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Tampa Fair Bill Under Consideration Also License Bill Is Receiving Attention of House

Tallahassee, May 22.—A report was submitted yesterday morning by the house committee appointed to ascertain the progress of the work by the joint committee appointed under house concurrent resolution No. 1. The document was interesting to say the least. It shows that the two investigating committees held a joint meeting several days ago; that three months longer and \$5,000 will be required to complete their investigation back to 1855; that the expert accountant who was examined by the committee considers himself acting under instructions from his employers, a New York firm, Haskin & Sells, entirely independent of the committee, the legislature, or the state of Florida; that his information is sent direct to his firm, and that he does not feel at liberty to tell the legislature what is being done under the provisions of their resolution, which would appear as divulging the private business of his firm. In short, that the firm of Haskin & Sells was conducting the investigation, and not the committee.

In justice to all concerned, the committee recommended that the investigation be continued to the end of the present joint committee with one more member from the house, and that \$5,000 be appropriated for their expenses. The report was adopted and the speaker appointed Mr. Knight of Columbia, the additional member of the joint committee. Mr. Knight is secretary of the committee investigating — investigating committee, of such Mr. Wilson, of Orlando, is chairman.

It is said on good authority that it will be necessary for Governor Broward to call a special session of the legislature to receive the investigating committee's report. As the governor is chairman of the board, which (it is alleged) is under investigation, this would seem logical.

The Tampa fair bill, by Mr. Dudley of Hillsborough, was a special order in the house yesterday morning. Mr. Dudgey being ill, his colleague, Mr. Decker, had charge of the bill, and presented the claims of the bill in a clear, logical manner. Mr. Decker makes no claims to originality, but has a convincing manner in putting things, and his speech on the bill was really better delivered than the one in favor of his own most cherished bill, the one creating Pinellas county. His speech carefully reviewed the work of the Florida state board, and presented a solid wall of arguments for his opponents to fall against.

Mr. Matthews, of Marion, moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, on the ground of economy, and Mr. Egan, of Escambia, spoke in favor of the motion, holding that the appropriation asked for was unconstitutional, and for the benefit of a local corporation. Mr. Clarke also spoke in favor of the motion, and Mr. Decker, who has a similar bill for an Atlantic Coast fair, thought with Mr. Matthews that Tampa had received its share already. Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Richburg, author of the DeFuniak fair bill, who patriotically declared his people wanted the Tampa bill passed, even if their own bill failed, and the constitutionality of Mr. McWilliams who defended the constitutionality and the propriety of the bill.

The arguments against the bill were its legality, the policy of making a fair appropriation and the fact that the Tampa Fair Association was a money-making concern, which was successfully refuted. On the other hand, it was shown that the appropriation was to be used exclusively in paying premiums, and the immense value of the fair as an educational feature and as beneficial to the farmers and homeseekers was strongly brought out. The bill will probably reach a vote this morning as a select order.

In the house in the afternoon practically all the time—three hours—was consumed in discussing the license tax bill prepared by the committee on finance and taxation. The house passed under suspension of rules, a bill by Mr. Kilgore, of Sumter, placing the physical property of railroads under control of the commission. The bill takes the place of one which was introduced by Mr. Kilgore the first day of the session, and after passing both houses was lost in some unaccountable manner, as was a similar bill which passed two years ago. No insinuations have been made against the clerks of either house in the matter and the affair is shrouded in more or less mystery.

The senate spent a large portion of the afternoon discussing the house bill raising cabinet officers salaries to \$3,000 a year. Senator Broome's motion to indefinitely postpone being lost, 16 to 11.

THE PARTIES OUTSIDE, "WE HADN'T INTENDED TO CALL ANYWAY."



Pete, a bulldog, is now on duty at the White House to re-enforce policemen now stationed there.—News Item. —Webster in Chicago Inter Ocean.

"THE SIMPLE LIFE FOR ME," THOMAS W. TROY IS HELD UNDER A HEAVY BOND.

SAYS THE DEPOSED BONILLA.

Exiled Honduran President Declares at New Orleans He Will Farm

New Orleans, La., May 22.—Gen. Manuel Bonilla, the exiled president of Honduras, arrived here this morning and was met at the depot by Consul General Fernandez. Gen. Bonilla is in bad condition physically, and his eyes require immediate treatment. He will shortly go to Belize, British Honduras.

Gen. Bonilla emphatically disclaimed all the warlike intentions attributed to him in recent interviews. "I am going to Belize to resume the quiet and peaceful life of a planter," said he. "I have not the slightest intention of ever again mixing up in the politics of Honduras. I realize that I am unable to hold the forces of that country together; that there are a large number of traitors and adventurers who are totally unreliable in the army and after my recent experience with them I am done."

The matter had been settled. Troy soon gave bail, leading citizens of Miami, as follows, becoming his bondsmen: Joseph A. McDonald, John Sewell, Gaston Drake, S. A. Belcher and C. T. McCrimmon.

Fair Bills Pass House.

Tallahassee, May 22.—2 p. m.—The Tampa, Madison county and DeFuniak fair bills passed second reading in the house this morning. A hard fight was made on the Tampa bill.

House devoted considerably time to attention of license tax bill. The senate has up the salary bills for discussion today.

IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Judge Stewart, of Manatee County, to Uphold the Majesty of the Law.

Manatee county in Judge Stewart has a county judge who insists on proper respect being paid to his court.

In spite of the influence that have held Claude L'Engle in Tallahassee when he is wanted in Bradentown to answer charges of criminal libel. Judge Stewart, according to a dispatch from Tallahassee, has wired to Governor Broward that he declines to continue the case and has declared L'Engle in contempt of court.

M. H. Wyatt, sheriff of Manatee county, reached Tallahassee yesterday with a capias for L'Engle's arrest, but the sheriff of Leon county refused to serve it because of L'Engle's duties in connection with the state printing during the session of the legislature. When the legislature adjourns L'Engle will, of course have to go to Bradentown and face the charges he has dodged, and probably be punished for contempt of court, as he was very insulting on his comments towards Judge Stewart. The affair has caused no little comment all over the state and there is much interest in the probable outcome.

Court Proceedings.

The jury was only out for about an hour yesterday on the Jenkins case. Their verdict was "not guilty." The verdict was not a surprise as almost everyone who had heard the testimony in the case were of the opinion he would be set free.

The gentlemen who composed the jury on this case were: A. M. Mosley, C. G. Carmichael, G. L. Dorman, W. P. Allison, J. T. Mercer, J. B. Michael, W. D. Barnett, J. C. Harper, E. H. Clayton, John Robertson, W. W. Harrell, C. M. Fielding.

The court today has been engaged in the trial of the case of the State vs. Eridges, a negro, charged with murder. The jury was empaneled last night, but did not receive the case until this morning. Their verdict was not guilty.

A good crowd assembled at Johnson's Lake last evening and enjoyed a splendid fish fry. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Coachman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Roof, and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Harvard, Misses Daisey Sanberg, Kate Cronch, Ola Gardner, Annie Grubb and Messrs. Charley McKinnon, Howard Baisden, Henry Shepard, J. W. Hopson, Jr. They had a delightful time.

NAME ON BILL NOT LITTLE'S

Contest Over Arkansas Two-Cent Passenger Measure Promises Sensation.

Little Rock, Ark., May 22.—Sensational developments are anticipated when the contest growing out of the 2-cent passenger rate act of the last legislature is aired in court. It is now practically settled that the railroads operating in Arkansas will contest the validity of the act, and the chief feature of the fight will be based on Governor Little's connection with the bill.

Testimony will be brought forward to prove that the bill was never in the possession of the governor and that the measure was never signed by Governor Little. Handwriting experts will be introduced to show that the signature is not that of the executive of the state. The main contention of the railroad attorneys will be that the bill was not signed by the governor.

GO TO TEXAS FOR TRIAL

PIERCE, THE OIL MAN OF ST. LOUIS, GOES VOLUNTARILY

NEW LAW CAUSES DECISION

He May Remain Under Bond While in Texas and Need Not Be a Prisoner

Austin, Tex., May 22.—It is reported today that H. Clay Pierce has advised his attorney, Judge D. D. Johnson of St. Louis, who is now in Austin, that he will come here direct from New York and voluntarily meet the charge of having made a false affidavit in connection with the re-admission of the Waters-Pierre Oil Company to do business in Texas.

His coming is thought to be influenced to some extent by a recent act of the legislature, now in effect, permitting free from custody when under bond, as well as during trial, as before. As the law stood prior to the passage of this act, if Mr. Pierce had come to Austin and his trial once begun he would have been compelled to remain in jail or in the custody of the sheriff during the progress of the trial.

Sheriff George H. Matthews, who recently returned from St. Louis, where he made an attempt to take Mr. Pierce into custody, says there is every reason to believe that the above report is correct.

Mr. Matthews said that Mr. Pierce told him that he would come to Austin voluntarily as soon as he settled some urgent business affairs in New York. Mr. Matthews formed a good opinion of Mr. Pierce while in St. Louis and believes that he will make his word good.

TARIFF REVISION PLEAS

Aison, Fooled by Other Conservatives, Suggests Pank in Platform.

Washington, May 22.—According to high authority in administration circles, the extent to which tariff revision is being urged upon the president, who is asked to recommend it in his message to the congress, is surprising. Letters from all parts of the country and persons visiting Washington from all sections are urging action. They want congress or the next republican national platform to express itself. New England has been agitating the subject for several years, so has Iowa and Wisconsin and other north-western states.

Senator Allison, of Iowa, who is nothing if not conservative, has said that tariff revision would have to be seriously considered in the next special convention, if not in the next congress.

Germany adopted the tariff agreement recently, it was pointed out, with the understanding that it was to cover a temporary period and was to be followed later by a reciprocity treaty. Any one familiar with the legislative situation and temperament is aware how hopeless would be an attempt for a reciprocity treaty. France, having learned of the American-German agreement, is asking the United States for some such agreement or a reciprocity treaty. At a conference held at the White House two years ago in February the president was about to make a recommendation for tariff revision. Senator Allison favored it at that time and so did Senator Spenser, and it is said that only Speaker Cannon and some of his stand-pat adherents prevented it.

The president is said to be seriously considering the suggestions that have been pouring in upon him and to be weighing the advisability of a recommendation in his message to the next congress.

C. M. Fielding, of near Pinemount, returned home today after spending several days here attending court.