

TO PUSH ANTI-GAMBLING BILLS

GOV. HUGHES TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO PASS THEM.

He Will Not Try to Influence Legislation Directly, but Intends to Let People Know How Things Stand and Answer Arguments Against the Measures.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Gov. Hughes, although defeated in his efforts to have State Superintendent of Insurance Otto Kelsey removed, intends to make a special effort to secure the passage of the Agnew-Hart bills repealing the Percy-Gray betting law and providing for a direct appropriation by the State for the use of the town and county agricultural societies. But the Governor has made it plain that he does not intend to depart from his past custom of not trying to influence legislation through the means adopted by other Governors in the past. The Governor said to-day that he intends to let the people know what the status of the bill is and what the Legislature's responsibility is. He will make more speeches and answer arguments from now until the question has been decided one way or the other.

While the Governor no doubt would like to have a caucus of the Republican members of the Legislature, he does not intend to make any move openly whereby it can be charged that he compelled the legislators to caucus on the proposition of repealing the Percy-Gray betting law. Yet it can be asserted that the Hughes Senators will demand a caucus on the question.

The Agnew-Hart bills have been further amended at the instance of the Governor, who is showing a lively interest in this question, much more so than in any other subject now pending before the Legislature. The bills have been changed so that the proponents of the betting law cannot claim that the Agnew-Hart bills have been framed so as to discriminate in favor of the poolrooms as against the racetracks. The bills were amended to-day after a lengthy conference by Senator Agnew and Assemblyman Hart with the Governor, in which the entire provisions of the Percy-Gray law were thoroughly gone over. That law provided that the Penal Code against pool selling and book making shall be enforced except where an exclusive penalty is provided. Then the law provides that any one who loses a wager on a racetrack within an enclosure can recover the same through a civil action. The Agnew-Hart bills were amended to-day so as to do away with this exclusive penalty and the section of the Penal Code relating to book making and pool selling will apply to racetracks also.

Majority Leader Merritt to-day lectured the Assemblymen and charged the members who absented themselves without excuses with being responsible for delaying the date of final adjournment. When the calendar was taken up in the Assembly to-day several bills had to be laid aside on account of the introducers not being present to take charge of them on the floor. Mr. Merritt said that this had become tiresome and that if a bill was worth while introducing and having been reported, the members should remain in attendance on the sessions to look after their measures.

"If the members would devote their time to the business of the Legislature, say on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday," he said, "there would be no reason why the Legislature could not finish its business by April 1. If they would also remain here for the Friday session, the Legislature could adjourn earlier than that date. Every one is complaining because the sessions are prolonged and that we are doing no business. The reason for that is that the members do not look after their legislation and at the last minute come around with long faces and appeal to have bills passed. The bills have been disposed of earlier in the session. I shall hereafter insist that members look after their legislation or let it take the usual course, and the members will have only themselves to blame."

Assemblyman De Groot introduced a bill fixing the price that may be charged for electricity in the Five Towns. The bill is now in the hands of the Finance Committee. The bill also provides that where no such designation has been made the papers may be served on the secretary of State by mail. The other bill provides that the names of corporations or receivers operating or running street surface cars must be printed upon the sides and ends of the cars so conspicuously that the names will be in full view.

Witnesses called before a Grand Jury are not to be permitted to divulge what they testified to if a bill introduced by Assemblyman C. F. Murphy becomes a law. The Senate to-day slumped the up-State Public Service Commission in refusing to ask it for information on a pending legislative question. For some years there has been agitation to secure legislation providing for semi-monthly payments to employees by steam railroad corporations. To-day the Judiciary Committee reported to the Senate a resolution directing the commission to investigate this question and report back by March 10. Senator Grady led the opposition, insisting that the adoption of the resolution would mean the shelving of the question for a year.

After a spirited debate, in which it was made plain that no matter what the commission reported the Senate would exercise its own judgment, the resolution was defeated by a vote of 14 to 23. The roads which would be affected by such legislation are the New York Central, Erie, Lehigh Valley and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. It was asserted that such a change in the method of payment would cost the New York Central and the Erie \$100,000 a year each.

The charter of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company is extended twenty years in a bill introduced by Assemblyman Merritt. Assemblyman Grady introduced another bill providing for the licensing of the Police Department of all dance halls and dance academies in New York city. Senator Harbo introduced a bill prohibiting the sale and manufacture of cigars.

ALBANY CORRESPONDENTS DINE.

Gov. Hughes the Guest of Honor—Skills on the Governor, Roosevelt and Others.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Legislative Correspondents Association gave its annual dinner to-night at the Ten Eyck Hotel, and as usual there was a large gathering of newspaper men, legislators and politicians and others from all parts of the State, more than three hundred guests being seated at the table.

Gov. Hughes was the guest of honor, and like many other prominent men gathered at the dinner enjoyed the fun-making and took his share of the good natured jokes at his own expense made in the "stunts," songs and speeches.

