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Going to Supreme Court With It.

The now notorious case of the Patton township school board vs State Treasurer James E. Barnett to compel payment of the state appropriation to public schools on the basis of the \$11,000,000 appropriated for two years by the last Legislature, instead of that of \$10,000,000 to which amount it was out by Governor Stone, is going a step further. It is to be carried to the Supreme court.

The entire proceeding has so much of the appearance of a job that it has excited attention in all parts of the State.

By way of a little history of the various phases of the case leading up to its present status it might be said that the Legislature of 1899 appropriated \$11,000,000 to the public schools; \$5,500,000 for each of the two years that would have to elapse before another body would convene. At that time the state revenues had been recklessly squandered by the Quay gang at Harrisburg, the plum tree had lost nearly all of its fruit, and as a play at economy Governor Stone cut the appropriation down \$1,000,000 before he would approve it. The question of constitutionality was at once raised, but was not tested until a number of suits were brought in the Dauphin county courts by various school boards in Montgomery county. They were all brought against the State Treasurer to recover their pro-rata share of the appropriation on the original basis of \$11,000,000. In every instance Mr. Barnett settled by paying the full amount of the claim, as well as the costs. Suits were becoming so numerous, however, that something else had to be done. The Dauphin county courts were showing no evidence that they would sustain the Governor's veto and a test case was fixed up for the State Treasurer and carried up here to Centre county, where the ring felt reasonably certain there was a judge who could be of real service. Accordingly, on January 22nd, a writ of peremptory mandamus was filed here and made returnable on January 24th. At that time Attorney General Elkin appeared for the Commonwealth and W. E. Gray represented Patton township. The arguments lasted about two hours. Just one week later, surprising as it may seem, Judge Love handed down a decree of five thousand words in length, in which he ruled that Patton township was not entitled to recover the \$95 claimed as its share of the cut and dismissed the petition at the cost of the plaintiff.

The decree had scarcely been received in the prothonotary's office until Mr. Gray appeared there, asked for it and carried it to his own office, before it had been entered of record. There he claims to have looked it up and was about to leave town when the irregular proceeding was called to his attention and he reconsidered going. At that time Mr. Gray gave as his excuse that he wanted to prepare papers for an appeal, notwithstanding the fact that ten days after word of the directors of Patton township—and a man who should have known more than all others—said that he did not know whether the case would be carried up to the Supreme court or not.

The following morning the entire decree, together with a two column picture of Judge Love, appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer, the only Pennsylvania newspaper that had any use for the decree or anything kind to say of its maker.

These are the facts in the case. They are enough to convince most anyone that it is a job, pure and simple. An outrageous attempt to degrade our courts and white-

wash Governor Stone. If the Supreme court sustains Judge Love it will be perfected.

Another phase of the case that is really more interesting to the people of Patton township is the matter of paying the costs. It might be well for them to keep an eye on the proceedings and see just what extra burden of taxation this job is going to place on them. It may be that the costs are all guaranteed from headquarters at Harrisburg and in such an event the whole scheme should come to light and the people of Patton township resent such an attempt to make of them the cats paw with which Governor Stone's chestnuts are to be pulled out of the fire.

—It costs us \$2,928 a year for every soldier we have in our army. A German soldier costs his government \$227 and a French soldier involves a public outlay of \$235 per annum. It is quite evident from this comparison that Uncle Sam's boys in blue are in no danger of being called "cheap guys."

—On Monday Representative John Thompson introduced a bill in the House appropriating \$225,000 to The Pennsylvania State College.

Democrats to Force Reform.

New Election Law Will Likely Be Underway in the Senate by This Time Next Week—Republicans to Be Shamed into an Effort to Fulfill the Pledges They Have Made to the People.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12.—A vigorous protest against the congressional apportionment bill and against the Quay attempt to shove the ballot reform legislation out from a caucus of the Democratic Senators to-day. They agreed to keep their voices at a high pitch, until they secured recognition. As a result of their first move, there was a meeting of the administration people in Attorney General Elkin's office this afternoon at which the question of ballot reform was taken up. That is the first step. It is not improbable that this reform will be under way by the time the Senate convenes next week.

Some of the Senators presented to the caucus the petitions signed by their constituents and public protests endorsed at town meetings throughout their counties. There was an absolute unanimity that action shall be forced at once and that the independent Republicans was that the independent Republicans should raise their voices along with the Democrats and shame the Quays into immediate action.

