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A Tax Payer's Views.

EDITOR.

polled in the State for the Indianapolis In a recent issue we called attention to candidates last fall. the probable tax levy for Bellefonte, for the current year, and urged all departments consuming such increment from the assessconvention which came off a week later ed valuation of the borough to retrench, than the Iowa gathering. What it lacked wherever possible, at least for the year. The general business depression is being other words, it had more head than body. felt just as keenly in Bellefonte as in any When it is considered that these bolters other part of the country and the large from the Democratic fold, under the high property holder is not the only sufferer. The mechanic, who has saved enough to polled only about 5,000 votes in Kentucky build himself a little home, is the greatly for their presidential candidate as against distressed man now that his work is prac-218,000 for BRYAN it must be confessed tically reduced to half time and the pay that for such a slim show of rank and file for it gradually getting lower. Bellefonte they made a big show of leaders at their has a large percentage of this class of ownconvention last week, with CARLISLE, ers and in justice to them, as well as to WATTERSON, BRECKENRIDGE and BUCKthe more opulent, everything possible NER in command. should be done to curtail, or at least do the work that has been done in the past lowers can't be expected to amount to with more economy.

It would appear from this communicathe leaders are disgruntled, for it is diffition that council intends drawing \$10,740 cult for them to reconcile themselves to more from the tax payers than an outside their disappointment in not being able to estimate of expenses foots up. Read the figures carefully and talk to your councilman about it. If they be reliable then indeed is it time for our people to "rise up in arms" against such outrageous mismanagement.

"It seems very singular the way taxpayers of this borough sit bye and allow themselves to be practically robbed of their money without making a remonstrance. Yet it is being done, year after year, by the poor, councilmanic and school departments of this borough and especially is it burdensome in these hard times. This year the council has or expects to lay a millage of 11 mills, the same as last year when it was raised 2 mills by mistake : the members of council not knowing what the millage of the borough was. It is not needed at the present time and the pretension of paying off the debt any faster than the sinking fund requires in the present hard

times is simply a robbery and nothing else. To show the necessary needs of the council for the ensuing year an itemized account of

expenditures is given below, together with a compilation based on a tax levy of only 10 ing and several mills more than is actually necessary, even at that.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1897. Clerk hire..... \$ 150 00 Attorney ... Police 850 00 Sinking fund.... Light.... 3300 00 streets $2000 00 \\ 550 00$ Interest and taxes later department All rents 200 00 Total expenditures \$19,550 00

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR 1897. A 10 mills levy on the valuation of \$1,-450,000, which is one mill less than the present levy, nets. Water tax and rents total......

\$14,500 00 monopolistic control could not be more 000000

ponderous letters in which he expressed his The Latest News Which Comes From the Great Strike in the Coal Regions.

fear that the free silverites continued to entertain hostile designs against the country, Manu Rumors as to the Outlook, but None are so Fat Based Upon Occurrences-Strikers are Saying Litand gave it as his firm conviction that nothtle-Operators Also Close-Mouthed. ing but the monetary policy that is popu-

PITTSBURG, July 19.-Some new features will likely be introduced into the mining struggle within the next few days, but the leaders are maintaining the greatest secrecy regarding their movements. It is believed they contemplate calling upon the railroad organizations for assistance. Secretary Warner gave out the information

to-day that a meeting of railway employes The Kentucky goldite bolters from the was held here yesterday and the situation of the miners' strike thoroughly discussed. Democratic party have also held a state Resolutions were adopted pledging support to the strikers and each member was a ed \$2 for the strike fund. Mr. Warner renumerically it made up in leadership, or, in fused to divulge the name of the railroad employing the men, stating that it might lead to an investigation and the discharge of the men.

From another source it was reported to be a meeting of the conductors and brakemen of the roads centering in Pittsburg. It was claimed that the action taken was at the suggestion of the national officials of the railway trainmen's union.

Active work has been commenced in the coke region, and efforts will be made to bring out all the men at mines where the products are being shipped to Pittsburg. Ex-national vice president Cameron Miller. of the United mine workers, left this morning for the coke region and addressed a mass meeting of men employed at the Smock and Boyd mines. A mass meeting much in the outcome. There is reason why is scheduled to be held at Uniontown tomorrow which will be addressed by Messrs. Miller and Warner. Cameron Miller and Secretary Warner visited Turtle Creek to have a talk with the miners employed by switch the Democratic party off into the New York and Cleveland gas coal comthe camp of the gold bugs, but the few pany. They were served with an injunction restraining them from interfering with the miners.

