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The stalwart ex-congressman, Hon. Simon P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, headed a strong array of distinguished gentlemen who appeared before the house committee on appropriations last evening in behalf of the Mary M. Packer hospital to be erected in Sunbury. Mr. Wolverton was warmly greeted by his many friends on the Hill, who are pleased to know that his immense law practice is daily increasing, he recently having come off the victor in an important ejectment suit which netted him a fee of \$30,000. Mr. Wolverton in the last session of congress was one of the most valuable members of the committee on judiciary general and ranked among the first of the great lawyers in that body. —Patriot.

It is becoming quite evident that the long depression in business affairs which was brought on by causes beyond control will be ended by causes quite as potent. Consumption has overtaken protection. The woolen mills, the iron mills, the cotton mills and their affiliated industries are running to supply orders. The contemporaneous rise in the price of raw materials and in the wages of labor are indications of permanent improvement. It is significant that as the financial and industrial distress of the past three years has not been confined to the United States, so in the recovery which we are now experiencing we are not singular or exceptional. All the commercial nations are participating in renewed trade activity, and there is good reason to anticipate a worldwide return of solid and substantial prosperity. —Phila Record.

**MUST PAY INCOME TAX.**  
 Commissioner Miller Decides Against the Coal Operators.

United States Commissioner Miller has forwarded to collector Herring of this revenue district an important decision relative to the income tax and affecting the profits of coal operators on their coal sales. The coal operators of this district, in which is embraced all the anthracite producing counties excepting Schuylkill, recently conferred with collector Herring as to whether profits realized from the sale of coal did not come under the heading of real estate income and therefore exempt from taxation, as decided by the Supreme Court. Collector Herring wrote to and had personal conferences with commissioner Miller on the question. The commissioner's decision rules that the coal profits are taxable.

The individual operators of the district, who number over one hundred, and also the big corporations operating in this district are disappointed over the decision and may take an appeal.  
 The decision will increase the estimated receipts from income tax in collector Herring's district about \$75,000.

**FATHER OF THE HOUSE.**  
 Hon. George V. Lawrence Will Ride Home After Adjournment.

It is fifty-two years since George V. Lawrence first came to Harrisburg as a member of the Legislature. At that time the members from the western counties came here by the old stage routes, and some the entire distance on horseback, the latter method being a favorite with Lawrence, who in his young days was considered an excellent horseman. He often delights the members with reminiscences of the days he rode on horseback from Monongahela City, in Washington county, to Harrisburg, a distance of 210 miles, taking a week or more to make the journey. Since the days of railroading he has not been over this route, but has often expressed a desire to ride along and view the scenes of his younger days, and in this desire he is to be gratified at the adjournment of the Legislature, for the members have agreed to contribute and present him with a horse and outfit, and a delegation will accompany him on his return home.

His route after leaving this city will be through Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Bedford, Somerset and Westmoreland counties, and in the principal towns along the way it will be arranged to give the venerable member a hearty reception. This may possibly be the last time that Mr. Lawrence will serve in the Legislature, and his colleagues are anxious that his long and honorable career in public life may end in a pleasant way. —Harrisburg Telegraph.

**An Example That Should Be Imitated.**

Governor Hastings and the Republican Legislature of this State might, in one particular at least, have taken example from President Cleveland and the last Democratic Congress. If they had done so, the people of Pennsylvania would have been greatly benefited.

The governor and his Legislature are enlarging the number of public officers and increasing their salaries, while President Cleveland and his cabinet have reduced the civil service expense by cutting off the offices at Washington by the hundreds. The Legislature is piling up the State expenses to such an extent that new sources of revenue will be necessary to pay them, while the Fifty-third Congress cut down government expenses more than \$47,000,000, as compared with the appropriations of the last Republican Congress.

It is true that Pennsylvania is a rich State, but that does not justify the Governor and Legislature in robbing her taxpayers. They should follow the Democratic example of economy. —Bellefonte Watchman.

**WORSE THAN SIBERIA.**

The Horrible Treatment Accorded American Prisoners in a Mexican Coal Mine.

HOUSTON, Texas, April 22.—John H. Manley, a locomotive engineer, who recently escaped from the coal mines, about eight miles from Monterrey, Mex., is in the city. He said to day:  
 "Years ago I went to Mexico as an engineer on the International Road. About seven years ago we backed out of a siding and ran over and killed a Mexican peon. At the next station our crew were arrested and thrown into prison. We were refused intercourse with friends. Then, without any trial, we were taken to mine No. 9 near Monterrey. There are still twenty or thirty Americans there, and we could not communicate with the outside world. One night last January our guard got drunk on smuggled whisky and I took a chunk of coal and smashed in his head, summoned my companions, William Hughes, my fireman, William Clark, the conductor, and Frank Godwin, and William Stillwell, the brakemen, all Americans. We slipped up behind another guard and knocked him in the head and dropped his body to the bottom of the shaft—222 feet. Taking the pistols off the dead guards we struck for the mountains and traveled only by night, with stars our guide, avoiding all villages and railways. We walked three weary months, living off roots, herbs and an occasional rabbit."

