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LEGISLATORS GO HOME.

Finished the Work of the Extra Session at Noon Last Thursday.

ONE OF THE TEN BILLS DEFEATED.

The legislature of Pennsylvania, last Thursday at noon completed the business for which it was called into extra session by Governor Pennypacker and adjourned finally.

All the reform legislation enumerated by the Governor in his official call was enacted with the exception of civil service for state offices.

Three bills have already been signed and the remainder will be acted on during the next thirty days.

Following is a list of the legislation enacted:

Consolidation of the cities of Pittsburg and Allegheny into Greater Pittsburg.

Senatorial and Representative apportionment.

Personal registration for cities. Abolishing the fees of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and fixing his salary at \$8000.

Abolishing the fees of the Insurance Commissioner, fixing his salary at \$8000 and designating the number and salaries of the employees of the Insurance Department.

Establishing a uniform primary system of primary elections.

Establishing civil service regulations for the municipal employees of Philadelphia.

Prescribing the purpose for which candidates and campaign committees may expend money.

Repealing the Philadelphia "ripper" which took from the Mayor and placed with councils the appointment of directors of public safety and public works.

Regulating the distribution of the state funds and making it a misdemeanor to give or receive state deposits for political influences.

Limiting to \$750,000 the amount to be expended by the state annually for the erection of bridges.

Requiring county commissioners to advertise for bids for the erection of bridges when the cost exceeds \$250.

Prohibiting the municipal employees of Philadelphia from taking an active part in politics and being assessed for political purposes.

Regulating the assessment of poll tax in cities of the first and second class.

The session also authorized a legislative inquiry into the affairs of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company and its constituent companies; directed Attorney General Carson to inquire by what authority certain railroad companies in the state are engaged in the anthracite coal mining business, and made an investigation of the insurance Department and the sources from which the commissioner and actuary receive fees.

The Greater Pittsburg bill and the insurance commissioner's salary bill have already been signed. The Philadelphia "ripper" repealer will be allowed to become a law by default.

The Governor has signed the bill for the payment of the expenses of the extra session. The actual cost was \$187,802.39, exclusive of the cost of printing of the Legislative Record.

After a visit of several weeks in the home of his father and other friends in this county, Mr. Charles Richards has returned to his home at Lewisburg, Ohio. While here Charlie's father gave him a relic of the Civil War which he prizes much. It was a little block of pine about 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches whittled out of a piece of timber used in the famous "dead line" in the Andersonville prison, by the elder Richards upon one of his visits to that "pen" just at the close of the war.

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SESSION COST STATE \$172,027.24.

Exclusive of Expense of Printing Legislative Record and Wrapping.

Leaving out the cost of printing the Legislative Record and wrappers, which cannot be estimated, holding of the extra session of the legislature cost the State \$172,027.24, divided as follows:

Senators' salaries	\$ 25,032.00
Senators' mileage	3,113.80
Senators' stationery	500.00
Senators' postage (Record)	750.00
Senate employes	11,072.00
Senate employes (mileage)	1,635.50
Senate (cleaning)	2,500.00
House members' salaries	103,032.00
House members' mileage	13,300.00
House Record postage	1,500.00
House stationery	2,040.00
House employes' salaries	14,016.00
House employes' mileage	2,077.30
House Work on Journal	400.00
House cleaning	2,500.00
Record indices	309.00
Insurance Department Investigating Committee	1,651.64
Senate sergeant-at-arms (writs)	79.35
House sergeant-at-arms (writs)	324.00
Senate sergeant-at-arms (Journal)	88.80
	\$172,027.24

Children Burned.

The Franklin Repository gives the following account of a terrible tragedy which occurred in Horse Valley, Franklin county, last Friday.

Mr. Mackey drives for a saw mill outfit and is away from home most of the time. In his absence Friday his wife went to the stable, which stands quite a distance from the house, and fed the cattle and milked the cows.

"In the house were the two children, little girls, one and three years old.

