

WAR OVER THE BLUE LAWS

The Matter Will Come Up for Revision This Session.

SENATOR LANDIS' MEASURE

He Would Make It a Crime for a Man to Buy Another Man's Vote—Propose for Senator Vaughan's Bill.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, Jan. 17.—The most important thing in the legislature today was Speaker Walton's appointment of Mr. Lytle to the chairmanship of the committee on rules, the other members being Messrs. Lawrence, Ritter, Staples and Culbertson.

The so-called blue law of 1794 will come up for revision this session. Numerous petitions for its repeal and in favor of its more strict amendment are reaching both chambers.

Another senate bill in which general interest is felt would be the election of school boards in first-class cities and commit the government of schools to a commission of ten members, serving without pay.

General Gobin says there is a strong demand for the law he has proposed, which will give to Pennsylvania the reputation of having the strongest state financial institutions in the country.

The evidence, taken as a whole, indicates that the department was permeated by the influence of Tammany Hall; that district leaders influenced not only appointments but the assignment of officers; that forced contributions were levied upon the members for the benefit of district organizations and that a situation had been reached under four years of a partisan police board where the officers have been brought to understand that the only hope for promotion was in joining and contributing to Tammany Hall associations and seeking through those channels the sure road to promotion.

The conclusion seems irresistible that under the circumstances such as now exist in the city of New York it becomes the duty of the legislature to remove, as far as practicable, the possibility of political influence securing a controlling power over the police force.

Work in the House. Among the bills reported favorably were the following: Repealing the consolidation of Oil Pipe Line companies; to prevent the export of tuberculars; creating the department of banking and savings banks.

Mr. Stinson, of Cambria—Providing for decision by lot where two or more persons shall have an equal number of votes for the same office in township and borough; also to abolish days of grace on promissory notes.

Mr. Wilson, of Juniata—Providing that each shall be sold by public sale. Mr. Smith, of Bradford—Providing that half of the state appropriations for schools shall be distributed among schools on the basis of the number of scholars kept open the minimum number of months required by law, and the other half on the basis of the number of taxable.

Mr. Grigsby, of Lawrence—Repealing the act regulating fees to be charged by justices of the peace, magistrates, aldermen, etc. Mr. O'Malley, of Lackawanna—Amending the act of May 23, 1883, providing that the burgess of a borough shall not hold any other borough office during the term for which he is elected.

One Liquor Bill Defeated. The bill regulating the standard weight of a bushel of onions was reported favorably by committee. When the bill to impose costs upon remonstrants against liquor licenses in case the remonstrance fails, was called up for second reading, it was forcefully opposed by Messrs. Merrick, of Tioga, Lytle, of Huntington, and Marton, of Lawrence, who viewed it as an attempt to embarrass and obstruct any effort in the direction of suppressing the liquor traffic.

On third reading the bill providing for the publication and distribution of the "bird book" was called up. Mr. Fow opposed the bill, saying it was a useless expenditure of the people's money. Mr. Merrick took the position that the book was as good as any other report issued.

The bill repealing that part of the first section of the act of June, 1891, which applies to bridges which cross rivers or streams forming the boundary line between two counties or running between counties passed finally.

BOOKKEEPER RETURNS.

John H. Blaisdell Surrenders After an Absence of Ten Years.

By the United Press. Fall River, Mass., Jan. 17.—John H. Blaisdell, who for some time prior to February, 1885, had been the bookkeeper of the Westmore mills, in this city, was today in the Central Police station today and announced that he desired to surrender himself. His coming was as sudden and unexpected as his departure. When he fled the town ten years ago he was, as a subsequent investigation showed, a defaulter to the amount of \$40,000, which the stockholders of the Westmore mills had to stand.

He declined to talk to reporters today or to explain his motive for coming here and surrendering himself. Some of the directors of Westmore mills, however, have a decided opinion of having the indictment not pressed; that he is tired of living the life he has for the past ten years and prefers to take any risk in order to be at home once more.

LEXOW COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

It Is Rather Severe on Tammany Hall and the New York Police Force—Protection for Crime.

By the United Press. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The report of the Lexow committee, which will be presented to the senate tomorrow, was made public tonight. It contained fully 18,000 words. The committee, in presenting the report, says it is not the intention to submit a comprehensive analysis of the work performed and the result attained, but rather to accentuate the salient features of a record, which, when closely scrutinized, will disclose conditions in a department of municipal government unimagined of at the time of the inception of the inquiry and justly challenging the most serious attention of the legislature.