The mines at Leechburg on the West convinced that the so-called gold Democ-Penn railroad have been closed. The dig- great hardships. I advise everyone going racy can serve no other purpose than to gers had not been asked to join in the movement, but Cameron Miller communiassist the tariff monopolists and the Wall cated with them and they agreed to lay down their tools.

General John Little, of the Ohio state board of arbitration and W. P. DeArmitt, of the New York and Cleveland gas coal company, are still in the east endeavoring to secure the signatures of the eastern coal operators to the uniformity agreement. They are expected to return to-morrow. It every line of business, was forcibly por- is announced to-night that a meeting of the trayed by Hon. WILLIAM J. BRYAN in an arbitration commission will be held here on Wednesday.

> CANONSBURG, Pa., July 19.-The striking miners from Bridgeville, who visited will go that way. The cold weather comthe Allison, Boone and Enterprise mines to-day for the purpose of inducing the men noon, having obtained their object without trouble. Immediately upon receipt of the news of the proposed raid the mine owners was appointed to guard the mines and report in case the men returned to work.

The miners will probably resume to mortors of the Boone and Allison mines their men are not on a strike and that their mines were closed down by their orders to-

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., July 19.-Eugene V. Debs addressed the entire male population of Fairmouth to-night and about 200 miners from the neighboring colleries. To- at least \$84,000 in nuggets, not a cent of from the field of business and confirm their and about 300 of the 650 strikers at that time were in attendance. He organized a

News About the Miners' Strike.

Have Gone There from the Ohio and Pennsylva-

of Their Securing Employment-Organized Work-

men of St. Louis Ready to Respond to Any Call

ST. Louis, Mo., July 21.-The delega-

tion of marching striking miners, who have

visited the mines about Belleville. Ill.

found the men of Gartside's No. 3, Rose

Hill, Schureman's Crown No. 2, Crown No.

4, Oak Hill and Hartman's No. 1. The

first three belong to the St Louis consolida-

There was an encounter to-day between

son, the district president. There seems

ing to-night, which will be largely attend-

West Virginia Situation.

The Strike in that State Regarded as Lost.

WHEELING, W. Va., July 21.-This

morning opens with the coal strike situa-

tion not materially changed in West Vir-

ginia. The Watson mines, with 1,000 men, hold the key to the Fairmount re-

gion, for Monongah cannot be kept closed

unless Watson's men quit work. Debs

failure to do anything with the Watson

men at Revesville last night was disheart

ening, but the organizers have regained

their nerve, and early this morning a gen-

early to-day, returned at noon.

for Aid for Strikers.

yet arrived here, but are expected to-night. A message was received here this morning at 8 o'clock from Cecil, stating that a body of strikers had left Tom's Run, via Bridgeville, for Canonsburg this morning. No marchers have left Cecil yet. The Canonsburg Coal company's mines are idle to-The Enterprise men have struck and day. the mine have been closed down for an in-definite period. The mine of Cook & Son is being operated to-day, but with a reduced force, many of the miners refusing to

To Gold Seekers.

work.

What an Old Alaskan Settler Says to the Ten-

derfoot-Wait Until Next Spring.-Everything Promises Well, But it Takes Money to Buy the Usual Necessities of Life in That Cold Country .- Supplies Needed for Months. SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.-Joseph La

due, the owner of the town site of Dawson City, Alaska, the nearest town to the Klondyke region, started Saturday night for his home in Plattsburg, N. Y. Besides owning the town site of Dawson, where land is already selling for \$5,000 a lot, Mr. Ladue brought with him enough gold dust to keep him in comfort for some time to come. Mr. Ladue stated to-day that there was no doubt of the richness of the gold diggings in the Klondyke region. He thinks there is enough gold in the ground to keep all the miners who can work busy for the next twenty years. Mr. Ladue, however, issues timely warning to the thousands who are preparing to rush to the gold fields this year. He says :

