

LAWMAKERS ARE AT WORK

Bills Introduced in Senate and House of Representatives.

APPROPRIATIONS IN MAJORITY

Over Forty Measures Pass First Reading in the Senate--Bill to Create a Middle Penitentiary District--Fredrick Douglass Eulogized.

By the United Press. Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 25--When the senate met tonight after the ten days recess there were about thirty of the fifty senators present.

A large number of petitions were presented praying for the passage of numerous bills, of which the most important was the bill creating a department of agriculture.

The following bills were introduced: By Mr. Vaughan--Establishing a court of appeals to be composed of five judges and providing for reporting and publishing decisions of the said court.

By Mr. Landis--Providing as punishment for bribery at election a fine of \$1,000, deprivation of right to vote for five years for a first offense and ten for a second.

Over forty bills passed first reading, the principal one being the Marshall bill to repeal the act preventing the consolidation of competition pipe line companies.

Bills Introduced in House. The house met at 8 o'clock this evening after a recess of ten days. Several petitions urging the passage of the compulsory school law and game laws were presented.

Bills in place were read as follows: Mr. Page, Dauphin--To create a middle penitentiary district, including the counties of Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan, Lycoming, Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Fulton, Bedford, Cumber, Franklin, Adams, Somerset, Blair, Schuylkill, Huntingdon, Union, Lebanon, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Clearfield, Clinton and Centre, the penitentiary to be located at or near the city of Harrisburg. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission to select a site, and appropriate \$100,000 for the purchase of the same, etc.

Mr. Bailey, Delaware--Limiting the forfeiture of policies of insurance; defining the power to grant franchises over highways in boroughs and townships to street railways operated by power other than steam, and providing that the power to grant franchises shall be vested in the owners of property to whom the roads would revert in case highways were vacated.

Mr. Seyfert, Lancaster--For the protection of street railway employees, requiring street railways companies to protect the ends of their cars with glass or other solid material, and requiring them to have their cars heated during winter months.

Mr. Ritter, Philadelphia--Appropriating \$10,000 to the Fairmount Park Art association for the erection of a monument to General Grant, and \$5,000 for a monument to General Garfield.

Mr. Seyfert, Lancaster--To punish hazing in institutions of learning.

Mr. Schwarz, Monroe--Empowering persons having served three full terms as prothonotary to practice law.

Mr. Peltz, Philadelphia--Appropriating \$1,000 for the use of the state health authorities.

Mr. Shrinck, Schuylkill--To punish false representations to assessors and tax collectors; appropriating \$30,000 to the hospital for the insane.

Mr. Pennewill, Philadelphia--Appropriating \$40,000 to the Sunday Breakfast association, Philadelphia.

Mr. Grisham, Lawrence--To prohibit the appropriation of public funds for sectarian purposes. It is aimed at hospitals or other institutions wholly or in part in charge of religious denominations.

A resolution was adopted eulogizing the late Frederick Douglass and deploring his death.

When Governor Hastings' veto of the bill for an additional judge in Washington county was read Mr. Lawrence asked that action on the veto be postponed until 12 o'clock, noon, tomorrow, saying he desired to make a few remarks explaining the action of the Washington county members in introducing the bill. Mr. Murphy, Westmoreland, made a similar motion when the veto of the bill for an additional judge in Westmoreland county was read.

A half dozen bills were read for the first time, and at 9:35 o'clock the house adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FOOL SHOUTED FIRE.

Panic Narrowly Averted in a Philadelphia Theater.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 25--A terrible panic was narrowly averted at the Chestnut Street Opera house tonight at the presentation of "The War of Wealth." At the conclusion of the third act of the play a quantity of cotton was set on fire upon the stage to represent the burning of a mill, and the column of smoke that shot up from the stage and the volume of smoke that filled the house made the scene entirely too realistic to be pleasant to the spectators.

To add to the uneasiness of the audience the asbestos curtain of the house was sent down upon the scene and some one in the audience shouted "Fire." The nerves of the audience had already been strung up to a high pitch by the fire upon the stage, and this ever terrible cry of "Fire" in a crowded theater proved too much for the spectators as a wild rush was made to the doors.

