

Few editors get credit for the most live news they do not publish, which would make interesting reading. That is what sells the New York Journal and other sensational papers.

The temperance people and the liquor and high license advocates had another lively hearing in Trenton on Tuesday. The temperance people declare the people should have a right to decide by a majority vote as to whether licenses should be granted. The liquor advocates declare that the question should be kept out of politics.

Senator Minton, of Hudson county, is making good endeavors in the Legislature this winter. On Monday night he introduced a bill prohibiting corporations from contributing any aid in the election of public officers, every corporation is required to file annually a certificate with the Secretary of State saying that it had not violated the law.

Right Rather Than Rich

In a speech delivered by Governor Folk, of Missouri, before the 500 members of the Boston Merchants' Association January 20, there occurred a number of pointed epigrams, which have been widely copied and discussed. One was that the people of the country are really beginning to try "to get right rather than to get rich." Another was that "political parties are beginning to learn that honesty is, after all, the best policy." He said that the people have learned that a grafter is a grafter still, whether he calls himself a Democrat or a Republican; that it is "not difficult to get good laws enforced that it is to enact them, and that "every law looks blue to the man who wants to break it."

Currency Reform and Panics

There has been much discussion recently (and it would seem periodically) relative to the currency system of the country, as it affects certain monetary emergencies. There is (always will be) among political economists and others) much divergence of opinion as to the ways and means to be adopted to bring about a more elastic currency. That daring speculator, Mr. John H. Schiff, of New York, in his recent address before the New York Chamber of Commerce, did not alarm and conservative financiers, who looked upon his eloquent and incisive plea for currency reform as nothing less than a "bullish" slogan. But he gave occasion for alarm when "call loans" were soaring as high as 150 per cent., not because of the scarcity of money, but rather because of its superabundance, and the reckless manner that the New York banks used their reserve to supply the demands of wild speculative syndicates which were caught "short."

Mr. Schiff's plan is that adopted in 1893 by the Clearing House of New York City which issued Clearing House certificates for the purpose of tiding over some of the financial institutions—the issuance of guarantee currency bonds by the national banks to relieve financial stringencies. This proposition does not meet Secretary of Treasury Shaw's ideas, however.

The whole trouble in the money market centered in Wall Street, where over speculation ran riot. There never was more money in the country per capita than now; and there has been a more healthy showing in financial and industrial centers the past fiscal year, according to Dunn's and Bradstreet's.

When Mr. Schiff spoke so gloomily of the outlook unless the currency question was settled by our National lawmakers, he referred (especially to the three greatest panics in our history as a nation. They were:

First—In 1837, when the suspension of the New York banks occurred. Hundreds of business firms were ruined. Even States became bankrupt and the President could not always get his salary. Speculation was the cause, or "frenzied finance." The "tariff compromise" caused large importations of foreign goods, driving much American capital out of business.

Second—In 1857 failure of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company; bank failures numerous; land speculation reckless; "paper" cities numerous; many unproductive railroad projects undertaken.

Third—In 1873, the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., the financiers being over four years regarding public confidence. Then there was what is known as "Black Friday" in the annals of financial chaos in this country.

It was September 24, 1869 when Jay Gould and James Fiske, Jr., tried to create a corner in the gold market by buying all the yellow metal in New York City banks, and the price of gold rose to \$160 a ounce, up to \$175, 000,000. Gold rose to \$162. Men became insane. Business houses were about to suspend because of ignorance of the prices to be asked for their goods. Secretary of the Treasury Boutwell bursted the "financial bubble" by throwing \$4,000,000 into the market, thereby relieving the monetary tension, but not until after Gould and Fiske had profited to the extent of \$4,000,000.

WATSON'S MAGAZINE

Beginning with the February (1906) Number, our Magazine will be called WATSON'S MAGAZINE. It will have a handsome cover. Several new features will be added. The price at bookstores and news stands will be 15 cents. To be just to our present subscribers, we have decided to receive renewals and new subscriptions at \$1.00 a year, up to March 31st, 1906. After that the subscription price will be \$1.50 per year.

This is a golden opportunity for those who are not within easy reach of newsstands. If you have never seen the magazine, ask for sample copy, mentioning this paper and address.

STATE LEGISLATURE

New Jersey Lawmakers Put In a Busy Week at Trenton.

