

CONGRESS AT BUSINESS

First Measures Are Passed in the Senate and House.

REMARKABLE PENSION BILL

Mr. Peffer Comes to the Front in Excellent Style—The Death of Myron B. Wright Formally Announced—Proceedings in the House.

By the United Press. Washington, Dec. 4.—The first bill passed at this session was a somewhat remarkable one. It was a house pension bill in favor of Mary Martin, and was reported this morning by Mr. Gallinger (N. H.) from the senate committee on pensions. It contains the usual provision that the pension is to cease "if the soldier returns." The explanation was that the man disappeared twenty years ago and has not since been heard from.

Several bills were introduced by Mr. Peffer (Kan.), one being to repeal that part of the resumption act which provides for the sale of bonds; another was to provide for the government control of freight railroads.

Mr. Blanchard (La.) offered a resolution instructing the committee on appropriations to report an amendment to the urgency deficiency bill, appropriating a sufficient amount to pay the sugar bounty on the sugar crop of 1894 under the terms of the act of 1890. Laid over for the present.

Mr. Lodge (Mass.) offered resolutions which were agreed to calling on the president for the correspondence relating to affairs at Bluefields, and calling on the secretary of the navy for the reports or letters of Rear Admiral Walker in relation to the Sandwich islands.

A message having been received from the house announcing the recent death of Representative Wright, of Pennsylvania, the senate on motion of Mr. Quay adjourned at 12:35. Mr. Quay stating that he would hereafter ask the senate to take further action in the matter.

PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE

Mr. Storer (Rep., Ohio) introduced in the house of representatives today, and the house adopted, a resolution extending until the first session of the next congress the time allowed the board of engineers surveying proposed routes for canals to connect Lake Erie with the Ohio river, under the provisions of the river and harbor bill for the present year.

A bill appropriating \$20,000 for the expenses connected with the dedication of the Chigamauga and Chattanooga National Military park on Nov. 19 and 20, 1895, was passed.

FIRST FREE COINAGE BILL

The first free coinage bill of the session was introduced in the house today by Mr. Hartman, of Montana. The bill provides for a silver dollar of 412 1/2 grains of standard silver, and authorizes the holders of silver bullion to the amount of \$100 or more to have the same coined at any United States mint. The dollars coined are to be legal tender for all debts, public and private.

FOREST CITY.

Counting is being indulged in on some of the hills in this place, and a few sleighs have been out. There has also been some skating on Leek's pond. Today the marriage of Miss Alma Kennedy to George Horton, both well known and estimable young people of this place, will be solemnized in Klinghamton, N. Y.

A large building is being erected in the rear of the Davies House. It will be used by Nelson Bell as a blacksmith shop.

Dr. J. W. McGuire, of Vandling, was professionally engaged in this borough yesterday.

Henry J. Evans, J. F. Evans and John Evans, of Clifford, were in this place yesterday.

Mrs. George Maxey is visiting at Glyphant.

M. S. Brown, of Elmira, was a visitor in town yesterday.

Frank Walker is seriously ill of inflammatory rheumatism.

D. L. Kannerly, of Honesdale, spent yesterday in our city.

John Lang has accepted a position in H. C. Ames & Co.'s bank, made vacant by the resignation of Archie Pentecost, who will attend school in this place for the winter.

The long promised and looked for street railway will soon be a reality, at least as far as the southern boundary line of this place. The track has

been laid to a point above Richmond and the gang of men working from the Forest City line are down as far as McKloskey's hotel in Vandling. The masons started yesterday at the distance for the bridge that will span the Lackawanna at Simpson, and the crossing of the Erie tracks at Simpson, over which there has been delay and trouble, will be perfected next Sunday.

SAVED BY A DOG.

Timely Rescue of a Lone Woman from a Negro.

By the United Press. Springfield, O., Dec. 4.—Late last evening a negro tramp entered the residence of Mrs. Catharine Brown, a widow 50 years old, living near this city, and asked for something to eat. While Mrs. Brown, who was alone, was getting him some food, he grabbed and threw her to the floor.

A large Irish setter dog attacked the negro, who fled.

PRESIDENTS DIDN'T MEET.

They Will, However, Get Together Again Within a Few Days, and an Agreement Is Regarded as Highly Probable.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—It was announced last week that a meeting of the anthracite carrying railroads would be held on Monday in New York, simultaneously with the meeting of the coal sales agents. This was, indeed, the original intention, but the former meeting, for some reason, has been deferred for a few days, at the wish of President Roberts, of the Pennsylvania railroad, who is studying the anthracite situation with more than common care.

Those who know intimately that Mr. Roberts is more disposed at this minute than he has been at any prior time to join with the other coal-owning and coal carrying railroads in a genuine restriction of next year's output in conformity with the needs of the market. The policy of the Pennsylvania railroad heretofore has been to pay \$100,000,000 for restrictive agreements; but a change from this policy, in the near future, is regarded by well-informed men in the coal trade in this city as possible, if not probable.