Some of the cool heads in the audience, however, shouted out that the fire was a part of the piece and finally the panic-stricken throng was quieted and the people returned to their seats and the performance proceeded. During the panic three women fainted and one was carried in an insensible condition from the house.

SKELETONS IN A CAVE.

Strange Discoveries Made by Citizens Near a Town in Northern Ohio.

By the United Press. Toledo, Feb. 25--J. P. Strange and other citizens have been investigating a cave on L. R. Reynolds' farm, near Norfolk, this state. They made several interesting discoveries. Sixteen dead horses, or rather their skeletons, were found, and three skeletons of human beings. In another chamber were found old clothes, masks, hats, pistols, knives, etc. Altogether there are five compartments in this subterranean chamber. Above the door was the motto, "Home, Sweet Home." In one of the

FUNERAL OF FRED DOUGLASS

Many Prominent Persons Take Part in the Services.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY'S ADDRESS

Requiem Solos Rendered by the Last of the Hutchinson Family of Abolition Singers--Mrs. May Wright Sewall's Tribute--Other Addresses.

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 25--Shortly before 9 o'clock this morning the remains of Frederick Douglass were removed from his late residence to the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal church, where the body lay in state for some hours and was viewed by immense crowds of sympathetic mourners.

All the leading colored men of Washington took active part in the ceremonial observance. Ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, of Mississippi; ex-Governor Pinchback, of Louisiana; ex-Congressman Lynch, of Mississippi, and other men of his race who have been prominent in official life were among the pall-bearers. Mrs. Cady Stanton, Miss Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Sewall and other ladies identified with the women's rights movements were demonstrative in their manifestations of esteem.

The funeral sermon was preached at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Jenifer, pastor of the church. He took for his text: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" Rev. H. E. Stevenson, pastor of the White church, in Anacostia, attended by Mrs. Douglass, followed with a brief address at the request of members of the family.

John Hutchinson, of Boston, white-haired and white-bearded, the last of the famous Hutchinson family of abolitionist singers, told some touching stories of his life-long friendship with the deceased, and then sang two requiem solos.

Secretary Nicholas, of the Haytian legation in the United States representing Minister Haenigens, a tall, very black man, delivered a brief eulogy in French.

All Honor to Maryland. Bishop Wayman, in his eulogy, merely named the great man from a number of states of the Union and wound up with the remark: "And last, but not least, Maryland had her Frederick Douglass."

Miss Susan B. Anthony arose, amid a stir of interest, to read a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton highly eulogistic of the deceased. Miss Anthony prefaced the reading of the letter with some remarks of her own.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall spoke feelingly of Douglass, who, she said, had not only opened up the way to the emancipation of his own people but to the emancipation of women.

The hymn "Seeking for Me" was followed with an eloquent prayer by Rev. Anna H. Shaw, and then Bishop Williams, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal church, delivered up the benediction. The services lasted nearly three hours.

The remains were borne to the hearse by eight colored letter carriers, and after the family, friends and others had entered the carriages waiting for them the funeral procession moved to the Pennsylvania railroad station, where the casket was placed on board the funeral train for Rochester, N. Y., where interment will take place.

NO ONE INJURED

Patients at Wernersville Insane Asylum All Died of Old Age.

By the United Press. Reading, Pa., Feb. 25--At this afternoon's session of the legislative committee at the Wernersville asylum, the evidence showed conclusively that there was not the slightest foundation for the charges of malfeasance on the part of those who claimed to have been injured. It was shown by the testimony of Dr. Ewing and others, were hurt in trying to escape from the institution and one of them after reaching Conshohocken, where he got into a bar room fight.

The committee was only in session a short time when it adjourned, apparently satisfied that the charges were groundless. They went to Harrisburg this afternoon.

IRON WORKERS APPEAL.

The Belgian Experts Object to Being Sent Out of the Country.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 25--The three Belgian iron workers who arrived here last week and were detained by the immigration commissioners on the suspicion that they had been brought here under contract by the Kewanee Iron mills, of Kewanee, Ill., to work in the mills for \$9 per week, have appealed to the authorities at Washington against their deportation.

