

ROW OVER MR. CLEVELAND

A Proposition to Extend Courtesies Causes a Breeze.

FUN IN THE LEGISLATURE

The Resolution to Give the Presidential Party the Freedom of Both Houses Meets with Fierce Opposition from Certain Members.

By the United Press. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18.—In the house of representatives Mr. McGill, of Abbeville, today introduced the following resolution and there was an interesting scene:

Whereas, The president of the United States and his party are now visiting in our state, and

Resolved, That the general assembly in now in session and desire to extend to the president and gentlemen accompanying him that courtesy due his exalted character and official position, be it

Resolved, By the house, the senate concurring, that an invitation be and hereby extended to the president of the United States and the gentlemen comprising his party to visit the general assembly now in session and accept the privileges of the floor of the two houses.

Mr. Duncan, of New Berry, a reformer, then said: "I hope this matter will not be disposed of in this way. I am opposed to extending such courtesy to a president for whom we justly entertain no little respect. I therefore move to table the resolution."

The speaker seemed to hesitate about putting the motion. He said as the presiding officer, he doubted the propriety of putting such a motion.

Mr. Watson, the reform leader, then took the floor. He said he hoped the resolution would not be withdrawn. The matter, if withdrawn, had gone so far that it would be given full publicity. While they might differ in policy with the president, Mr. Cleveland was nevertheless the president of the United States. "I hope we won't go down on record as taking such action as this."

Mr. Tatum, of Orangeburg, another leading reformer, took the floor and tried to help Mr. Watson control the house and said they could not afford to vote this resolution down. Nobody was more opposed to Mr. Cleveland's policy than himself, but it was time to stop.

Resolution adopted. The speaker then took a hand saying they were assuming an opposition to the resolution which did not exist so far as he had seen. He said he had no objection. He suggested that the vote be taken on the adoption of the resolution. Quickly he put the motion on a viva voce vote. No rays were heard, and he declared the resolution "unanimously adopted."

In the senate Dr. Byrd and one other senator voted against the resolution, but there was no discussion nor any incident.

At tonight's session of the house, Mr. Duncan brought the matter up again. He introduced the following resolution, which was signed by himself and J. H. Blackwell, of Williamsburg. It was sent up to the speaker, who asked Mr. Duncan what he proposed to do with the resolution—have it passed and recorded in his own behalf, or something else.

Mr. Duncan said he wanted it spread on the minutes. The resolution read: Resolved, That with all due respect for the office of president of the United States and with due deference to the policies and principles of parties, we wish to be recorded as ever ready to extend to whom honor is due, but in our opinion, Grover Cleveland having prostituted the high office of president of the United States in using his opportunities in the betrayal of the Democratic party and the reputation of Democratic principles, we record ourselves as opposed to the resolution passed by the house doing honor to the great party stealer in the history of American politics.

Mr. Duncan rose to a question of personal privilege. He quoted a section from the constitution giving any member the right to object to anything adopted by the body and to have his reasons of his protest recorded in the journal. It was a home stroke. He said accordingly that his resolution be recorded.

The speaker ignored the request and started to continue the regular work.

Mr. Duncan—Mr. Speaker, I want your ruling on my point. I want to know if this house can openly violate the constitution.

The speaker—I am only the mouthpiece of this body; it has acted.

Mr. Duncan persisted in the matter, insisting that the constitution gave him rights which that body could not take from him.

The speaker—That is your opinion on the subject of the constitution, and all I can say is that the house has listened to you with pleasure.

The resolution was promptly tabled. That ended the controversy.

TO CONTROL SEMINARIES.

The General Assembly of Presbytery Makes Overtures to Synod.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—The Monongahela Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church met in the Fifth church, Pittsburg, today and after an animated debate rejected by a vote of 35 to 10, an overture from the general assembly that the latter body should have power over all the seminaries instead of their being separately controlled by the different synods, as at present.

The Allegheny Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church held a session in Allegheny today. By a vote of 35 to 1 it negatived the vote of the general assembly to give it control of the seminaries.

At the quarterly meeting of the Westmoreland County Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church held in Pittsburg today, by a majority vote the proposition to give into the control of the general assembly the seminaries now in charge of the synod was adopted.

