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LEGISLATURE IS LOAFING ON JOB

Adjourned from Wednesday to Monday Many Measures Awaiting Action--A Long List of Applicants for Jobs

When Senator Benson defended his motion to adjourn Wednesday of last week until Monday of this week, so the commission now visiting the technical schools in the North might have an opportunity to make an investigation he declared there was little business demanding the attention of the Senate at that time. In this he was backed up by Senator Campbell, chairman of the Finance Committee, who said his committee had only a few bills before it and action on these would not be delayed because of the adjournment.

What these gentlemen stated is practically true, but they failed to call attention to the fact that if the Legislature applied itself diligently to the important financial matters it must dispose of there would be no occasion for jamming through, in the closing hours of the session, half digested appropriation bills. Later on other bills will be pressed for consideration which demand attention and if the big appropriation bills were out of the way they would not interfere with measures like the employers' liability bills, of which there are already three, the oyster bills, health bills and hundreds of others still in embryo.

Senator Lee, in attacking the Finance Committee's procrastinating course, declared that it dammed legislation. Once its floodgates were open the congestion would be removed. His plan, however, to put a stop to this by making every Senator a member of the committee did not appeal to the majority, many believing this would aggravate the situation.

In the judgment of most of the Senators Mr. Lee was right, but believe his remedy ineffective. The cure rests with the committee itself. It is in possession of the necessary information to guide it in providing for appropriations for institutions. this having been supplied by the State Board of State Aid and Charities and while business is dull the hearings of delegations could begin and end within two weeks. But absolutely no move has been made by either Senate or House Committee in this direction.

As a matter of fact none of the committees is doing anything. A few unimportant measures, which do not require much consideration, were acted upon and reported favorably by common consent. Yet the committees have had an abundance of time. Nobody seems to be working except the Governor and he works all day. No one seems to be interested and there is no inclination to push things. About the only live force at Annapolis is that made up of the ladies interested in the suffrage question and they are hustling all the time, but even their winning ways have not aroused the Legislators to action.

About 150 bills have been dumped into the hopper and many more are expected this week. Among these are the health measures, prepared by Secretary Price, several school bills and the six-for-a-quarter car bill. A few more affecting labor are awaiting finishing touches and any number of miscellaneous measures. Governor Goldsborough will inject a little life by starting out his appointments, but if the Committee on Executive Nominations is no more active than the others there is no telling when these will be reported.

The people of Maryland will be able to vote next year to decide whether they desire powers of intiative and referendum, if a bill now being prepared is passed by the General Assembly with a three-fifths majority vote, which was drawn by the Direct Legislation League of Maryland, will be introduced in the House by Mr. Osborn, of Harford.

The present measure is less radical than the Oregon initiative and referendum, and is drawn on lines of the amendment adopted by six states. Under its provisions the legislative authority will still be vested in a general assembly, but the people will reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and constitutional amendments and to pass or reject the same at the polls.

Bills and amendments are to be proposed by petitions signed by 20,000 voters, not more than half of whom shall be registered in any one county or in Baltimore city. Any bill or amendment originating by petition, unless enacted by the legislature at which it is presented, shall be placed before the voters at the next general election and shall become a law or a constitutional amendment if it receives the majority of the votes cast for and against it. Such laws shall not be subject to the veto powers of the Governor.

No bill passed by the General Assembly shall become a law under the proposed amendment for a period of 90 days after the adjournment of the Assembly. If within the 90-day period a petition signed by not less than 10,000 voters of the state is filed demanding the placing of such a law before the people for ratification or rejection, this shall be done at the next general election, or at a special election to be held not less than three months or more than six months after filing of the petition.

Provision is made that in the case of local laws petitions for their submission to the voters shall be signed by 15 per cent. of the voters of the county affected or by 10,000 voters of Baltimore city, and that they shall be placed before the people at a general election or at a special election at the direction of the Governor.

As a means of demonstrating the worth and economy of clay gravel construction in road building, a bill will be introduced in the House shortly providing for the repair and rebuilding of the old Government Post road, between Perryville and Elkton, in Cecil county. About 10 miles of road are proposed to be reconstructed and an appropriation of $30,000 is included in the bill.