Until this appeal is acted upon the men will not be returned to Belgium.

GUESTS BARELY ESCAPE.

The Glen Lyon Hotel Totally Destroyed by Fire.

By the United Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 25--Hotel Dunn, at Glen Lyon, a few miles from here, together with the contents and outbuildings, was destroyed by fire this morning. The landlord, his family, and some of the guests barely escaped in their night clothes.

The loss on the building will reach \$3,000; on stock, \$2,000. Partially insured.

Clergyman Acquitted.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Feb. 25--William H. Bryn, a colored clergyman and presiding elder of the Lancaster district of the African Methodist Episcopal church, was acquitted in the United States district court today of the charge of sending an obscene letter through the mails.

King Menek's Conquests.

By the United Press. Rome, Feb. 25--The Tribune says today: "The recent expedition which King Menek sent against the Galla tribes in South Abyssinia slew 70,000 tribesmen and captured 15,000."

Politics Mixed in Venezuela.

By the United Press. New York, Feb. 25--The steamer Caracas, from Porto Cabello, Feb. 18, which arrived here today, brings the news that political affairs are very unsettled in Venezuela.

LAST WEEK OF CONGRESS

Senate Considers the Purchase of the Blaine Property.

FILIBUSTERING IN THE HOUSE

An Effort is Made to Defeat the Provision in General Deficiency Appropriation Bill to Pay Extra Salary to Employees.

By the United Press. Washington, Feb. 25--The senate began today the last week of the Fifty-third congress with the consideration of the great appropriation bill to provide for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896.

The sundry civil bill covers 123 printed pages; and when the senate took a recess till 8 p. m., it had disposed of about thirty-two pages.

No less than four hours' time was occupied in the discussion of the amendment reported from the committee on appropriations to acquire for the government Mrs. Blaine's interest in the Blaine property on Lafayette square, Washington, paying her \$150,000 for it, besides an indefinite amount for the cancellation of the lease--estimated at \$30,000, but stated by the opponents of the measure at an amount equal to the purchase money. Amendments requiring "a complete and perfect title" and "a fee simple title" were voted for by the senate.

An amendment was also agreed to for the purchase of sites for public buildings at the capitals of Wyoming, North Dakota, Iowa, and Washington--the bill was defeated, and it was passed, 145 to 91.

The principal item under discussion in committee of the whole was the amendment offered by Mr. Breckinridge, in charge of the bill, to appropriate \$425,000 to carry out the agreement made by Secretary Grosham and Sir Julian Paucotote, British ambassador, last August, to pay the British government for the claims on account of seizures and warnings of vessels engaged in the fur seal traffic. In committee of the whole the amendment was agreed to by a small majority, but in the house, on a call of yeas and nays, it was defeated, 143 to 112.

The conference report on the post-office appropriation bill, an agreement on all but one unimportant item was adopted by the house, matter in dispute going over until tomorrow for action. As agreed upon by the bill carries a total appropriation for the year ending June 30, of \$89,545,988.

KLINE UNDER ARREST.

His Sworn Circulation Shrinks Upon Investigation.

By the United Press. Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 25--Ira W. Kline, manager of the Sunbeam Publishing company, located at Anville, was arrested today on the charge of false pretense. M. A. Myers, the prosecutor, alleges that the defendant swindled him and others out of \$8,000 through fraud and false pretense.

Myers claims that Kline represented his publication to have a monthly circulation of 40,000 copies and that the company had no debts. He says he has since ascertained that the circulation never reached that figure and that the company had numerous debts. Kline gave bail for court.

THREE BOLD ROBBERS.

They Gag a Watchman, Blow Open a Safe and Secure \$1,000.