"There are at present about 3,500 people in the country and that number is about all that can be accommodated this winter. Provisions are high, as it costs ten to fifteen cents a pound to land goods at Daw-son City, and it is impossible to get more provisions in this year than will supply the present population. If miners rush up there this summer, unless they take with them their own supplies, they will suffer up to take supplies sufficient to last at least eighteen months. The fare to Dawson City from San Francisco is \$150 and it will cost at least \$500 to transport supplies for one man. The steamer Excelsior will leave here for Alaska on June 28th, and already all her passenger accommodations are engaged. This will be her last trip this year. The Excelsior goes to St. Michael's, at the mouth of the Yukon, and passengers and freight are transferred to a river steamer and carried 2,000 miles to Dawson City. Overland the route is about 600 miles to Juneau, and the majority of the miners now rushing to the new Eldorado mences about the middle of September and lasts until May. The passengers on the Excelsior will reach Dawson City about September 1 and will have to do their prospecting in the snow."

Mr. Ladue advises people to wait until proved then. SEATTLE, Wash., July 19 .- The amount

of treasure brought down from the famed Klondyke by the steamer Portland is now placed at \$1,500,000, and there is good reason to believe that the sum was nearer \$2,000,000. Each man was required to place his gold chest in the ship's safe, but many of the miners secreted their dust in blankets and luggage which was taken either to their state rooms or thrown carelessly about the ship. Clarence J. Berry, one of the Klondyke kings, brought down which the Portland had any record.

When pressed for an estimate of the total of the Portland's gold cargo, Captain Kidson said it was no doubt nearer \$2,-

Exhibition of Klondyke Wealth.

Biggest Show of Nuggets That San Francisco Has Had Since the '49 Days .- Made by Clarence Berry. -He took Out \$130,000 in Three Months. He Owns an Interest in Over a Dozen Claims.-He Has a Nugget the Size of a Medium Sized Potato, Which is Valued at \$250.-His Gold Runs \$17 to the Ounce.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.-The most remarkable exhibit of the wealth of the Klondyke placers was made yesterday, when Clarence Berry, of Fresno, showed in his room at the Grand hotel the proceeds of some of the richest pans on his claim, from which he took out \$130,000 in three months. He had been only three years in the country. Last year he came back with a modest stake and married Miss Ethel Bush, who returned with him to the far north They settled at Forty Mile.

When, in October, 1896, word came of McCormack's great discovery on the Klondyke, everybody doubted it, but Mr. Mc Cormack sent a letter to Berry telling him to come, as all was true. Berry went up the river on a raft, and soon after his wife followed him cn a steamer. Berry had \$3,-000 worth of provisions, and he secured for this grub an interest in over a dozen claims

Yesterday he had a reception at his hotel, and made the largest exhibit of nuggets seen here since the days of '49. his table was the boss nugget found during the season on the Klondyke. It is about the shape and size of a medium sized potato, and its value is \$250. This was found by Mrs. Berry, who picked it out of the dump. She also picked up several other nuggets ranging from \$50 to \$150.

Berry seems to have struck nugget claims in this rich canon, for he has scarcely any fine gold. He has scores of nuggets that are as large as a man's thumb. The greatsmall nuggets worth from \$5 to \$15. In bottles on his table he had arranged the contents of the best pans to pay dirt that came from his mine.

In one bottle, about four inches high, was \$560, the champion pan made during the season. In another was \$260, and in a third \$175. In all he had five bottles

containing these extraordinary pans, which the old miners who saw them say, is the has not been exaggerated. Berry's gold, like all that found on

Bonanza creek, is as bright as brass. Indeed, it bears a striking resemblance to ern museums. It runs \$17 to the ounce.

Just before noon the Alaska Commercial company gave notice that no more tickets would be sold for the steamer Excelsior, which is to sail for St. Michael on July 28th. The company has not sold more than half the berth room, but president Louis Sloss declared that the usual space given up to steerage would be filled with food, for it is publish the following from Monday's Duhis desire to rush into Dawson all the provisions that can be carried, for he fears a that was here. famine may occur before the ice breaks up

in May or June next. Last winter was the mildest Alaska has known in years, so that the chances are that this winter will be long and severe.

Unless the food supply is large people will die, as Mr. Sloss says, "like rats in a trap," for men unused to exposure cannot make an overland trip on snow shoes from Dawson to Juneau, such as mail carrier Carr makes twice each winter, and there is no other way of getting out of the country. The excitement here over the Klondyke is still great, but the majority of those who have the gold fever are coming to the conclusion that they must wait until next spring before going to the mines.