There were five absentees from the caucus. Senator Kemmerer is ill at home. The others not present were Senator Boyd, Siles, Higgins and Haines. Two of them came along just as the caucus adjourned. They did not know the hour it had been set for, and all of them concur most heartily in the sentiment expressed by their fellows. It was demonstrated that every Democrat in the Senate will use his every endeavor to bring ballot reform legislation along on the calendars.

CHAIRMAN RILLING GAVE ADVICE.

State Chairman John S. Rilling was present by request. He was asked to participate in the proceedings and to aid in fixing upon a line of action that would bring results. He made a speech along the lines of his interview published in "The Post" this morning in which he stated as his opinion that if the Democrats were to act in concert, were to give the Republican factions to understand right away that something must be done to redden the reform pledges then shout long and loud, then protest would be heeded. Mr. Rilling suggested that the minority Senators give their fellows on the opposite side to understand when they are out soliciting votes for bills of their own that the Democrats would expect support for the measures which had been promised to the people. It was his idea to impress every party leader, official and legislative measure, and that they were backed by the people of the whole Commonwealth, who were demanding an abolition of the abuses that have resulted in almost making the elections of Pennsylvania a farce.

Senator Wentz told of the sentiment that existed in his district and of the immense bundles of mail he is receiving from home demanding action on the ballot reform measures. All through the country in which he lives the people have held mass meetings and worded their demands in signed protests against any delay of ballot reform. The people of the eastern counties adjoining Philadelphia realize that under the present system the election officers in Philadelphia can defeat the intent of the voters of several counties by merely making out slips, and that one band of repeaters traveling through the city can discount the wishes of all the honest voters of any good sized borough or town in the counties of Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Delaware or Lancaster.

MERELY TOUCHED ON THE RIPPER.

Speeches were also made by Senators Cochran, Miller, Lee, Heinle, Neely and others on the ballot reform question. At one time the Pittsburg ripper bill threatened to occupy some attention. It was spoken of in connection with the legislation that might be held back until the people of the whole State had been given some recognition by the Assembly, but the discussion ended at that and there was no argument about the ripper at all.

Every one agreed that the Grady apportionment bill was a hideous thing, the principal object of which seemed to wipe out Democratic representation from the Keystone State. Chairman Rilling left for home to-night, more than satisfied with what had been accomplished.

"I never saw a set of men more determined on any subject in my life," said Mr. Rilling. "They have made up their minds to exact common honesty from the Republican factions. They want the pledges that have been given them redeemed, and will not be satisfied until they have been. It is everywhere recognized that the greatest evil existing in Pennsylvania is her system of elections. The Assembly is the legislative power clothed with the authority to correct the evil. If it is true, as admitted by leaders of every faction, that this is the greatest evil, then the duty of the Assembly should be to correct that wrong first. When a physician goes into a sick ward at a hospital he first turns his attention to the patient in the most dangerous condition. So it is in every line of business. The greatest evils should be given first consideration. Instead of that the voters of Pennsylvania fear the Assembly intends to subordinate ballot reform to corporation and favorite legislation, then adjourn without having passed upon the question that every one has a right to expect shall be settled."

Kansas Joins Seem Doomed.

State Temperance Union Urging Radical Action Against Them. House Bill Providing for Dispensaries. Mrs. Nation Arrives in Chicago, but Creates no Excitement. Few People Hear Her Speech.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—Secretary Stephens, of the Kansas State Temperance Union, has issued a manifesto urging an immediate, energetic and persistent action in every part of the State following the example of the citizens, of Topeka, Holton and other cities. "Let action be in the most orderly and determined manner, without riot, bloodshed or destruction of property. Nullification has defiantly trampled the laws of the State under foot until patience has ceased to be a virtue. Every joint and questionable resort can be banished from Kansas."

A dispensary bill was introduced in the House to-day. It provides for the establishments of dispensaries in numerous precincts throughout the State.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Feb. 12.—The W. C. T. U. of Kansas drafted a manifesto here to-day to be sent to W. C. T. U. unions all over the State, urging a general uprising against the saloon.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Nation arrived in Chicago at 8:40 o'clock to-night, coming over the Rock Island road, and within 15 minutes after reaching the city she was facing a somewhat diminutive audience under the auspices of the local members of the W. C. T. U. unions in Willard hall. On her trip toward Chicago she delivered a number of short addresses from the rear end of the car, speaking at nearly every station where a stop was made. Her coming was marked by no special incident contrary to the expectation of the women who had invited her to visit Chicago. Only a very small crowd was at the depot, and it was for the most part composed of members of the reception committee. The arrival of Mrs. Nation produced no excitement, whatever, and provoked but little curiosity among the police department.