The results of the investigation up to this point conclusively show that in very large number of the election districts of the city of New York, almost every conceivable crime against the elective franchise was either committed or permitted by the police, invariably in the interests of the dominant Democratic organization commonly called Tammany Hall. It is quite evident that the practices of the police exerted an important and decisive influence upon results, a fact which is made incontrovertibly plain by the comparison of the vote cast in the Second assembly district in the year 1892 with the vote cast in that district at the last election.

The evidence, taken as a whole, indicates that the department was permeated by the influence of Tammany Hall; that district leaders influenced not only appointments but the assignment of officers; that forced contributions were levied upon the members for the benefit of district organizations and that a situation had been reached under four years of a partisan police board where the officers have been brought to understand that the only hope for promotion was in joining and contributing to Tammany Hall associations and seeking through those channels the sure road to promotion.

Blair-White Case. Serious Charges Are Made by All Witnesses at Investigation.

By the United Press. Indiana, Pa., Jan. 17.—In the Blair-White election case today thirty witnesses were examined and more charges of bribery were made. One witness testified that Judge White had himself given him money for his vote.

WILKES-BARRE MINER KILLED.

By the United Press. Wilkes-Barre, Jan. 17.—Stephen Shaw, a miner employed at the Halstead colliery, at Durfess, was instantly killed today, while in the act of blasting coal from the roof when several tons of it fell upon him.

STATE GLEANINGS.

The new board of pardons will meet for the first time on Feb. 23. Millersville State Normal school alumni will banquet at Pottsville this evening. Allegheny county physicians have started a crusade against illegal practitioners. Over 1,300 applications for liquor licenses will be considered by the Schuylkill county court.

While playing with a lamp the night dress of little Leon Clauser, of Shamokin, caught fire and he was fatally burned. Little Barbara Fleishman was awarded \$1,800.66 damages by a Reading jury for the loss of a foot in a trolley car accident.

Sarah Polan, of Uniontown, fell down stairs with a lighted lamp and was fatally burned by the explosion which followed. The temple furnace, at Reading, which was recently put in blast, has been blown out. It had been working badly for some weeks.

The ore mines of the Brooke Iron company, at Falls of French creek, have closed down, throwing seventy-five men out of employment. Five-year-old George Todd, of near Greensburg, was burned to death by his clothing lighting from a fire, and his mother was badly hurt in trying to save him.

Charles Kuekling, of Reading, aged 66 years, a well known iron worker, was struck by a reading express at a grade crossing on the South Side last night and died from his injuries this afternoon. No. 4 blast furnace of the Pennsylvania steel company, of Harrisburg, was blown out for repairs tonight, throwing sixty-five men out of work. The furnace had a daily capacity of 200 tons of pig iron and had been in operation about a year.

SENATOR SHERMAN'S BILL

A Measure That Provides for the Issue of Bonds.

MR. PUGH ALSO HAS A SCHEME

He Would Solve the Currency Question by a Free Coinage Act—Sharp Talk Upon Financial Theories—Mr. Breckinridge Heard From.

By the United Press. Washington, Jan. 17.—The first business of importance in the senate today was the introduction of the financial bill, one by Mr. Pugh (Dem., Ala.) and the other by Mr. Sherman (Rep., O.). The title of the first was, "To meet deficiencies in the revenue of the treasury of the United States; to regulate the redemption of treasury and coin notes of the United States; to restore silver to coinage; to amend the national banking and currency laws, and for other purposes."

That of the second was "To provide for a temporary deficiency of revenue." Mr. Pugh's bill provides for the issue at once, of not exceeding \$100,000,000 legal tender notes to meet deficiencies and to be redeemed in gold and silver standard coin; for the coinage of silver bullion in the treasury to be used in the redemption of the public expenditures; for the issue of certificates for bullion to be deposited, to the amount of its market value; for the reserve of \$100,000,000 in equal amounts of gold and silver, and for the payment of custom duties, one-half in gold and the other half in other currency.

Mr. Sherman's bill authorizes the issue of 3 per cent. bonds for the redemption of United States treasury notes and to pay current expenditures; also the issue of 3 per cent. certificates, to be sold at public depositories and at postoffices, and allows the issue of national bank currency to the par value of the bonds deposited therefor.

Both bills were read in full and were referred to the finance committee. Mr. Pugh made an impromptu speech as he introduced his bill, in which he alluded to Mr. Vest's facetious characterization of senators yesterday as a lot of "old muscovy drakes," and condemned it as "degrading, mortifying and humiliating."

The pension appropriation bill (appropriation \$10,000,000 for pensions) was passed with an amendment to abolish \$2 and \$4 disability pensions, and to make the minimum of them all \$6 a month.

