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The Pennsylvania State College in No Danger.

The Philadelphia Record is needlessly alarmed about the fate of The Pennsylvania State College. Our esteemed contemporary is afraid that the Centre county institution of learning has fallen into the machine drag-net, because a bill is before the Legislature which contemplates changing the manner of selecting trustees for the College.

As matter of fact the present method of electing trustees is not a representative one, for in many instances these agricultural and horticultural societies have long been defunct in every activity except in their prerogative of choosing trustees for the College.

If the appointment of these trustees is placed in the hands of the Governor it is more than probable that a body of representative men in the State will become interested and active in behalf of the State's only institution of higher education.

While this is probably the real motif of the bill there is another effect that its passage would have that doubtless causes the Record's alarm. It invariably happens that whenever The Pennsylvania State College goes before the Legislature for a needed appropriation the Philadelphia papers array themselves against it, for the very selfish reason that they think their pet University should receive the bulk of the State's aid to such institutions.

It is not the Record's fault that it is so much alarmed at the possible fate of the College, should it be made completely the child of the State—as it should be—as it is fearful lest the State comes to own the institution it solemnly bound itself to support when the land grant act of '62 was made by Congress.

The QUAY machine has practically given up hope of passing the odious GRADY repeal bill and the author of the measure has already been condemned to the disfavor of the bosses. Senator GRADY assured his fellow conspirators in and out of the Legislature, that he could carry his atrocious scheme to muddle the press to success.

But that is not the worst of GRADY'S failure, so far as the machine is concerned. It marks the beginning of the end of the odious organization. When the GRADY bill fell down, the cohesive influence which held the band together disappeared, and disintegration set in.

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Imperialism Clearly Revealed.

If there was any doubt at any time as to the purpose of the McKinley administration to betray the Republic it was dissolved in the action of the United States Senate in the vote on the Spooner amendment to the army appropriation bill on Monday.

There is but one inference to be drawn from this action of the Republican Senators, and that is that the administration desires to receive from Congress a commission to "govern outside of the constitution" and that the Senators of that political faith are willing to gratify the desire.

What the next step will be is a matter of conjecture. The administration force was defeated in some of its most cherished plans during the session of Congress which is now drawing to a close. But the constitution having been set aside in one matter, who knows that it will not be similarly disregarded in another.

35 Miners Entombed.

Only One Man Escaped from the Terrible Fire in a Wyoming Shaft.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., February 26.—The worst disaster in the history of coal mining in Wyoming since Almy horror eight years ago, occurred at Diamondville last night. Thirty-five men are believed to have perished in a fire which started in mine No. 1 of the Diamondville Coal and Coke company.

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Minister Conger Coming Home.

WASHINGTON, February 25.—Mr. Conger has cabled to the State Department from Peking, under date of the 23rd as follows: "Satisfactory edict in answer to punishment demands has been received."

The minister has not yet informed the State Department of the date he selected for his departure from Peking for home. PEKING, February 25.—This morning Mr. Conger turned over the affairs of the United States legation to Mr. W. W. Rockhill, particularly the conduct of the negotiations with the Chinese plenipotentiaries and he will shortly return to the United States for a six months' vacation.

Some old residents here think there may be difficulty in connection with the ceremonial of receiving the ministers of the powers by the court, but the ministers themselves do not anticipate any. The German and Russian barracks for the guards of their respective legations may be ready in a month.

LONDON, February 26.—The Reuter telegraph company has received the following from Shanghai, dated February 26th: "Prince Tuan, Prince Chuang Lu and General Tung Fu Hsiang are still taking refuge at Ning Hia Fu province of Kan Su. Two native Christians from Kui Hua Cheng in the northern part of the province of Shansi, report the massacre of twenty male and female missionaries and nine children who have been missing since October."

Barrett and Schaeffer Filed Assignments.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 27.—State Treasurer Barrett and Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer filed assignments in the District court today to the petitions of seven school districts for writs of mandamus to compel the state authorities to pay them their share of the school appropriation on the basis of \$5,500,000 annually instead of \$5,000,000.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Following is the list of marriage licenses granted by orphan's court clerk, A. G. Archev, during the past week: Charles Weaver, of Mifflin county, Pa., and Mary Wright, of Farmers Mills, Pa.

H. M. Stere and Bessie Miles, both of Unionville borough. J. C. A. Burgan, of Kammerer, Washington, Pa., and Mary Bell Riddle, of Howard, Pa.

Edwin K. Smith, of Oak Hall, and Sadie C. Tate, Lemont. W. Harry Martin, of Bellefonte, and Levia McKinley, of Mifflinburg.

A FASHIONABLE WEDDING.—The marriage of Miss Virginia Gile and Dr. Thomas J. Orbison, formerly of this place but now of Philadelphia, in the Second Presbyterian church in that city on Monday evening was quite a fashionable affair.

The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. B. Clark Gile and her gown was of rich duchess satin under fine old lace. Her maid of honor was Miss Ellen Winsor, a sister of the best man, Dr. Henry Winsor.

The bride is a daughter of the late General George W. Gile and lived with her mother on Sherwood road, Overbrook, where she and Dr. Orbison will make their home after a short wedding journey.

COWDER-CRUST.—On Tuesday evening a quiet home wedding was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents in Philadelphia when Miss Sadie Cowder was united in marriage to T. L. Crust, the well known school teacher.

MRS. E. W. HALE.—Mary Valentine Hale, who, after a few days' illness died last Friday, February 22nd, 1901, in Philadelphia, was the widow of the late Dr. E. W. Hale.

It will be remembered that Dr. Hale lived for many years in Bellefonte and was actively identified with various important business interests in Bellefonte and Centre county. Mrs. Hale was of the well known Valentine family. They were members of the Society of Friends and came originally from Ireland in 1728 and settled in Chester county, Pa.