Before entering the hall, Mrs. Nation declared it was her intention to get the saloonkeepers of Chicago together and talk to them. She was determined to do this she said, if she was compelled to remain in Chicago a week in order to accomplish her purpose.

The Regulars Will Participate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Lieutenant General Miles has completed arrangements for the participation of United States troops in the inaugural parade and the necessary orders were issued to-day. All the available regulars in this vicinity, numbering about 12,000, will be in line. It is also proposed to have one battalion of Porto Rican native troops take part in the parade, provided it can be done without great expense. The cadets at West Point and Annapolis also will be here on that occasion.

An Interesting Comparison.

British Versus American Subsidies.

In the report of the commissioner of navigation for the year 1900 we find that the steamships of the Cunard and White Star lines received from the British government for the 12 months ending March 31, 1900, as mail subsidy \$552,290 and as admiralty subventions the sum of \$223,896—in all, \$776,186. There were 13 of these ships. Four of them are 20 knot vessels, and three others maintain a speed of above 21 knots. Their total tonnage is 1,200,556, and they made 100 trips from New York to Liverpool.

On page 198 of this report we find an estimate of the subsidy that would have been received by the four American vessels of the International Navigation company for trips actually made during the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 1899, had the proposed Hanna-Payne bill been in operation. The total subsidy of these four ships under the senate bill is there estimated to be \$1,117,667. The total tonnage is 44,600. None of them is over a 21 knot vessel, and they made but 45 trips from New York to Southampton.

Comparing subsidy with subsidy, we find that the proposition of the Hanna-Payne bill is for us to pay to four ships of the International Navigation company over 50 per cent more subsidy than is paid by the British government for both mail pay and admiralty subventions to 13 ships with three times the gross tonnage and making more than twice as many trips.

That is to say, the senate bill provides for the payment of subsidy at the rate of three times the amount per gross ton paid by England for both mail pay and admiralty subsidies.

Nor is that the worst of it. For these four ships of the American line are so much slower than the four fastest ships of the Cunard and White Star lines that in order to get our mails carried in anything like proper time we were obliged, in spite of our already too liberal mail subsidy to the American line, to have a large part of our mail carried by the ships of these two British lines—which was done at a cost of \$233,541.75.

To get an idea of the way the proposed subsidy to the American line compares with the cost of sending the mails by other lines one has only to glance at the following statement compiled from the report of the superintendent of foreign mails for the fiscal year 1900:

Table comparing British and American line subsidies and costs. Columns include: British line, American line, Number of ships, Tonnage, Number of trips made, Aggregate tonnage, Subsidy (mail and other), Subsidy per ton.

Letters carried, grams..... 12,611,000 15,255,529
Printed matter carried, grams..... 722,728,773 907,466,537
Total, grams..... 825,339,773 1,058,732,066
Compensation..... \$647,278 \$833,541
Proposed subsidy..... \$1,117,667

Yet the average time made by the four ships of the American line between New York and London was 183 1-3 hours, while that made by the four best ships of the two British lines was 174 1-2 hours.

In other words, we are already paying the American line nearly three times as much for carrying a part of our mails as we are paying the British ships for carrying a much larger portion and in quicker time. And in the face of this it is proposed to double the subsidy of the American line.

Ex-King Milan Dead.

VIENNA, Feb. 11.—William IV, former king of Servia, died to-day of lung trouble. William was born in 1854. When a prince he was known by the name of Obrenovich. He was educated in Paris, where he remained until he was elected prince of Servia to succeed his grand uncle, Michael III, who was assassinated in 1888. He assumed the government in 1872. During the war of 1876 he was proclaimed king of Servia by General Tohrnuff's army, according to the desire of the people to establish the independence of Servia, but fear of the great European powers forced him to disavow this act. He married the daughter of a Russian officer in 1875, by whom he had one son, Alexander, who was born in 1876.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded during the past week by the recorder N. E. Robb:

