

The Penn-Harris
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[printed illustration of a multi-story building] Horace Leland Wiggins Resident Manager
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Dear Son:

Your resolution was presented at my request by Senator Phipps to the SEnate on Tuesday morning immediately after the certified amendment had been presented to that body from the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The resolution was referred to the Judiciary General Committee. We expect to have it reported out next Tuesday and acted upon favorably after the necessary three readings.

We have had a hectic time, and I shall be much interested to tell you about it in detail when I have the opportunity. Yesterday I had interviews with the Lieutenant Governor, the President Pro Tem of the SEnate, (Mr. Buckman), with the Secretary of the Senate, Mr. Baker, with the Attorney General, with the Speaker of the House, Mr. Spangler, and with Senator Penroes. Senator Oenrose has promised to see me again on Sunday afternoon when he returns to Harrisburg; he left yesterday directly after our interview. I asked him to secure for us the interest of SEnator Crow, which, of course, he would not promise to do, but he said that he would talk with him about it, and that they were to motor together yesterday afternoon on his departure from Harrisburg. He promises to tell me the result of the talk on Sunday afternoon.

The Secretary of the Senate told me this morning that Senator Crow expects to return to Harrisburg on Monday, and when I said that I was desirous of seeing him as soon as possible he said that he would long distance him and get him back on Sunday afternoon, also that he himself would make an appointment for me to see Senator Crow, and that he would tell me when the meeting would take place. I told him I should be here at the Penn-Harris until our resolution is passed.

It is wonderful to see the friendliness of the men, even of those who are opposed to the Suffrage Measure. Senator Buckman is now one of the most convinced Antis, as is Lieutenant Governor Beidleman. I had very pleasant conversations with both, especially with the former. We talked about Bucks County, and consulted him about a farm, and he brought one of the officials of the Senate to tell me about one that he thought I might like. He asked me if I knew anything about militants and if I knew anyone who had been in jail. It was very amusing to see him when I replied:

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I went to the Speaker again this morning (he invited me yesterday to visit him any time in his office) to beg him, when the resolution came up in the House, to refer it to the Judiciary Special, of which John R. K. Scott is Chariman. I had previously seen Mr. Scott, and he promised me that it would be reported out immediately if referred to his Committee. When I made this request of the Speaker, he hesitated a second, and then shook hands with me most cordially, and said, "I will do it for you." Of course, I must keep him reminded.

Mr. Scott has been as nice as can be. I like him very much indeed. Mr. Pepper's letter gave me a pleasant approach and he met me more than half way. Senator Vare was also very nice and promised to do all that he could to help.

I saw Senator T. Larry Byre last week before the amendment was passed in Congress, and he told me that if it were passed he would help in any way that he could, and that he would vote for ratification. He said he would do this although personally opposed as he believed that the country wanted it. I saw him again this week, have seen him two or three times this week, and yesterday he gave me a very good statement for the press.

The Secretary of the Senate, when I first saw him last week, (which was before Congress had passed the Amendment,) told me that we were making a great mistake to present ratification to this Legislature, that it would jeopardise our chances two years hence. I told him I did not think so. This morning when I saw him he told me that he had changed his mind about what he said last week; he added that he was quite sure it would go through.

The Attorney General told Mrs. Greenwalt yesterday that the resolution would be passed and when she said something about "if" he said "There is no 'if', it will pass."

Is not all this wonderfully encouraging? We are kept on the jump every minute when the men are here and the Legislature in Session. The Senate has another session tomorrow at twelve, and then no more until Monday evening, when both houses meet at nine o'clock.

The State Suffragists arrived last Monday, five or six of them, and have also been busy at the Capitol/

Please pass this on to Louise, and, if you do not think it is too long, send it to mother, as she is always so interested.

Best love to Esther and the children.

Your loving,

Mother.