

PENNSYLVANIA GAG LAW GOES

Gov. Pennypacker Approves the
Grady-Salus Libel Law.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Most Draconic Measure Affecting Newspapers Ever Enacted in U. S.—Applies to Dailies, Not Weeklies.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 12.—Gov. Pennypacker approved the Grady-Salus libel bill today and at the same time issued a long statement giving the reasons for his action. The bill, which was in the governor's hands for more than a month, goes into effect immediately and repeals all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the new act.

The governor says in his statement that the questions raised by the bill are of very grave importance and affect large business interests for the freedom of speech and the press, the right of the citizen to be informed concerning current affairs and the conduct of government, as well as his right to protect his reputation and honor from the injuries that arise from careless report.

The governor says there is nothing in the terms of the measure which prevents any newspaper from making such comments upon legislative measures or upon the official acts of state, municipal, county or public officers as are proper information to the public and are in the line of legitimate public discussion. Continuing, he says:

APPLICATION OF THE BILL.

"The bill in its application is not confined to officials, but affects as well the citizen or business man whose conduct constitutes no part of the right of the public to information. The corporation officer who has been falsely charged with crime; the manufacturer who has been falsely accused of being a drunken brawler; the woman whose domestic life has been unjustly paraded, or whose chastity is improperly suspected; the student who has been falsely accused of murder; the clergyman who has been cruelly maligned; the quiet citizen whose peace of mind has been destroyed by the publication of evil gossip; the merchant whose credit has been affected by groundless rumors; the sufferers from reckless but not necessarily malicious publications are given the right, not to prohibit publication, but to recover the damage which may have been sustained. Within a few days, in a leading newspaper, the first page of a daily journal, under large headlines, upon a rumor of unknown source as to the name of the suggester, appointed to the position of prothonotary of the supreme court, when no appointment had been made, and no utterance, official or otherwise, had emanated from any member of that court, the tribunal was subjected to a covert assault under the words: 'Machine after control of the supreme court.' A mayor of our chief city has been drawn and caricatured in the last quarter of the century two presidents of the United States have been murdered, and in each instance the cause was easily traceable to inflammatory and careless newspaper utterances. A cartoon in a daily journal, with entire precision, an ugly little dwarf, representing the governor of the commonwealth, stands on a stool. The stool is a drawing of a man and placed alongside a huge printing press with wheels as large as those of an ox team, and all are arranged as to give the idea that when the press starts, the stool and the man are thrown to the ground. Put into words, the cartoon asserts to the world that the press is above the law and greater in strength than the government. No self-respecting people will permit such an attitude to be long maintained.

"In England a century ago the offender would have been drawn and quartered and his head stuck upon the pole without the axes. In America today this is the kind of arrogance which goeth before a fall. If such abuse of privilege allowed to the press is to go unpunished, if such tales are permitted to be poured into the ears of men and to be profitable, it is idle to pretend that the general public can maintain their purity."

He also says that many years' experience on the bench has led him to the conclusion that criminal words and deeds are brought about by the lawlessness of the press, and that in certain classes of cases, among them murder, the accused were at times convicted or acquitted before a jury reached the courtroom. He claims that the damages provided for by the bill follow the ordinary rule of damages for want of reasonable care, and that no harm can come from the provision in the bill requesting that the names of the owners, proprietors, publishers and managing editors should be printed with each issue of a newspaper published in Pennsylvania.

He argues that the omission of the word "weekly" from the provisions of the bill was unwise, but in no sense fatal, and that if hereafter a newspaper should be issued every other day or twice a day, and thus not be included in the descriptive words used, it could, as well as the journals published weekly, be covered by the general enactment and be subject to the provisions of the act.

The governor continues: "Since the laws of God and nature are immutable and inexorable, unless means are found to uphold some of the tendencies of modern journalism, the influence of the press, which has been so potent an agent in the development of civilization and securing liberty, will be gone forever."