Sewed His Ear on Again

NEW YORK, July 19.-Early yesterday morning Charles Anderson, of Hamilton avenne, Brooklyn, had a quarrel with Patrolman Collins, and bit off the patrolman's ear, except the lower lobe. Collins. who had been loooking for his ear, arrived at the station house when Anderson was brought in. "If you want your ear," said Anderson, "you'll find it in the street near my home. I spit it out as I ran." A few minutes later the ear was found. surgeon Lamont washed the ear in hot water and sewed it in place. It is by no means certain that it will heal. It had been lying in the street for more than an hour, and was quite cold when found.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

THE OLD OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.-The directors of the Valentine iron company held their annual meeting in the company's office, in this place, on Tuesday afternoon. All of the old officers were reelected for the ensuing year.

NEW OFFICERS OF BELLEFONTE CASTLE K. G. E.—The following are the officers of Bellefonte castle, No. 357, of Bellefonte, Pa., for the ensuing six months' term, beginning July 1st, 1897:

Past chief, Boyd A. Musser; noble chief, W. P. Kuhn; vice chief, I. M. Bush ; high priest, Jas. I. McClure ; venerable hermit, M. R. Johnson ; master of records, E. E. Ardery ; clerk of exchequer, A. Lukenbach ; keeper of exchequer, L. H. Wian; sir herald, Jos. Garbrick ; worthy bard, A. Lukenbach ; worthy chamer part of his treasure is in the form of berlain, Harry Gehret : ensign, Benton Tate ; esquire, Robert Woodring ; first guardsman, Geo. Taylor ; second guardsman, A. V. Hamilton; trustee, N. B. Spangler; representative to the grand castle, John Yearick.

A MONUMENTAL FAKE.- A few days ago a fat, well dressed blind (?) man apbest proof that the richness of the placers peared on the streets of Bellefonte, being led by a little boy. They went up one street and down another together with a card and a poem entitled, "Help the the imitation nuggets that are seen in east- Blind." There is no estimating the amount they picked up from the kindhearted people of Bellefonte, but just to show the gullibility of such people, who should save their chlarity for deserving ones at home, instead of encouraging this over-done itinerant / beggar business, we Bois Express. It relates to the same pair

On Saturday afternoon a supposed blind man, accompanied by another fellow whose eyesight was/some better arrived in town and spent a portion of the time in begging alms. On W. Long avenue they were accosted by a one armed fakir and in the conversation which followed the one armed man drew a map from the inner recesses of his ragged coat and pointed out to the other fellows the best route to travel and where they might expect the most lucrative pickings. The blind man gazed on the map, traced out the various routes with his fin gers; certainly a trying and wonderful performance for a man so painfully afflicted

MORE WARM WEATHER, SAYS FOSTER. -My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storn' wave to cross the continent from 24th to 28th, and the next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about 28th, cross the west of the Rockies country by close of 29th, great central valleys 30th to August 1st, and eastern States Aug. 2nd. A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 28th, great central valleys 30th and eastern States Aug. 1st. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about July 31st, great central valleys Aug. 2nd, and eastern States Aug. 4th. Temperature of the week ending July 24th will average below normal, if we include Canada and the United States. Locally, temperature will range much below east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio, including eastern Canada. The southern States and the Rocky mountain country will average above. Rainfall of the week will be about normal in the northern States, except New England, and about normal in the southeastern States. In New England and the southern States, west of the Mississippi, rainfall will be below normal. The period of very cool weather in eastern Canada and the States east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio-particulars of which were published in June-is expected to begin its work not far from July 17th. More rainfall is expected for the last half of July in the east gulf than in the west gulf cotton States.

street money dealers. Mr. Bryan on the Trusts. The incalculable injury inflicted upon the country by the trusts, and the mani-

lar in Wall street will maintain the nation-

al credit and preserve the country from

the designs of anarchists and repudiators.

The size of this convention was necessarily

small, as it was in proportion to the vote

ounding name of Jeffersonian Democrats,

A movement that is so deficent in fol-

followers that still adhere to them will

break away as they become more fully

fold evils that attend their monopoly in address he delivered to a San Francisco andience last week.