About twelve years ago, he stated, he saw John Reynolds, a 16-year old boy from Syracuse, N. Y., shot for having killed a Mexican in self defense. Some of the prisoners in mine No. 9 have been confined twenty years and none of them ever had the semblance of a trial. Manley tells this story in a straightforward way and impresses one with the truth of his statements. He says the treatment as accorded the prisoners is worse than in Siberia.

**THE PRICE OF BEEF.**

Why It Has Risen and the Reason It Should Not Be High.

Referring to a letter addressed him by Secretary Morton recently, directing an investigation into the causes in the rise in price of beef, Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, has made a brief statement to the secretary. After quoting the Chicago prices of dressed beef and shipping steers since January 1, Salmon says: "These prices show the cattle on foot are approaching paying figures for growers and feeders. But they don't warrant any such sensational rise of the dressed beef to butchers by the great slaughtering establishments, nor an advance such as is reported on the part of the retail dealers in meat to consumers. The normal rise in the wholesale price of dressed and in the retail prices should be only in proportion to the rise indicated for the beef on foot."

**GENERAL NEWS.**

A new Democratic daily is to be started in Chicago, with a capitol of \$1,000,000.

An editor of Bristol, Conn., committed suicide on Monday. He was probably making money too fast, and couldn't stand prosperity.

The religious garb bill will become a law. It will be amended so as to put the penalty on school boards employing teachers who wear religious garbs, instead of on the teachers.

A man with uplifted hands and surging to and fro on the top railing of the West Market street bridge, crossing the Susquehanna river at Wilkes-Barre was the thrilling sight which attracted several persons walking on the river bank about 10 o'clock Monday morning. In a second or two more the man had jumped from the railing into the waters below, a distance of forty feet. Before a boat could be procured the man went down for the last time and the body was carried down stream. The name of the suicide is not known.

**LEGISLATIVE BOOK AGENTS.**

A Lively Scramble in the House Over School Publications.

The House devoted practically the entire evening session on Monday to the discussion over the bill providing that school books shall not be changed more frequently than once in five years, and judging from the expressions used by the members in the debate, every other person on the floor was a book agent. One side said the American School Book Trust was for the bill, and the other said the trust was opposed to it, and the entire debate consisted largely of charges and countercharges.

The bill, as originally taken up, provided that books could not be changed for five years from the passage of the act, and then only at regular intervals of five years. As it eventually passed second reading it was so amended as not to apply to books now in use, but that when they were changed under the three year provision of the old law, they could after that be changed only once in five years. The changes are, however, not limited to the regular five-year periods, but the books may be changed at any time after they have been five years in use.

Mr. Herzog, of Berks, opposed the bill because he thought it contained a "snake," and besides he did not think a law of this kind necessary, as the different school boards could regulate the purchase of text books in a manner satisfactory to their own districts.

Mr. Murphy, of Westmoreland, termed it a vicious bill, and he wanted to dispel the impression gone out that the country members favored this bill. They did not favor it, and when a vote was taken on it that could be ascertained.

Mr. Schwarz, of Monroe, said that if the School Book bill passed the people would be at the mercy of the Book Trust.

Mr. McClain, of Lancaster, read a dispatch from the School Board of the city of Lancaster, where they held a meeting, protesting against the passage of the bill. He was against the bill, he said, because there was a "snake" in it, and a person had only to read between the lines to discover it.

Mr. Burrell, of Mercer, was of the opinion that it was a good bill, and should pass.

Mr. Talbot, of Chester, was in favor of the amendment offered by Mr. Phillips.

Mr. Lawrence, of Washington, opposed the bill for the reason that the school boards were against it. The Phillips amendment was agreed to as follows: "Providing that no change shall be made for five years from the adoption of any book or books." The bill passed second reading as amended.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

WELLERSVILLE, Pa. April 15 '95.  
 Lines on the death of Caroline, wife of Eri Ikeler, who died March 21st, aged 62 years, 11 months, and 26 days. The funeral services were conducted at the home, by her pastor Rev. H. B. Straub. The deceased was a member of the M. E. Church, and had chosen for her text Romans 12-18 "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." The discourse was both kind and encouraging. The different hymns which had been her choice through life were sung with thought and feeling that reached the heart of many. The family have the sympathy of their many friends, in this, their sad bereavement.

Borne softly o'er threshold was Mother dear,  
 To the children and husband to all so near,  
 Turning in their silence with tear and sigh;  
 Giving the last look which means Good-by.

Down the lone grave, which seems so deep,  
 The casket is lowered with a memory sweet:  
 The precepts of her life, which will ever seem nigh,  
 Yet with hearts still sobbing, "can it be Good-by."

But Jesus will meet her with a smile so bright,  
 And claim her his own where there is no night;  
 With a hope that we cherish to meet on high,  
 And may it ne'er prove to be a Good-by.

The words of "Our Mother" as o'er them we read,  
 And viewing the sweet lilies which at her feet spread,  
 May these tokens of love prove a blest tie,  
 That will bind us to heaven with not a Good-by.

