

Report Of The State Treasurer.

Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year Ending November 30—Comparisons With Last Year.

At the State Treasury a summary of the receipts and payments for the fiscal year ending November 30, has just been completed. The total receipts were \$11,746,411.62, as against \$12,322,734.57 last year. There was transferred to the sinking fund \$360,371.50, leaving \$11,386,039.60 for the general expenses of the commonwealth.

In the list of payments the chief items are the following: Senate, \$165,618.12, an increase of over \$150,000 as compared with 1894 owing to the session of the Legislature; House of Representatives, \$424,505.15, a jump of over \$400,000, for the same reason; judiciary, \$594,510.77, an increase of more than \$40,000; public printing and binding, \$243,046.47, at least \$50,000 more than last year; Legislative Record, \$36,161.10, a biennial extra; public grounds and buildings, \$228,356.56, as against \$64,176.13, last year; commissions for the erection for certain state buildings, \$446,114.20; hospitals and asylums for the insane, \$609,380.99, a decrease of about \$100,000; penitentiaries, \$121,530.94, a decrease of over \$20,000; reformatories, \$240,260.68, an increase of about \$10,000; charitable institutions, \$1,034,204.66, an increase of more than \$30,000; state tax on personal property returned to counties, \$1,575,019.70, an increase of over \$500,000; common schools, \$6,117,261.56, an increase of nearly \$350,000; soldiers orphans' schools, \$245,688.01, a decrease of about \$10,000; National Guard, \$378,501.23, a decrease of over \$35,000; Department of Agriculture, \$14,868.57, a new item this year. The total payments from the general fund were \$13,402,962.90, and from the sinking fund \$278,738.84. During the year \$3,567.34 was paid on the state debt. There is but \$1,000 of the 1874 loan still out.

When to Read the Bible.

If you are down with the blues, read the twenty-seventh Psalm. If you feel lonesome and unprotected, read the ninety-first Psalm. If you are all out of sorts read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews. If people pelt you with hard words read the fifteenth chapter of John. If you don't know where to look for the month's rent read the thirty-seventh Psalm. If there is a silly sensation about the heart read the third chapter of Revelations. If you are getting discouraged about your work, read Psalm CXXXI and Galatians VI. 7. 9. If you find yourself losing confidence in men read the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians. If the stovepipe has fallen down and the cook gone off in a pet, put up the pipe and wash your hands, and then read the third chapter of John.—The Old Homestead.

Penn'a Canal Tonnage.

During the season just closed, there was shipped from Nanticoke over the Pennsylvania Canal 210,344 tons of coal, and from Shickshinny 1632 tons of coal and culm. This is the lowest tonnage of any year, the lowest previous year being 1894, when 222,495 tons were shipped. During 1895 at Beach Haven office 13,835,500 pounds of other cargo were recorded among which railroad ties and potatoes were the chief articles.

THE RURAL JOURNALIST.

Now, the country editor, by the necessities of his environment, is under sacred obligations to his subscribers to give them the best of which he is intellectually capable. In a farming community he is a guide, philosopher, and friend quite as much as, if not more than any one else, is enabled to keep in touch with the outside world. The new impressions and standards of the world at large, its great movements and tireless energies, the words and deeds of its great men, its thoughts, problems, reforms, and inventions, and all its multifarious human interests, come to the editor's desk day by day and week by week through the medium of the exchange list, however remote he may be from the nerve-centres of the nation. To study these things and to interpret them in their true meaning, as he understands it, should be his duty and his privilege. In a community where books are scarce and social and intellectual intercourse limited, and where in many households the county weekly is practically the only reading-matter, he could be, though too often to day he is not, relatively as important a public servant as the editor of a metropolitan paper of enormous circulation. I know several country editors who stand toward their subscribers in exactly this relation, cultivated, conscientious, high minded men, who are proud of their work, and who strive to make their papers welcome visitors and powers for the right. I admit that of this class there are few to day compared with the number of them who belonged to a previous generation. This is due, I believe, to the tendency of men of capital, individually or in cliques, to own newspapers purely as investments, or for political ends, or "to help boom the town." They hire cheap labor, lack a broad, well defined public policy, and place in editorial charge a man who writes what is expedient rather than what he believes.—Oliver McKee, in January Lippincott's.

Poisons engendered by food fermenting in a dyspeptic stomach are the direct cause of rheumatism, gout, bronchitis, liver and kidney complaints, asthma, pneumonia and many nervous ailments.

These results are prevented by the use of the Shaker Digestive Cordial, a remedy discovered and prepared by the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. It is in itself a food and has power to digest other food taken with it. Thus it rests the diseased stomach and finally masters the worst cases of dyspepsia. It acts promptly and fresh strength and increase of weight soon follows. The first dose, taken immediately after eating, abates the pain and distress so dreaded by dyspeptics. Trial bottles—enough to prove its merit—10 cents.

