

### THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

In his message to the Legislature Governor Pattison makes a minute review of his administration of public affairs, going thoroughly into details and covering over nine columns of reading matter. Perhaps his most salient point is contained in his worthy recommendations to the Legislature in regard to more equitable taxation, and the urgent necessity for radical amendment of prevailing tax laws and regulations. We extract the following as very pertinent to this point:

"Under existing tax laws all manufacturing corporations in this commonwealth, however profitable their operations, are exempt from corporation tax. At least one hundred million dollars' worth of property thus escapes taxation. The practical operation of this principal has been extended to gas companies, and it is now being contended in the courts that even electric light companies are subject to the exemption. In some instances the conditions still exist which rendered it advisable for our state to thus invite the investment of capital on its soil, but I respectfully submit that when a manufacturing industry is enabled to earn a fair profit on its investment it should be liable to the same taxation which mining, agricultural and commercial ventures are obliged to pay. Corporate enterprises, like gas and electric light, heat and power companies, ought certainly to bear their fair share of the burthen of state taxation. No considerations upon which transportation and like companies are subject to taxation operate to fairly exempt the electric light and gas companies. They are ordinarily not only entered into for profit, but they are, in practical operation, profitable to their investors. I recommend, therefore, that gas and electric companies be specifically restored to the class of corporations liable to state tax."

Of official fees the Governor remarks: "It was the purpose of the constitution, and of legislation passed to enforce the same, to rid the state of the fee system and of the almost equally obnoxious system of mixed compensation by salary and fees. The payment to the secretary of the commonwealth, the attorney general and insurance commissioner of part of their compensation in fees is a pernicious system and ought to be abandoned at once by statutes prescribing adequate, but fixed, salaries for these officials, neither stimulating nor retarding their energies in the discharge of their official duties by hope of fee or promise of reward. All fees or commissions paid to county treasurers for the collection of state taxes and the enormous perquisites still attaching to the office of register of wills in certain counties of the state for the collection of collateral inheritances, should be the subject of prompt legislative regulation and restriction."

In generalizing upon financial and commercial affairs the governor remarked to the Legislature:

"During the two years which have intervened since your last assembling, our fellow-citizens have not been without prosperity and manifold blessings. Despite some depression in business and in operation of our commercial and manufacturing industries, there have been steady advancement and abundant occasion for thanksgiving to a beneficent Providence. Our population has increased in numbers; and the great estates of religion and education have grown and strengthened; the people of the commonwealth have been visited by no special scourge nor overwhelming calamity; charity and benevolence have been unabated; our fields have yielded bountiful harvests, and there has been measurable, if not entire, recovery in our great industrial establishments of their wonted activity and of profitable return to investment."

"I am glad to again assure the people of the state that the financial credit of their government is of the very highest order; its revenues are ample and, compared with the necessary expenses of economical government, they are redundant; the current balance in the general fund is very large, and the small amount of state debt yet remaining is amply provided for by the sinking fund laws. It will be only a few years until the last dollar of that debt is extinguished, and, at the prevailing rate of state taxation, the revenues will easily admit of a continuance of the generous appropriations for state education which have been recently made. But it is to be remembered that during the past few years \$1,700,000 direct tax was refunded by the general government, and large collections of back taxes from delinquents were made. There is nothing, therefore,

in the situation to justify wasteful expenditure or reckless legislation."

The governor's message is a very lengthy but sensible animadversion upon the finances of the State; upon improved methods for imposing taxes and collecting revenue; upon banks paying no interest yet using State funds. It urges changes in election laws so that he who runs may read correctly; recommends another attempt at constitutional amendment looking to the abolishment of poll tax. It recommends a scheme of intermediate circuit courts so made up of common pleas judges as to relieve the supreme court of the State. It condemns the wide variance of sentences for the same offense among judges. It urges stringent legislation to restrain railroad discriminations, and favors fine and imprisonment as punishment. It opposes consolidation of companies that should be competitive for the common good. It favors county supervision of the more important wagon roads, and it promises the enforcement of the laws whether good bad or indifferent during the official term of the present incumbent as governor.