JAPAN IS INDEPENDENT.

Will Not Follow Course Marked Out by England and Russia.

FROM CULTURED BOSTON

O'Sullivan Characterizes Delegate Morgan by Opprobrious Epithets.

A DISTURBANCE AT DENVER

Morning Session of the American Federation of Labor Exceedingly Lively. Gompers Willing to Accommodate Belligerents at Any Time.

By the United Press. Denver, Col., Dec. 18.—A resolution against compulsory arbitration was adopted at the beginning of the morning session of the American Federation of Labor without discussion.

A resolution submitted by Henry Weisman, of New York, asking the convention to most emphatically disapprove of the action of a number of New York unions of clergymen, mechanics and furniture makers in affiliating with and supporting the Central Labor Federation of New York in its open antagonism of the union of bakers and confectioners, was debated at great length.

Delegate Morgan said: "There is war to the knife between Weisman and other leaders."

Delegate O'Sullivan, of Boston, arose to remark: "I enter my protest against the chair permitting that scurrilous whelp (pointing to Morgan) to attack delegates on this floor."

Delegate Morgan—Did you hear that? It came from cultured Boston. Another sample of my treatment here.

Several delegates said: "Take that back, O'Sullivan."

Delegate Linoham: "Don't you do it, O'Sullivan, or I will repeat it."

Morgan arose again and shaking his hand at Gompers exclaimed: "O, how I would like to get you on a platform on equal terms, then I would fix you."

President Gompers retorted: "Any time you desire."

The special committee to whom was assigned the appeal of Eugene V. Debs for sympathy and financial aid in his present trouble in the courts reported a resolution condemning certain actions of courts of equity, and appealing to the public to secure legislation to check the encroachments of the courts upon the personal liberties of the people.

Also another resolution extending sympathy and commiseration to Debs and his associates, and promising them moral and financial support in their struggle. Both resolutions were adopted.

Scoring the Knights of Labor. At the afternoon session Delegate McGuire submitted a full report upon the conference held in St. Louis last June. The report favored the scheme for semi-annual conferences. Upon the consideration of this report Mr. Penna, of Linton, Ind., said:

"As long as the Knights of Labor organization is in the hands of the present gang of officers I am opposed to meeting with them for any purpose whatever. I understand that Messrs. Sovereign, Bishop and Hayes were present at that conference. The executive council has labelled all trades unions by classing those three men as reformers. There is neither reformation nor honesty, nor common decency in either one of those men or in the three men combined. Where there is no veracity there can be no sincerity, and hence no reformation. I sincerely hope that there may be no conference with those parasites on the labor movement. It is a fact that fully three-fourths of the Knights of Labor are in open rebellion against those three men. They have the power of making up the general personnel of their conventions and have the power to seat enough delegates and exclude those who are a menace to their policy. It is not becoming a any decent reform body to stoop to recognize that gang."

"I protest that we do not recognize that gang of bloodsuckers at any and all times. I therefore move to amend that the American Federation of Labor hold itself in readiness to meet at all times with sincere men in the reform movement, but refuses to meet with the Knights of Labor as at present constituted, and that the body recognize the principle of trade attorney and ceases to encourage dual authority in any one trade."

The report with this amendment was adopted without opposition. Another blow at the Knights of Labor was struck by the refusal of the convention to endorse the United Brewers' label. This label has the Knights of Labor seal incorporated in the design.

The closing scene of the convention was a dramatic reconciliation between P. J. McGuire, of Philadelphia, and T. J. Morgan, of Chicago, who had so bitterly assailed each other on the floor of the convention, and on previous occasions.

The delegates sang "Auld Lang Syne" and adjourned in the best of spirits. This evening a banquet was given the delegates at the St. James by the Denver Trades Assembly.

SHE WAS HYPNOTIZED.

A Strange Criminal Case Engaging the Attention of a German Court.

Munich, Dec. 18.—A sensational trial is taking place here. A teacher of languages, Cestans Czynski, is charged with hypnotizing a lady of title and inducing her to marry him, his purpose being to obtain her fortune.