- James Clark et ux to Frank L. Clark et al. Jan. 26th, 1901, 344 acres in Rush Twp. Consideration \$1.00.
- Sarah D. Tompkins to W. E. Morris, Nov. 22nd, 1900, 111 acres 42 perches in Walker Twp. Consideration \$1.00.
- George W. Hoover et ux et al. to Frank Weber et al. Jan. 8th, 1901, 3 lots in Rush Twp. and Phillipsburg. Consideration \$2,400.00.
- Henry Southard et ux to Mary Helen Miller, Jan. 4th, 1901, 17 acres 90 perches in Rush Twp. Consideration \$1.00.
- L. L. Miller et ux to Henry Southard, Jan. 4th, 1901, 17 acres 90 perches in Rush Twp. Consideration \$1,000.00.
- Thomas G. McCausland et al. to W. C. Heine, Feb. 6th, 1901, 433 acres 153 perches in Rush Twp. Consideration \$100.00.
- Elizabeth S. Tomlinson to Thomas C. Sloan, Dec. 24th, 1900, 391 acres in Potter Twp. Consideration \$100.00.

County Commissioners to Thomas G. McCausland et al., July 5th, 1900, 433 acres 153 perches in Rush Twp. Consideration \$26.00.

John Q. Miles, treasurer to County Commissioners, June 30th, 1896, 433 acres 153 perches in Rush Twp. Consideration \$38.11.

Samuel Highland et al. to Elizabeth E. Clark, April 16th, 1895, 5 acres in Marion Twp. Consideration \$160.00.

John Q. Miles, treasurer, to John G. Love, Nov. 21, 1894, 60 acres in Union Twp. Consideration \$15.72.

John Mann's heirs to Jacob Mann et al., Dec. 30th, 1899, 70 acres in Curtin Twp. Consideration \$1.00.

J. Irwin Wagner et ux to Hannah Wagner, Feb. 1st, 1901, 20 acres in Liberty Twp. Consideration \$1,000.00.

H. C. Quigley Eq., et ux to Hannah Wagner, Feb. 7th, 1901, 20 acres in Liberty Twp. Consideration \$150.00.

Moshannon Building and Loan Association to C. T. Fryberger, Oct. 16th, 1899, 6 lots in Rush and Phillipsburg. Consideration \$1,000.00.

Jacob H. Gephart et ux to C. H. Stitzer, April 2nd, 1900, 3 tracts of land in Miles Twp. Consideration \$1,600.00.

County Commissioners to Wm. Johnstonbaugh, June 23rd, 1900, 17 acres in Marion Twp. Consideration \$1.00.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—The Misses Bell, seamstresses at Pleasant Gap, have located in Bellefonte.

—The venerable Daniel Garman celebrated the 81st anniversary of his birth on Monday, but owing to his health not being in the best of condition the usual family reunion was not held.

—John Wilson, of Flemington, was put in jail at Lock Haven, on Wednesday afternoon, and an hour later escaped. He fled the locks on the doors and walked out and has not been recaptured.

—John Connor, of Howard, is on the pension list now. He will get \$12 a month. George Swisher, of Phillipsburg, has been granted \$12 and Hezekiah Dixon, of the same place, has been given \$8.

—A jolly sledding party drove to Zion Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. Christ Decker's. There they were given a gracious welcome, as well as a splendid time and a first class supper. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nagney, Sidney Krutner and wife, Dr. and Mrs. George B. Klump, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. R. Harter, Col. and Mrs. Annes Mullen, Mrs. Will Lyon, Jennie Pontius and Bessie Musser.

—Next Friday, Feb. 22nd, Washington's birthday anniversary, will be a busy one in Bellefonte. Gregg post will serve their annual big turkey dinner and have an all-day restaurant running, the Coleville band will very probably be out to give a concert, there will be a sparrow shoot by the Sportsmen's League at the fair grounds and in the evening the Irving French company will hold forth at Garman's.

—The Beech Creek R. R. has entered into an agreement to pay \$60,000 a year to the P. & E. for the use of forty-six miles of track between McElhattan and Keating. It was the original intention of the Beech Creek people to build a line parallel to the P. & E. but when it was proposed to double track the latter line the Beech Creek offered to pay a trackage rent and not build.

A CARD.—May I presume to say a personal word to the good people of Bellefonte, through the medium and by the courtesy of the WATCHMAN.

It is, that the "Parochial Mission," shortly to be held, Feb. 20th to March 2nd, is not primarily intended to convert people to the Protestant Episcopal church, as such, but to win souls to a deeper appreciation of, and a freshened allegiance to Christ's kingdom of righteousness on earth.