The meausure calls for the road to be 18 feet wide and to be constructed of sand, clay and gravel in proper proportions with oyster shells or some other proper material for subdrainage.

The cost of the road per mile is roughly given as $2,500 with an additional $5,000 for contingent expenses. The money for the construction work is not to be taken from the regular road loan, but to be directly appropriated and paid from the state treasury.

An idea of the number of applications for office that have been filed can be gained by the fact that for the nine positions of coroner in Baltimore city there are 74 candidates. For the one place as State Game Warden there are 17 candidates. For the one place of Tobacco Inspector there are 25 applicants. For the Liquor License Board of Baltimore city the candidates number 29, while there are 22 persons who are known to want to be a Police Examiner.

Delegate Newman, of Baltimore, is preparing a bill to amend the wife and child desertion law to provide that a husband or father accused of desertion shall be compelled to provide support for his family between the period his case is disposed of by the police magistrate and the time it is taken up by the grand jury.

Have You Got Yours?

An equal division of all the money in the United States would result in each man, woman and child possessing $34.61. That amount is the per capita circulation, according to the calculation of the Treasury Department, which estimates that the population of the country has grown from 91,972,266, as determined by the census of 1910, to 94,958,000 on February 1, 1912.

The stock of money in America is fast climbing up into the billions. On February 1 there was $3,624,572,121 in the United States. Of this, $338,302,481 represented the assets of the Government and $3,286 269,640 was circulation.

Thirty-three years ago the entire amount in circulation in this country was $816,266,721.

HICKS' FORECAST FOR FEBRUARY

The last storm period in January extends to 1st and 2d of February. On these dates storms will have passed into the eastern sections, with cold and clearing weather in western parts. A seismic period is central on February 2d, covering three to four days before and after that date.

A reactionary storm period is central on the 4th, 5th and 6th. This period is at the center of the Mars equinoctial, which falls on the 6th. The Moon is on the celestial quarter the same day. Low barometer, thunder, wind and rain will visit many sections, especially southern States, on and about the 6th, all to be followed by snow, rising barometer and change to much cooler, the cold wave to penetrate far into the south and dominate the weather to about the 9th and 10th.

A regular storm period prevails from the 9th to the 14th. About the 9th the barometer will begin falling in western parts, change to warmer and cloudiness will ensue, followed by rain, turning on western flanks to snow. During the 11th, 12th, 13th, into the 14th, these storms will move steadily eastward across the country, preceded on the east flank by warmth and rains, and followed in the west by snow, cold and clearing.

A reactionary storm period, with new Moon as its center, falls on the 16th, 17th and 18th. Low barometer, much warmer weather, with very active storms in many sections, will be natural at this time. A seismic period is central on the 17th, extending from the 14th to the 20th.

A regular storm period covers the 20th to the 25th, being partly covered by the coming Mercury period. Disturbances of the preceding reactionary period will scarcely subside, until falling barometer, change to warm and electrical storms will appear on the 20th. Rain and thunder with violent winds south, will mark the first stages of this period; but as the storms progress during the 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th, rain will turn to sleet and snow, and turning to blizzards, followed from the north by high gales and a sweeping cold wave.

A reactionary storm period is central during the last three days of February. The Mercury, Earth and Mars periods combine their disturbing forces at this time, calling for prolonged and very decided storms of rain, wind, sleet and snow.

Shocking Sound

in the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see backache fly and all your best feelings return. "My son received great benefit from their use for kidney and bladder trouble," writes Peter Bondy, South Rockwood, Mich., "It is certainly a great kidney medicine." Try it. 50 cents at All Druggists.

Candlemas and Groundhog

There are two widely different traditions about the second of February.

In the church it is Candlemas Day, when all the candles used in the church services for the coming year are blessed and put aside to be used when necessary. The day is generally looked upon as the middle of winter. Hence runs the old couplet:

"At Candlemas Day.
Have half your wood,
And half your pay."

The temperature of the surface of the earth grows warmer and warmer from February 1 to August 1. Then it begins to grow cooler, and the process continues until the first of the following February.

