

A STRONG DEFENSE

Of the Acts of the State Sinking Fund Commissioners is Made

BY HON. HENRY HALL OF MERCER.

Mr. Wherry Asks Some Perplexing Questions, and Insists That

BUSINESS PRINCIPLES SHOULD RULE

In the Administration of the Fiscal Affairs of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Wherry's resolution on the sinking fund question again came up for discussion in the Legislature. After an elaborate defense of the Commission by Hon. Henry Hall, the measure was again referred to the Ways and Means Committee by almost a strict party vote.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 25.—When Hon. Henry Hall sat down to-night he was applauded as vigorously as the speaker rapped for order. The applause all came from the Republicans. Mr. Hall had just finished defending the Sinking Fund Commissioners from Mr. Wherry's attack, and though his voice was weak from his illness when he began, it gathered strength and volume as he proceeded. Mr. Wherry had changed his tactics, and to-night offered the following resolution, which Mr. Dearden moved to refer to the Ways and Means Committee:

WHEREAS, The Sinking Fund Commissioners have, during the fiscal years 1886-7 and 1887-8, purchased State bonds at a higher rate than the market rate, thus violating the act of February 20, 1885, as amended by the act of August 18, 1888, making such purchases at rates of from one-eighth to two and five-tenths per cent higher than the market rate at the time fixed by that act as a limit to the purchase of such bonds, and that the amount of such excess has been in the aggregate at least \$7,000; and, Whereas, The said Sinking Fund Commissioners sold in December, 1887, and January, 1888, \$1,000,000 of United States bonds, which were invested in the funds, which said bonds should only be sold when the money shall be required for the extinguishment of the public debt;

A BIG CASH BALANCE.

Whereas, The proceeds of these bonds were not necessary for the extinguishment of the public debt, for the reason that when such bonds were sold there was already in the State treasury a cash balance of over \$1,000,000, and that after the said bonds had been sold, although \$100,000 worth of State loans had been purchased there still remained in the fund, not reckoning the sale of the said United States bonds, a cash balance of more than \$1,000,000; and that, at the close of the fiscal year, after the said bonds had been sold, the proceeds of the sale of such bonds, a cash surplus of over \$1,000,000, thus exceeding that said sale of United States bonds, was not necessary for the extinguishment of the public debt, and has not been necessary for the extinguishment of the public debt up to the present time;

Resolved, If the Senate concur, That a committee of five members be appointed to investigate and report on the purchase of such bonds, and other transactions of the Commissioners for the past two years, and to report to the Legislature by bill or otherwise.

MR. HALL'S DEFENSE.

Mr. Wherry, in introducing the resolution, reiterated the charges made in the pamphlet that was laid on the desks of the members last Friday.

He stated that the cause for the loss alleged was either gross ignorance, disregard of the State's interests, or worse. It was admitted by at least one of the State's accounting officers that a mistake had been made, and this had been denied by one of the members of the committee.

Mr. Hall made the speech of the evening in opposition to Mr. Wherry. He referred to that gentleman's charge of negligence, as due to the discovery by him that the information called for by one of his resolutions of Friday was furnished monthly by the State Treasurer, and by law made accessible to every citizen of the Commonwealth.

MR. HALL'S DEFENSE.

of the Sinking Fund Commissioners was in line with Governor Beaver's, and he read letters from the State's fiscal agent, from Drexel, Morgan & Co., to the effect that it was a very wise act, viewed from all standpoints. No one, of course, could foresee that as the State became a seller of United States bonds the United States Government would stiffen a falling market and cause a boom in these securities by becoming a purchaser. Mr. Hall said the Sinking Fund Commissioners, before taking the action criticized, had consulted the most eminent financiers of the nation.

Mr. Wherry stated that he had charged no moral delinquency, but thought the action under which the State's fiscal agent sold might have come from a State Treasurer, or a banker, who have State deposits and might want more.

Mr. Hall, when Mr. Wherry demanded to know their names, said he could not give them all, and the present Sinking Fund Commissioners could not.

"The then Auditor General visited Philadelphia, and I believe New York, and consulted personally and by letter the best financial minds of the country. That gentleman's lips," said Mr. Hall, "are sealed by death."

"I have not," said Mr. Wherry, "forgotten that fact, and that has been the greatest stumbling block in my way in this matter. Speak no evil of the dead, is a sentiment as strong in my breast as in that of the gentleman from Mercer."

