given out that the Union leaders were only after the appointment of Colonel D. P. Barnard as collector of the port of Wilmington, which is being held up by the President pending the outcome of this Senatorial fight, but it is learned that the visit had other significance, and that the Republican National Committee is going to send a delegation to this State to attempt the herculean task of bringing about the election of two Senators.

Early last week, National Chairman Hanna saw Congressman-elect Louis Hetsler Ball, who was in Washington arranging for quarters when he takes his seat as Delaware's lone representative, and to Dr. Ball the chairman is alleged to have said:

"The Republicans have carried the State (meaning Delaware), and now you must get together. You could not have carried it without the assistance of each other, and there is no reason why you should not now take the same harmonious action. You MUST elect two United States Senators, be they Addicks and DuPont or Addicks and anybody else. We have no quarrel with Addicks."

The outcome of the committee's visit to Washington, and the outcome of this week's conference remains a secret, as all were pledged to reveal nothing. Senator Allee, who is also their State chairman, simply said:

"There is no change in the situation, and we do not expect any change from the other side until something drops in a few days. Then there will be two Republicans elected by Republican votes."

In the Regular Republican conference they simply decided to accept the reply of the Unions that no proposition, no matter if it included two of the best Union Republicans, could be accepted by them unless it included Addicks, and to go on voting for the men of their original choice. Representative Baynard, who was supposed to be a close friend of Mr. Addicks, but who has been invited to the Regular conferences lately, announced to the conference that he intended to change his vote to leave no stone unturned and to leave no sacrifice undone that would stand in the way of electing two United States Senators. There was much speculation as to what Mr. Baynard intended to do, and when, in joint session the Wilmingtonian voted for DuPont and Richards the Regulars manifested much surprise, as he has been supporting independent candidates. Notwithstanding that he is getting farther and farther away from them, the Union Republicans are counting solidly on Mr. Baynard's vote in the final round-up next month.

The Democrats held a conference in the third story of the State House, Senator Slaughter, their permanent chairman, presiding. Several of the friends of Former Attorney-General John Biggs wanted to change from the caucus nominees, and throw "bouquets" among other distinguished Democrats, especially Biggs and Former Governor Tunnell, but there was so little support for this idea that they finally abandoned it.

stand together for the caucus nominees.

The Democrats are watching every possible development in the Republican lines, and should there be any attempt to elect Addicks by absenteeism, they will see to it that enough Regulars are induced to act with them—the Democrats—to walk out and break the quorum.

A Laugh on Mr. Monaghan.

The most amusing incident of the session occurred yesterday during the balloting. When Representative Monaghan (Dem., Wilmington) was called to arise and vote on the long term proposition, he was busy in conversation with Former City Solicitor Robert G. Harman about his bill, to restore to Wilmington \$30,000 of the liquor license revenue annually, which had just passed the House as a result of his hard and effectual work. Several representatives on the other side preceded Monaghan with the response: "John Edward Addicks," and as his name was called yesterday, Mr. Monaghan jumped to his feet and shouted: "John Edward Addicks," and everything was still as death.

Then in an instant, Mr. Monaghan, with uplifted hand and flushed face, advanced to the speaker's desk, saying: "Oh, ——— I mean Richard R. Kenney." The whole assembly forgot its dignity and became convulsed in an uproar. President Ellison tapped with his gavel to restore order, but the hilarity only grew. Mr. Monaghan, taking the trouble in good spirits, finally, Chairman Ellison arose and gave his stand one thump which smashed the new gavel into fourteen splinters and the laugh was turned to the chairman.

After the session, the Democrats tried to console Mr. Monaghan, who was then feeling sore about his mistake, and one said: "Well, you see how they'll crownd the first man who goes over. I feel sorry for him."

"Yes," replied the Wilmingtonian, "I feel sorry for the man who went over to-day."

Senator Brasere presented a bill yesterday afternoon requiring all transportation companies doing business in this State to provide free transportation to members of the judiciary and all State officials and members of the General Assembly while they hold their respective offices.

The Democrats fought for the maintenance of the State detective service and for the Democratic officials now enjoying those offices, but the Knox bill abolishing them passed by a strict party vote, a minority report intended to save the detectives being voted for by the same vote.

Knox's bill providing for sanitary barber shops and a barber's commission was introduced in the Senate.

Mr. Gooden's bill to have "incompatibility of temper" inserted in the grounds for divorce was killed by an unfavorable report.

The Oregon Legislature's resolution favoring the election of Senators by the people, was read in the Senate.

The Senate joint resolution, appointing Hiram R. Burton, John D. Townsend, Jr., and Emory B. Riggin directors on the part of the State of the Farmers' Bank at Georgetown, passed the House yesterday afternoon. For the Farmers' Bank at Dover, Thomas C. Roe, George H. Murray and Charles W. Lord were appointed directors for the State.

The House also passed the Senate joint resolution, appointing a committee of five to arrange for the legislators attending the inaugural ceremonies at Washington on the fourth of March.

The bill introduced by Mr. Flinn, doing away with the hundred tax collectors and restoring the full duties in collecting to the county treasurer and receiver of taxes, came up in the House yesterday afternoon. The bill, if passed, will save New Castle county \$15,000 annually.

Bird Supported by Regulars.

In joint session to-day Farlow, Maul and Hardesty were absent. The Regular Republicans voted for DuPont, as usual, on the first ballot and the three independent Republicans continued their support of Higgins.

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