

WILL CUT THE POOR CONDUCTOR OUT.

Anti-Tip Bill, Says Wartmann, Will Prevent the Feeling of Trainmen.

The House passed, under suspension of the rules yesterday, a bill against tipping, which its author, Representative Wartmann, claims will put an end to an evil which has grown up rather recently in this State—that of paying train conductors to assist the distribution of empty cars to shippers in a partial manner.

During the car famine of the past few months, when the supply of cars could not be made to cover all the demands, it is said that certain shippers were favored to the detriment of others; that this was managed through the conductors, who were paid by certain shippers to place cars for them while others had to wait indefinitely.

While the bill offered by Mr. Wartmann is not specific on this point, he is sure that it is sufficiently effective to cover it, for it was a design of the bill to make such practices impossible.

When the bill against tipping was offered, Representative Melton arose to explain how the expression "tip" originated, which he didn't do. "Uncle Steve" said that he never knew what the word meant until he traveled in England, and then he didn't know, but at the door of every tavern was a little box labeled "T. I. P." The Representative from Duval finally inquired of a buxom English ale maiden what the letters stood for and she told him that it meant prompt attention. This caused the members to think in the right direction, while Representative MacWilliams helped his Uncle Steven out of the difficulty by explaining that the letters on the box stood for the words, "To Insure Promptness."

Mr. Malone listened very patiently through this diversion, but arose upon its conclusion to remark that he did not favor the anti-tip bill any more than anti-pass bill. The same principle was involved, he said, and he didn't see wherein the State had any right to say that an individual should not give his property away or how.

Mr. Knight of Columbia said that he didn't object to any man disposing of his property in any way he saw fit, but he did object to the use of property by any one to gain an undue advantage over his fellowman. The practice of tipping, he said, had this effect.

Mr. Crawford of Orange was inclined to support the bill, and he did, but thought that some provision should be made for the reward of a faithful servant who serves well the transient guest during his stay at hotel or boarding house. The bill passed 39 to 9. The bill provides that it shall be unlawful for an employee of any hotel, restaurant, parlor or sleeping car company, or of any other public service, institution or common carrier to receive money as a tip, and for any patron of the same to give to such employee any money, or its equivalent, as a tip or gratuity; and it shall also be unlawful for any person or corporation conducting any hotel, restaurant or other business depending upon public patronage, including sleeping and chair cars, and all forms of public carriers to enter into any contract or agreement for the employment of any person in which the hope or expectation of tips or gratuities shall be a consideration as to pay.

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On Tax Deed Lands, Unless Taxes Are Paid.

Senator Buckman saw much hardship to the poor man in the Senate substitute for House Bill No. 17, preventing the cutting and removing of any timber or the working for turpentine of any timber on land when there shall be any unredeemed and outstanding tax sale certificates against any such land and timber, but Senator Johnson was of contrary opinion.

"The Senator mistakes the purpose of the bill," said Mr. Johnson. "It is intended to prevent people coming in and cutting timber on that land, leaving it barren, and thus throwing it on the State.

"Many times the land is worthless after the timber is cut," added Mr. Johnson.

Senator Adams complained that one section of the bill was too drastic and thereby might cause the punishment of innocent men.

"The Senator from the Seventeenth has not carefully considered one section of this bill," said Mr. Adams, whereupon Mr. Johnson read Section 3432 of the General Statutes, relating to the cutting of timber and of much greater severity than the clause opposed by the Senator from the Thirtieth.

"I am not responsible for that law, and I will vote against the bill," responded Mr. Adams.

Senator Willis supported the bill, saying: "Every sawmill and turpentine man in my county has refused to pay axes on these lands. They will let the lands be sold for taxes, and before the certificates can be issued the timber will be worked out and nobody will want the land.

On roll call the vote was:
Yeas—Mr. President, Senators Alford, Baker, Beard, Canova, Cone, Crane, Crews, Crill, Hudson, Humphries, Jackson, Johnson, Neel, Willis, Withers, West (4th), Zim—17.

Nays—Senators Adams, Buckman, Clarke, Cottrell, Henderson, Massey, Sams—7.

So thus ends the practice of buying tax sale deeds and then, while denuding the land of timber, refusal to pay taxes on same.

HOUSE BILL RELATIVE TO ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMEN PASSED SENATE.

Mr. Carter's House Bill, to provide for the number and election of executive committeemen of political parties, passed the Senate yesterday.

Among the provisions of the bill are:
"That the State Executive or Standing Committee of any political party holding primary elections under the laws of this State shall consist of one member from each county in the State and no more, who shall be elected for four years by the qualified electors of such party in the county at a primary election held by that party."