Mr. Hall said he did not want the State to run a broker shop, as he believed Mr. Wherry's resolution of Friday provided. He admitted that the Sinking Fund Commissioners were liable to make mistakes, but no more so than the gentlemen from Cumberland, and the author of the anonymous pamphlet which Mr. Wherry had alluded to as the cause of the State's financial straits, that he was not striving for political preferment, but the party behind him probably did not feel just as

Mr. Dearden closed the debate by referring to Mr. Calclaver, of the Philadelphia Record, as the author of the pamphlet used by Mr. Wherry, and the motion to refer the resolution to the Ways and Means Committee was carried by a vote of 91 to 43. A number of Republicans voted with Mr. Wherry and the Democrats. SIMPSON.

PROVIDING FOR THE ORPHANS.

The Legislature Considering the Government of Schools for Veterans' Children. (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, March 25.—The soldiers' orphans bill was amended in the House tonight on motion of the gentleman in charge of it, Mr. Stewart, and others. The Senate bill gives the State Department of the Grand Army preponderance on the committee, but Mr. Stewart's bill now gives it to the State by making the commission consist of the Governor, three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Department Commander. In the Senate bill, the commission consists of the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, one Senator, two Representatives, the Department Commander, and five members appointed by him. Senator Gobin will fight hard to keep it this way.

The other amendments include one by Dr. Walk, making the salary of male and female inspectors of Schools equal at \$1,400 per annum; one by Mr. Stewart, providing for a chief clerk at \$1,200 per annum in addition to a clerk at \$1,400, and an amendment by Dr. Walk, fixing the compensation for male and female inspectors at \$1,400 per year. Waited of the rates provided by the bill of \$100, \$115 and \$130. The most important amendment is that of Mr. Stewart, which gives the State the right to contract for the care of children shall be made with the soldiers' orphans syndicate.

Electric Light Legislation.

HARRISBURG, March 25.—Mr. Fletcher's bill for the incorporation of electric light companies was amended to-night on second reading by striking out the clause giving unequal right to erect poles and string wires. Section 4, giving exclusive privileges, was also stricken out. Mr. Brooks, of Philadelphia, Mr. Ritter, of Lycoming, and Mr. Quigley of Philadelphia, were the opponents of these features of the bill.

He Understands the Subject.

HARRISBURG, March 25.—Mr. Graham introduced to-night a resolution, which he carried unanimously, giving the hall of the House of Representatives to Andrew Carnegie for an address to be delivered by him on the industries of Pennsylvania, on an evening to be selected by himself.

ROBBERS IN OHIO.

Two Who Have Been Operating in Mahoning County Arrested. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

YOUNGWOOD, March 25.—Two men who have been engaged in robbing residents in the vicinity of Kyles' Corners, this county, and robbing those who quietly submitted to them in this locality, when two men confronted them with drawn revolvers, and compelled them to throw up their hands. While one cowered them with his revolver, the other went through them, securing two gold watches and a small amount of money.

THEY WERE RECOGNIZED AS JAMES ILEY AND FRANK RIPLETON, who are well known to the officers, and this afternoon they were arrested and jailed. The officers believe they are connected with the numerous robberies.

SHE SAVED HER BABE.

A Woman Caught While Crawling Under a Train. (SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

YOUNGWOOD, March 25.—Mrs. Martin Galvin, residing at Girard, attempted to crawl under a freight train near her home to-day, with her child, three years old. She was caught by the train, and the mother tried to get her child out of danger, but was herself caught by the train. She was rescued by a man who had been passing by, and she and her child were taken to the hospital. The woman was severely injured, and will probably die from her injuries.

Arrested for the Unborn Murderer.

GREENSBURG, March 25.—Anthony Nicely, the father of a nicely born child who is now in jail in Somerset charged with the murder of old man Umberger, was this afternoon arrested as an accessory after the fact. He was taken to Somerset jail this evening. It was discovered to-day that the old man had in his possession the pocketbook and other articles which had been given to him by his son Joseph just before the murder. The man was arrested after Nicely was arrested this afternoon. Considerable excitement prevails in the neighborhood of the home of the Nicelys.

Marriage Licenses Granted Yesterday.

Name Residence (Christopher C. Hershey, Manor station) (William H. Kelly, Pittsburgh) (Annie K. Brinkman, Pittsburgh) (Hertha Harris, Pittsburgh) (Bertha Harris, Rankin's Landing) (Charles H. J. Malley, Locust Mt.) (Mary B. Dixon, Greensburg) (James Bryant, Bradock) (Mary Whitaker, Pittsburgh) (Wiley Smith, Pittsburgh)

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MARRIED.