### The Grangers.

At the meeting of Pomona Grange, No. 5, on Friday, January 4th, a very fair representation was present from Columbia and Lower Luzerne counties. After remarks as encouraging as the untoward circumstances and discriminating laws will allow to that most worthy citizen, the farmer, they passed a resolution, at least, opposing the repeal of the oleomargarine law now in force. Everything else being adulterated these days, the soap-grease man is getting nervous over his anxiety to make butter (so called) out of his grease. As to selling it for the pure stuff by simply swearing to it, he can soon arrange with his conscience for that, if the grangers will only permit the law to be repealed. If the health of the individual who eats artificial butter is somewhat affected, that's rather to the advantage of the doctor than to the disadvantage of the oleomargariners. If the farmer has a real or a pretended friend in the halls of legislation to-day this is one of the issues upon which he should bob up conspicuously in behalf of pure butter, &c. This little boon would not seem too much for even a granger to ask, namely, that butter at least be saved from the mad rush for wealth through adulteration.

After some interesting remarks upon the social features of the grange, &c., Mr. Hiram Brown, of Light Street, gave the result of the auditor's report concerning the flourishing condition of the Briar Creek Insurance Company, and its dealings with and relations to farmers or the few who still own their farms, in spite of inequitable taxation. The ladies prepared a good dinner and the grangers showed them what to do with it before they adjourned. There is nothing wrong with the appetite of the granger, but he prefers to take his butter, &c., straight. And in our opinion he ought to have it so.

### Grand Army Officers for 1895.

At the recent annual meeting of the Grand Army boys of Bloomsburg the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

Post Commander, W. O. Holmes; Senior Vice, Zac Thomas; Junior Vice, F. M. Gilmore; Chaplain, N. B. Fowler; Surgeon, C. W. Kunkle; Quarter Master, W. R. Ringrose; Adjutant, C. P. Sloan; Officer of Day, Thos. Brown; Officer Guard, P. S. Moyer; Quarter Master Sergeant, Wm. Thomas; Sergeant Major, W. C. Shaw; Inner Sentinel, Jacob Hartzell; Outer Sentinel, R. J. Morris. Beans, beans, not Boston baked beans, but Bloomsburg soup beans, were served—though not strictly according to the style of camp cooking. The occasion was enjoyed by all present.

### Skaters Drowned.

The following sad drowning at Wilkes-Barre, on the 6th inst., exemplifies the danger of skating sometimes.

Joseph Hill, (son of James Hill, a commission merchant) aged 15, and Miss Edith Pettibone, aged 14, were seen skating on the river at a late hour on Saturday night. They have since been missing and it is believed they skated into a hole in the ice and were drowned. Young Hill's hat was found on the ice on Sunday afternoon.

A decided improvement is that already observable through the enlarged window of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg. Though most open to view it is yet most secure in being both burglar and fire proof.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

At twelve o'clock noon on Monday the term of John Mourey as sheriff expired, and his successor, J. Boyd McHenry was sworn in and entered upon his duties. Mr. Mourey will make Bloomsburg his home, and W. N. Hosler, his affable and efficient deputy, will continue to reside in Fishing Creek as heretofore. Both of these gentlemen retire with the best wishes of their many friends.

Sheriff McHenry moved from Benton to Bloomsburg on Monday and took up his residence in the County jail. On Friday night last he and his wife were given a grand farewell surprise party at the McHenry House, Benton, when about two hundred and fifty people of the town gathered there to pay their respects to their departing townsman. Will Kiene, Mr. McHenry's son-in-law, was the originator of the surprise. There was music, and dancing, and a delicious supper, and games, and a general good time. On Monday evening the sheriff was again surprised by a number of friends who called upon him in his new home, and the band gave him a serenade.

The county auditors, M. W. Monroe, W. A. Driesbach, and W. F. Stohner, entered upon their duties on Monday. C. M. Terwilliger was chosen clerk to the board.

Judge Rice will preside in court at the special term beginning next Monday, the 14th inst., when the case of Mary Vanderslice's administrator against the estate of Mary Snyder, deceased will be tried. Judge Ikeler is a witness in the case, and therefore could not preside.

John B. Casey has entered upon his duties as deputy sheriff.

Ex-sheriff Mourey has moved into Mrs. Phillips' property on Welsh Hill. There has been no appointment for Turnkey at the jail, the commissioners preferring to wait until Sheriff McHenry could make known his wishes. There is no friction in the matter.

Sheriff Mourey on Saturday sold the following properties: James M. Dewitt lot in Fishingcreek twp., sold to Grant Herring, attorney, for \$550. Sale of farm continued.

A. H. Kitchen, farm in Orange twp. to Mary A. Lemon and Nehemiah Kitchen for \$3,700.

John Wolf, lot in Bloomsburg, to Grant Herring, attorney, for \$300.

Lot of Israel Maier in Bloomsburg, to W. J. Baldy for \$3,300.