The marriage was performed by a friend of the teacher, who impersonated a priest. Several specialists in hypnotism have been summoned as witnesses.

CONDENSED STATE TOPICS.

Northumberland county teachers are holding their forty-second annual institute at Sunbury.

The Bellefonte Bar association will hold a meeting in memory of the late ex-Governor Curtin on Dec. 22.

At the point of recovery two highwaymen robbed Farmer Charles Lytle, near Dubolustus, of \$25 and fed.

Fourth class postmasters were yesterday appointed in Pennsylvania as follows: Adam Eppinger, Harmony, vice D. P. Boggs, removed.

A LEHIGH VALLEY WRECK

Buffalo Express Crashes into a Train of Coal Cars.

A SWITCH WAS MISPLACED

Engine, Baggage and Express Car Badly Shattered—Passengers Shaken, but Not Seriously Injured—Narrow Escape of Engineer and Fireman.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 18.—The Buffalo express on the Lehigh Valley railroad met with a serious accident at Horton's switch, three miles from here, this morning. When near Horton's the train ran into an open switch and ploughed into a number of coal cars standing on the track. The engine, baggage and express cars were badly wrecked. The engineer and fireman jumped to save themselves. The passengers, most of whom were asleep, were badly shaken up but none were hurt. A number of cars standing on the switch were wrecked. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

At the point where the accident occurred is a sharp curve. On the right hand side are a number of culm piles extending from Forj. Bowkley to Plainville. On the opposite, or west side, is a meadow considerably below the level of the tracks. The train left Wilkes-Barre ten minutes late and the fact of there being no stops between that city and Pittston, a distance of nine miles, the train was running, when the accident occurred, at a rate of no less than 50 miles an hour. Just as the train pushed around the curve Engineer Warren saw the switch open, but before he could collect his thoughts the train jumped the rail and crashed into a lot of coal cars that were standing on the siding. The force of the crash was terrific. The engine swayed for a moment and then toppled over into the soft mud below. The baggage and express and smoking car in some way became uncoupled from the remaining coaches and followed the engine. They are a total wreck.

Engineer Warren and Fireman Stephens stuck to their post, and notwithstanding their thrilling experience, escaped with slight injuries.

Fireman Stephens, who resides on Park street, West Pittston, was seen and in relating his experience said: "We were flying along at a forty mile an hour gait and was in the act of giving her coal when all of a sudden I felt the rumble beneath me and in an instant I was in the air. I knew nothing more until I found myself between the engine and tender, which had become separated. I next dragged myself out and secured medical attendance." Mr. Stephens' injuries consist of several painful contusions of the skin, but nothing serious.

Chauffeur of Mauch Chunk the express messenger in charge, had a miraculous escape also. He was thrown violently against the timbers and sustained a terrible gash in the head, eighteen stitches being required to close the wound. None of the passengers or trainmen were hurt, but as can well be imagined, they were badly shaken up.

Investigation leads to the belief that a deliberate attempt was made to cause the wreck. Only twenty minutes before the express ran into the switch an empty engine passed over it in safety. The railroad officials are thoroughly aroused over the outrage and they say they will spend thousands of dollars to hunt down the villains who made the attempt at wholesale murder.

BREAK IN BELL STOCK.

United States Circuit Court Decides Against Berliner Patent.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Judge Carpenter, in the United States circuit court, this noon, decreed that the telephone patent 483,469, issued Nov. 17, 1891, to Emile Berliner, be declared void, and delivered up to be cancelled.

The company has the right to appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals.

The Berliner patent is, next to the Bell patent, which has already expired, the most important patent ever possessed by the American Bell Telephone company, as it covers the use of the carbon or microphone contact used in the long distance transmission of speech.

Upon the announcement of this decision, Bell Telephone stock broke from 200 1/4 to 191, and sold later to 194 and 193. More than 700 shares changed hands.

BIG HOTEL FOR SALE.

Sheriff Will Dispose of the Famous Stockton at Cape May.

Cape May, N. J., Dec. 18.—The famous Stockton hotel of this city is in the hands of the sheriff, who will advertise it for sale to satisfy a claim against it of the West Jersey Railroad company for \$60,000 with two years of accrued



The Salary Is Nothing; Yet Some Men Always Scramble for It.