Laxol is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

Figure 3 and 1896.

The peculiarity of the date of 1896 is its involved connection with the digit 3. As that number is regarded by those who hold superstitious belief as a proverbially lucky one, from its association with certain Biblical events, it is to be hoped that the coming annual cycle may prove this one particular theory to be true, and that January 1 will usher in an auspicious season of material and financial prosperity.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate are the following: Giving a uniform pension of \$50 per month to all who lost a hand or foot in the late war and of \$60 to those who lost an entire limb.

Disfranchising any citizen of the United States who shall solicit or accept a title, patent of nobility or degree of honor from a foreign nation, and punishing this act as a crime by both fine and imprisonment.

Granting a pension of \$200 per month to the widow of the late Secretary of State, General W. Q. Gresham.

Drank too Much Tea.

A seamstress in Williamsport is seriously ill from the effects of drinking too much tea. The Sun says that the woman is a slave to tea drinking and has drunk as high as fifteen to twenty cups a day. She formerly was addicted to the coffee habit, but was compelled to give it up. She then began using tea to the same extent and is now in a serious condition.

WHAT SHE KNEW.

Jim Blankenship and His Attractions. Epitaph to the Widow.

"Jim Blankenship was the beau-galant of the Pine mountains," said a lady who has seen a good deal of mountain life and lumbering, in North Carolina.

"A moonshiner by profession, a shooter by instinct, and a saw-mill hand by adoption, he combined in his makeup all those qualifications which commended him to the romantic ideas of mountain womanhood.

"I had been paying Jim a dollar a day and found for the past six months as a helper about the mill, and on the day of which this chronicle narrates, I was to look over a lot of logs he had been collecting.

"As I rode along, wondering why in thunder anybody stayed in that rough country who wasn't compelled to, I overtook a woman on horseback. She was rather better-looking than the average, and, what was somewhat unusual, she was quite 'sprightly,' and when I saluted her, she responded in a tone which suggested that I might continue my conversation without meeting with her disapproval.

"The Lord knows the mountains are lonely enough, even with companionship, and when I found some one to talk to I didn't look my gift horse in the mouth, but accepted with pleasure anything that the gods gave.

"Of course I didn't know who she was but that cut no ice, and I immediately proceeded to let myself out.

"She was about thirty-five years of age, and as sharp as a briar, and we could not get the slightest difficulty in having plenty to talk about.

"I reckon," she said, "that you air the man that is with them timber people, ain't you?"

"Yes," I replied, "but why did you think so?"

"I seed you down at the mill 'tother day, and Jim Blankenship told me you wuz the boss."

"Oh, you know Jim, do you?" and I smiled.

"In course," she admitted, with a faint blush, "everybody in these parts knows Jim. He was born and riz here."

"Of course a fine fellow, is Jim," I said, admiringly. "Not many like him in the mountains, is he fancy?"

"Ain't none," she corroborated, with a degree of positiveness which indicated that notwithstanding Jim wasn't quite thirty, he had been as polite to the older as to the younger women.

"He's a great ladies' man, too," I went on, innocently.

"So I've heard. I ain't seed much uv it myself, but I've hearn folks talk."

"I think Jim is rather smooth in such matters," I ventured.

"How?" and she looked at me as if she expected something.

"Oh, nothing bad, of course," I hastened to explain. "He is merely sensible enough not to boast of his popularity."

"Oh," she said, as if my explanation were extremely lucid and more or less satisfactory. "Have you ever hearn Jim say much about the women folks 'round here?" she went on.

"A little, only, and all that very complimentary indeed."

"Did you ever hear him say anything about the Widder Lewis?"

"Never."

"Well, I hearn he kinder hankered fer her more'n fer 'tther 'ns."

"She must be a very fine woman if he does."

"I reckon she is. Leastwise, I hearn him say so."

"I shouldn't think Jim would tell one woman what he thought of another, if he thought well of the other."

"Well," she hesitated, "you see, I've known Jim a long while."

"Now, what do you suppose the widder thinks of Jim?"

"Her face clouded, as if there was a storm of jealousy in sight.

"She jist hankers after him powerful," she replied, briefly.

"You must know the Widder Lewis as well as I do, Jim," I said.

"I reckon I do, mister," she answered, with a brightening face; "I'm the Widder Lewis."

"A white squall, did I ever see one? I should say I had," said an old sailor in the barge office at New York.

"We were between here and the West Indies, and it was as fair a day as you ever put eyes on. I was at the wheel, and we were bowling along under a pretty sailing breeze. There wasn't a cloud to be seen, unless a little white vapor far off could be called a cloud. All of a sudden the captain came up out of his cabin.