BRECKINRIDGE HEARD FROM.

On the opening of the house a message from the senate announced the passage with amendments of the first deficiency appropriation bill for the current year. On motion of Mr. Breckinridge (Dem., Ky.) the amendment was disagreed to and a conference ordered.

Most of today's session was spent in consideration of the immigration appropriation bill without disposing of the measure. It was discussed today under the 5-minute rule and was open for amendment. The principal changes made was the adoption of an amendment offered by Mr. Cobb (Dem., Mo.) appropriating \$1,000,000 for the purchase of the Cherokee outlet.

Mr. Richardson (Dem., Tenn.) took occasion in the course of the discussion to deny the statement that the restoration to congressmen of the franking privilege contained in the bill to regulate the printing and distribution of public documents was inserted surreptitiously. He pointed out that it had been offered on the floor of the house, discussed and adopted by a vote of 42 to 40.

By unanimous consent the bill to establish a park at Gettysburg went over until the first morning hour next week. At 4.40 the house adjourned until tomorrow.

GEORGE D. BOHEN DYING.

The Football Athlete Who Was Injured on Thanksgiving Day at Washington Cannot Survive Many Days.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—George D. Bohlen, who was injured in the Thanksgiving Day football game between Georgetown university and Columbia Athletic club, is dying. Bohlen was a half-back on the college team and in one of the collisions received an injury to his spine, which caused paralysis. He retained all his mental faculties from the first. The doctors of the Georgetown Medical school, who have been attending him at the Emergency hospital, have had little hopes of his recovery and state that but for his wonderful physical soundness, he could not have survived this long. They say now that it is only a question of hours until he must succumb.

LOSES HER SPEECH.

Hannah Green Struck Dumb at a Social Gathering.

Vincennes, Ind., Jan. 17.—Miss Hannah Green, daughter of Frank Green, manager of Green's Opera House, suddenly lost her power of speech Saturday evening, and, though she is well in all respects, she has not been able to utter a sound since. She was at a party given at the home of Judge Townsend, on Broadway, when suddenly she passed in the midst of a dance. She had tried to speak, but found that she could not make a sound.

SHRINKAGE OF GOLD.

Five Hundred Thousand Dollars Shipped to New York.

FAURE FRENCH PRESIDENT

He Is Elected as Successor to M. Casimir-Perier.

SOCIALISTS QUEER BRISSON

The Open Advocacy of the Candidacy of M. Brisson Was Probably the Cause of His Defeat—History of the President.

By the United Press. Versailles, Jan. 17.—The national assembly convened here today to elect a successor to Casimir-Perier as president of the republic, and on the second ballot M. Felix Faure was elected. The first ballot resulted as follows: Brisson, 338; Faure, 244; Waldeck-Rousseau, 184. Total number of votes cast, 797; necessary to a choice, 398.

After the announcement of the result of the first ballot Waldeck-Rousseau withdrew in favor of Faure, and on the second ballot the latter was elected by a vote of 430 to 361 for Brisson.

The open advocacy of the candidacy of M. Brisson by the Socialists hurt that gentleman's chances considerably. Over 100 Conservative senators and deputies divided their votes between Faure and Waldeck-Rousseau, rather than cast them with the Socialists, whereas these votes might for the greater part have gone to M. Brisson.

M. Francois Felix Faure, member of the chamber of deputies for Seine-Inférieure, was born in Paris, Jan. 30, 1818. He was under secretary of state for the colonies in the ministries of Gambetta, Ferry, Brisson and Tirard, and was one of the vice-presidents of the chamber of deputies preceding the present one.

He served in the Franco-Prussian war as chief of a battalion of the Garde Mobile, and was made a chevalier of the legion of honor on May 31, 1871.

London, Jan. 17.—The Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette says: When the report of the scene in the chamber of deputies on the occasion of the passing of the president's message of resignation, which resulted in the election of M. Casimir-Perier, broke down completely and split bitterly for some time. His physician says he will need several months of absolute rest before he will be the same man he was when he was elected president last June.

Casimir's Congratulations. Paris, Jan. 17.—The train bearing President Faure reached the St. Lazare station in Paris at 9.45. By that time the news of the election had spread far and wide, and a vast throng had gathered in the Place Du Havre outside the station. The president was received with a few cries of "Long live Felix Faure," but there was no enthusiasm. He drove directly to the Elysee palace.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The investiture of the new president with his official powers took place in the library of the Elysee palace. The Elysee palace was brilliantly lighted tonight and Casimir-Perier welcomed and congratulated his successor. Premier Debuy then presented the resignation of the cabinet.