Mainville Building Association property, postponed until next Saturday.

### Economy is Wealth.

At a certain flag station on the B. & S. a passenger recently found a tramp in charge of the whole concern. Though the poor fellow's boiler was dry, and he had no steam on to speak of, he still knew how to make the best of the situation by tuning up the stove in grand style, and by arranging his bed near it on the soft side of two fence boards. These he elevated a little at the head in order to let the warm air have a chance under him as well as over him. While he slept the sleep of innocence and listened to the cruel elements outside he seemed to realize that he was monarch of all he surveyed, while the B. & S. found the quarters and fuel. Being questioned by the passenger, (who noticed his coat had a striped look about it) as to whether he was the track walker he replied "No, I am not the track-walker, still I walks the track when I can't ride. This is hard weather, pard, and if I don't walk up I must walk down somewhere. I say, is there a box-car or something on the train you are going to take?" The passenger replied that he was afraid boxes would be a little scarce on the passenger train, and the tramp, not being particular as to direction, concluded he would go the other way. Just then a young lady came into the bed-room of the tramp and he gallantly hustled about, storing his bed and boards in the fuel-room (ticket office) and he even went so far in making his toilet as to tie his shoestrings in order to appear to good advantage in the presence of a lady. Now, it so happened that the young lady was without escort when she entered the depot, her father having driven off to avoid meeting the cars with his horse, and but for the presence of the other passenger the lady would have been in rather dangerous company, as any one may see, while waiting there for the train. We think that depots without attendants should take their stoves down in winter as a matter of economy, not that we are unprejudiced against tramps unduly.

The State Editorial Association will meet in Harrisburg on the 24th.

### ANNUAL ELECTIONS.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg on Tuesday the following officers were elected: Directors, E. W. M. Low, C. R. Buckalew, A. Z. Schoch, M. I. Low, E. B. Tustin.

The following named gentlemen were elected directors of the Farmer's National Bank last Tuesday: Wm. S. Moyer, C. M. Creveling, P. A. Evans, Wm. Gingles, C. W. Runyon, Jos. W. Eves, N. U. Funk, C. A. Kleim and Wm. Kreamer.

The Bloomsburg Banking Company at their annual election on Tuesday, chose the following gentlemen as the Board of Directors: John G. Freeze, B. F. Sharpless, H. J. Conner, D. K. Sloan and Geo. L. McHenry.

Col. Freeze was elected President and Attorney; H. H. Grotz, Cashier; R. H. Ringier, Clerk.

The Bloomsburg Water Company met for annual reorganization on Tuesday evening. There was a change effected in the board of officers by the selection of A. B. Cathcart for Secretary and C. W. McKelvy, Sr., for Treasurer. Mr. Everett's resignation as Secretary of the board will take effect on the 15th instant.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad Co. on Tuesday last the following officers were elected: President, C. R. Buckalew; Vice President and Treasurer, Samuel Wigfall; Secretary, H. J. Conner; Directors, Morton McMichael, E. W. Clark, Jr., J. H. Kershaw, Charles Evans, L. E. Waller, J. K. Grotz, S. Wigfall, H. J. Conner. At a meeting of the board F. M. Leader was continued as General Manager.

### Y. M. C. A. Officers for 1895.

This association rendered a very creditable report at the close of the fiscal year ending January 8th.

The board of officers chosen to direct affairs during the ensuing year are as follows:

President S. C. Creasy; vice presidents, Prof. G. E. Wilbur and Dr. Andrew Graydon; recording secretary, A. N. Yost; treasurer, John E. Sterling. The directors are W. H. Brooke, Prof. C. H. Albert, M. I. Low, E. B. Tustin, W. B. Cummings and W. R. Kocher. The spiritual director, or general secretary in charge of the rooms, is Mr. Boas, a recent appointee who has the work well in hand, and who is attentive to duty and ably assisted by Mr. Kesty.

### MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC CONCERT.

A concert will be given in the Opera House on Friday evening, January 18th, which will present rare talent. Those who will take part are Mrs. Luella Wagner, soprano soloist, who has been connected with grand opera, and who has a charming soprano voice, Miss Adela Breakstone, of Wilkes-Barre, reader, who has a high reputation in her line; and the following well known home talent: Miss Vida Miller, soprano, Miss Maude Runyon, pianist, Mr. R. Frank Colley, tenor, Mr. C. P. Elwell, violinist, and Elwell's Orchestra. Tickets, 50 and 35 cents, can be obtained at Slate's book store. The curtain will rise at 8:15. Bloomsburg is possessed of better musical talent than can be found in most towns, and the concerts that have been given here, are of a high grade of excellence, but the public has not shown a proper appreciation of these entertainments. There is some times complaint made that the character of the performances at the Opera House is not of a high grade, and yet when an opportunity is given to attend a first-class performance, the people do not avail themselves of it. This ought not to be the case with this concert. The prices are low and the hall should be filled. Secure seats at once.