FRANCHISE COMMISSION REPORTS

Advices Against Municipal Operation of Street Railways—To Limit Grant of Privileges to Thirty-three Years. Overcapitalization Denounced.

[Special Correspondence] Trenton, Feb. 8.—The busiest week the legislature has yet experienced was closed yesterday (Wednesday) after a series of hearings, committee meetings, conferences and sessions. The calendar was not cleared up Tuesday afternoon, the usual time for adjournment for the week, and the lawmakers decided to remain over next day in order to get a fresh start next Monday night. They adjourned Wednesday for the week.

The liquor traffic and automobile regulation occupied considerable attention, and well attended hearings were held on these subjects.

One of the most important matters of the week was the report of the commission appointed last year to investigate all franchises granted by municipalities to public utility corporations. The commission gives a brief resume of legislation relating to the power of municipalities to grant franchises. They advise as follows:

First—Against municipal operation of street railways, urging the difficulties in the way of such operation in view of the extension of railway systems through different municipalities.

Second—Recommending that the power to grant franchises should remain with the municipality.

Third—All privileges hereafter granted shall be limited and not exceed thirty-three years unless a majority vote shall decide to extend it for a period not exceeding sixty-six years.

Fourth—At the expiration of the grant the municipality shall have to again fix the terms of a further grant not exceeding thirty-three years.

Fifth—Recommending the repeal of laws limiting the construction of street railways parallel to existing lines.

Sixth—The practice prevailing in the issue of excessive stocks and bonds under guise of law should be made impossible.

Seventh—There should be changes in the standard of gas prescribed for companies organized under the general law or a new standard adopted for all.

Eighth—Recommending that the limitations as to places in which water companies may operate should be removed and powers given to acquire, build, own and operate water and light companies.

Ninth—There should be no change in the present method of imposing franchise taxes or fees.

Among the house bills passed Tuesday was that of Assemblyman Wright (Passaic) giving county boards of freeholders complete control over roads constructed by state aid. Another important bill passed by the house was one fixing the annual meetings of boards of freeholders on Jan. 1 at the county seat.

Another bill introduced by the senate resolution thanking Captain Casto and his crew for the heroic rescue of passengers on the ill fated steamer Cherokee.

New Railway Taxation Bill.

Another railroad taxation bill found its way into the house of assembly yesterday. It was introduced by the senate resolution introducing a bill providing that the real estate of railroads and canals be assessed and taxed by local assessors in the same manner and at the same rate as other real estate taxable in the same taxing districts. Taxable personal property of such corporations shall be similarly assessed and taxed in the districts where located. The bill provides that franchises and tangible personal property not located in a single taxing district shall be assessed by state boards of assessors at an average tax rate, which tax shall go to the state.

Mr. Everett presented a bill making it a high misdemeanor to take from her home any woman child under sixteen years old for marriage or immoral purposes.

Mr. Barber offered a bill providing for the taxing of all corporations not now subject to state franchise tax.

Mr. Barber presented a joint resolution authorizing the governor to appoint a commission of three to report on the feasibility of a law for a division of the profits of public utility corporations among the corporations and such municipalities as grant them franchises.

Mr. Minton introduced a bill which prohibits corporations from contributing any aid in the election of public officers.

Mr. Cornish presented a bill to regulate the sale of patent or proprietary medicines. It provides that every patent medicine bottle must bear a schedule showing its ingredients and their proportions. The word "poison" must be on every bottle containing a certain percentage of alcohol, morphine, cocaine and like drugs.

The governor sent in these nominations Monday night for members of the state board of education: For the Second district, James B. Woodward; the Fourth, S. St. J. McCutcheon; the Sixth, Francis Scott; the Eighth, James L. Hays.

Appointed by the Governor.

These appointments were received Tuesday from the governor: Moses Taylor Pym, member of the public library commission; board of managers State Home For Girls, Alfred B. Carnegie, Margaret H. Sichel, John D. Rue; Medical examining board, Edward Hill Baldwin, John J. Bauman, John W. Bennett. Mr. Rue being a former senator, his appointment was immediately confirmed. The others were referred to the judiciary committee. The governor's appointments to the state board of education, sent in Monday night, were reported favorably.

(them) is to prevent the incorporation of trusts in restraint of trade by requiring that applicants for incorporation shall make sworn statements that such incorporation is not entered into for such purpose in this or other states or pooling receipts of other companies or controlling the interstate commerce laws. Affidavit must also set forth that the applicants are the real incorporators and not substitutes.