The groundhog tradition is that he emerges from his hole at 12, noon, February 2. If the atmosphere is clear enough from clouds for him to see his shadow, he returns to his hole and winter is on for another six weeks. But if he does not see his shadow, he stays out of his hole and spring begins at once. The groundhog did not see his shadow on Friday and so, according to the Pennsylvania Dutch tradition, the winter is practically over and warmer weather may be expected. It must be said, however, that this old tradition is not scientifically indorsed by the Weather Bureau.

Blamed A Good Worker.

"I blamed my heart for severe distress in my left side for two years," writes W. Evans, Danville, Va., "but Dknow now it was indigestion, as Dr. King's New Life Pills completely cured me." Best for stomach, liver and kidney troubles, constipation, headache or debility. 25 cents at All druggists.

BABIES VS. PARENTS.

The National Congress of Mothers has begun in Boston what is designed to be "a country-wide campaign for child welfare" for "better babies, better parents and a better country."

The movement has a praiseworthy object. But is it so much "better babies" as it is BETTER PARENTS, that are needed? In the interest of a square deal there ought to be a National Congress of Babies for the investigation of, and the correction of parents.

Such a body could properly inquire into the duties and responsibilities of fathers and mothers with a view to determining why they are so generally neglected—why boys are allowed to grow up into hoodlums and why girls find their main ideals of life in frequenting moving picture shows and dancing the "turkey-trot."

Children are usually what their home training makes them, and "out of the mouths of babies" a good deal of unpalatable truth might be heard as to the sins of omission of fathers and mothers in bringing up their offspring in the way they should go.

Even John L. Sullivan, gladiator emeritus of the United States and colonial possessions, is against the neglecting of young people by their parents. In an interview a few days ago before the Police Board and Marshall Farnan, Hon. John L. waged war against the latest fad in dancing and a few other "modern innovations." He is dead up against the "turkey trot," the "bunny hug," the "grizzly bear," the "suey," and the "lover's glide," which he characterizes as being indecent and conducive to immorality. He said in part:

"You're right in prohibiting these immoral dances, and the good ladies who are opposing such dances are all right, all right, take it from me. I know a little something about the world, and you can take it from me, if something isn't done to these ——— dances, we'll grow up a race of young woman and young men that will be so fly' they'll get through any screen ever made. If these young people say the old-fashioned dances are too tame for them, they're away off. There isn't anything tame about the old-time quadrille or the lanciers. Did you ever see 50 people—boys and men and girls and women—dancing an Irish jig at the same time? Well, if that ain't excitement enough and you're looking for excitement, just sit on top of a dynamite factory and watch a man full of booze staggering through the place with a box of matches going off in his pockets."

Almost Lost His Life

S A. Stid, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a merciless storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or lung trouble. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by All Druggists.

An Appeal for the Birds.

State Game Warden Harmonson has sent out a circular to the deputy wardens making a special appeal for the feeding and protection of the birds and game during the present severe weather, and embodying the following requests: "Please call the attention of your farmers, gunners and the public in general to the importance of protecting the game, birds and rabbits especially. Please warn persons against shooting robins or other songbirds, or shooting game in the closed season, or shooting any game when snow is on the ground, this being a violation of the law. Ask your farmers and others to take care of the birds and feed them when snow is on the ground. If your county papers will mention this subject I think the public will appreciate the same, and the governor of the state and myself will be grateful to the people for protecting the birds and game during this severe weather."

How Cold Affects The Kidneys

Avoid taking cold if your kidneys are sensitive. Cold congests the kidneys, throws too much work upon them, and weakens their action. Serious kidney trouble and even Bright's disease may result. Strengthen your kidneys, get rid of the pain and soreness, build them up by the timely use of Foley Kidney Pills. Tonic in action, quick in results.

Compulsory Education.

Maryland is considering a compulsory educational law, which we believe should have been enacted long ago. Pennsylvania, New Jersey and even little Delaware have all addopted the legal means of compelling school attendance. With ignorence of the law comes trouble, however, and in Delaware Prof Hardesty has been compelled to have a man sent to jail. In Pennsylvania they are also having occasional trouble, of which the Philadelphia Inquirer speaks as follows:

A number of men and women who have persisted in violating the compulsory school law have been fined; some have preferred to go to jail rather than pay, considering that the law is iniquitous and an outrage on the "right of a parent to bring up his children as he chooses." Parents in this state of mind belong in jail. There is no right, and never in civilization was there the right, of any parent to bring up his children as he pleases. On th contrary, society through the law has hedged about the family in order that the best interests of all may be conserved.

