

BITS OF HUMOR FROM THE STATE CAPITOL.

NO WONDER THOSE WHO HEARD THIS TALE COULD NOT BELIEVE IT.

Albany, April 13 (Special).—A group of Assemblymen were sitting around a table at the Ten Eyck Hotel on a night last week, when some one happened to speak of bribery as a temptation of legislative life.

"I don't believe members are bribed as they used to be," he said. "I've been here a whole winter now, and I haven't seen any of it. It may have been prevalent in former years, such as you read of and are told about, but I don't believe it exists now."

"Neither do I," said another member of the group. "I have seen in the papers now and then of so many thousand dollars of 'swag' being brought to Albany, but I don't believe it."

"That is, you haven't seen any of the 'swag,'" rejoined a third, who was drinking claret lemonade. "Have you?" immediately asked the first two speakers.

"I can't say that I have; but there was a practical joke played on an Assemblyman from a district not more than two hundred miles from New-York City the other morning that makes me think such things are possible and perhaps—"

"Perhaps what?" asked No. 1 with great eagerness. "Perhaps such things do exist."

"I suppose," interrupted No. 2. "The man with the claret lemonade slowly began stirring the crimson depths of his glass with a straw, and then swished out a piece of lemon peel on the table."

"But what was the joke?" demanded No. 1, still more earnestly. "BLANK IS NOT HIS NAME."

"Well," began the lemonade drinker, in a more subdued voice. "It was this way: Some of the 'boys' were sitting in the lobby the other morning, when one said:—"

"I've heard tell that Assemblyman Blank (I'll call him Blank, because I don't want to give his name away) is willing to let in on a close ballot."

"I've heard the same thing myself," said another. "Well, soon find out, then," said I. "There's a bill that will come up on the calendar in a few minutes which may have a close vote, and we'll put our friend to the test."

"How could you?" again interrupted No. 1, with still greater interest. "The former speaker stirred up the precipitate of lemon seeds and sugar in the bottom of his glass and continued:—"

"Well, I took a slip of paper and wrote down seven names. Then opposite each name I wrote \$10 in fat figures. Then I took the slip and quietly strolled over in the direction of our friend Blank. By good chance there was a seat vacant just in front of his chair, so I sat down in the vacant seat and held up the slip so my friend couldn't help seeing it. Soon I began to hear him squirm around in his chair, rustle and tear newspapers, and finally almost choke himself in a paroxysm of coughing."

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John V. Shoemaker, M. D., LL. D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, etc., in the New York Medical Journal, June 23, 1899:

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James L. Cabell, M. D., A. M., LL. D., formerly Professor of Physiology and Surgery in the Medical Department of the University of Virginia, and President of the National Board "BUFFALO LITHIA WATER of Materia Medica." is for sale by Grocers and Druggists generally.

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CONNECTICUT TOPICS. QUESTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.—EIGHT HOUR BILL DEFEATED.—TO REORGANIZE NATIONAL GUARD—BIG FRESHET.

Hartford, April 13 (Special).—The constitutional reform question is in great danger of being talked to death, and with the various plans presented, all supported by men who are thoroughly interested in the topic, the committee will have some difficulty in deciding on just the measure to present to the General Assembly.

An important action of the House on Thursday was the defeat of the Eight Hour bill, which had been urged by the labor organizations. The committee reported adversely on the bill, and the report was sustained by 161 to 25.

The Adjutant-General's office surprised the military men of the State on Wednesday by presenting before the committee a bill amending the Military act and reorganizing the Connecticut National Guard. The bill differs widely from the bill which had been previously presented to the committee, and makes some striking changes.

The annual report of the Penny Provident Fund of New-York has just been published. It showed that for the year ending June 30 last deposits amounted to \$4,119,99 and withdrawals to \$3,735,70. The report also shows the growth of the fund in the last twelve years as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Date, No. of stations, No. of depositors, Net deposits. Rows from February 1, 1890 to February 1, 1901.

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The final report of the New-York Free Circulating Library has now been published. It covers the year 1900, and is final, not because the work has ceased, but because the library was consolidated last February with the New-York Public Library, of which it now forms the circulating department.

The New-York Free Circulating Library owes its beginning to a sewing class conducted in connection with the charitable work of Grace Church. Early in 1878, while six little girls belonging to this class were waiting for their teacher, they whiled away the time by listening to a sensational story read from a cheap paper by one of their number.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Total, and other financial data. Rows from 1880 to 1900.