MONTGOMERY—DUFF—At the house of the bride in the East End, Miss HENRIETTA R. DUFF to Mr. A. J. MONTGOMERY, by Rev. G. W. Chaffin, of the Park Avenue Church, on March 25, 1889.

DIED.

BELL—Monday afternoon at 3:45, ELANCHER, youngest daughter of Robert G. and Maria Bell, aged 1 year, 7 months and 7 days. Funeral WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 55 Fifteenth street.

BECHTOLD—At his residence, 75 Federal street, Allegheny, on Monday, March 25, 1889, at 12 o'clock, GEORGE BECHTOLD, 53, in the 53d year of his age.

FUNERAL—On Sunday morning, March 25, 1889, at 7:45, ELIZA, wife of the late Colonel David Campbell.

FUNERAL—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 6 P. M., WILLIE, youngest child of Garrett and Ella Connor, aged 18 months.

FUNERAL—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the funeral of a friend of 2022 Penn avenue, to-day at 4 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

DICKIE—On Sunday, March 24, at 12 M., MARY ANN DICKIE, in her 65th year. Funeral from her late residence, No. 4 Belmont street, Allegheny, on WEDNESDAY, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Interment private.

KABLE—Of Allegheny, on Monday, March 25, 1889, at 8:30 A. M., EMMA FLORENCE, only daughter of Lewis and Kate Kable, aged 3 years.

FUNERAL SERVICES at the family residence, 129 Collins avenue, Ninety-seventh ward, Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 10 A. M. Interment private.

KEAN—On Monday, March 25, at 9 A. M., JAMES KEAN, aged 75 years. Funeral from his late residence, No. 137 Fourth street, TUESDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, Interment at Brady's bond WEDNESDAY, on arrival of morning train.

LEMMER—On Sunday, March 24, at 11:35 P. M., ANNE MAY, wife of John Lemmel, aged 22 years.

FUNERAL from her late residence, 51 Robinson street, Allegheny, on TUESDAY, March 25, at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCGARITY—On Monday at 3 A. M., Mrs. ANNE MCGARITY, widow of the late James McGarity, in the 78th year of her age. Funeral from her late residence, No. 38 Strawberry alley, on WEDNESDAY, at 8:30 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

MCKELVY—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 7th year of his age. Funeral services will be held at Park Place Hotel, Sewley, Pa., on TUESDAY, March 26, at 10 o'clock, P. M. Interment private.

NORRIS—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 7:30 A. M., Mrs. CATHERINE NORRIS, sister-in-law of Mrs. Thomas Dwyer, in the 92d year of her age. Funeral from the residence of her niece, Mrs. A. J. Dwyer, Edgewood, on TUESDAY, the 26th inst., on the arrival of the train leaving Union station at 8 P. M.

ROWLE—On Sunday, March 24, 1889, at 1 P. M., CHARLES ROWLE, daughter of George J. and Elizabeth Rowle, in the family residence, Rippey street, Nineteenth ward, on TUESDAY, the 26th inst., at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

RITCHIE—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 10 o'clock, P. M., the funeral of Mrs. MARGARET, wife of J. C. Ritchie.

FUNERAL at late residence of deceased, WEDNESDAY, March 27, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Train leaving city at 7:40 A. M. will stop at Woodlawn.

SLATTERY—On Monday, at 4:30 P. M., JAMES J. SLATTERY, aged 6 years 4 months 18 days. Funeral takes place from his parents' residence, No. 102 Carson street, Southside, on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

SLEETH—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 4:10 o'clock A. M., MARY FRYER, wife of R. E. Sleeth, in the 55th year of her age. Funeral from her late residence, No. 6121 Keyway street, Eighteenth ward, city, on WEDNESDAY, March 27, at 2 P. M. Interment in Interment in Union cemetery. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend.

SCOTT—Sunday morning, March 24, 1889, at 9 o'clock, JOHN SCOTT.

FUNERAL SERVICES at the family residence, corner of Forbes street and Shady lane, on TUESDAY, March 26, at 2 P. M. Interment private at later hour. Carriages will leave Thomas B. Moreland's stable, No. 6100 Penn avenue, East End, at 1:15 P. M. Please omit flowers.

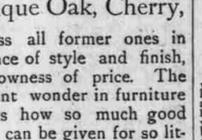
THOMAS—At her late residence, 24 Franklin street, Allegheny, on Monday, March 25, 1889, at 10 A. M., ELIZABETH THOMAS, aged 53 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter. VOCKRODT—On Monday, March 25, 1889, at 3 A. M., ED. C. VOCKRODT, aged 38 years, 9 months, 1 month and 20 days. Funeral from his late residence, 278 Locust street, Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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