"Grant Mackey, a brother of John, was working not far away and saw the smoke. He went to the stable and got Mrs. Mackey and they ran to the house.

"When she opened the kitchen door she was greeted with a burst of flame and stifling smoke.

"They tried to enter the house to save the children but could not. Nothing was heard of them and it is likely they died before she got there.

"The nearest neighbors live far away, and by the time they got to the place the frame house once the Mackey home was burned to the ground and all its contents destroyed.

"In the ruins were found the charred bodies of the two babies.

"The mother, who became almost crazed, knows nothing of how the fire started, but it is supposed the oldest child must have gotten about the kitchen stove and set fire to her clothing. Her mother was too far away to hear her screams if that was the case."

Reached His Majority.

On the 8th inst., Mr. Nat Wishart, of Johnstown, Pa., arrived at his majority, and to celebrate the event, fourteen of his friends joined him in an elaborate banquet at the Crystal cafe in that city. Nat was the recipient of a beautiful diamond-set stick-pin. The young gentleman is a son of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, of this place, and holds a lucrative and responsible position with the Cambria Steel Company.

Thanks!

Rev. and Mrs. A. G. B. Powers of Needmore, desire through the columns of the "News" to express their appreciation of the kindness of the many friends who so kindly assisted in purchasing a new buggy, robe and whip, and other presents which were formally delivered on Monday of last week. The value of the several gifts was about seventy dollars.

\$139,000,000 PENSIONS.

Nation Has Up to this Time Paid for Pensions, a Sum Equal to One-half the Cost of the Civil War.

MILLION NAMES ON THE LIST.

In presenting a bill in the lower house of Congress for the appropriation of money to pay pensioners next year, Mr. Gardner, of Michigan, who had charge of the measure, gave some interesting information concerning pensions.

Forty years after the Civil War, he says, the pension appropriation is at its maximum. There are one million pensioners, all but 53,424 of them from that war, with an annual roll of \$139,000,000. In the 53,424 are represented veterans of all other wars the country ever had.

The Civil war cost \$6,000,000,000. Up to the present time half as much again has been paid out for pensions, and Mr. Gardner predicts that before the end of its pension roll comes, the first cost of the war will have been equaled. In twenty years from now he predicts the pension rolls will contain half a million names, of which 132,414 will be chargeable to the Spanish-American war. At the present time, he says, the pension roll costs the government just one-fourth of all other expenses. In 1867, one year after the Civil war, the interest on the public debt was \$143,781,591, and the pension roll \$20,933,551. Now these two items are practically reversed as to amount.

Mr. Gardner compared this pension roll of \$139,000,000 to that of France, with an annual expenditure of \$26,000,000; Germany, \$21,000,000; Austria-Hungary, \$19,000,000, and Great Britain, \$9,000,000.

As to the Spanish war veterans, he said to day there are more of them on the pension rolls than were in Shafter's entire army in Cuba.

The necessity of enacting the President's order No. 78 into law as provided for in the bill, was explained by Mr. Gardner. His order was intended to work automatically, and to make age the only proof of disability. Commissioner Warner had found the order in conflict with statute provisions and it was thereby robbed of its operation. By eliminating surgeon's fees, Mr. Gardner estimated that by enacting the order into law, money would be saved the government and benefit extended to the veteran. The amendment he regarded as a virtual service pension law, saying in time it would place every soldier of the Spanish war on the pension roll at a maximum pension of twelve dollars a month.

A Farm That Raised a Man.

The farm, at Hodgenville, Ky., upon which Abraham Lincoln was born, February 11, 1809, was sold at auction last August. Among the intending bidders was a distiller, who wanted it to advertise a brand of whiskey. Others had designs little less objectionable.

The place was bought for Collier's Weekly, which will turn it over to the Lincoln Farm Association, a body which has its president, Governor Folk, of Missouri, and twenty trustees of national repute headed by Joseph H. Choate, William H. Taft, Horace Porter and Mark Twain. The association will buy and restore to the farm the log cabin in which Lincoln was born, now the property of a showman; will enclose and protect it, erect a memorial and establish a historic museum. By the Lincoln centennial in 1909 the farm should be in good shape.

