

GOODSELL GRAB ADVANCED THE HEARING TO-DAY.

After This Farce Bill Will Be Passed by Assembly.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, April 17.—Having to-night advanced one of the Goodsell railroad grab bills, granting powers with no limit except as to the compensation to the State, which is not mentioned, the Assembly will to-morrow go through the solemn farce of giving a public hearing on the Niagara power grab, after which it will with little more gravity pass the measure, as has been said before, bears no reference to the vital questions of the bill, which are: How much is the beauty of Niagara Falls to be injured, and how much is the State to be paid for the enormous franchise granted. The hearing is to decide how much of the financial advantage incident to the powers granted by the bill the city of Lockport is going to receive. It has nothing to do with the real issue of the bill, and the defects that secured its veto last year.

The exact situation is that the city of Lockport under last year's measure would have secured all the advantages, since the power would have had to be manufactured in that city. This year the power can be manufactured anywhere, under the terms of the Leggett bill, and the people of Lockport oppose the bill. The man who fathered it last time are shaking their heads about it gravely this year, although a little bit chary about expressing an opinion that might reflect on their position last year. No one has much hope of its being defeated by the legislature.

No new story can be told about the corruption attending its progress; it is known to every one in Albany. It is cheap, inconspicuous and rather the dirtiest proposition of the year, but it will pass because no one of importance will make a fight. The New-York City Republicans, Stanley, Agnew and Prentice, aided by Wainwright of Westchester, who have opposed every bad bill which has passed the legislature during their term, will speak against it. Then with a rush it will be put through and sent over to the Senate, where the men who look after this sort of legislation will take it in charge. Effort of the Governor there is little hope of beating the bill. Certain people assert that the Mayor of Lockport will veto it, but Lockport has a selfish interest and a selfish interest can be satisfied. As far as any strong opposition based on the obvious defects of the measure is concerned it does not exist and cannot be raised in the present session. But its friends begin to realize that in executive hands it will hardly be so tenderly cared for.

The Goodsell "grab" bill, advanced to-night, confers the power on railroad corporations to make such additions, betterments and facilities as may be necessary or convenient for the better management, maintenance or operation of their railroads and the right by purchase or condemnation to acquire property therefor. Assemblyman Fuller, of Brooklyn, made a formal objection, asserting that the reading of the bill left doubtful whether it did not confer additional franchise. This thought deeply grieved Assemblyman Wade, who has the measure in charge, and he rose with every evidence of deep emotion and assured the Assembly that the bill was the "most beneficial to New-York City and State of the whole session." He talked for some time about the "fine of low grade," which this enables railroads to find and follow, about the "Gulf railroads," which received this privilege to the detriment of New-York commerce, and finally turned the bill along. A final debate will be had on the bill later in the week.

REPUBLICAN CLUB AGAINST "GRABS."

Representatives Will Fight Niagara and Goodsell Measures at Albany. The Republican Club, at a full meeting last night, presided over by President Stern, passed resolutions opposing three "grab" bills now pending in the legislature. One of the bills is the Niagara power bill; another is Senator Goodsell's bill permitting the Interborough Company to abandon certain plans in The Bronx, and the last bill is one reviving the old Steadway tunnel. The resolutions of the club will be taken up at once by Albany and the old bills.

LEGISLATION SURE, SAYS PAGE.

Gas Investigator Asserts Committee Found a Good Deal of Water. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, April 17.—Senator Page asserted to-night that the committee would probably complete its hearings either Saturday or Monday and present its report to the legislature two weeks from to-night. When asked as to the rumor that the committee had decided on a price of gas to be recommended in its report, Senator Page said it had not been considered. An accountant would prepare a table of figures from the testimony and computations would be made from these figures.

NO POLITICS IN GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

Not Here to Confer About Gas Investigation or Revenue Bills. Albany, April 17.—Governor Higgins to-day declared that his Sunday visit to New-York had not been for the purpose of conference about either the lighting investigation or the Mortgage and Stock Transfer bills.

"CORRUPT PRACTICE" BILL PASSED.

Senator Malby Says It Was Railroaded Through the Upper Chamber. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, April 17.—Senator Malby, who believes that the bill would make it possible for a series of court actions to hold up the decision of an election indefinitely, was thinking of something else this evening when the Senate reached the first of the "corrupt practice" bills, and before he realized what had happened the bill passed.

CANALS TO BE OPENED ON MAY 4.

Albany, April 17.—Superintendent Franchot, of the Department of Public Works, to-day announced that the Erie, Champlain, Oswego and Cayuga and Seneca canals. The Black River Canal will not be opened until some time later because of weather conditions, delaying necessary repairs being made until May.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

Table with columns: Vessel, For, Line, Mails close, Vessel.

INCOMING STEAMERS.

Table with columns: Vessel, From, Line, Arrived.

Baking Powder

Makes bread in an hour—no standing over night.

O'BRIEN FOR CHAIRMAN.

Black Men Favor Secretary for State Committee Head. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, April 17.—It was learned here to-night on unquestioned authority that as a result of the meetings of various Republican leaders last week with the tentative purpose of reorganizing the party control, at which the friends of Senator Platt and those of ex-Governor Frank S. Black were present, as well as the former Governor himself, a proposition had been advanced from the Black camp to make Secretary of State John F. O'Brien chairman of the Republican State Committee to succeed ex-Governor Odell. This proposition was formulated by the Black people after the conferences, or rather talks, since there was no definite conference, and after the names of two other men, both belonging to the immediate friends of Senator Platt, William Barnes, Jr., and Congressman J. Sloat Fassett, had been suggested.

When ex-Governor Black came to the end of the talks he made the remark: "I have been led to the trough several times only to find that there was no water there for me. The next time I go there I am going to have a drink." This is now believed to have been his meaning. Those who are familiar with the contest by which ex-Governor Odell was made chairman of the State committee will recall that it was the friends of ex-Governor Black who made the most consistent fight. The hardest part of the work was done along the contest of the State committee. The hardest part of the work was done along the contest of the State committee. The hardest part of the work was done along the contest of the State committee.

PRESS SPRINKLING BILL.

Prentice Measure Stands a Good Chance of Passing.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, April 17.—Strong pressure is now being brought to bear to press to passage the Prentice bill, which confers on Street Cleaning Commissioner Woodbury of New-York the power to regulate street sprinkling and sanding, a measure which is endorsed by Mayor McClellan, who vainly sought to have it passed in the shape of the La Feta bill.

BILL RESTORING L. I. RATES PASSED.

Albany, April 17.—Senator Keenan's bill, requiring the Long Island Railroad to restore the rate of fare that existed before the average 25 per cent increase went into effect last January passed the Senate to-night without debate.

MORE TIME FOR HOOKER INQUIRY.

Albany, April 17.—The Assembly to-night granted to its Judiciary Committee the third extension of time for the completion of the Hooker investigation. A resolution presented by the committee extended the time for report from Wednesday next until Thursday of next week.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Table with columns: Vessel, From, Line, Arrived.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

Table with columns: Vessel, From, Line, Arrived.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Table with columns: Port of New-York, Monday, April 17, 1905.



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