The attendance, therefore, of earnest members of other churches, will be regarded as a mark of spiritual fellowship and Christian sympathy.

Signed GEORGE ISRAEL BROWN, Rector of St. John's Church.

—Mrs. Mary Martin is reported as being seriously ill at her home at Snyderstown.

—Mrs. Jimmab Bush, the oldest resident of Unionville, is seriously ill and it is feared she cannot recover.

—The friends of the Pennsylvania State College introduced the library bill in the Senate again on Wednesday. The bill is to have the State appropriate \$10,000 a year for the maintenance of a \$100,000 library which Andrew Carnegie will then build at the College. The same bill was defeated two years ago.

—Eddie Miller jumped onto a passing sled at the Romola school house to ride to the post-office. The sled was moving at high speed when he jumped off and the result was that he fell; a horse that was tied behind the sled stepping on his head. One of the corks in its shoes cut an ugly gash near his temple, while his ear was also slightly lacerated. The lad's escape from death was miraculous.

—At the election next Tuesday the citizens of Millheim will vote on the proposition to bond their borough to the amount of \$10,000 with which to install a public water works. Millheim is the third largest town in the county, and a very wealthy one for its size, and it appears that such an outlay would be one that would repay them ten-fold. Coburn, Mifflinburg and Howard are all towns that have lately gotten water works of their own and in each instance they have already proven great blessings.

—While hunting for foxes in the Barrens back of State College, one day last week, James Holmes, of the latter place, was attracted to a brush heap, where his dogs were making a great fuss. He got down to look among the brush and was startled to receive a swipe from the paw of an animal that turned out to be a full sized wild cat. In the position he occupied Mr. Holmes had no alternative but to fight and he grabbed the cat by the throat, holding it in his vice-like grip until it was choked to death. It is probable that the dogs had hurt it some before he entered the combats.

—The basket ball game that was to have been played at State College on Saturday night, between the University of Pennsylvania team and State was postponed, owing to the failure of the visitors to reach the College. They arrived in Bellefonte via the Central early in the evening and started to drive to the College, but when they had reached the top of Rishel's hill it was blowing and drifting so much that liverman Beezer turned his teams about and came home. It was discovered later, however, that the road by Pleasant Gap was open and that they could very easily have gotten through that way. The game was played Monday night when State won by the score of 33 to 2.

—The Lincoln memorial celebration in Gregg post rooms, in the Harris block, on Tuesday night, was quite largely attended and very entertaining in character. The program was arranged by comrades James Harris, Gen. John I. Curtin, Hon. A. O. Furst and Col. D. F. Fortney and was carried into final execution by James Harris as chairman. Miss Belle Weaver was accompanist for the male quartet composed of Walter Whippo, J. P. Smith, C. C. Shuey and L. A. Schaeffer, that led the singing. Addresses on the various sides of Lincoln's life were made by Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, James Harris, Rev. Thomas Levan Bickel, Rev. Womeldorf, Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, Clement Dale Esq. and Col. D. F. Fortney.

—Mifflinburg's new water plant proved a blessing early Wednesday morning when fire was discovered in the home of Charles Adams, on Mill street. With the good force of water that was ready for use and the equipment of the local hook and ladder company the flames were soon under control and kept from spreading to adjoining buildings. Mr. Adams had driven a sled load of young people out to Pleasant Gap Tuesday evening and had just returned home when, in the act of putting his horses away, he discovered the fire. An alarm was given and the Citizen's company was on the scene promptly. The damage to the Adams house and furniture is estimated at \$700. The fire is supposed to have caught from a defective fuse.

IGNORANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The production of Quo Vadis by the Aiden Benedict Co. at Garman's Tuesday night was very creditable indeed. The characters were all well taken and the play as a whole had a very excellent tone. However it is a pity that the ignorance of some patrons of the house should mar nearly every part of the legitimate order that is produced there. On Tuesday night these ignoramus took Ohio, no doubt, to be the song and dance artist in the cast and tittered and laughed at his every turn, notwithstanding the fact that he by no means made a travesty of his part, for he acted it well. Those who could see anything to laugh at in his glady bearing a cross, as his punishment for having become a Christian, were certainly lacking in good sense or blasphemers, and discreditable as that may be we trust it was the former rather than the latter.