FIRST BILL OF THE SESSION.

Congressman Bartlett's Message to Repeal the Obedient Income Tax.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The first bill of the session is offered by Major Bartlett, of New York city. It proposes to repeal the income tax and is looked upon as foreshadowing the position of the New York delegation during this session upon this important subject.

Major Bartlett is one of the five Democrats who were saved from the wreck in the late election. He will also have the distinguished honor of being the only Democrat in the house from New York who has been re-elected when the forty-fourth congress assembled. The other four members will begin their first term next December.

Mr. Bartlett voted against the tariff bill because of the income tax feature and is also distinguished as the only man who has opposed Mr. Cleveland's financial policy in recent years who has lived, practically, to realize his position.

INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

The Pottsville Miners' Journal wants John Wannamaker for president of the Reading.

Lunch cars will be introduced next summer on all branches of the Lehigh Valley system.

It is said a movement is on foot in New York to establish a complete system of pneumatic transmission.

President King, of Erie, who has just resigned the presidency, will continue to be a receiver of the company.

William J. Walters, late of Plymouth, has been appointed fire boss at the Holmlack No. 2 colliery, Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre coal company.

Hickory Swamp colliery, near Shamokin, operated by the Union Coal company, shut down Monday night for an indefinite period, throwing 500 men and boys out of employment.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad company has broken ground for the sinking of an air shaft at Chaney, near Plymouth. The shaft will be a second opening.

The rate of wages for the miners of the Schuylkill coal region for the last half of November and the first half of December will be 3 per cent. below the 1893 basis. This is 1 per cent. lower than last month.

L. R. Moler, of Wilkes-Barre, has been appointed superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, and Robert S. Mercur, formerly assistant district engineer, division engineer. Fred E. Zerby has been appointed division superintendent of the Hazleton region.

The Pennsylvania railroad reports that the quantity of coal and coke originating and carried over its lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie for year thus far has been 14,629,350 tons, compared with 15,492,551 tons in the corresponding period of 1893, a decrease of 1,863,201 tons, of which 11,499,739 tons were coal, a decrease of 1,394,909 tons, and 2,140,000 tons coke, a decrease of 457,892 tons.

It is reported that the Wilkes-Barre and Eastern will, in the spring, extend its line from Stroudsburg to Hazleton, a distance of ten miles, where it would connect with the Bath branch of the Central and give it entrance into the entire slate region of Northampton and Lehigh counties. Below Wind Gap the road would connect also with the famous Boston and Troughkeape line.

In the event of Mr. Lowell going to the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company, the Hazleton Sentinel thinks that Albert Leisenring will likely be called to the management of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre. The late E. B. Leisenring was desirous during his life of making Mr. Lowell vice president of the Coal and Navigation company and relieving him of the detail work in that way. The directors regretted that such an arrangement was not made before the death of the president. Mr. Lowell is probably the best informed man on mining affairs in the region and obviously the best qualified for the position.

The Ontario, Carbondale and Scranton railway, operating between Scranton and Jackson, N. Y., a distance of fifty-three miles, has been certified to the attorney general by Secretary Stewart as liable to the fine of \$5,000 provided for by the act of May, 1889, for the neglect or refusal of corporations operating in Pennsylvania to make report annually to the department of internal affairs on or before Aug. 31 of their operations for the fiscal year ending June 30. This is the first time the department has certified a delinquent corporation for the imposition of this penalty. The attorney general is expected to at once institute proceedings against the company.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 4.—The course of prices at the Stock exchange today was very irregular, but an undertone of strength was noted. At 10 o'clock the market was moderately heavy, sales of the Grangers, the result of the poor state of the St. Paul and Rock Island for November. St. Paul, 100, Burlington 7 1/2, Rock Island 3 1/2, and Northern 1 1/2. The decline led to purchases to cover short sales and the early loss was more than recovered, except in the case of St. Paul and Northern, which rallied to 10 1/2 and 9 1/2, respectively. After the Grangers, the industrials were most prominent in the dealings. Sugar dropped to 3 1/2 and later advanced gradually to 3 3/4. Chicago Gas gave every evidence of covering by an important short interest. The general list after the opening was improved and closed strong. Total sales, \$2,000,000.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are for the highest and lowest prices of the day. Manager for William Hill, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

Table with columns: Op'n, High, Low, Close, and various stock symbols like Am. Sugar, A. T., etc.

WHEAT.

Table with columns: Month, Price, and various wheat grades like No. 1, No. 2, etc.

OATS.

Table with columns: Month, Price, and various oat grades like No. 1, No. 2, etc.

CORN.

Table with columns: Month, Price, and various corn grades like No. 1, No. 2, etc.

LARD.

Table with columns: Month, Price, and various lard grades like No. 1, No. 2, etc.

PORK.

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NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 4.—Flour—Firm, more active. Wheat—Active, prices higher.

Chicago Board of Trade Reports.

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