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Bill in New York Legislature Against Rate Extortion.

SIMILAR TO DISTRICT LAW

Hope That the Trust Will Be Overcome.

New Connecting Company Charging Less Than Half Present Toll Soon May Be in Operation.

New York State is to make a fight against the great telephone trust along the identical lines of the law now in operation in the District. A bill is to be introduced at the coming session of the New York legislature compelling the Bell Telephone Company to reduce its rates, and there is great hope that the bill will pass. Reciprocity legislation against the trust has been stilled by the political machines, to both of which, as is well known, the trust contributes largely in the way of campaign funds, not to mention more corrupt contributions to individuals. The load of the constantly increasing telephone rates has become unbearable, however, and there is to be a most determined fight this year to pass the bill.

New York State, and the city of New York especially, has suffered even heavier rates than Washington did under the old schedule. The unlimited use of a telephone in that city has cost \$20 a year, in smaller towns the rate has been somewhat less, but in all cases it has been very high.

The profits that the trust has made with these rates are also beyond belief. A monopoly protected by corrupt politicians they would be beyond belief. The American Bell monopoly has paid \$10 per cent annually in dividends for many years, and in order to keep the dividend rate down to this figure the capital stock of the company has been watered over sixty times its original amount—from \$20,000 to \$2,000,000.

The board of trade and transportation of New York is the originator of the bill that is to be introduced at Albany. The bill will be supported by business men's associations all over the State. The rate now charged by the trust for the unrestricted use of an instrument, \$20 a year, as above stated, is reduced by the bill to \$12 in New York City and to lesser figures in towns having a smaller number of inhabitants, the minimum rate being set at a rate of \$8 for a population of less than 10,000.

It is provided by the bill that a sort of board of regulation shall be appointed for the State to look after the interests of the telephone company and also of the citizens. The duty of this board shall be to adjust the rates in a fair and equitable manner for all parties, the basis of charges being 10 per cent profit for the company on all money actually invested.

Even the bill, however, is not all that the extortion of the telephone trust has brought on itself in the way of opposition. The leading members of the board of trade and transportation and others who are behind the bill have organized a rival company, which, it is believed, will soon be in operation with a tremendous cutting of rates. This company is known as the People's Telephone Company, and it has already completed its capital stock subscription, \$500,000.

COLORED POLITICIAN COMMITS SUICIDE

James Meriwether Places a Pistol in His Mouth and Shoots a Ball Through His Head.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 14.—James Edward Meriwether, colored, killed himself yesterday afternoon. Meriwether, who was the chairman of the Jackson Ward Republican club, was a week ago discharged from his place as deputy revenue inspector in the custom house and went off on a prolonged vacation. He finally returned at about 2:30 o'clock he went out of his room at the home of Dr. Meriwether, his brother-in-law, and procured a revolver. He then shot himself in the mouth and the bullet passed through his brain. The deceased was about thirty-six years old and quite well known in colored Republican circles. The coroner held no inquest. It seemed apparent to that official that suicide was due to excessive use of liquor, resulting possibly from Meriwether's brooding over his removal from his place in the custom house.

PAID PREMIUMS ON WORTHLESS POLICIES

Scores of New Yorkers Anxiously Hunting for Insurance Broker

New York, Dec. 14.—A stream of irate men and women traveled yesterday back and forth between the office of Thomas Kelly, at No. 282 Lexington Avenue, near 125th Street, and of H. E. Burrow, at No. 108 East 125th Street, hunting for Burrow. It was alleged he had swindled several hundred poor people and disappeared with the sums they paid on fire insurance policies. The victims blocked the entrance to Kelly's office, waving postal cards which read: "Please call here at once, as your insurance is not paid." The cards were signed with Kelly's name. They all held receipts for policy payments signed by the missing Burrow. Kelly is a regular insurance agent; Burrow was known as an insurance broker.

"And he was a glib talker," said M. S. E. Prussig, of No. 124 York Street. "He was a poor fellow," said another woman, crying, "with eight children. I worked extra to save money to pay for \$1,000 fire insurance and now if my things should burn tonight I'll lose it all."