A feature of the occasion was what purported to be an inquisition by ex-Senator Brackett, president of the Hughes State League, by William M. Ivins, both gentlemen being represented by members of the association.

Another amusing "stunt" was a representation of President Roosevelt, whose "understudy" appeared in the gallery and from over the balcony rail expressed his opinion of the various politicians, supposed

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candidate for Governor and others present in a manner and with a candor which elicited roars of laughter. When the toastmaster called for a toast to the next Governor there was trouble instantly, as the various would-be candidates arose each in his place and claimed the honor, each in a manner regarded as amusingly characteristic of the man supposed to be speaking. Those represented in this suit were Senator Brackett, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker Wadsworth, Comptroller Glynn, Secretary of State Whalen, Attorney-General Jackson, J. Sloat Fassett and Mr. Ivins. The dinner finally settled by the announcement of the toastmaster that "rather than turn the State over to any of this bunch Gov. Hughes will accept a re-nomination and investigate the whole lot of you."

A delegation in white robes and wearing halos bearing a transparency marked "The Old Guard," marched in to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." When the toastmaster told them that Gov. Hughes wanted to know "if you fellows are on the level for him and for reform," they did not answer, but all burst into roars of laughter and hurried out to the tune of "We Were Only Teasing You."

Every guest wore a large red medal, bearing the inscription "I am the Original Hughes Man." Gov. Hughes did not receive his medal until just before the speech making, when the chairman of the dinner committee presented it to him in an appropriate speech.

The decorations of the room included a "big stick" and a brilliantly red feather duster, each of immense size, crossed on the wall back of the speaker's table.

MORE BILLS AFFECTING BANKS.

They Restrict Loans, Limit the Number of Branches and Provide Safeguards.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Senator Gates and Assemblyman Francis, the chairman of the Banking Committee of the two houses, today introduced additional bills carrying out recommendations made by State Senator Banks Clarke Williams in his annual report to the Legislature. The maximum of any loan made by a State bank or trust company is reduced from 40 to 25 per cent. of capital and surplus and underwriting loans, except as pointed out in Mr. Williams' report, are limited or prohibited. Loans upon second mortgages are prohibited and loans upon real estate security are limited.

It is also provided that the funds of one financial corporation shall not be deposited with another which has not been designated as a depository by a majority of the directors or trustees of the depositing corporations. There is also a provision limiting loans upon the stock of other moneyed corporations, which is aimed at preventing individual ownership of a chain of banks.

Hereafter institutions other than savings banks which have small interest bearing accounts shall invest such accounts in the same manner as savings banks invest them, and such interest bearing accounts are made preferred claims in case of insolvency. The Superintendent of Banks has discretionary power to authorize the formation of new banks or the establishment of branches.

The number of branches is limited by the amount of capital, and existing banks and trust companies having branches have six months within which to comply with this restriction. Safe deposit companies having a capital of \$100,000 paid in cash are permitted to open and maintain branches.

A director of a bank or trust company who hypothecates the stock necessary to qualify him for office he shall cease to be a director. The amount which a trust company may invest in the stock of any other moneyed corporation is limited, as outlined in Mr. Williams' report. There is a provision applying to the investments of capital, the amortization principle.

Monthly meetings of boards of directors or trustees are provided for, at which a written statement of all sales and purchases of securities and of all discounts and loans made or paid since the previous meeting shall be submitted. There is a Penal Code provision for an intentional concealment of securities and of all discounts and loans and of dealings in securities.

It is made a crime for an officer of a financial corporation to make a deposit with another with a view of effecting a borrowing of such money deposited. There are other provisions intended to prevent an encroachment upon the business of savings banks.

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Bicycle Policeman Gives Horse a Start at the Plaza and Nabs It at Sherry's. Samuel Hyams of 125 East Ninetieth street and his driver, Benjamin Moore, a negro, were driving north on Fifth avenue in a single horse buggy, and were near Fifty-seventh street when a sightseeing automobile swerved past them from behind. The horse reared and started up the avenue on a run. It bolted opposite Fifty-eighth street and ran for the sidewalk beside the Plaza Hotel.

The horse stopped short and threw both of the occupants to the sidewalk, crushing the rig. This freed the horse from the traces, and galloping over the front steps of the hotel it started downtown through Fifth avenue. Bicycle Policeman Fletcher gave chase, starting from Fifty-eighth street. At Fifty-sixth street the horse took the sidewalk and Fletcher by hugging close to the inside of the walk managed to shoot it to the roadway. He shouted a warning to pedestrians and speeded up his machine.

The street was crowded, and horse and bicycle man reared side by side until opposite Sherry's, when the horse again took the sidewalk. Fletcher spurred forward and threw himself upon its neck. The bicycle got tangled among the animal's feet. The policeman held on until some cabmen came to the rescue. They threw a blanket over the horse's head. It was finally quieted and led back to Fifty-eighth street, where Mr. Hyams and his driver took charge of it.

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