In the county one member shall be elected from each precinct. The original bill provided for two members at large, but this was tricken out by amendment by Senator Cone:

"That no Executive or Standing Committee provided for in this act shall receive, allow, or recognize the proxy of any member of such committee at any meeting of the committee or in any manner, unless such proxy is held and represented in person."

SENATE PASSES ADAMS'S ROAD BILL.

The good roads bill of Senator Adams, providing for the creation of tax road districts and building of roads by use of funds arising from the hire of convicts, passed the Senate yesterday.

This bill was among those killed in the House last week, when the bunch of good roads bills were considered together.

CLARKE'S LABOR CONTRACT BILL.

Mr. Clarke's bill to provide a penalty for procuring money or other thing of value on a contract to perform service with intent to defraud, is made a special order in the Senate today.

A law having the same purpose, enacted by the Legislature of North Carolina, has just been declared unconstitutional by a United States Court.

VAGRANCY BILL PASSED SENATE.

Covering about everything on the top of the earth in the form of humanity that tolls not, the bill of Mr. Griggs of Franklin passed the Senate yesterday.

If there remains any vagrancy in this State after the bill becomes law it will be because the law is not enforced, as it is a blanket indictment against both nomadic and settled forms of idleness.

A SURPRISE.

Westerner (in Eastern village)—S-ay, I want a shave, but I can't find no barber shop open.

Resident—This is Sunday and all business stops on Sunday.

"Huh! Don't the barbers do no shaving on Sunday?"
"Only in cases of necessity. They are allowed to shave dead men."

"Waal, by gum! This is the fust time I ever struck a place whar a man who needed a shave on Sunday was expected to kill himself fust."—New York Weekly.

HUBBY'S TALES FROM HOME.

The fond husband was seeing his wife off with the children for their Easter in the country.

As he got into the train he said: "But, my dear, won't you take some fiction to read?"

"Oh, no," she responded sweetly, "I shall depend on your letters from home."—Tattler.

Ado—Dr. Armstrong will make his usual professional visit to Tallahassee the first Monday in June and can be seen in person at the Bloxham Hotel on that date. Any one suffering with any eye trouble should see him.—503t

NONE WANTED TO INVESTIGATE.

Senator Beard wanted some more investigation of the clerical force in the executive departments, and introduced a resolution to that effect yesterday.

Speaking for it, he said that the information was to ascertain what number of clerks were really needed in the several departments, that appropriation could be made.

The resolution was adopted, and at the afternoon session President Harris tried to appoint a committee of three to investigate, but after a number were asked to serve and begged to be excused, Senator Hudson suggested that the resolution be withdrawn, so Mr. Beard agreed.

ADV.

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Uncle Sam Now Employs Several Hundred Thousand People at Good Salaries.

The growth of the national Civil Service System is well illustrated by a statement recently published, showing that since Theodore Roosevelt became President 72,000 additional government employees have been put in the classified service—that is, their successors must be appointed under the competitive examination system. Practically the only large group of government appointees now outside of the classified service is that made up of the fourth-class postmasters.

During the last three years, for which statistics are available, 108,578 persons have received appointments, and the number of appointments this year seems likely to be greater than that of any previous year.

The rural free-delivery service is spreading rapidly. The number of routes in operation March 1, 1906, were 35,031; there were then 3,424 pending petitions for new routes, of which 294 had been assigned for establishment.

The liberal pay and vacation and sick-leave privileges, together with the easy hours of government service, and the splendid opportunities presented for advancement, have made the Civil Service very attractive; and more and more people are taking the examinations every year.

The remarkable rise in Civil Service of such men as George B. Cortelyou, who, starting as a stenographer, is now Postmaster-General; M. O. Chance, who has advanced from the position of messenger to that of chief clerk of the great Postoffice Department; Richard Perry Covert, formerly a stenographer, now chief of the appointment division of the Postoffice Department; William Loeb, Jr., Secretary to President Roosevelt; Jasper Wilson, Secretary to the Secretary of Agriculture; Frederick I. Allen, Commissioner of Patents; Oscar J. Ricketts, foreman of the Government Printing Office, and many others, has been an inspiration.

The large number of competitors means, of course, that a somewhat higher passing average is now necessary in order to be certain of an appointment. Those who receive appointments are usually those who have spent months in preparing for the examination.

The preparation for a Civil Service Examination is of a special nature, and many of those who have passed and received appointments would not have been able to do so but for the training afforded by the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pa. These great Schools have had fifteen years of experience in teaching by mail, and have spent more than one million dollars in preparing home-study text-books. While most thorough, their instruction is so clear that anyone able to read

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