

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Mr. Williams Demands a Showing on the Part of Purdue University.

The State University Appropriation Reduced From \$50,000 to \$30,000.

Mr. Kellison's Bill, Requiring Original Papers in Appealed Cases, Defeated.

The Democratic Caucus Not a Harmonious Body—The Knightstown Home Investigation.

Mr. Townsend's bill providing for the establishment of township libraries and a tax to maintain same was passed by the House yesterday.

Mr. Brooks' bill, requiring sixty days' notice to corporations by persons receiving injuries before bringing suit for damages, failed to pass.

Senator Foulke's bill making it a felony to manufacture or sell dynamite, to be used in the destruction of life or property, passed the Senate yesterday by a vote of 28 to 12.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction has submitted in the House a voluminous report of the condition of the school fund, the amounts allotted to the several counties, and other matters, as called for in the House resolution.

In speaking on the Kellison bill yesterday, Mr. Browning declared that he had never known an attorney to sue a client for his fees but what nearly every other lawyer was willing to come forward and swear that the claim was just.

But three weeks of the session now remains and the statement is freely made that the business necessary to the State can not be transacted in that time, and that an extra session is unavoidable. The Legislature can do a great deal in three weeks, and as Governor Gray is said to be opposed to an extra session, one is not probable.

The distinguished citizens who compose the minority in the General Assembly held a caucus in the Federal Court Room last night and unanimously resolved to oppose the passage of the new Metropolitan Police bill. As the Democrats have not yet decided to present such a bill the action of the caucus is justly commensurate. However, they had nothing else to do and they want to be kept busy.

If representatives were paid but \$1 per day and had to wait seventy years for the money there would be fewer ambitious men in the State than there are to-day. This thought is suggested by the following unpaid order on the State Treasury, now in the hands of Mr. George Anderson: "The Indiana Territory is indebted to William Folk for five days, as a member of the House of Representatives, \$5, with interest payable at 12 per cent at Corydon. This 25th day of December, 1815. C. L. FLOYD, T. I. T."

Mr. Gordon's minority report, reducing the appropriation to repair the loss at the State University from \$50,000 to \$30,000, came up in the House, the discussion having been cut short by adjournment the evening before. Several members joined in the discussion, and after spending nearly the entire forenoon the minority report was adopted by a vote of 45 to 43. Mr. Gordon immediately moved to reduce the appropriation to \$20,000 (the same thing proposed in his minority report) and the motion was adopted. During the discussion the University was handled without gloves by several members.

Mr. Williams has introduced a resolution in the House which looks as though a suspicion existed that Purdue University, like that at Bloomington, is not giving a return commensurate with the money received for its support. The resolution requires that President Smart report to the House by Monday next, the names and residences of all pupils, instructors and employes, the cost of boarding them, the amount of money in the treasury and of debts outstanding. Mr. Smith moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Education, which was laid on the table by a vote of 43 to 26, and the resolution was then adopted—yeas, 64; nays, 11.

Mr. Kellison's bill, requiring the original papers instead of transcripts to be sent up to the Supreme Court when appeals are taken, came up on report of committee. Mr. Kellison spoke on the bill, claiming that the cost to litigants would be much less and the Court would be much better informed on the case by having the original papers. Mr. Brownlee argued that the original papers should never leave the court in which the action is brought, and he believed the safety of the litigants demanded that the papers in a case should not be subjected to loss by transmission through the mails. Mr. Gordon opposed the bill, and cited instances to show that the papers might be needed in the court when they were in the hands of the Supreme Court. The bill was defeated.

NOT A HARMONIOUS CAUCUS.

The Democratic members of the General Assembly met in caucus last night to consider the Patten Apportionment bill. As nearly all the members had appeared before the caucus committee and had examined the bill and, it is said, expressed no objection to its provisions, the gentlemen having it in charge naturally thought that it would go through without opposition. On this, however, they were mistaken, for no sooner had the caucus been called to order, than Rufus Tague, the Senator from Cass, secured the floor, and stated his objections to the proposed reapportionment of the State for Congressional purposes. He opposed taking Howard out of the Eleventh District and putting it in the Sixth, though he declared that he had no Congressional aspirations, but was actuated by what he regarded as fair and right. Senator Hilliges and Representative Shively followed by others, all the friends of the measure had almost despaired of getting in a word. They finally succeeded in getting the floor and explained the bill, pointed out the fairness to all concerned and urged its adoption by the caucus. Mr. Passaic introduced a resolution to amend the Patten bill by adding Howard to the Sixth District, Cass and Miami to the Ninth, Polk to the Eleventh, Fayette to the Sixth and Jennings to the Third. This proposition raised a perfect storm of opposition and a dozen members were on their feet at once to make known their objections. As a substitute for this amendment Mr. Jewett moved to amend by adding Crawford to the Second District, Sullivan to the Eighth and Warren to the Tenth. Mr. Gooding moved to amend the substitute by adding Rush to the Fourth District. After further discussion the substitute and Gooding's amendment were adopted. Notwithstanding this action it was plain that the result was not satisfactory, and a resolution was introduced and adopted to refer the matter to a committee of thirteen, one to be selected from each Congressional District, to report to the caucus on next Monday night. The committee was appointed as follows, representing the districts in the order of their names: Senator Richardson, Representative Patten, Senator Day, Representative McMullen, Senator Duncan, Governor Gray, Representative Gooding, Senator Schless, Senator Bryant, Senator Maza, Senator Hilliges, Senator Brown and Representative McMichael. Mr. Patten's bill on Senate and Representative apportionments was also referred to this committee and the three apportionments to be submitted to the caucus with committee recommendations on Monday night. The Metropolitan Police was not considered by the caucus and no mention whatever of it was made. In speaking of the result of the caucus last night, a member said that the opponents of the apportionment seemed to be controlled altogether by personal considerations and some who opposed could give no reason whatever for such action.