Mrs. Jane Whiteman died at the home of her son-in-law Batler, at Mt. Eagle, on Sunday evening, in the 84th year of her life. She had devoted most of her late years to nursing and many a person will remember her tender ministrations when they were weary and sick unto death.

Mrs. James Mauck, aged 70 years, fell down the stairs of her home at Rote, on Tuesday morning, breaking both bones in her arm and cutting a bad gash in her head.

JURORS FOR THE APRIL COURT.—The following is the list of men who have been drawn to serve as jurors for the April term of court, which will convene in this place on Monday, April 22nd, being the fourth Monday of that month.

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MRS. MARY F. STIVER.—A short illness with pneumonia terminated in the death of Mrs. Mary F. Stiver, at her home at Centre Hall, on Wednesday morning, Feb. 20th. She was 75 years, 2 months and 3 days old and was a woman beloved by the entire community in which she had spent the most of her placid christian life.

Mary F. Biko was born at Aarousburg, this county, where she spent her girlhood days. In 1847 she was married to Thomas J. Stiver and to them were given nine children, all of whom are living except John, who died in infancy.

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Robert McKnight, the 3rd, the dear little fellow in whom the late well-known Robert McKnight took such pride and delight, died Saturday of crop at the home of his parents in Philadelphia. He was a great big, healthy looking child for his age, four years, and so attractive and lovable that his death could not be less than a great sorrow to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKnight.

ROBERT E. BROWN.—Robert E. Brown, of Philadelphia, son of the Hon. James M. Brown, of Huntingdon, died at Everett, Pa., Wednesday of hemorrhage of the brain. He was well known in Bellefonte, having been in the employ of his brother, Lawrence L. Brown, when the latter was engaged in the coal and grain business at this place several years ago.

The deceased was a member of the coal firm of Sweet & Brown, of Philadelphia, and was quite a successful business man.

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TRAVELERS JURORS FOR THE NINTH WEEK. Hastings Arney, farmer.....Haines I. W. Bartges, farmer.....Potter William Books, farmer.....Boggs Andrew Bowes, farmer.....Liberty Jeremiah Brungart, farmer.....Miles Jesse Confer, laborer.....Boggs W. H. Dawson, laborer.....Bellefonte Adam Decker, farmer.....Walker Cyrus Durs, gentleman.....Harris Walter Gray, agent.....Phillipsburg James J. Gramley, farmer.....Walker William Gieswite, laborer.....Haines Reuben Houser, laborer.....Spring T. B. Hamilton, foreman.....Bellefonte David Hennick, farmer.....Greig Daniel Irwin, farmer.....Pennington Ira C. Johnson, wagonmaker.....Howard Geo. W. Knapp, Vet. Surgeon.....Harris D. R. Kunes, laborer.....Liberty William Krewater, carpenter.....State College Daniel Kline, farmer.....Bellefonte David S. Linder, laborer.....Potter Andrew Lytle, farmer.....College D. W. Miller, farmer.....Ferguson T. E. Rover, gentleman.....Miles Levi A. Symmonds, laborer.....Haines Benjamin H. Shaffer, tinner.....Bellefonte Lafayette Stine, laborer.....S. Phillipsburg Wesley Shamp, laborer.....Patton George W. Smith, teacher.....Haines Luther E. Stover, tanner.....Haines Barney J. Stover, laborer.....State College W. C. Thomson, cashier.....Liberty H. H. Vroman, laborer.....Rush Elias Vonasia, farmer.....Walker S. H. Williams, painter.....Bellefonte Edward Wagon, farmer.....Patton Samuel E. Weber, clerk.....Harris James Williams, laborer.....Patton

Dawson Developing into a Modern City.

Mrs. Phoebe Hoover Lucas Writes Entertainingly of the Growth of the Klondike. A Land Where 80 Degrees Below Zero Only Brings a Buddy Glow to the Cheeks of Hardy Climbers.

The WATCHMAN takes the liberty of republishing the following letter, which appeared in the Phillipsburg Journal of Saturday, for several reasons. First, it is very entertaining and instructive in its composition; second, it deals with a land in which we are all more or less interested and, third, the writer was formerly a school teacher at Phillipsburg; making her views all the more interesting because presented in pictures specially adapted for the people to whom she writes.

It will be remembered that Miss Phoebe Hoover was among the first to catch the Klondike craze. She started for the gold fields when the fever was at its highest and hardships the greatest. In company with several women she took the river route via St. Michael's and spent her first winter as cashier in a restaurant at Circle City, where their boat was ice bound. Later she met Harry S. Lucas, whom she had known in Phillipsburg, and their wedding was made quite an event, as it was one of the first to occur in the Klondike.

Thinking a few facts concerning Dawson and its marvelous stride in the march of progress might be interesting to my eastern friends I shall briefly describe this modern city as it is today. A trifle more than three years since Dawson was unthought of even as the nucleus of the present flourishing city, let alone what it is today. It was first discovered in 1896, and at the same time, perhaps the newest and most isolated city in the world—and it has become all this in the face of a climate which a few years since was considered in more favored parts impossible for the white race to withstand.

Dawson is no longer a mere mining camp, but has passed at a stride from a small and crude town to a city, a place for a miner and prospector en route to the actual mining—to the position of a great commercial and social center. Where once the city lay in a miry bog it now rests upon a solid foundation—the product of immense labor and expense and at this season of the year, when the nights are long and dark; when the sun, if visible at all, only deigns to show his little red face for brief moments during the day, where once the streets were filled with impenetrable darkness, relieved here and there by a sperm dripping candle, lantern or splintering lamp, they are now lighted by electricity, and as bright as they are in any of our eastern cities.

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