There is not in the world a more impressive spot than Mount Vernon. Preserved with like loving care, the "little model farm that raised a man," as Mark Twain describes it, will have its lessons for generations of American citizens.

CONSTABLE'S FEES.

Entitled to Increased Pay by Superior Court Ruling.

By the sheriff's fee bill of 1901, constables were entitled to \$1 for the first subpoena for commonwealth cases at the Quarter Sessions court and 50 cents for each additional subpoena in addition to 10 cents a mile direct. According to a former law governing the payment of costs, constables were entitled to only 15 cents for each service and 6 cents a mile circular or 12 cents a mile direct. The commissioners of some counties continued to pay in accordance with the old law, but promised to pay the constables at the higher rate if the legality of the bill of 1901 was ever decided. A ruling was recently handed down in the Superior court which held that constables are entitled to the higher figure.

Nine Sheep.

In answer to the "sheep" problem in last week's News Mr. Emanuel Sipes, of Hustontown, sends the following:

How many sheep must a farmer buy at \$2.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$8.00 respectively that he may close them out at \$5.00 a head and neither gain nor lose?

4 at \$3.50	\$14.00
1 " \$5.00	\$ 5.00
3 " \$6.00	\$18.00
1 " \$8.00	\$ 8.00
9	\$45.00
9 at \$5.00	\$45.00

Birthday Anniversary.

For some time past, the many friends of Rev. and Mrs. A. G. B. Powers, of Needmore, had been planning a surprise for Mrs. Powers, to take place on Monday, February 12—that being that worthy lady's sixtieth birthday.

An excellent program had been prepared in anticipation of the day, but on the evening before the entire community was shocked by the sad intelligence that "Aunt Nancy" Peck—as she was familiarly called—had passed away. Under the circumstances it was thought best to defer the program as prepared. However, during the forenoon, quite a number of friends assembled at the home of the beforenamed parson, and after partaking of a bountiful dinner, passed some time pleasantly in social intercourse. Mrs. Powers was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents; but for the Reverend was reserved the chief surprise, when W. R. Daniels, in a neat speech, informed him that just outside was a brand-new buggy and lap robe, purchased for him as a present by the congregations of which Mr. Powers has been pastor during the past year.

WEST DUBLIN.

Samuel Strat moved last week from J. E. Lyon's farm to the W. C. Mann farm in Licking Creek township.

The local institute at Laidig last Friday night, was quite interesting. There were good recitations which were well received by a large crowd.

Herbert Kirk, of Hustontown, spent Sunday with Harvey Clevenger.

James E. Lyon has purchased a fine span of mules. Nettie Price, of Laidig, who had been called home recently by the illness of her sister Myrtle, expects to return to Altoona to-day (Monday).

Luella Laidig, who has spent several weeks with her parents, Jos. Laidig and wife, returned to Altoona Monday.

Hester Witter, of Gracey, spent Friday and Saturday of last week with her sister, Mrs. Ross King.

Names of pupils present at Round Knob school every day of fifth month: Raymond and Sherman Figard, Custer and Glenn Poor, Arthur, Charlie, and Ernest Mort; Harvey and Austin Thomas, Ethel Poor, and Lillian Stinson.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

Brief Sketch of Those Who Have Answered Their Final Summons Recently.

DAVID BRUBAKER AND GEO. REIHART.

JOHN ECKEL.

John Eckel, well known to all our older people, died very suddenly of heart failure at his home in Chambersburg last Friday evening.

Mr. Eckel was born in Philadelphia, January 4, 1834. Soon after, the family removed to McConnellsburg, where he received his education in the public schools. When 18 years old he went to Gettysburg, where he learned the tinning trade. He practiced his trade in Eaton, Ohio, and then went to Port Washington, Wisconsin, where he engaged in the grocery business until the outbreak of the Civil War. After the war, he and Captain Calvin Gilbert conducted a dry goods store in Chambersburg for two years, after which Mr. Eckel became a commercial traveler, a business in which he was engaged until his death. He had represented the J. R. Keim & Company woolen house of Philadelphia for more than 34 years, and had a large trade and thousands of friends over his routes.