EVIDENCE BY WHOLESALE

Flood of Damaging Testimony Before Lexow Committee.

CAPT. CREEDON'S CHRISTMAS

Liquor Dealers Assessed Each Year to Fill the Gallant Officer's Stocking—The Price Paid for Democratic Votes.

THE REGULAR TICKET.

Lehigh Valley Railroad Management Announces Their Choice.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—The ticket recommended by the management of the Lehigh Valley railroad to be voted for at the annual election on Jan. 15 was today announced as follows:

President, E. P. Wilbur; directors, Charles Hartshorne, William L. Conyngham, William L. Ingham, Robert H. Sayre, James I. Blakeslee, John R. Fell, John B. Garrett, Charles O. Skeer, Beauvais Borle, Joseph Wharton, Thomas McKean and G. H. Myers.

This board embraces three new names of prominent stockholders—Messrs. Wharton and McKean, of Philadelphia, and Myers, of Bethlehem. These gentlemen take the places of W. M. H. Sayre, Rollin H. Wilbur and Henry S. Drinker, officers of the company, who remain in the service in their respective positions, and who retired from the board at a meeting held today.

The addition of two such representative Philadelphians as Messrs. Wharton and McKean to the directorate elicited favorable comment among Lehigh Valley stockholders in this city today. Mr. Myers, too, is popular in Philadelphia and his election was well received. Friends of the foreign candidates profess to feel no doubt whatever of the above ticket's re-election.

NEW ORGANIZATION.

It Was Formed to Advance the Sabbath Observance Movement.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Wilkes-Barre, Dec. 18.—A meeting of temperance reformers and gentlemen interested in the Sabbath observance movement was held in this city today. The attendance was small.

After some discussion, an association to be called "The Northeastern Pennsylvania Sabbath Union" was formed, committees being appointed to draft the constitution, by-laws and the other incidental work. J. Wells Hollenback, of Wilkes-Barre, was elected president; A. W. Dickson, Scranton, vice president; J. L. Stelle, Scranton, treasurer; and F. A. Dony, Scranton, secretary.

No definite line of work was arranged, the meeting confining itself to routine business, and the president was requested to convene a meeting of the association at an early date. Tonight a mass meeting was held, at which the newly-elected officers and Rev. Dr. Mott, president of the New Jersey Sabbath union, delivered addresses, urging the citizens to assist them in maintaining the observance of the Sabbath and the closing of saloons on the Lord's day. Resolutions were passed pledging themselves to use all legitimate efforts to insist on a better observance of the Sunday laws.

NEW JERSEY TO HAVE A LEAGUE.

By the United Press. Camden, N. J., Dec. 18.—A preliminary meeting of the men interested in the formation of a base ball league in this state was held here this evening. It was decided that the league should be made up of cities in New Jersey and should not be an interstate league as was proposed. When the league is formed there will be eight cities in it.

PETITION OF WHEELMEN DISMISSED.

Harrisburg, Dec. 18.—Attorney General Henseel dismisses the petition of the Pennsylvania wheelmen for writ of quo warranto against the Perkiomen and Reading Turnpike company, a proceeding to revoke its charter for charging wheelmen tolls, and says they have their redress in the courts, where the question raised should be tested.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Senator Lodge proposes to put the consular service under civil service rules. The States at Washington of Grant and Sherman have been proposed in congress.

It is proposed to make General Schofield a lieutenant general, the grade to die with him.

A bogus jewelry swindle through the mails will be stopped by the seizure of all such packages.

Ambassador Bayard renews the warning against the folly of believing the stories of English estates seeking American owners.

Agricultural bureau investigations confirm the general impression of hygienists that our diet is one-sided and that we eat too much.

INTEREST.

There is a second mortgage (chattel) held against the property by John F. Betz, of Philadelphia, for \$25,000, foreclosure proceedings of which are not included in this sale. The hotel has been lately managed by F. Theodore Walcott.

The Stockton was built in 1869, and has cost something near a half million of dollars. Lately it has been much improved. Its original owner was the West Jersey Railroad company, which now brings the suit of foreclosure.

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