"With a serious sense that the evil is of more than ordinary moment, with full knowledge of the importance of the press and of its value to mankind through all past struggles and with the hope and belief that the greater care and larger measures of responsibility brought about by this law, tend to elevate the meritorious and remove the unworthy will promote its welfare while benefiting the community, I approve the bill."

CRUELTY IN KANSAS.

Inmates of State Insane Asylum Beaten and Kicked.

Ossawatimie, Kan., May 12.—The report of the latest examination by the legislative committee of affairs in the state insane asylum here shows that conditions are worse than at the Topeka asylum. The committee has issued subpoenas for a large number of witnesses.

J. R. McCurdy, superintendent of the

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ENJOINS OMAHA BUSINESS MEN

Must Not Import Laborers Into
State of Nebraska.

NO MORE INJUNCTIONS.

Forbidden to Bring Suits for Them—
Also to Institute Proceedings to
Break Up Labor Union.

Omaha, Neb., May 12.—Judge Dickinson, in the district court at 7 o'clock tonight, on application of John Q. Yeiser, an attorney representing the business men, who members are on strike, issued an injunction against the business men and proprietors, even more sweeping than that issued by the federal court against the unions last week. The order restrains the business men from refusing to sell goods to dealers who employ union labor, prevents them from boycotting union labor, requires the Business Men's association to cease holding meetings, or conspiring against the unions or in any way interfering with the unions in the management of their affairs.

THE ORDER.

The order of the court restrains the Business Men's association and others named as defendants as follows: "First—From in any manner threatening to injure the business or person of any employer of members of cross-complainers' union or labor union, or any person who may employ or desire to employ such union men, or from refusing to sell commodities and supplies of merchandise to employers of such union labor, or from discriminating against such persons in the prices charged for any such commodities."

"Second—From threatening or intimidating in any manner any person into joining the said Business Men's association or any organization to join labor unions."

"Third—From threatening or intimidating any person who may have become a member of said association or organization if he employs organized labor or organizes labor, into discontinuing such employment."

"Fourth—From imposing any fines upon its members or any person for failing to agree to or not to recognize a labor union."

"Fifth—From receiving or paying out any money whatever in pursuance of any agreement to break up labor unions, except attorneys in this action."

"Sixth—From paying or offering any money to officers or members of unions directed or indirectly as a bribe to do or not to do any act in pursuance of any agreement of any of said defendants against such unions."

"Seventh—From importing or engaging agents and servants to import laborers into the city of Omaha or into Nebraska in pursuance of any existing plan to destroy labor organizations or under any similar or new arrangement."

"Eighth—From bringing any new injunction suits or actions in pursuance of any general plan of prosecutions to break up labor unions, or any similar plan connected directly or indirectly within an existing plan."

The injunction is granted at the request of the Business Men's association, and is calculated to place the employer in a position almost identical with that of the strikers—most of defense. Judge Dickinson signed the order without comment, and it is being served on the persons against whom it is directed tonight. While it concerns directly only the Business Men's union, it is really intended to serve as a guide to the future action of all the other unions whose members are on strike.

Judge Dickinson, who issued the injunction, has been on the district bench for ten years, and is considered one of the most able and conservative jurists in the state. He is at this time in charge of the law docket, and his decision in this case is a landmark in the history of the law here. The decision is more peculiar because of the fact that three district court judges yesterday enjoined the Business Men's association from bringing such suits.

Boys Kill a Boy.

New York, May 13.—Edward De Rosa, 7 years of age, is said to have been home from school yesterday, and was found lying on the sidewalk and trampled on by boys in the street.

The boy had been allowed to go out to play, and was seen by a neighbor who had given him. The little fellow was standing in front of his home when a crowd of boys known as "The Street Gang," came running down the street and trampled on him. The boy had a bruise on his head, and was taken to the hospital in a badly damaged condition.

Rosa helped to arrange the duel, which was to take place with clubs in the presence of no witnesses save Rosa and a young man whom she asked to accompany her to the place.

She watched her admirers cudgel each other with their clubs until neither could stand, and then she departed with her friend, and they were married by a justice of the peace.

The duelist was later by mine employees, both unconscious and Wallace so badly bruised that he was brought to the hospital.