M. Faure returned to the ministry of marine for the night. His youngest daughter, Lucie, met him at the door of his apartments and threw her arms around his neck, kissing him and crying repeatedly: "I am so happy, papa."

M. Faure is a tall, imposing figure, whose lines show the training he got in early life as a mechanic. Although a millionaire ship builder, he is simple tastes. His election is a blow to the protectionist party. The substitution of reciprocity treaties for the meline tariff is only a question of time.

The police seized shortly before midnight a special edition of the Soleil, which contained the letter. The effort was superfluous, as nobody was buying the paper and the boulevardiers were as calm as the rest of the city.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The Socialists have issued a manifesto denouncing the Republicans as traitors to the country and asserting that Faure was chosen merely as a shield for the clerical and capitalist politicians. M. Faure will begin his duties by giving 20,000 francs to the poor of Paris.

ONE OF THE SMITHS GONE.

An Insurance Collector Drops Out of Sight in Company with \$2,300.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 17.—G. G. Smith, Jr., collector for Robert Dunham, agent for the American Insurance company, is missing. An examination of Smith's accounts this morning showed that he had decamped with \$2,300 in premiums.

BUCKSKIN JOE CAUGHT.

Snagged in the Act of Impersonating United States Officials.

CHICAGO SYRIAN COMPLAINS.

Says He Was Imprisoned and Robbed by the Turks.

By the United Press. New York, Jan. 17.—M. Monferige, a Syrian, by birth, says he is an American citizen and lives in Chicago, complains that while on a visit to Mersin, northern Syria, he was imprisoned by the Turkish authorities and robbed of \$750. He was released at the end of a week and returned to the United States, via steamer Parlos, with orders not to return to Syria on pain of death.

ITALIAN AND HIS BLADE.

Tony Desando Defends His Castle Against Intruders.

Pottsville, Pa., Jan. 17.—Tony Desando, an Italian, was placed in jail here this morning for a murderous assault on David Griffiths, of Minersville, and Richard Lloyd, of Williamstown.

Desando lives at Minersville with Nora James, a respectable character, and Lloyd and Griffiths, who had been drinking, called at their house last night and knocked at the door. Desando came out and ordered them away, and the men not leaving, the Italian rushed on them and stabbed both men. Griffiths was not seriously hurt, but Lloyd is expected to die.

BROOKLYN TROLLEY STRIKE.

The Great Struggle Is Still On, Though Some of the Companies Have Settled With Their Men.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 17.—The great trolley strike is still on, but there are indications that it will soon be ended. One company, that which operated the DeKalb avenue line, came to terms with its men, and its cars were in full operation today. Another company, that which operates through the Williamsburg lines, opened negotiations with its employees through the state board of arbitration and an early settlement is expected.

Not a car was moved in the eastern or southern part of the city. Some forty lines are still tied up, and at nightfall cars were stopped on all lines except the DeKalb avenue and Jay street lines, which were the only lines operated without police protection throughout the day.

Mayor Schieren was appealed to by the executive committee representing the strikers, and asked to compel the companies to operate their roads or forfeit their charters. He heard their case, sent for the corporation council, and summoned Presidents Lewis and Norton. They refused to make any concessions to their striking employees, and insisted on any agreement whatever with a labor organization.

This evening a mass meeting of citizens called by the Fulton street merchants, whose business is seriously affected by the strike, was held at the Altheatrum, and the action of the merchants in refusing to make terms with their employes was denounced.

LEFT TO THEIR FATE.

Rescuing Parties Obligated to Abandon Search for Entombed Miners.

By the United Press. London, Jan. 17.—The rescuing parties which have been at work in the Diglake colliery, at Hanley, since the mine was overflooded by a rush of water from the old workings, have met with fresh and insuperable obstacles, and have, consequently, abandoned their efforts to reach the unfortunate men who were entombed alive.

It is impossible that any of the miners whose escape was cut off by the flooding of the mine still survive.

SIGNOR CELLI STABBED.

The Attorney General of Milan Assassinated.

By the United Press. Rome, Jan. 17.—Signor Celli, attorney general of the province of Milan, was stabbed to death in his office today. The assassin, who was captured by a policeman on guard at the door, is an anarchist. The motive of the assassination is clear. Among the agitators Celli is known as the "anarchist killer."

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Bricks from the old Blaine mansion are being sold at 25 cents a piece, in Washington, as relics. Secretary Carlisle proposes reorganization of the immigration service, with \$2,500 appropriation for Philadelphia. The German ambassador will give a card reception at the embassy on Sunday afternoon in honor of the emperor's birthday.