It scarcely needed the burning words of the great orator to call the attention of his hearers to this great evil from which the at work to come out, dispersed this after-American people are so grievously suffering, for their daily experience makes them conscious of the fact that they are being at these pits ordered a suspension until the compilation based on a tax levy of only 10 conscious of the fact that they are being at these pits ordered a suspension until the next spring before going up, as the facili-mills, 1 mill less than they contemplated lay-robbed by these trade conspiracies in every excitement should die out. A committee ties for carrying them will be greatly imdepartment of production and supply ; but the magnitude of the injury and the enor-

mity of the wrong were given a more for- row. Everything is quiet to-night. The cible and striking portrayal by Mr. BRYAN strikers now say suspension in the Pan-then it probably could have received from handle district is absolute, but the operathan it probably could have received from any other source. He gave a picture of the revolting man-

ner in which private enterprise is stricken day to prevent any possible conflict. down by these monopolies, and tradesmen are driven out of business and bankrupted by combinations that will allow no competition. How the trusts force competitors day at Monangah he also held a meeting

Total

Take off a large estimate for exonera-tions and commissions 10 per cent... 2 160 00 Total money that can be raised...... Amount needed.....

Money to be soundered. One mill additional which they at pres-c_t propose to levy.....

Additional total to be squandered \$10,740 00

There is a floating debt of about \$8,000,00 years and which there is no necessity of paying off at the present time, but which should be paid if this levy is to be made and a balof \$2,740 shown. It is about time the taxpayers rise up in arms.

Again, take a look at the auditors' statement of the borough of Bellefonte and you will find in the poor department the same conditions and very good excuse for lowerthe unpaid taxes due from collectors, the munificent sum of \$12,000, a pretty good living for the poor at the expense of the taxpayers and that is at 5 mills levy, 6 mills it was last year. In justice to the present overseers of the poor they have some outstanding debts to pay of over four thousand dollars so that it leaves still \$8000.00 to buy luxuries of life for our lucky neighbors who are under the hands of the poor overseers.

when everybody is trying to retrench and their levy of 7 mills bringing in a fund of nearly \$10,000, with the state fund of nearly \$6,000,00 this year, and I believe over \$5000.00 plutocracy. of unpaid taxes from the collector makes a nice sum for the financiers of the school board to play with.

In justice to some chairman Brachbill, of the Street committee, needs commendation shape and yet save money."

A Vanishing Party.

The gold Democrats, who last year allowed themselves to be scared by the bugaboo of the 50 cent dollar, and were alarmed by the imaginary anarchists and repudiators to such an extent that they formed themselves into a small and select party for the alleged defense of the national credit and the salvation of the country, have not yet entirely recovered from their fright.

We judge so from the fact that they are holding conventions in some of the States the city of Philadeiphia. with the ostensible object of entering into political campaigns this year.

One of these conventions was held in Iowa, some two weeks ago, which was atthe reading of one of Mr. CLEVELAND'S year.

100 00 truly and forcibly pictured than it is by \$21,600 00 the following words of Mr. BRYAN : "In the olden days if a man starting in

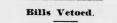
business had sufficient capital, had sufficient industry and had sufficient integrity, 9,400 00 you might expect him to make a success of 28,840 00 business. Not necessarily so to-day. A 19,550 00 man may have sufficient capital ; a man 9,290 00 may be industrious ; he may be honest ; he

1.450 00 may have business experience; yet in a moment he may find his capital dissipated, he may find himself a bankrupt. Why? Because the trust will come to him and which has been that amount and on which hold out before him two propositionsinterest has been paid, and is calculated to be either ask him to become a member of the paid in this calculation, for the last eight trust, a conspirator against his fellows, or threaten him with bankruptcy on the other hand. If he prefers his independence, he is given death. If he escapes death, it means simple servitude to the trust to which he attaches himself."

mines are not working to-day, but the It is by this tyrannical system that the men have not struck vet. only six mines class of small traders are either driven out are in operation and it is thought that a of business, or forced to become the deconsolidated opposition is broken. The strike leaders do not believe that a man pendents and servants of the monopoly will be at work on Thursday. ing the millage, though it is believed at pres- that rules their line of trade. The evil ent that the millage will be lowered one does not consist merely in taking from a General Bradley, who is leading the march-ing miners, and William Patterson, a local mill though that will still draw together, with large class of traders the right to do busilabor leader. They charged each other ness, but it exposes the public to the exwith treachery. The Belleville men are tortion of greedy combinations that govern split in two factions, one of which is led by production and supply. Patterson, who is a friend of President Car-