Weekly Crop Report.

Washington, May 12.—The weekly crop report of the weather bureau is as follows:

Verge

Of Insanity Despite
Doctor's Care.

Nervous Cramps in
Hands and Feet.

Dr. Miles' Nerve
My Salvation.

Sleeplessness is at once a symptom and a disease. Just as soon as the nerves become deranged the patient suffers from sleeplessness. Deprived of their natural rest the nerves soon lose all force and vitality and while sleeplessness is a symptom in such cases it frequently becomes chronic and remains the chief effect of disordered nerves.

Dr. Miles' Nerve is a powerful and strengthening tonic; soothes the tired brain and permits sleep; restores lost energy and vitality and brings sleep, health and strength. Previous to my coming to the territory three years ago, we lived in Virginia and it was there that I got acquainted with the wonderful powers of Dr. Miles' Nerve. I had been under the doctor's care and taking his medicine for over two years, but the nervous trouble that was gnawing my life away grew steadily worse. I had nervous cramps in my hands and legs, which would draw up at night. Often I never closed my eyes for days and nights together. The doctor finally told me I could do nothing more for me and that I was on the verge of insanity. He told me I might try your Nerve as a last resort, and it proved to be my salvation. When I had used four bottles of the remedy together with the Nerve and Liver Pills I had regained my former good health. My name is MARTHA J. SHEPHERD, Omer, Oklahoma.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

rapidly from the effects of the cold of the previous week.

An improvement in the condition of winter wheat is reported from Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Ohio, but the crop has suffered deterioration in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri, much in the southern portion of the last mentioned state having been greatly damaged by rust and insects. Wheat is now heading as far north as Kentucky and southern Michigan, and the Pacific coast winter wheat thrives in Oregon, but in Washington and California it is in need of rain, the late snow in California being very unpromising.

Spring wheat seeding is now practically finished, and the early sown is coming up to good stands, and is in healthy condition. No damage seems to have resulted from the severe weather of the previous week. In the northern Rocky mountain districts and in Washington, the conditions are less favorable for winter wheat.

The reports concerning apples are somewhat more encouraging than in the previous week, but the outlook for most of the other fruit continues very poor.

SUIT AGAINST MOB LEADER.

Jury Brings in a Verdict for the Defendant.

Freehold, N. J., May 12.—In the suit for \$25,000 damages brought by Charles Herbert against former State Senator, Thomas and others, whose names were accused of leading a vigilance committee which strung him up in an endeavor to make him confess to incendiarism, the jury has brought in a verdict for the defendants. No one was convicted of hanging, but all denied guilty knowledge.

To Study Am. Economic Ways.

New York, May 13.—Prinon von Rheinboldt, Prussian minister of finance, accompanied by Commercial Counselor Boeker, an ironmaster of Prussia and Friedrich von Versel, deputy consul general of the United States in Berlin, arrived here on the steamer Kaiser of Wilhelm der Grosse. The visit is an unofficial one, the baron being here to study economic conditions and particularly to visit the centers of the iron industry.

Manila Institutional Club.

Princeton, N. J., May 12.—At a meeting of the undergraduates it has been decided to raise \$1,000 for furnishing a room in the Commercial Hotel, Philadelphia, for the use of the Philippine Islands Club at Manila. The University of Pennsylvania will also fit out rooms in the building.

Frank, B. C., Reoccupied.

Frank B. C., May 13.—Frank was reoccupied yesterday by the order of Premier Haultain, of the Northwest government, and the town which has been completely deserted for many days, awaiting momentary demolition which did not come, is now a scene of life and activity. Premier Haultain arrived yesterday morning to receive the report of the situation, and he has been making observations for the government, on which to base a decision as to whether

is the joy of the household, for without it no happiness can be complete. How sweet the picture of mother and babe, angels smile at and commend the thoughts and aspirations of the mother bending over the cradle. The ordeal through which the expectant mother must pass, however, is so full of danger and suffering that she looks forward to the hour when she shall feel the exquisite thrill of motherhood with indescribable dread and fear.

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