Senator Minton presented a bill amending the act pertaining to insurance companies. The bill requires that such companies shall make sworn statements to the commissioner of banking and insurance showing business for year and condition at close of year, the statement to be filed in January.

Letter From Mayor McClellan.

Governor Stokes in a brief message to the senate submitted a letter from Mayor McClellan of New York requesting his co-operation in an effort to obtain a modification of the law of New Jersey which prohibits the sale of waters from sources within the state to concerns or corporations outside the state. It was Mayor McClellan's idea to obtain water for Staten Island from New Jersey.

Governor Stokes in his message to the legislature, in reply to Mayor McClellan's appeal, stated that under existing laws there could be nothing done at present for the request and that there is now litigation in New Jersey on that question. The senate passed a resolution to the effect that both bodies of the legislature be supplied with whatever information may transpire between the governor and Mayor McClellan on this subject.

The house passed Senator Hillery's measure appropriating \$1,200 for clerical assistants in the state comptroller's office.

There was a heated discussion on the finance question in the house when Assemblyman Miller of Cumberland offered a resolution, which was carried, that the committee on banks and insurance have printed a thousand copies of the testimony taken in the New York insurance investigation. The resolution also provided that ten copies of the entire testimony taken last year be procured. Two copies are to be placed in the state library, and the rest are for the committee on banking and insurance of the house and for the judiciary committee of the senate. After the debate had lasted a long time the resolution was adopted.

Automobile Hearing.

Friends and opponents of the Frelinghysen automobile bill were at the statehouse Tuesday. Charles E. Case of Somerville presented a number of arguments as to why the bill should be passed. He said its provisions were inclined to be drastic, but such legislation, he declared, was necessary in view of the increase in automobiles and the lack of enforcement of existing automobile laws. John A. Murray of New York said the sport of automobilizing should be subject to reasonable regulation.

Colonel Edward M. Brewster, executive officer of the S. P. C. A. of Newark, also favored the bill. A number of automobile men, headed by Professor J. E. Gill of Trenton, secretary of the Associated Automobile Clubs of New Jersey, asked the committee to adjourn the hearing to the next day.

The state brewers had their say when the house committee on municipal corporations heard the opposition to the Miller local option bill Monday afternoon. Ex-Judge Skinner and William Foster of Newark, representing the State Brewers' association, argued and gave lengthy arguments why the bill should not pass, declaring that the advocates of the measure were seeking to make New Jersey a prohibition state and not fighting for home rule, as they had declared.

Another hearing was given Tuesday. There was but one speaker against the bill, while a delegation of ministers from all over the state was present to urge the committee to report the bill favorably. John O. H. Pitney of Newark claimed that it would be depriving the people of what they want, and have a right to have, to take from them a beverage. Mr. Pitney said that Newark was made up of the cream of the foreign element, who are used to taking their beer, and to deprive them of this would be making game of the so called freedom of America.

The friends of the bill said no man was being deprived of buying his liquor when necessary. Their main argument was that it was the defeat of the same measure about twelve years ago that beat the Democratic party in New Jersey, and the same party would meet the Republican party now if they defeated the bill at this time.

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No. 587. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Penn's Grove National Bank AT PENN'S GROVE, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, at the close of business, January 25, 1906.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$110,431.14
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 41.84
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds, 63,386.63
Bonds, securities, etc., 63,386.63
Banking house, furniture and fixtures, 13,915.00
Due from National Banks (not re-servicings), 1,921.50
Due from approved re-servicings, 8,800.56
Checks and other cash items, 475.56
Notes of other National Banks, 640.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents, 279.90
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:
Specie, \$250.00
Legal-tender notes, 13,948.90
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation), 1,250.00

Total, \$241,050.03

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in, \$25,000.00
Surplus fund, 10,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, 2,407.40
National Bank notes outstanding, 25,000.00
Dividends unpaid, 1.00
Individual deposits subject to check, 100,853.23
Certified checks, 2,625.00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed, 15,000.00

Total, \$241,050.03

State of New Jersey, County of Salem, ss. I, JOHN HARR, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN HARR, Jr., Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of February, 1906.
GEORGE H. ELLISTON, Notary Public

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Carpets, take elevator.

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\$25 ones reduced to \$12.50.
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Second floor, take elevator.

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