

### HOW TO INCREASE TEACHERS' PAY.

#### Methods of the Ahearn Bill Objected to by School Board's Agent.

#### IT WOULD COST \$2,500,000.

#### Mrs. Hill Quotes from the Record to Show Mr. Burlingham's Change of Attitude.

Albany, March 21.—Mrs. Joanna Hill, of the Public School No. 74, appeared at the head of a delegation of New York teachers at the hearing on Senator Ahearn's Salaries bill before the Assembly Committee on Cities to-day.

No regular teacher in the public schools of the Boroughs of Manhattan, Bronx and Brooklyn shall be paid less than \$400 per year.

No teacher after ten years' service shall receive less than \$500 per annum.

No teacher after fifteen years' service shall receive less than \$1,200 per annum.

No vice-principal, head of department, or first assistant shall be paid less than \$1,400 per annum.

No male teacher after twelve years' service shall receive less than \$2,100 per annum.

No female teacher after twelve years' service shall receive less than \$2,100 per annum.

The salaries of women principals shall be increased by the addition of \$250 each year until they shall receive \$2,500 per annum.

The salaries of male principals shall be increased by the addition of \$250 each year until they shall receive \$3,500 per annum.

No woman principal of ten years' service as principal shall receive less than \$2,500 per annum.

"I think," said Senator Ahearn, "that in our public schools we have no incompetent teachers. I don't believe teachers should be compelled to pass examinations before getting promotion or increase of salary any more than doctors or lawyers should."

Mr. Burlingham, from the Board of Education, believed that simple increases of salary would not be sufficient to advance pay.

He said it would cost \$2,500,000 to put the Ahearn schedule into operation. The Board of Estimate would not appropriate sufficient money to put into effect the advance in the schedule which the Board had decided upon.

Mr. Burlingham read letters from Mr. O'Brien and Mr. E. Ellery Anderson, of the School Board, both opposing the Ahearn bill. The greatest objection the local Board intended to increase salaries, there was no need of interference by the Legislature.

Both letters put forth the argument of the necessity of home rule, and further that the point of merit had been entirely ignored in the preparation of the Ahearn bill.

Mrs. Hill answered Mr. Burlingham, citing from the minutes of the School Board, in which Mr. Burlingham was quoted as having advocated increases of salary after certain lapses of time. She contended that he should appear before a committee of the Legislature and argue in an opposite direction.

Others who appeared in favor of the bill were Dr. Etringer and Assemblyman Gale.

### TAX ON FRANCHISES HAS A STRING TO IT.

#### Governor Roosevelt Favors the Plan, Provided Tammany Has No Part in Collection.

Albany, N. Y., March 21.—Two queer manoeuvres were executed to-day in the matter of legislation to obtain tax money on the billions of dollars of franchise values in this State by taxing them as real estate is taxed.

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### JAM POLICE BILLS THROUGH.

#### Nineteen Assembly Rules to Be Suspended and Platt's Orders Carried Out.

#### SENATE FALLS IN LINE.

#### Under the Party Lash It Passes One of the Bills and Is Expected to Accept Others.

Albany, March 21.—For the purpose of crowding through the police bills of the Republican machine, the Assembly will meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Notice was given to-day of the intention to suspend 19 rules in order that bills could be jammed through.

Speaker Nixon is certain that all of the bills will pass in their present shape. No amendments will be made. Many will be offered by the Democrats, but they will all be voted down. It is the purpose of the Republican machine to throw the bills into the Senate, so that Republicans there who may be pleased to bolt may be known.

So far as the Senate is concerned there is no change in the situation. Senators Coghlan and Wilcox are still opposed to the measures and declare they will fight them to the end. The fact that one of the bills passed the Senate to-day with the full Republican vote made the machine leaders hopeful that all Republican opposition to the measures had died away. In this they were wrong.

Here is the substance of the three bills which will probably pass to-morrow:

Providing for a single headed police commissioner to be appointed by the Mayor, and subject to removal by the Governor upon charges.

Amending the penal code by making it a misdemeanor for any police officer to take any bribe or gratuity in his office.

Amending the elections law by permitting the Governor to direct the Attorney-General to prosecute in the City of New York all persons charged with violating it.

The last bill is the most vicious and unfair one of the batch, and a full Republican vote, if it passes the House to-morrow, will go to the Governor and will be specially signed.

Senators Coghlan and Wilcox fought the bill to the last, but numbers were against them.

In brief, it places within the hands of the Republican machine the fullest measure of authority of invading New York City and halting into court any person whom the Superintendent of Elections, McCullough sees fit to make a charge against.

The accused will be prosecuted by a lawyer designated by the Attorney-General, under direction of a partisan Governor, before a Supreme Court Justice designated by the Governor, and the men who will appear against him will be the enemies of a man whose official life is in the hands of the Governor. In other words, it takes out of the hands of the local authorities all power to punish those accused of crimes against the election franchise and vests this power in the hands of the Governor.

The Democrats asked that the bill be made general in its character. They wanted to know if it would not be fair to place all of the cities of the State under the same paternal supervision. But the Republicans ignored the suggestion.

### W. K. VANDERBILT'S SUMMER HOME AT NEWPORT IS READY.

#### "Belvoir" Prepared for the Summer Season, and Prize Horses Bought for the Family's Use.

Newport, R. I., March 21.—Belvoir, the villa on Telegraph Hill rented by Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., for the coming season, is ready for occupancy. Mr. Vanderbilt is to have a stable which will accommodate twelve horses. It is stated that within a few days Mr. Vanderbilt has purchased some prize winners from Mr. Charles F. Bates.

Miss Fair's little donkey, Persimmons, who made his social debut last year at Mrs. Stryvesant Fish's barn dance, will be added to the stable.

A friend of the family states that Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt will not go abroad this summer.

Next Sunday if you failed to do so last Sunday, \$200 in prizes offered every week. Simple, entertaining, profitable.

### LOOK FOR THE MAXIM.

#### PICKED A PICTURE AND BOLTED.

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