"Get all the light sails off her as quick as you can," he shouted to the mate. "Clew up the royals and topgallant sails, and bear a hand lively, boys."

"What's the matter with the old man now?" said the sailors, as they looked across the horizon and saw nothing but sunshine and the clear sky.

"Nevertheless, all hands turned to getting in the light sails. The captain took the wheel and sent me to assist. Of course we all thought it was a piece of foolishness, but we worked with a will because the captain told us to.

"Well, we had no sooner got those sails in than, it struck. Right out of the clear sky came an awful gale. It tore our great mainsail and other sails to ribbons quicker than a flash. It came 'butt end to,' as the sailors say.

"How did the captain know it was coming? Why, he was in his cabin and happened to see his glass go down suddenly. That meant something, and he hustled on deck. A good captain watches his barometer as a cat watches a mouse."

"The Belle and the Burglar."

"Little did I think—"

The bold, bad burglar gazed at her earnestly.

"Dat de New Woman would take up me line of trade!"

The female he addressed recoiled.

"Sis, you are mistaken! This—her anger overcame her fears—'is merely a complexion mask."

The midnight marauder smiled.

"Ah!"

He conjured her to silence with his brilliant aspect.

"Dat puts another face on it!"

Patting himself that all of her engagement rings were the real stuff, he swiped the lot—Puck.

A Beginner's View.

"What strikes you most about bicycling?"

"The earth, as a general thing."

Town Topics.

THE TURN OF LIFE.

WOMAN'S CRITICAL PERIOD.

Contemplated with Less Fear than of Old.

(SPECIAL FOR LADY READERS.)

There is no period in woman's earthly career which she approaches with so much anxiety as the "change of life." Yet during the past twenty years women have learned much from a woman.

It is safe to say that women who prepare themselves for the eventful period pass through it much easier than in the past.

There is but one course to pursue. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should be used in time to subdue the nervous complications, and prepare the system for the change.

It is well for those approaching the time to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., and get her free advice.

Such testimony as the following should be convincing:—

"Your Vegetable Compound has been a God-send to me: It saved my life when all else failed. I would have been in my grave ten years ago but for it. My womb had fallen and rested on the bladder. The doctor could not relieve me; my mind was deranged. Your Compound cured me. It helped me through the change of life all right; am now in good health. It has also cured my husband of kidney trouble; made him like a new man. Please state my words in the strongest terms. I am glad to send you my picture. I travelled twelve miles to have it taken for you. Mrs. W. L. Day, Bettaville, O."

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READING RAILROAD SYSTEM.

In effect May, 12, 1895.

TRAINS LEAVE BLOOMSBURG

For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville, Tamuqua, weekdays, 11.55 a. m., 3.25 p. m.

For Williamsport, weekdays, 7.35 a. m., 3.25 p. m.

For Danville and Milton, weekdays, 7.35 a. m., 3.15 p. m.

For Catawissa weekdays 7.35, 11.55 a. m., 12.30, 5.00, 8.30 p. m.

For Rupert weekdays 7.35, 11.55 a. m., 12.30, 3.25, 5.00, 8.30 p. m.

For Baltimore, Washington and the West via B. & O. R. R. through trains leave Reading Terminal, Philadelphia, 3.15, 7.55, 11.55 a. m., 3.45, 7.27, p. m. Additional trains from 1.34 and Chestnut street station, weekdays, 1.35, 5.41, 8.23 p. m. Sundays, 1.35, 8.23 p. m.

TRAINS FOR BLOOMSBURG

Leave New York via Philadelphia 8.00 a. m., arrive Easton 9.10 a. m., leave Philadelphia 10.30 a. m.

Leave Reading 11.30 a. m.

Leave Pottsville 12.30 p. m.

Leave Tamuqua 1.30 p. m.

Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.10 a. m., 4.20 p. m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.30 a. m., 1.30, 3.27, 6.15.

Leave Rupert, weekdays, 7.08, 8.37 a. m., 12.06, 1.37, 4.26, 8.53.

FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut street wharf and South Street wharf for Atlantic City.

WEEK-DAYS—Express, 9.30 a. m., 2.00, 4.00, 5.00 p. m. Accommodation, 8.00 a. m., 4.30, 6.30 p. m.

SUNDAY—Express, 9.00, 10.00 a. m., Accommodation, 8.00 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

Returning leave Atlantic City, depot, corner Atlantic and Arkansas Avenues.

WEEK-DAYS—Express, 7.35, 9.00 a. m., 3.30, 5.30 p. m. Accommodation, 6.50, 8.15 a. m., 4.32 p. m.

Sunday—Express, 4.00, 7.30 p. m. Accommodation, 7.15 a. m., 4.15 p. m.

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