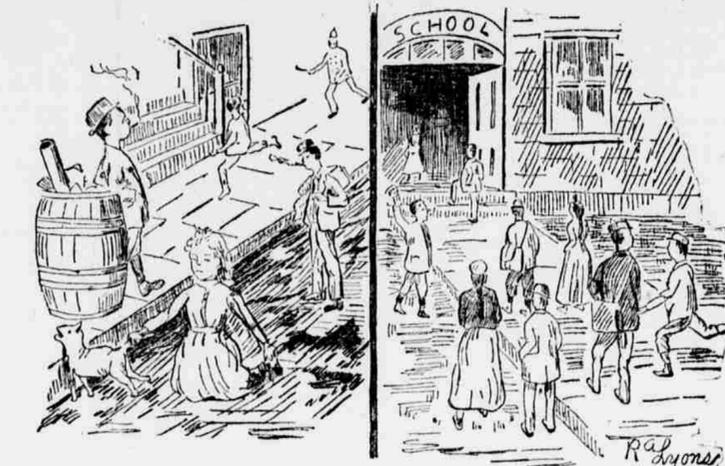
By the United Press. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 25--Three masked men entered the office of the Heitzberg Pork Packing company at 3 o'clock this morning and bound and gagged Charles Harold, the watchman, in charge of the building.

The safe was blown open with a heavy charge of powder and nearly \$1,000 secured by the robbers. The men escaped.

SAID THEY WERE IMMODEST.

Rev. Pattison Attacks the Society Ladies Who Appear in Male Attire.

By the United Press. Otsego, Mich., Feb. 25--The members of the Ladies' Library club of this village recently gave a performance of



The Welfare of the State Demands Compulsory Education.

AGED HERMIT AND HIS DOG

Cool Abode of Casper Bosler in the Woods Near St. Mary's, O.

THERMOMETER 20 BELOW ZERO

No Roof Covers Their Heads and a Blanket is Discarded--The Farmers Call Him a Mascot--Invariably Refuses Shelter.

By the United Press. St. Mary's, O., Feb. 25--Casper Bosler and his dog are tramps, there is no doubt of that; nevertheless they are exciting the wonder and curiosity of many by their unusual conduct and unhardened power of endurance.

Bosler and his faithful dog have selected for their home the Henry Tange-man Wood about four miles south of here, in which on a convenient spot they have collected a large pile of wood, underbrush and rotten logs from their adopted dooryard, stacked neatly for a back ground; about five feet from this huge fire, and their home is complete.

Their furniture, while not being in the latest design of antique oak is however all that is necessary and of very durable nature, consisting of a huge plank about ten inches wide and twelve feet long, making a comfortable bed with the addition of a chunk of wood for a pillow. Here they have reposed four long months with no warmer covering than such conduct and of very cold unpropitious sky. Many have been the protestations against this wilful disregard of health and life, yet he stubbornly persists in his independent freedom.

During the dreadful severe weather of last week a neighbor fearing fatal results from such conduct and of every method known to force upon him the comforts of his home. Falling in this he finally succeeded in inducing this queer character to accept a cotton blanket, which, after one night's trial, was disdainfully thrust aside as it must needs catch fire while the possessor was fast asleep, so near the fire that his beard threatened to give up the struggle of trying to exist in such searching atmosphere. Dan, the boon companion of his mater, shares his hardships and in a manner alleviates his burden of struggling existence by adding in his own way to the cold; and when man and animal are asleep they present a striking picture.

The Hermit Seventy Years Old. The master is old and grizzled, more than 70 years of age, hair and beard of that indescribable color, caused by a mixture of gray, yellow soot and smoke, face grimed by constant absence of water, furrowed and scaled by age, and the constant heat his face is subject to while sleeping in such close proximity to his bonfire, the wind causing it to crack and roll up like scales of a fish too long out of his native element, his hands wrinkled, black and deformed by exposure to the biting cold.

The long figure is stretched at full length upon a hard and comfortless plank. Dan curled up in a huge ball, completely covering his master's feet, sleeping as though nineteenth century comforts were of no object to them. All the while the wind whistles through the barren trees, while an occasional fall of snow causes a sob of pity to go up from the many hearts that know and are in communication with him daily, as his crust is obtained in the same old way.

Yet not quite the same for while others supplicate he demands. He has been known to drink from one to two cups of melted lard at a meal, this he states being the main reason he is able to withstand the cold.