During his boyhood days he was a clerk in Fletcher's store in the room now occupied by A. U. Nace & Son, and in later life as he made his periodical visits here he delighted to meet his old time friends and go over the scenes of early life in McConnellsburg.

DAVID BRUBAKER.

David Brubaker, who owned and lived on the old Kemp farm in Dublin township, died last Sunday of pneumonia after an illness lasting but two days.

Mr. Brubaker was aged 59 years, 10 months and 28 days, and is survived by his widow and by one son, Charles, of Saxton, Bedford county.

The sudden taking away of the father must awaken the keenest sympathy, for the surviving mother and son, for the family have been compelled to drink the cup of sorrow to the bitter dregs.

On the 13th of last September, William, a son, was killed at Quincy, Pa., by the explosion of a gas tank. Through the tender solicitude of the father, the remains of the unfortunate son were brought home for burial.

As told by the "News" last week John, another son, died on Monday of last week, after a distressing illness of six weeks of typhoid fever. The care and anxiety of the father for this son's comfort and recovery, taxed his strength to a point when there was practically no vitality left to withstand an attack of pneumonia.

The remains of Mr. Brubaker were laid to rest in the cemetery of the M. E. church at Knobsville yesterday; services conducted by Rev. B. A. Satter of Hustontown.

GEORGE REIHART.

George Reihart, a well known citizen, died at his home at Burnt Cabins, last Saturday afternoon, aged 48 years, 7 months, and 5 days.

Although not a tall man, Mr. Reihart weighed 360 pounds. He was a blacksmith by trade; and notwithstanding his extreme obesity, was agile, and a good mechanic. During the past several months he had been working at a steam sawmill.

His funeral took place Monday afternoon, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Burnt Cabins M. E. church, services being conducted by Rev. Whiteman.

The deceased is survived by his widow, who was Miss Margaret Johnson, and by his mother, Mrs. William Butts of th Cabins. Mr. Reihart was in his usual health up to last Wednesday, when he rapidly sank under an attack of heart disease and dropsy

TOOK HIS PAY.

Legislator Couldn't Resist the Fascination of That \$500 Check.

Only one of the Chester county members of the Legislature got his pay for the extra session, and he only coralled the wad by breaking his pledge. When the extra session was called Senator Thomson and Representatives Cope, March, Wayne and Thompson, with a great showing of dignity and an equally great showing of scorn for lucre, got together and made a pledge that they would not take any salary for performing their duties during the extra session.

There is no law that would prevent them from getting the \$500 due them, but they just wouldn't take it, and that was all there was about it. On Thursday, when the warrants for the legislators' pay were made out the Chester county lawmakers turned away and said: "Not any for us."

That is all but one turned away. Mr. Cope, one of the members of the House, could not resist that little old \$500, and he forgot his pledge, forgot that he had posed as a man who simply made laws for the good it would do the people, with no hope of reward for himself, and going to the State treasury he got his warrant for \$500. The warrants for the others are all ready for them whenever they care to take them, and if they do not the money will revert to the State treasury.

There is only one similar case on record. During the extra session of 1883, Representative Alfred G. Crawford, from Philadelphia, who was really honest in trying to pass an apportionment bill, was taunted by a Republican member with trying to prolong the session in order to get the extra pay of \$10 per day. Crawford, in a rage declared that he would not take a cent of salary for the entire session, and he did not. Years afterward, when he needed the money, a bill was passed giving him the entire back salary, and he got the money.

WELLS VALLEY.

Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner is visiting her brother, Alfred Johnston, at Streator, Ill., who has been in failing health for some time.

Misses Mary Deibangh and Bessie Helsel, of Sixmile Run, visited friends in this place from Saturday until Tuesday.