Ignorance is the crying evil of the world. It is not pretended that mere schooling is the great and only panacea for ignorance. Some few individuals by sheer native worth and great abilities have educated themselves in various ways, so as to become useful members of society. These very exceptions, however, prove the rule, for it is hard to find one such who has not bemoaned his lack of education in the schools. But education in the school is admittedly the greatest laborsaving device that has been invented to do away with ignorance, to cultivate the young mind for its responsibilities. It is true that it is of most value when aided by wise counsel and other assistance in the home, but it is human experience that compulsory education laws have achieved great benefits with the very mimimun of evils.

Society insists that children be brought up to be self-supporting and useful to the community rather than that they grow up in ignorance and become either criminals, degenerates or charges on the community in any way. Where there is the highest percentage of educationthere is the least pauperism and crime.

A Warning Against Wet Feet.

Wet and chilled feet usually affect the mucous membrane of the nose, throat and lungs, and lagrippe, bronchitis or pneumonia may result. Watch carefully, particularly the children, and for the racking stubborn coughs give Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It soothes the inflamed membranes, and heals the cough quickly. Take no substitute. Sold by C. H. Redden, Denton Md.

Modern Philanthropist.

"Why are you sobbing, my little man?"

"My pa's a millionare philanthropist."

"Well, well, that's nothing to cry about."

"It ain't, ain't it? He's just promised to give me $5 to spend at Christmas, provided I raise a similar amount.—Life.

The Sound Sleep of Good Health

Is not for those suffering from kidney ailments and irregularities. The prompt use of Foley Kidney Pills will dispel backache and rheumatism, heal and strengthen sore, weak and ailing kidneys, restore normal action and with it health and strength Mrs. M. F. Spalsbury, Sterling, Ill., says: "I suffered great pain in my back and kidneys, could not sleep at night, and could not raise my hands over my head. But two bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured me." Sold by C. H. Redden, Denton Md.

"Doc" Carter, a negro of Cambridge, Md., who was released by Magistrate Joseph, at Milford, Del., following a hearing on a charge of being connected with the robbery of jewelry worth $4,000 from a Milford store, was arrested there a few days ago. His alleged accomplices, Chas. Warner, Cleff Longland and Samuel B. Ennis, all negroes, were committed. They then confessed and, implicating Carter, he was re-apprehended. Part of the plunder, valued at $2,000, has been shipped in a suitcase to Cambridge, Md., it is said, and the authorities are trying to locate it. The negroes were rounded up in an empty house at Dover. Part of the jewelry was recovered.

Foley Kidney Pills will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. Sold by C. H. Redden, Denton Md.

EVERYDAY LOCAL NEWS HAPPENINGS

Events of the Week Boiled Down for the Busy Reader--News notes of Delaware and Maryland Towns.

Fishing through the ice on North East River with lead minnows is furnishing profitable sport to many persons.

John H. White, cashier of the Salisbury National Bank since the institution started business in 1884, has retired.

With Rehoboth Bay frozen over fisherman have been making big hauls by breaking the ice and laying their nets underneath.

John E. O'Mally of Howard county Senator Gorman's candidate for Insurance Commissioner, has declined to be a candidate for State Auditor

Reimbursued by the fire insurance companies, Mrs. Lydia Jump has started to rebuild the Jump block in the centre of Milford as a three-story concrete building.

In a raid upon alleged whiskey sellers at Crisfield, Sheriff Tull lodged in jail at Princess Anne, Fred Dorman, Edward Green, Peter Derickson and George Harris, all negroes.

Thomas Phillips, aged 17 arrested in Wilmington while intoxicated, informed the City Court Judge that he was forced to drink by several young men, and the police are investigating his story.

At the annual election of officers of the Kent Club, United States Senator Harry A. Richardson was re-elected president; John H. Jones, vice president, and W. Charles Boyer, secretary and tresurer.

