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ASSOCIATION GETS \$5000

Which Will Give the Project Quite a Lift — The Interest Taken by Messrs. Lennon and Stiles in the Matter.

The bill appropriating \$5000 to the Allentown Hospital Association has received the signature of the governor. It was feared that he would veto the bill, but strong pressure was brought to bear upon the governor and he became convinced of the necessity of the appropriation. On Friday, when the list of appropriation bills signed was published, and the Allentown Hospital was not included, it was feared that the bill had met its doom.

As soon as Hon. M. J. Lennon learned of this state of affairs he at once went to see Senator J. Henry Cochran, of Lycoming county, who is a brother-in-law to Attorney General McCormick. Mr. Lennon secured the senator's promise to see the attorney general and get the latter to intercede in behalf of the signing of the bill. The senator did so, and the attorney general made a plea with the governor. Saturday Mr. Lennon received the following telegrams:

HARRISBURG, July 24.—Your hospital bill will be signed to-day.

J. HENRY COCHRAN.

HARRISBURG, July 24.—I have much pleasure in advising you that the governor has just approved appropriation of \$5000 for the Allentown Hospital.

LEWIS E. BEITLER,

Private Secretary to the Governor.

Although Senator Stiles was confined to the house the greater part of the week, he took a deep interest in the matter and wrote to various men of influence requesting them to see the governor in behalf of the matter. This action together with Mr. Lennon's visit to the state capital on Friday undoubtedly caused the governor to sign the appropriation.

HISTORY OF THE BILL.

The bill was drawn up by Senator Stiles and presented by him in the upper house on January 27 last. It was originally for \$12,500—\$10,000 for the erection and \$2500 for maintenance for two years of the hospital. Then the capitol burned down and the state thrown into a heavy expense. Consequently the appropriation committee cut down the appropriation to \$5000. On April 21 Mr. Lennon introduced the bill in the lower house. It passed both branches, through the indefatigable and unselfish work of Senator Stiles and Representative Lennon, and to these gentlemen the people of Allentown owe an everlasting debt of gratitude.