To those who don't know the difference between an "Air Ship" and "Quo Vadis" we would give this advice:

When you don't know what to do keep your mouth shut and your hands still and you won't be in so much danger of proclaiming to everyone in the house that you are both an ignoramus and a fool.

The people of Bellefonte would be doing a work of kindness if they would remember that James E. Sol is well equipped and capable of repairing shoes. He is a cripple and deserving of your patronage, especially since he is so ambitious to support himself and family by his own work. When you have a bit of repairing to do bear in mind that Jim asks for a share of your work. He is unable to do anything else and that he is willing to do what he is capable of doing is most laudable.

—The bible readings in the Y. M. C. A. rooms now being conducted by evangelist John M. Warden, of Harrisburg, have been blessed by the power of God. Though many have not attended the meetings a great deal of interest has been manifested by those present. The people of Bellefonte little realize the treat they are missing. These meetings will continue every afternoon and evening, closing Friday evening, the 19th. Mr. Warden's subject for Friday and Saturday afternoons will be the "Second Coming of Christ." Sunday afternoon, "The Baptism of the Holy Spirit." All are urged to come and bring their bibles.

Next Tuesday night one of H. Gratton Douneley's plays, "The American Girl," comes to Garman's.

—John A. Confer, of Mifflinburg, expects to move to Snow Shoe in the spring to engage in the undertaking business with his father.

—Mrs. Richard Halderman entertained at cards at her home in Harrisburg, on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. Ross Hickok.

—Mrs. A. S. Smith gave a dinner at her home in Mifflinburg, on Monday, in honor of her husband's 55th birthday anniversary.

—Mrs. George Spangler, of Colyer, is so dangerously ill with pneumonia that her daughter, Mrs. Hipple, has been called home from Baltimore.

—The Reliance fire company of Phillipsburg has been reorganized and a greater degree of efficiency is promised by those at the head of that organization.

—A good joke was played on the sheriff of Clinton county Tuesday night, when a thief entered the cellar of the jail and stole a bag of potatoes.

—The Centre county Grange fire insurance company is in its 24th year and has \$3,442,065 insurance in force. The average cost per \$1,000 has been \$1.75.

—G. W. Forrey, the well-known civil engineer who worked here on the C. R. R. of Pa., viaduct, is now with the Western Maryland R. R. Co. at Hagerstown, Md.

—Owing to physical indisposition W. H. Lambert, one of the best known school teachers in the lower end of the valley, was compelled to close his school for a few days recently.

—Real winter in Centre county is just three weeks old today. Three weeks from last night it began snowing and the next morning there was the first sleighing of the season. It has continued fine ever since.

—The Van Pelt property on east Curtin street was sold to John Runberger, station agent for the Central R. R., on Monday. It was formerly owned by Frank P. Bible and is occupied by D. O. Eters.

—Jesse M. Sarvis, the veteran newspaper correspondent who died at Washington, D. C., on last Thursday, was a brother of Rev. Sarvis, who was pastor of the Pleasant Gap charge of the Methodist church several years ago.

—Lumbermen estimate that there will not be more than one hundred and twenty-five rafts to come down the West Branch on the spring floods. It will not be a great while until lumbering will be a relic of past years in Pennsylvania.

—The pupils of the Phillipsburg public schools will produce the opera, "The Princess Roesbud," in the opera house in that place on March 15th and 16th. It will be under the direction of H. E. Bruyere & Co., of New York.

—The Look Haven chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will give a colonial ball for the benefit of the soldiers and sailors club house in Manila. Tickets were sold for \$1 and refreshments were included.

—Wilson Bingham, a son of H. A. Bingham of Laurelton, was killed on the Laurelton and Pine Creek railroad on last Thursday. He was on a log truck that jumped the track, crushing his leg so that he died from loss of blood. He was 19 years old. The engineer of the train was his father.

—We acknowledge our obligations to Hon. Wm. M. Allison for a handy little map showing the population of the various counties of the State according to the last census and the respective party votes, with the ratios of population for congressional, senatorial and legislative representation.

—The venerable Jacob Bridge, a well-known and highly esteemed farmer of Marion township, died at his home about four miles east of this place on last Thursday. He had been ill for a long time with pulmonary troubles. Deceased was 69 years old and is survived by his widow and ten children, four sons and six daughters, a number of whom have settled in other parts of the State. Services were held in the Evangelical church at Zion, on Saturday, and interment was made at that place.