It was stated in the Sentinel of recent date that a meeting of workmen would be held in the Supreme Court-room on Thursday evening to take action on Senator Foulke's Dynamite bill. About fourteen persons, ten white and four colored, were seated around a big red-hot stove talking politics and discussing various subjects, when a representative of the Sentinel ambled into the "justice shop" last night and seated himself where he would not be conspicuous, but could hear and see everything. The men around the stove waited patiently until after 8 o'clock for new comers, but it seems that the meeting had not been very extensively advertised, and no one did not arrive. The man who seemed to be running the "snaps"—a self-constituted President—finally arose and demanded the undivided attention of the thirteen, who solemnly removed their hats and temporarily stopped snitting on the hot stove. The "President" was then about to announce the object of the meeting, when a citizen wearing a long beard, and who, judging from his talk a few moments before, had been in the Mexican War, went over and whispered gently in his ear, looking suspiciously at the unsuspecting reporter all the while. As soon as he had finished whispering, the "President" hustled over to the reporter and made known the fact that his presence was not desirable. "I would like to know before I go out into the cold, cold street, if this is a dynamite meeting?" queried the reporter. "No, sir, it is not. We simply desire to further the interests of workmen generally," was the reply. "Good night," said the reporter, and the gang by the stove threw a furtive smile as he disappeared through the door.

THE WORKINGMEN'S MEETING.

THE ORPHANS' HOME INVESTIGATION. The Knightstown Home investigation was resumed last night at 7.30 o'clock in the committee-room in the Grand Hotel. Philip A. Wright was the first witness. He was employed in the department for feeble-minded children. He said that on one occasion he opened the door of Superintendent White's office suddenly and saw Nellie Layton sitting in Dr. White's lap. About 11 o'clock at night on another occasion he saw White and Miss Layton in the dormitory. White having his arm around her. On another occasion he saw White enter Miss Layton's room between 10 and 11 o'clock at night, and at another time he visited her room at 11.30 at night. Witness thought Nellie was of a loose disposition. When witness entered the room at the time, Nellie was on the Doctor's lap; she remained seated there and he went out. Witness afterwards returned to his home and each session of the institution last summer was not harmonious. In a conversation with White during the day in reference to the trial, the Doctor said this affair is tearing his family in up. A brother of the witness was discharged by White for punishing one of the feeble-minded children. Since this investigation has been started White has voluntarily promised, if he is retained, to secure a position for the discharged employe again. This resolution was good. Dr. White was thought by some to be a moral man; by others an immoral man. John A. Wright, brother of the first witness, was called next. Was first employed at the Home in July, 1883, and was again employed last fall. When he stayed there three months saw Morgan, a white boy, who he had bowled's face in, had tick, and had his leg over the boy's neck, hold him. Bowler was struck naked. Morgan used a rawhide and nearly killed the boy. Morgan admitted he had whipped Bowler for the tick, and asked witness not to tell of it. Mr. Musser had Morgan arrested for the shortly afterwards, and witness was summoned to attend the trial. Dr. White said he could not spare time, and asked Wright if he was going. Witness said "yes," and the Doctor discharged him without any other reason. Witness had also seen White holding Nellie Layton on his knees, and seeing lying with his head in her lap. Nellie was free in her conduct with all the male employes. May Thompson and Hattie Robertson bore good characters at the Home. I was general superintendent of the boys that White frequently had himself locked up in his room with women. At the Home Gear's character is good. White did not command the respect of the employes. John S. Hedges, of New Castle, Am a practicing attorney, and have been County Clerk. I know John M. Gear, whose office adjoins mine. June 28, 1884, between 9 and 10 o'clock, I saw him coming up stairs with a young lady. They went to his office. Soon after he came out, but soon returned to the office. I went up and saw the girl in Gear's room looking in the keyhole. In a few minutes she lay down on the bed, and Gear began working at her clothes. I went and called to Dr. Hubbard on the street, and then went back and saw Gear have criminal intercourse with her. Dr. Hubbard also saw the performance. I called John W. Mueller up, and Hubbard went down. Gear got up and the girl rose and put on her underclothing. Then they went down the stairs. The girl had on a white dress, gold necklace and broad white hat, and was about sixteen years old and well developed. Frank Kallan said he did not know the girl, and I told him I wanted to see her. He went after, and afterward, when we went to the school-house, I never saw her before, and I don't think I would have since. I think I learned it was Nellie Layton. Gear's character in New Castle is bad. (Hedges drew a diagram of the office and the adjoining room, showing how Gear and the girl first approached my witness, and were aroused by the girl's flushed cheeks and the fact that she took the trouble to see what was going on. There has been no intercourse between Gear and myself. Gear is Democratic and I am Republican. I heard the girl's name from my partner, D. W. Chambers, who said he learned it from Mrs. Gear, who had said that they came from Knightstown that morning. The committee will resume its session at 8 o'clock this morning. Mr. Gear says that Miss Layton was never in his office, and that he had no improper relations with any lady who may have been at his office.