> That these combinations have monopoto be some prospect of a conflict at a meetlized the country's natural resources and secured control of its transportation sysed, delegations having come in during last night and to-day from Troy, Alma, O'Fal-lon, Bennet and Menton to join those altem is not the worst feature of this evil. Their influence has changed the character ready here. of our government. Formerly the action

Much extravagance is shown in the school of our legislative bodies received its indepartment, much more than is necessary spiration from the will of the people, but to-day Congress legislates for the benefit of the trusts, at the dictation of a grasping



HARRISBURG, July 20 .- The Orme bill was to-day vetoed by Governor Hastings. The measure imposed a 10 per cent, tax on for the able way he is handling the streets the face value of all orders, checks, divithis year and in recognizing the shortage of dends, coupons, passbooks or other paper the tax payers at the present time and he is representing the earnings of any employe doing his best to keep the streets in proper not paid in cash to the employe or member of his family, and provided a penalty for ONE OF THEM. failure to report annually to the auditor general.

These bills were also disapproved : Providing for the commitment and treatment of persons in asylums addicted to the use of cocaine, morphine or other stu-

pefying drugs. Directing the publication of the list of this state, as a whole, is regarded as lost. applicants for liquor license in first class unless local issues can be made to figure cities to be made in three newspapers, and sufficiently to interest where sympathy is authorizing the clerk of quarter session to lacking. designate the same, one of which shall be a German newspaper. Providing the means for the enforcement by cities of their ordinances. Caused by News of a March of Strikers to Ca-

Repealing the act of April 8th. 1860, for the registration of marriages and deaths in

Death of Jean Ingelow. LONDON, July 20 .- Miss Jean Ingelow,

some 500 or 600 strikers were preparing to march on Canonsburg and McGovern again. The news created great excitement here and at the mines up the valley. The depu-ties on guard were reinforced and all prep-Iowa, some two weeks ago, which was at-tended with no feature more exciting than the distinguished poet and novelist, died in London last night. She was in her 77th arations made to protect the miners at work here. The body of strikers have not

Great Excitement.

CANONSBURG, July 21.-A message was

received here late last night from Cecil that

nonsburg and McGovern.

branch of the United mine workers of America with 200 members and they will 000,000 than the amounts accounted for on hereafter hold meetings at 10 o'clock every the ship's records. morning.

They

taxes.

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Bills Disapproved.

HARRISBURG, July 19.-These bills were disapproved to-day by Governor nia Bituminous Coal Districts-Poor Prospects Hastings: For the protection of persons alleged to be lunatics, and provided for a speedy hearing and for a trial in all such cases and for the discharge of such persons in certain cases

For the relief and employment of the

To allow councils of boroughs containing not more than 10,000 inhabitants to combine certain compatible offices. Granting to the city of Erie by the Com monwealth right in and to a certain tract of ted coal company. A few of the other land lying to the northward and enclosing the bay of Presque Isle for public park and pleasure resort purposes and providing for the assent of the government of the United States.

Relating to official newspaper and advertising of cities of the second class.

Making county, city, borough and school taxes a lien on real estate and to provide that such lien shall be divested by iudicial sale of real estate, where the amount of the purchase money shall be sufficent to pay the cost of such sale and the said taxes, and imposing duties upon the collectors, county commissioners, sheriff and other persons in the collection of said

Grace Church Bill.

The Governor Makes a Defense of the Item of \$56,590.36 for Furnishing.

HARRISBURG, July 20.-Governor Hastings said to-day in defense of the item of \$56,590.36 in the general appropriation bill for fitting up Grace church for the use of the Legislature that every contractor under the regular schedule of competitive bidding was called upon to perform his part of the work at the competitive price under which he received the contract for doing the ordinary work of the state. All the bills were examined, compared and audited by the superintendents of the work, the house buildings and grounds committee and the board of public buildings and grounds before the act was drawn for the

The appropriation has not yet been approved and, if any citizen knows of any item, he will perform a public service, the Governor says, by giving him prompt notice of it. "There is yet ten days before I am required to pass upon it," he little encouragement, and there is no betadds. "Let the newspapers or the inditer outlook for the strike. The strike in viduals who are finding fault with it come forward and show a dishonest dollar in it, and I will smite it like other steals."

Agreed to Reduction of \$5,000.