Memorial services in respect to the late Representative Charles O'Neal of Philadelphia, will be held in the senate on Saturday, Jan. 26. The accounts of the treasury department are reported to be in much confusion, incident to the changes under the Doberman reform law.

It is the intention of the postoffice authorities to eventually establish in all the larger cities railway mail routes on the various street systems. Marion Butler, the Populist leader elected to the senate from North Carolina, will be the youngest man who ever sat in that body—not 21 till May next.

NOVEL SUICIDE.

Misener Leaves the Earth in a Scientific Manner.

By the United Press. Sharon, Pa., Jan. 17.—Henry Misener, of Hadley, this county, a wealthy farmer and politician of some local note, committed suicide today in a novel manner.

Misener fixed a rifle from a beam in his barn and sighted it for a mark against the wall. He then tied a string to the trigger and stationed himself with his back against the mark upon the wall, pulled the string and sent a bullet through his heart. Depression in mind is supposed to have been the cause of the suicide.

FIRST OFFICIAL ORDER.

Governor Hastings' Communication to National Guard.

By the United Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—Here is the first official order of D. H. Hastings, commander-in-chief of the National Guard: "The following staff appointments is hereby announced: "Brigadier General Thomas J. Stewart, adjutant general. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly."

SCRANTON BANK BUNCOED.

L. J. Piel, of Dunmore, Got \$200 and When He Returned for More the Officers Arrested Him—Locked in the Central Police Station.

Louis J. Piel, of Dunmore, was arrested in the First National bank yesterday afternoon by Detective Roche and Patrolman Walsh. He was charged with obtaining money under false pretenses. Piel succeeded in securing \$200 from the bank but left before the irregularity was discovered. He returned later and endeavored to obtain \$100 by the same method. The officers then placed him under arrest and he is confined at the central police station.

The details of the case will probably be revealed at a hearing in this morning's police court.

GUILTY OF LIBEL.

Senator Peterson, of Minnesota, Secures a Verdict for \$10,000.

By the United Press. New Ulm, Minn., Jan. 17.—A verdict for \$10,000 was recently awarded State Senator Samuel D. Peterson against the Western Union Telegraph company here. The trial which resulted in this verdict occurred two years ago and during the senatorial contest in which Senator Davis was a candidate for re-election. Senator Peterson opposed Mr. Davis and voted for John Lind. His vote created considerable comment, and during the contest he was attending the contest. Senator Peterson received a telegram from New Ulm, over the Western Union wires, signed "Many Republicans," in which it was hinted that Peterson was not as straight as he should be.

The senator was highly indignant at the receipt of the telegram, and, it being anonymous, he could not get back at his traducers, so he did the next best thing and sued the Western Union Telegraph company for libel, claiming damages in \$10,000. This is the first verdict of the kind against a telegraph company, not only in this country, it is said, but throughout the world.

EVA'S BORROWED BABY.

Queer Testimony Introduced in a Pittsburg Divorce Case.

By the United Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—The famous Buffum divorce case was called before Judge Magee today. This is the suit wherein Dr. Frank Buffum charges his wife, Eva Buffum, with deceit, both before and after marriage. He claims that, before marriage, she was a married woman, and that she had a child, but borrowed or bought for the occasion. He also charges her with infidelity.

The defendant is not in the city, but the case will go on and there will be practically no defense. The marriage has already resulted in several suits and much scandal.

STABBED HIS SISTER.

Simon Williams Inflicts Fatal Injuries with a Fork.

By the United Press. Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 17.—Last evening Simon Williams, aged 11 years, and his sister, Florence, aged 13 years, quarreled. Simon attacked Florence with a stable fork. One of the sharp prongs passed through her cheek, another through her eye, and a third entered the neck, inflicting probably fatal injuries.

The children were keeping house. Their mother recently committed suicide and their father is in jail awaiting trial on a serious charge.

THE BUTTE HORROR.

Coroner's Jury Prepared to Make a Thorough Investigation.

By the United Press. Butte, Mont., Jan. 17.—The dead reported this morning as the result of the powder explosion, number 48 and the injured 65. The bodies of four of the firemen have not yet been recovered. They are Samuel Ash, David Moores, Ed. Sloan and P. J. Norland. Their bodies were undoubtedly blown into fragments.

MINOR WIRINGS.

Ex-Mayor Gilroy, of New York, has gone to Europe. A verdict for \$6,207 was given the United Verde Copper company at New York, against the Link Belt company, of Philadelphia, for alleged breach of contract. William S. Bays, of Gallipolis, O., drummer for a New York grocery house, was beaten and robbed by masked men near Horse Creek, W. Va., on Monday night.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; warmer; west to southwest winds.

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