Dorsey and Will Barnett spent several days with their parents during the past week.

G. A. Stewart recently lost a valuable cow.

Some of the people of our community have been afflicted with chickenpox and mumps for some time.

A miscellaneous collection of valentines flew in every direction through our community last week. The recipients were affected in different ways—some pleased, some amused, and some—well, mad, I guess.

LAUREL RIDGE.

Mrs. Robert Mellott and daughter Goldie, were visiting relatives at Needmore last Sunday.

Michael Peck was visiting his daughter Mrs. James Peck a few days last week.

Jacob Clouser and wife, were visiting friends near Warfordsburg and Hancock last week.

Mrs. Robert Mellott and daughter Goldie attended the birthday dinner last Monday at Rev. A. G. B. Powers.

Mary Shives and Maud Gordon visited Mr. and Mrs. John Laley last Sunday.

Edna Swisher of Cito, is spending some time with relatives in Thompson township.

Communion services at the Presbyterian church in this place next Sunday morning. Preparatory services Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

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ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful-Outing.

NAMES OF VISITORS *AND VISITED

Mrs. S. K. Pittman and her cousin Joanne Morton, spent several days last week visiting friends at Hustontown.

Willour Fraker, of Burnt Cabins, was in town yesterday arranging for the advertising of his sale which will take place on Tuesday, March 6th.

Mrs. W. D. Myers, of Hancock, accompanied by her son Claude, spent a few days during the past week visiting her daughter Bessie, a student at the Cumberland Valley State Normal school at Shippensburg, and her sister, Mrs. A. B. Hanks in Chambersburg.

Mr. Aaron Knepper, one of Taylor township's substantial farmers, was in town a few hours Monday. A big wind storm swept over his premises just before the holidays, and lifted a large portion of the roof off his barn, and planted it down in the barnyard.

J. R. Morgret, of Fairmount, Ill., in a letter enclosing the cash for another year's subscription, says they did not have any winter until after Ground Hog day, but they have no reason to complain now. Aaron Hess, of Belfast township, is at Mr. Morgret's, and is entertaining Reilly with some yarns about the don's back in Fulton.

Mr. I. G. Waters, of Burnt Cabins, and his brother-in-law, Abraham Mathias, of Colorado, spent a few hours in town last Saturday. Mr. Waters and family and Mr. Mathias and his mother intended to leave the Cabins yesterday for Monte Vista, Colorado. Mr. Waters, whose sale was advertised in the News, says he had a splendid sale, and is much pleased with our bills and advertising.

THOMPSON.

The protracted meeting at Antioch is still in progress. Revs. Garland and Powers are the ministers in charge. Miss Andrews, Mr. Garrett, and Mr. Bench of West Virginia, are among the choir singers.

Thomas Shives and daughter Madge, of Pawpaw, are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Alice Keefe, of Ohio, is visiting in the home of her father Denton Peck.

Miss Bess Simpson spent a few days recently on the Ridge. Miss Olive Zimmerman also spent a few days visiting friends here.

Austin Peck, of Hancock, is spending a short time with his parents.

Misses Daisy and Annie Wink of McConnellsburg, were visiting among friends in this township Saturday and Sunday.

John H. Brewer and wife and John Tayman and wife were guests in the home of P. P. Shives last Thursday.

John H. Simpson has returned to his home in Washington, Pa., after having visited friends and relatives here several weeks. Mr. Simpson is a very prosperous citizen of that city, but says he would like nothing better than to come back and spend his life on a farm in old Fulton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hess is sick. Miss Pite does not seem to improve.

A Large Oak.

H. E. Dishong and J. R. Sipes cut a white oak for A. M. Garland on H. P. Charlton's farm in Pigeon Cove, which measured 39 inches across the stump, the trunk making 50 ft. of saw logs and the tree cut 2,017 feet of lumber, mill measure. If any other lumbermen in the county can beat this let us hear from them.

Big reduction on Tobaccos for the next 30 days, at Goldsmith's grocery.