The vine, which encircled her side and brow,  
 And the roses bespeak that soon, later, or now,  
 That we from our health may pine and die,  
 May the language of our hearts be a happy Good-by.

The memory of our sister, will ever remain,  
 To one, and to all it is just the same,  
 Around God's throne may we meet on high,  
 And shout the Hosannas with no Good-byes. A FRIEND.

Richard Sharpe, president of the Alden Coal Company and one of the wealthiest individual coal operators in the Wyoming Valley, died at his home, in Wilkes Barre, shortly after midnight last Sunday night, aged 82.

Wheat went up to sixty-three cents in the Chicago Board of Trade on Monday.

**Spring Medicine**

At this season, more emphatically than at any other, we should build for the future.

When Nature gives vitality to field and wood, there should be the harmony of renewed life and energy in our physical systems.

But, on the contrary, we find ourselves weak, dull, tired. This is because in the winter we have been housed-up in poorly ventilated offices, homes and shops, our blood has become thin and impure, and is unequal to the demand of the body for more life, more vigor, more energy, more strength.

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So easy to take and so readily assimilated, the purifying, vitalizing and enriching elements of Hood's Sarsaparilla—combined from nature's own storehouse of vegetable remedies for human ills, pass into the stomach and are then silently but certainly taken up by the blood and sent to every organ and tissue of the body.

The effect is often magical. The weakness is soon driven off, that tired feeling disappears, the nerves are built up, the stomach resumes its tasks even greedily, the appetite becomes as "sharp as a whetstone," and the whole man feel "as made anew."

The wonderful cures of Scrofula, Salt Rheum, and other dreadful diseases prove the great curative, blood purifying powers of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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**Hood's Sarsaparilla**

The statements in the testimonial below are familiar facts to the immediate friends of Mr. Geo. A. Zirkle, school teacher, of Mt. Horeb, Tenn., very well known throughout the county, where he was born and has always lived. It illustrates the wonderful power of Hood's Sarsaparilla over all diseases of the blood. Read it:  
 "I believe in Hood's Sarsaparilla. I will tell you why. I have suffered from inherited scrofula from childhood. When 37 years of age my eyes became

and was followed by others, till six had formed and broken.  
 "Finally, three years ago, another large tumor seated itself on the point of my collar bone and in six months another half way back on the bone. Both of them soon began to discharge and continued to do so till about seven months ago. I tried everything, including prescriptions. I was often so weak that I could scarcely walk and my mind was so confused that I could scarcely attend to my business (school teaching). I was utterly discouraged. And now my story draws to a close. I began the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla a little less than a year ago, and took five bottles. When I began I had no faith in it. In less than 3 months

Both the Sores on my shoulder were healed; I was cured of a troublesome catarrh; and scrofulous habit has steadily grown less apparent. I weigh more than I ever did in my life and am in the best of health considering my constitution. Do you wonder that I believe in Hood's Sarsaparilla? I can do no less than recommend it everywhere."  
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"We have used Hood's Sarsaparilla for our little boy, who had a running sore on one of his limbs. He had suffered from it for one and a half years. He took seven bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and the sore is all healed and he is now well. Hood's Sarsaparilla cleansed his blood and cured him." E. B. JOHNSON, Bridge-water, Iowa.

Scrofula Eradicated.  
 "I am a great sufferer with blood trouble. I have taken several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it the best medicine I ever saw for scrofula humors and blood poison. It strengthens the system and drives away that tired feeling. No one knows the good Hood Sarsaparilla will do until it has been faithfully tried." LAURA M. LAWTON, Spragueville, New York.

Sores On Neck and Arms.  
 "Last spring I had sores come on my neck and arms, owing to bad blood and a run down system. My physician told me to get Hood's Sarsaparilla and take it to purify my blood. After taking three bottles I was cured. It is an excellent spring medicine." MRS. ANNA DITZLER, New Danville, Pennsylvania.

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**Merchant TAILOR,**  **AND HATTER.**  
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**Calling**

We have no doubt that April's intentions are good. While she shows a lamentable disposition to stop and sit down on old Winter's lap occasionally, she will get here by and by and bring some weather with her. In the mean time come out between the showers and see what we have to make life worth living.

**DRESS STUFFS.**

It is almost impossible, for want of advertising space to go into details, but if you want to see the finest line we have ever shown, we are anxious to show it to you. Some exclusive styles in just dress patterns in the latest weaves.

colors plain and figured at 35 and 60 cents.

**PERCALS.**

You will want shirt waists for mornings and these are the most useful things for that purpose we can show, and the price is very reasonable, only 10c per yard, 36 inches wide.

**HOSIERY.**

We are selling the Y. D. Hosiery double sole, high spliced heel and the best stocking that we can buy. These are absolutely fast black.

**SHOES.**

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**CROCERIES.**

Home dried fruits of all kinds and the finest California evaporated pears, peaches and apricots on the market. Canned goods of the finest quality and at any price you may want.



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 We Blow Our Own Horn only to attract your attention. Then we want to invite you to visit us—it is immaterial whether or not you want to purchase anything. We are showing a fine line of silver and glass ware.  
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