HARRISBURG, July 20.-Governor Hastings had a conference to-day with the principals of the thirteen state normal schools, at which the latter agreed to accept \$35,000 for maintenance and pay of teachers. The Legislature appropriated \$40,000 to each of these institutions, but the governor warned the principals that unless they consented to a reduction of \$5,000 and waited until next May for the money he would disapprove of the bill.

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Fine and Costs.

Dr. Swallow Sentenced by Judge Simonton Monday Morning.

HARRISBURG, July 19 .- When the big court house bell tolled ten minutes before 10 this morning there was a rush for the temple of justice. It was generally known that Rev. Dr. Swallow would be sentenced for libelling captain John C. Delaney, the superintendent of public buildings and grounds, and there was a widespread curiosity as to the extent of his punishment. The editor-preacher was present with his wife and several other ladies and there were also a few of his clerical friends on hand. Presently his counsel, Messrs. James A. Strahahan and E. W. Jackson appeared and promptly at 10 o'clock judge Simonton took his place on the bench. District attorney Detweiler then moved that the judgment of the court be pronounced, and judge Simonton requested Dr. Swallow to come forward.

"The sentence of the court is that you pay a fine of \$500 and costs of prosecution and remain in the custody of the sheriff until this sentence is complied with." That is all that was said. There was no waste of words and no dramatic incidents. It was a disappointed crowd. Many supposed there would be something more that they could talk about. but that was all. Some admirer of Dr. Swallow handed him a bouquet when he resumed his seat and he passed it to Mrs. Swallow.

Then the district attorney referred to the costs in the case in which Dr. Swallow had been found not guilty of libel against the soldiers' orphans' schools commission, but in which the jury imposed the costs upon him. Judge Simonton made an order that the costs be paid.

Counsel for Dr. Swallow wanted the court to fix bail pending an appeal to the superior court, but judge Simonton said that was the duty of the higher court. It is probable that counsel will go before the superior court to-morrow at Philadelphia and that a supersedeas will be granted until the case can be heard.

An understanding was reached regarding the witness fees in the two cases, there having been some confusion in this respect.

A Stay Granted.

PHILADELPHIA, July 20 .- The case of Dr. S. C. Swallow, of Harrisburg, editor of the Pennsylvania Methodist, who was vesterday fined \$500 and costs for libeling Captain J. C. Delaney, superintendent of public buildings, came up before the superior court here to-day, upon a motion for supersedeas and stay of proceedings in the Dauphin county court. When the case came up to-day, counsel for Dr. Swallow said to the court that the supersedeas would be almost necessary to secure justice for Dr. Swallow, as, if the proceedings were not stayed, Dr. Swallow would be forced to pay the fine, and, if the court should reverse the decision of the lower court, he would have no way, under existing acts of assembly, to get restitution. It was also alleged that the charge against Dr. Swallow was not an indictable offense. Judge Rice asked counsel to present to

the court in writing the points raised in the application for the supersedeas. This was done and later in the day it was presented to the court, and the motion was granted.

Centre Hall.

Monday evening a pretty little dance was given at Centre Hall's popular hotel.

J. L. Van Pelt is in Ithaca visiting. He thinks of taking a course at Cornell University.

The Mingle, Miller and Crawford fishing party, on Tuesday, brought home three turtles besides a lot of fish.

Miss Orpha Gramley, daughter of County superintendent C. L. Gramley, of Rebersburg, is visiting Mrs. Edward Nearhood.

Miss Emilie Swartz, of Bethlehem, returned home Saturday after an extended visit to Miss Grace Smith. Fred Kurtz, Jr., accompanied her.

Fred B. Orlady, son of superior court judge Orlady, of Huntingdon, circulated among his many friends in this place. Mr. Orlady will be a student at the Hill school, Pottstown, this fall.

H. H. Yearick, of Philadelphia, accompanied by his family, are the guests of his brother-in-law W. B. Mingle, Esq. Mr. Yearick is the senior partner of the firm of coal dealers, located at Tenth and Montgomery avenue

Rev. J. M. Rearick will be absent over Sunday, having gone to West Milton, where he will assist in the installation of his brother. who will then be pastor of that charge.

Will Floray sold his house and lot to Mrs. Rishel, widow of John Rishel, deceased

eral conference was held to devise new appropriation. The Kanawha valley miners' committees are to-day presenting their demand for an advance of 13 cents a ton to last through-

out the year. This may cause a strike where sympathy was impotent. On the Norfolk and Western the organizers find