"And I went without a doctor," said an older woman, "to save money."

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MEETING OF THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES

PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONERS

To Equalize Teachers' Pay—Insufficient Appropriations for New Manual Training School.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the public schools held yesterday afternoon at the Franklin School Building the following members were present: J. D. Whiteley, president; Job Barnard, Dr. H. Hazen, J. H. Wilson, Mrs. M. B. Tolson, Gen. Ellis Spear, Rev. S. M. Brown, T. H. Wright, Mrs. M. C. Terrell and Dr. G. H. Richardson, and the secretary, J. K. Falk.

Gen. Spear submitted the statement of the school for the year. He told of the sixteen kindergartens in the city and the work which they were doing, and said that the \$25,000 appropriated for the manual training schools for high school students to be erected at the corner of Seventh Street and Rhode Island Avenue, would be insufficient, and an increase was to be asked of Congress.

It was decided that the schools should close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday, December 23, instead of Friday, December 24, as previously arranged.

Miss Jessica A. Taber was temporarily appointed to the music committee to fill the place of Mr. E. S. Tracy.

A petition from the manual training teachers, requesting an equalization of salaries was referred to the Commissioners with a recommendation for favorable action. A communication from James L. Ewin was also read, urging the co-operation of the board in the work of the Anti-Saloon League.

The following changes in the teaching force were approved by the board: Central High School—Appoint J. D. Minick teacher at \$900 per annum, vice L. N. Wilkins, temporary; promote E. R. Walton, teacher, from \$700 to \$825 per annum, vice J. P. Gerry, promoted.

Eastern High School—Promote J. P. Gerry, teacher, from \$500 to \$1,000 per annum. The above changes take effect December 1, 1898.

Second Division—Accept resignations of F. E. Towner, teacher of fifth grade, and G. L. Stone, teacher of second grade, to take effect November 29, 1898; appoint M. E. Draney from fourth to fifth grade, from \$500 to \$700 per annum, vice F. E. Towner, promoted; appoint M. Jacquette from third to fourth grade, from \$500 to \$650 per annum, vice M. E. Draney, promoted; F. E. Muir, teacher, from first to third grade and from \$475 to \$520 per annum, vice G. L. Stone, promoted; transfer Esther R. Woodward from seventh to second division, vice F. E. Muir; appoint Grace E. Miller teacher of 4th grade at \$400 per annum, vice G. L. Stone.

Fifth Division—Appoint R. C. Layton janitor Tenney School at \$500 per annum, in effect December 1, 1898.

Seventh Division—Transfer U. G. Black, teacher, at \$700 to eleventh division; assign Lavinia E. Waring, principal of Ivy City School, at \$700 per annum, vice U. G. Black.

Eighth Division—Accept resignation of B. A. Stockbridge, teacher, to take effect December 1, 1898; appoint C. W. T. Row, teacher, at \$800 per annum, in effect December 1, 1898; vice B. A. Stockbridge; appoint William A. Joiner, teacher of H. G. School, \$500 per annum, to take effect November 1, 1898.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

MARRIED. TOLSON—LEONARD—On September 5, 1898, in Baltimore, Md., by the Rev. Rufus Murray, HARRY G. TOLSON and MARIE LEONARD, both of Washington, D. C.

DIED. BRIGHT—Entered into eternal rest, Tuesday morning, December 13, 1898, at 8 o'clock, LUTHER MERRILL, daughter of John Clapp and Maria Hunter Melton Smith, of Madison, Ind., and wife of Richard J. Bright.

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STATUTES FROM THE SACRED TABLET STONE

Populist Walters, of Kansas, Announces to Include the Ten Commandments in the State Laws. Topeka, Kan., Dec. 14.—C. W. Walters, Populist, a member of the Kansas house, declares that if an extra session of the legislature is called he will again seek to have the Ten Commandments added to the laws of Kansas.

Walters is a well-to-do farmer of forty, residing in Labette County. He is deeply religious. In 1897 he became imbued with the idea of having the affairs of the State managed on the principles laid down by Moses, and made his campaign on that platform.