THE PACIFIC RAILROADS.

By the terms of the original contract, the principal of the bonds advanced by the Government to the Pacific railroads, with the interest on them from date of issue, was to be paid all at once, when the bonds mature, near the close of the present century, the only payments meanwhile being the charges for government transportation and 5 per cent. of the net earnings. The Thurman bill compelled the companies to make some additional provision in advance for the payment of what would become an immense debt, and now they pay into a sinking fund for the purpose of accumulating the surplus of their net earnings over interest charges. A bill introduced into the Senate last week provides to substitute for this plan by which the companies will pay their debt in 120 half-yearly installments. This will lighten by more than forty-five years the time before the last of the debt will be due; but installments of it will be actually paid off all the time; while the payments now made go into a sinking fund; and the bill provides also that all the branches built upon it, probably do not leave much margin, in the case of many of the branches, to strengthen the Government lien. The debt, as it will exist at the time the bonds mature, is to be capitalized at its value April 1, next, on the basis of 25 per cent. of the interest amount of the debt of each company so ascertained is to be represented by 120 bonds, one of which will be payable every six months, with 3 per cent interest. The terms of the law indicate, however, that no interest is paid until the bond is due, which is an enormous advantage to the debtor, much like that of the original bonds, but not so striking, because a part of the principal and the accrued interest on that part will be payable yearly.

Local Courts.

Superior Court. Room 1.—Hon. N. B. Taylor, Judge. Emil Strobel et al vs. Crittenden A. Cox et al. Replevin. Judgment for plaintiff. Lizzie Langenberg vs. Frederick Bowling. Breach of contract. On trial by jury. Room 2.—Hon. W. Howe, Judge. Pamela A. Belles vs. William Belles. Divorce. Dismissed. Nettie Young vs. the Continental Life Insurance Company. On policy. Verdict for \$1072. Charles Kreiser vs. Charles Harris et al. Damages. On trial by jury. Room 3.—Hon. Lewis C. Walker, Judge. Hannah W. Harris vs. the Citizens' Insurance Company. Suit on policy. Jury returned verdict for \$50. Bridget Scanlon vs. the city of Indianapolis et al. Suit for damages. On trial by jury. Circuit Court. Hon. C. A. Ayres, Judge. State ex rel. Mary Lisher vs. Joseph Wheatley. Bastardy. On trial by jury. In the matter of Catharine Kunkle, of unsound mind, affirmative verdict. Criminal Court. Hon. Pierce Norton, Judge. State vs. William Price. Petit larceny. Sent to Reform School. State vs. James Rounds, Wm. H. Banks and Hannibal Gibson. Petit larceny. Plea of guilty. Sent to jail for ten days. State vs. William Helm. Petit larceny. Plea of guilty. Sentence withheld.

Wouldn't Make a Good "Copper."

A sneak thief entered the grocery store of Frank Selby on English avenue night before last while that gentleman was in the back part of the establishment, and was making away with the contents of the money drawer when the groceryman discovered him. Mr. Selby at once ran up and seized the thief before he could sneak out the door. He then started to take him over to the residence of Patroleman Bruce and had just crossed the street with him when the thief broke loose and ran. Mr. Selby followed him a short distance but the rascal being fleet of foot made good his escape.

THE LYRA SOCIETY.

Their Annual Masquerade a Grand Affair, There Being an Immense Crowd in Attendance.

The annual masquerade of the Indianapolis Lyra Society last night was grand affair. The ball room was brilliantly lighted and decorated with Chinese lanterns, and by 9 o'clock there were nearly 600 people present, 500 of whom were masked. The Committee on Arrangements was composed of Messrs. Charles Kraus, Adolph Woehner and Henry Kothe, while the following members were on the Reception Committee: George Kothe, Charles Foster, A. W. Ritzinger, R. McCrear, Charles Reese and Dan Canadell. These Committees all did their work well.

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