### DEATH.

Mr. Joseph E. Frederick, whose serious illness we referred to last week, died about 9 o'clock on Thursday morning at the home of his son-in-law George C. Roan, on Third Street. The funeral will take place at the house on Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

### GOVERNOR'S INAUGURATION.

The Pennsylvania R. R. Co., will sell excursion tickets from East Bloomsburg to Harrisburg January 13th, 14th and 15th and will be good for return trip January 16th, at a single fare for the round trip.

### Local Institute.

Benton, Jackson and Sugarloaf twps., held a local institute on Saturday at Benton, Pa. Teachers present, Benton twp.—C. L. Hirlman Com. of Arrangement, Supt. Johnston Pres. F. S. Smith, Sec., P. G. Shultz, Todd Butt, John Austin, Myron Edwards, Miss Anna Edwards, Anne Tubbs, Jackson—Arden Hirlman, Misses Jose O'Brien, Ella Hess and Blanche Fritz.

Sugarloaf—A. C. Park, John Fritz, E. O. Hess, H. E. Long, Misses Nora Harvey, Nora Laubach and Mrs. Laubach.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Maltman, then Prof. Suttiff, of Bloomsburg Normal discussed decimal when and how they should be taught. Supt. Johnston talked on graded studies arranged for the use of teachers of Columbia County as per printed guide distributed during County Institute.

Afternoon session opened with singing by Male Quartet and Miss Bessie Appleman, organist. Recitation by Miss Maud Savage. Recitation by Master Lane Smith, "Work Your own Way." Essay by Miss Nora Harvey, "How to Study the Child's Mind." This was a very instructive paper. Singing by Male Quartet. Recitation, by Miss Pearl Crossley, followed by Miss Luella McHenry and Miss Jennie Ruckle. Dr. T. H. Carey gave an address on School Government. School officers should have experience as teachers to fully know wants and qualifications of teachers. He illustrated by comparison of profession and avocation of life, who would be the most competent to teach and govern a school—a miller, a farmer, or an experienced teacher.

Govern the order of the school-room by being orderly; reprove by a look of the eye; call attention of disorder by a tap on the desk; don't threaten; be positive, not negative. Pupils are quick to observe your weak points, and when all moral suasion fails to bring the incorrigible to observe good order use the rod. Make an example that will awe to submission. Be so orderly yourself that you attract admiration and respect.

Singing by pupils of A. C. Park's School. Recitation by Miss Gertrude Hess, "Did you ever get a letter?" Miss Dunie White gave a juvenile, contralto vocal and instrumental recitation. Miss Anna Hess and Miss Mattie Shultz, "Over the Hill to the Poor-house." Music by the Choir. Miss Sue Stapleson, teacher of elocution, gave the audience a treat by one of her recitations. A. C. Park, teacher from Sugarloaf, read a paper, "Thoroughness of Primary instructive teaching. Recitation by Bernard Fritz.

F. S. Smith discussed briefly a paper, "The Common School the safe-guard of Liberty," showing that the dangers of American Liberty are not from foreign foes but the foreign pauper and criminals being ignorant and vicious creating strikes and anarchy, and the rapid accumulation of wealth, creating incorporated monopoly bringing into clash capital and labor. In conclusion he showed that the motto "Eternal Vigilance is the price of Liberty," does not mean to-day what it did a century ago. It means education of the masses; more compulsory school law; making the franchise a test of ability to read and write.

Prof. Suttiff, of Bloomsburg Normal discussed Arithmetic, statement method.

Institute closed by singing by the Male Quartet, all present feeling that the exercises were edifying, and that, our schools were progressing and bringing the common people to a higher plane and that education is light and liberty, and the safeguards of our nation.

### F. S. SMITH, Sect'y.

### THEY WANTED MONEY.

Timothy Reardon, Daniel Dillon and W. E. Brindle completed their sentences in the County jail on Monday and were discharged. They called on the county commissioners and asked for money to get out of town with. Of course, they were refused as there is no authority for it. They then went to District Attorney Hanly and demanded money, saying that as he had them convicted, he ought to furnish means to take them out of town. Failing again, one of them threatened to do some petty act that would send him back to jail. In fact they all left the jail reluctantly, preferring to stay there until spring. If convicts were put to labor they wouldn't be so ready to get in jail, and would be glad to get out when their time is up.