The people of his district laughed at his Bible theory, but elected him because his opponent was unpopular. Walters came to Topeka with his bill of ten sections, each section a Commandment, and made strenuous efforts to have the legislature read him seriously.

His bill is called by the name of the committee on public roads. This lured Walters' feelings, but he went to work with a will to have the committee give the measure favorable consideration. The committee never reported on the bill, and Walters went home believing the legislature was past redemption.

SENATE WILL RATIFY

The President and the Republican leaders in the Senate are not worried over the threats of the opposition to the peace treaty. It is believed by the Administration that the prompt ratification of the treaty will be had, and that it will be ratified before March, so that there will be no necessity for an extra session on this account. A poll of the Senate taken by the Administration shows that the peace treaty will secure the necessary votes for ratification, and if a poll of Washington would be taken as to the favorite best of the people, Heinrich's Lager, Senate, Extra Pale and Lager would lead all others. Heinrich's is recognized as the standard beer, and it is called for and drunk by everybody. If you wish a case of Washington's most popular beer, "Phone 524, Arlington Bottling Company for a case of Heinrich's.

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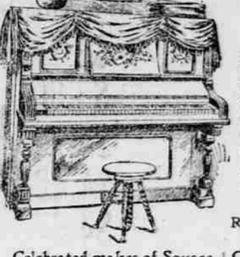
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MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

THE CITIZENSHIP CONVENTION

Opening Session Held Last Night. Chairman Dingley's Address. This Morning's Business.

The National Christian Citizenship Convention held its first session last night at the First Presbyterian Church, the Hon. Nelson Dingley presiding. The convention is expected to adjourn on Thursday evening. Many notable speakers are on the program and the questions to be discussed are important. The first sitting was opened with a devotional service led by the Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe.

The address of the presiding officer, Mr. Dingley, strongly advocated the policy of expansion, and said that he considered it the plain duty of the United States to undertake the development and control of the Philippine Islands. He was warmly applauded by the reports of the difficulties which would be encountered in fitting these people for citizenship, and he predicted ultimate success, paying a high tribute to the energy and capacity of the Anglo-Saxon race, which, in his opinion, was capable of performing any task to which it might apply itself.

Mr. Dingley's second point was that the islands must be thoroughly "Christianized." He considered that to "Christianize" the United States owed its present greatness; it was their duty to communicate in the few possessions the blessing which it enjoys.

"Christianity and Citizenship" was the topic assigned to the Rev. Frank Bristol, who followed. Dr. Bristol strongly attacked the polygamous representatives elected from Utah, to whose admission to the deliberative councils of the nation he is bitterly opposed. This being a Christian country, he said, it is for Christians only to govern.

The Rev. Dr. Crafts followed in a short address explanatory of the purposes of the convention and the questions to be discussed. The last speaker was the Rev. Josiah Strong, D. D., whose address was upon "The New Citizenship in the New Century." Mrs. Frances W. Graham, of Lockport, N. Y., was in charge of the music.

The attendance at the meeting was not large. Many delegates from other cities arrived today. The following subjects were discussed at this morning's session: "Suffrage and Civil Service," "Devolution," the Rev. Leslie Moore, Washington, D. C.; "The National Citizenship Convention," the Rev. C. H. Brown, Chicago, "Civil Service Reform as Related to our New Possessions," the Rev. A. S. Fiske, D. D., Washington, D. C.

Letter from the Rev. W. H. H. Roberts, D. D., secretary of the Alliance of Retarded Children, on "The Effects of the Separation of Church and State in Paris Also and the Philippines," upon Robert Property and School Funds, Birmingham, Ala., by the Rev. D. J. R. Neely, Philadelphia.

McKeessport Hotel Burned. McKeessport, Pa., Dec. 11.—The National Hotel, one of the largest hotels in the place, and a tenement house adjoining, were badly damaged by fire early this morning. The hotel was filled with guests. All except one woman escaped injury. She jumped from a second story window and was badly bruised and cut about the face. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

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