A swindler who represented himself an agent for a large poultry house in Philadelphia, robbed the farmers of Kent and Queen Anne counties, Md., of about $1,800 worth of poultry during the holidays.

P. E. Corkran, of Easton, is contemplating the purchase of a twenty-passenger automobile truck, with which he will meet all trains and boats, run excursion parties, etc. The machine is said to be worth $3,500.

Having paid for a fine farm near Milton by trapping muskrats, Mrs. James Jones has so fallen in love with the work that she finds it impossible to quit. Every morning at 2 o'clock Mrs. Jones is out of bed and with gum boots and short skirts starts the round of her traps.

There will be four eclipses this year, two or the sun, a total eclipse on April 17th, visible here, and a total eclipse on October 10th, probably invisible here, and two eclipses of the moon, a partial one on April 2nd, invisible here, and a partial one on September 26th, visible here.

A suspension for six months of the tariff duty of 25 cents per bushel on potatoes was proposed in a bill introduced in Congress by Representative Ayres, of New York. The bill states that the scarcity of potatoes in the markets of the United States has raised the price to a point almost prohibitive to the consumers.

William E. Pusey, a farmer residing near Seaford, was arrested last week, charged with driving his wife from home and refusing to contribute to her support. He was held under five hundred dollars bail, which was furnished by his father. It is thought Mr. Mr. Pusey's mind is unbalanched, as his wife has been afraid of him for some time.

The Centreville Record having outgrown its present quarters has sold its present building to H. M. Thompson, representing the Farmers and Merchants' Telephone Company, and has purchased the Perry Building in that town and will commence at an early date to remodel the building, so that when completed they will have one of the best equipped newspaper plants on the Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Griffith, who reside about two miles north of Milford, on February 1, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. When married, half a century ago, they drove in an ox cart to the residence of Rev. Trustin P. McColley on the outskirts of Milford. The couple were visited all day by their children and grandchildren, and Mr. and Mrs. Griffith received many fine presents.

A dancing class of 38 members was organized at Rising Sun Tuesday night.

Granville W. Riley has purchased the G. W. Reynolds farm, near Rising Sun.

A thief broke into Frank Wheeler's cellar at Pylsville and carried off a half-barrel of cider.

Thrown from a buggy into a snow bank, Dr. H. F. Shipley, of North Branch, is suffering with three fractured ribs.

The directors of the Kent County Building and Loan Co. have elected L. Bates Russell president and J. Waters Russell secretary-treasurer.

Walter Anderson, aged 35 years, died Tuesday at the home of his father-in-law, Amos Files, at Pleasant Hill, after several weeks' illness.

Breaking the front show window in the store of Frank Ruth, in Galena burglars carried off a lot of watches revolvers, shoes and other articles.

Summoned by a bachelor uncle, whom he never had seen, and who is seriously ill, James M. Holden, of Rising Sun, started for California last week.

The Seaford Ice Company, B. F. Gordy and J. A. Wright owners, are enlarging their ice plant to a capacity of 15 tons daily.

A Delaware man bought a $2,000 automobile and was killer in its wreck racing in it the next day. This holds the speed record, but the distinction was hardly worth the price.

Thomas J. Murray, an Elkton merchant has filed an application to the Board of Public Works for the appointment as State Auditor to succeed the late George Ash, of that town.

The Kent County School Board will apply to the Legislature for authority to issue $25,000 in bonds for a new primary school in Chestertown and a high school at Millington.

With the Rehoboth and Indian River bays completely frozen over and the marshes in this section covered with ice, the cold weather is slaughtering wild duck and geese, and as a result the bay "prongers" are getting rich picking up the starving birds that have been unable to find enough to eat.

Many farmers, it is stated, fear that the growing wheat crop of Queen Annes county has been seriously injured by the thaw following the recent extreme cold weather, owing to the ground being frozen to such a depth as to make it impossible for the water to enter it. The damage has been done, it is asserted, since the snow melted. Many fields are covered with pools of surface water that freezes over night and melts during the day, and this constant freezing and thawing on the wheat, it is claimed, is very detrimental to it in many ways.

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