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### BRIEF MENTION

#### About People You Know.

Morris Ellenbogen has accepted a clerkship in the store of J. M. Gidding & Co.

Ernest Rice is filling the position of stenographer in the law office of Robert R. Little Esq.

The affable Mr. N. Kindt, of Wellersville, favored this office with a friendly call on Saturday.

W. H. Brooke will move into F. M. Everett's house on West street, when the latter vacates it.

Cyrus Robbins of Asbury, was in town last Saturday. He was county commissioner some years ago.

J. K. Leckard sailed from New York for Cuba on Saturday, on business for the Bloomsburg Car Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoffman pleasantly entertained invited friends at their home last Saturday evening.

On Tuesday Miss Jennie Crist, of Pine Summit, was the guest of her cousin Will L. Crist, of the "Daily."

Mr. A. J. Evans, the clothier, who has been sorely afflicted with dropsy for some time, is still suffering from this malady.

Mrs. John Lawrence of Lewisburg, returned home on Saturday last after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Selleck, music dealers.

Joseph P. Sands of Bowling Green, Ohio, brother of C. L. Sands of Mordansville, is spending the winter in Florida, for his health.

In the list of pension certificates issued to Pennsylvanians on December 10th we find the name of Dennison Brink, of Bloomsburg.

Clyde C. Yetter, general agent of the New York Life Insurance Co., has presented us with a beautiful calendar for 1895, for which he has our thanks.

Mrs. Phillips, the popular caterer, and her son Frank, are now visiting at Fingall, Ontario, Canada. They expect to make a rather extended visit.

S. A. Goodhue and T. B. Hanly Esq., attended the annual meeting of the Yale Alumni Association at Wilkes-Barre last Saturday as guests.

W. A. Evert, through love and duty, spent a few days at Harrisburg and Williamsport recently. It was an enjoyable trip of business and pleasure combined.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Sloan, gave a very nice birthday dinner on the 9th inst., the occasion being the 13th birthday of their interesting daughter, Miss Lois.

An enjoyable social gathering was that given by Mrs. Elizabeth Dodson last Thursday evening to a few friends. She had amply arranged for their edification and for a delicious repast.

A young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Stetler died last Saturday at the age of 4 years. Croup was the ailment which brought her young life to a close after a very brief attack.

Mr. N. J. Henderholt, recently somewhat indisposed, we are glad to report as again able to take his meals regularly. A little touch of grip touched him lightly during the unfavorable weather.

Thomas C. Kocher, Levi Z. Kocher, and Roland Kocher, executors of the will of James Kocher, deceased, of Centre township, transacted business at the County seat in connection with the estate on Saturday.

J. G. Wells went to Philadelphia, on Tuesday, and will be absent for several weeks, taking a special course in optics at the Medical-Chirurgical Hospital. He will make a specialty of the optical business. Lee Martin has charge of the store during his absence.

Miss Martha Bachman, of Shamokin, was taken sick last week while visiting Mr. O. B. Mellick at the Phillips' Cafe. Her limbs having been paralyzed, Mr. R. C. Buckalew was engaged to carefully convey her on a cot in a sled to the depot. Being placed on the cars and made as comfortable as possible she was taken home. Word has since reached here that she is no better.

### A Successful Surprise.

Friday, January 4th being the fifty-second birthday of Mrs. T. J. Vanderslice, her husband determined to have the event celebrated by giving her a surprise. Accordingly, a few days previous to the event, he, assisted by a number of the most intimate friends of his better half, began making preparation for the feast. On the morning of the 4th Mrs. V. was "spirited away" to Lime Ridge where she spent the day with her son R. F., being accompanied by some friends from town. During her absence preparation was being made in her own home for the feast that was to follow upon her return. About half past five o'clock Mrs. V. and the friends who had accompanied her, returned home to find the home already occupied by upwards of fifty persons, who were anxiously waiting her return. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sharpless, parents of Mrs. V. being the most distinguished guests. After the excitement occasioned by the surprise had abated, a supper was served, which would have done credit to Delmonico. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and all returned to their respective homes wishing a return of many occasions of the same nature.

### A GUEST.

A slide of snow from the roof of the COLUMBIAN office temporarily displaced some electric wires.