A Neighborhood Mascot. His provisions he gets from the neighbors, offering always to pay, with a certain dignity that at once awes and effectually suppresses all outward signs of amusement at this, it being universally known that his pockets could be turned inside out without disclosing a single copper.

No reason can be ascertained for his constant refusal of shelter, still less is known of his past history other than his daily life proclaims. He was in the neighborhood just ten years ago, looking the same with the very same dog and has come to be considered by the farmers as their especial property; this is their excuse for charity.

As an object of sport he is one long joke to the idle youths by his pedantry on Biblical subjects spiced with lusty oaths, his abundant use of profane language being one of his chief profanities; but the fact of his being peculiar does not in any way answer the overpowering question why and how he stands the raw elements in a climate such as this.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, fair; cooler; northwest winds.

SHE LEFT A LOCK OF HAIR.

A Philadelphia Lawyer Deserted in Cincinnati by the Girl He Was to Marry. The Hook She Caught the Sucker On.

By the United Press. Cincinnati, Feb. 25--The police are considerably puzzled over an amusing case that has just been presented to their notice. Last evening a well dressed, good looking young man entered the mayor's office and after a good deal of hesitation wanted to know if the department would aid him in trying to find a young woman companion. When told that her full name, age and a description would have to be furnished, he said he would let the matter drop and went away.

This morning he called again, and after remarking he was now willing to let the whole set out of the city and that his name was E. C. Meister, and that he was a Philadelphia lawyer. Some time ago he took a trip for health and pleasure, and among other southern cities visited New Orleans. He carried letters of introduction to a number of prominent families in the city and in one of them was surprised, as well as delighted to meet Miss Anna M. Herbert, a schoolmate of his in Philadelphia, who at the time was teaching school in the Crescent City. She was beautiful and he was impressionable.

They fell in love and at the end of three weeks were engaged to be married. When the time arrived for him to leave for the North he persuaded the young lady to accompany him to her home, where he would introduce her to his old friends as his fiancée. Before leaving New Orleans he purchased two 1,000-mile tickets.

When they arrived in this city they stopped at a prominent hotel. Thursday morning he found that the young lady was gone. While looking around for her he discovered that both of his 1,000-mile tickets as well as \$50 which was in his purse the night before were missing. On the center table of his room he found a lock of her hair neatly folded.

Mr. Meister took his "sell" good-humoredly, and remarked: "The lock of brown hair was curled up at one end like a hook. I guess that was the hook she caught the sucker on."

Mr. Meister says that the young woman comes of one of the best families in Philadelphia, and is the daughter of an ex-congressman from Pennsylvania.

THE EARTH TREMBLED.

Shocks of Earthquake Felt Yesterday Morning.

By the United Press. St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 25--A distinct shock of earthquake was felt in the suburban town of Kirkwood, fifteen miles west of here, at 5 o'clock this morning. A number of families were awakened by the vibration which was of sufficient force to shake windows and rattle crockery.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 25--Two slight shocks of earthquake were felt here and at Sumner, twelve miles distant, at 5 o'clock this morning.

Railway Tickets Stolen.

By the United Press. Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 25--Last night a party of boys broke into the office of the Schuylkill Electric Railway company, at Palo Alto, and secured between \$2,500 and \$2,800 worth of tickets. Warrants for the arrest of the young thieves have been issued.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

Horses were never so cheap on the Pacific coast, good animals bringing only \$2 or \$3 a head.

Mayor Strong will allow the body of Frederick Douglass to lie in state at New York city hall today.

Blood poisoning, caused by colored stockings, ended the life of Baby James Bragan, of New York.

After an hour's courtship, George J. Whitney, a drummer, wedded Miss Grace Grant, an Indianapolis belle, at Providence, R. I.

Love born in a hospital will end in the marriage of John W. Swain, of Newburg, N. Y., and Miss Antoinette Davis, his former nurse.

With a shotgun, Mrs. Minerva C. Taylor, a seamstress, of Guthrie, O. T., killed William H. Harrison, who had been annoying her.

On an attachment for \$200 sworn out by Miss Viola Armstrong, of John L. Sullivan's company, the latter's trunks were seized at Jacksonville, Fla.

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