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**Errors of the State Assessor.**

Inequalities in the assessment of real estate for taxation are more numerous than ever, according to the returns just compiled by the Secretary of Internal Affairs, and this is doubtless due to the various methods employed in arriving at results. The trouble this year is practically the same trouble over again, but inequality has its compensation. The heavy increase to the credit of this city will have its effect on the next ratio of distribution of the State school appropriation and that is a compensation by way of a benefit very few other districts will share in.

The value of salaries, emoluments of office, posts of profit, professions, trades and occupations is given this year at \$12,827,751, while in 1894 it reached \$114,414,918, a decrease not at all justified by existing conditions. The value of property taxable for county purposes this year is \$2,621,047,521, while last year it was \$2,545,500,738, an increase since 1891 of nearly \$400,000,000. Philadelphia figures to the extent of \$780,149,000 in this aggregate, an exceptionally healthy showing. The amount of county tax assessed this year was \$20,387,168, while last year it was \$19,935,994. Perhaps the various boards of County Commissioners will see the evil effect of undervaluations in season to apply a remedy next year, but the loss to their treasuries is quite material as a penalty.

The aggregate of money at interest is given at only \$620,020,507, an increase of less than four millions of dollars over last year, and this in itself is a manifest wrong the Secretary of Internal Affairs is seeking a way to correct. Extreme measures have never been adopted in this State to compel complete returns of money at interest and this leads the Secretary of Internal Affairs to recommend legislation that must insure a more strict accountability.

About everything governing the State returns is a matter with which the assessors alone have to deal, and their accounts in a number of instances are glaringly inaccurate. It amounts to a practical disregard of duty. In the item of taxation of money at interest, for example, the aggregate this year is \$2,482,507, of which this city pays \$1,238,827. As three-fourths of these taxes are returnable to the county, this city secures nearly one-half of the entire tax.—*Times.*

The bond and certificate bill passed the House Saturday afternoon as it was reported by the Ways and Means committee, without giving opportunity for a vote on the amendments which the administration desired for its improvement. The attempt of the anti-bond Republicans to knock out the bond feature failed, for they could only muster forty-seven votes, including all the silver Republicans, although they did bring down the majority for it to thirty-four, the vote standing 170 to 136. Then the certificate section was adopted and the bill passed without a division.

It goes now to the Senate, where it will be referred to the finance committee and where the silver men who control that committee propose to push it forward, reporting it in advance of the tariff bill, and making it a silver measure, without any provision for bonds, which is the only shape in which it can pass the Senate. The fact that neither this bill nor the tariff bill can become a law, since the President would veto either of them, if it reached him, makes the interest in them political, rather than practical.

The President, satisfied from what the House has done, and from what the Senate is expected to do, that no legislation which would really improve the situation can be obtained, and, notified by the action of the House, in agreeing to do no business this week, and by the information of senators that the Senate would take the same action—thus cutting off any possible hope of even such legislation as Congress might be willing to pass—feels perfectly justified in proceeding to make his announcement of a new issue of bonds, as the only practical way of relieving the treasury.

**Pennsylvania Law Abolishing Grace.**

The new law of Pennsylvania, abolishing days of grace, went into effect January 1, and is as follows:

Section 1. That on all notes, drafts, checks, acceptances, bills of exchange, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, made, drawn or accepted by any person or corporation after this act shall take effect, and in which there is not expressed stipulation to the contrary, no grace, according to the custom of merchants, shall be allowed, but the same shall be due and payable as therein expressed without grace.

Section 2. That all such notes, drafts, bills of exchange, checks or other paper falling due on Sunday or a legal holiday or day observed as such, or any half holiday, shall be deemed to be due on the next secular business day thereafter. Provided, however, that all such notes, bills of exchange, drafts, checks, etc., shall not be protested on any Saturday, but must be protested on the next secular or business day.

Section 3. All laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

Sullivan county's grand jury asks for more spittoons in the jury room. They evidently do a good deal of "chawing" in the jury room, and it is not all about the cases under discussion, either.

**JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.**

WILKES-BARRE, PA.

January 1, 1896



We extend to our patrons the compliments of the season, wishing them a prosperous and happy year. We know of no better way to commence the New Year than to inaugurate the New Year with a grand sale of dress goods that will establish our immense department throughout every town and hamlet within a radius of fifty miles of our city. To those who have waited for the reduction season to commence we would say it is here now. Dress Goods will never be sold lower. As an example we offer a line of novelty Dress Materials in all wool double width fabrics in neat designs and many colorings, as a special feature this week we have clipped the price from 57c. the yard down to 33c.

A fine assortment of Dress Plaids just received, pretty and stylish, as you know plaids are the reigning designs this season. We bought one lot really worth 59c. the yard at a price for big quantities so as to offer them this week at 39c.

You know our store is celebrated for its Black Goods. We keep no grade except those specially noted for good colors and wearing qualities. This week we will offer 56 inch all wool Cheviot Coating and Cape Cloth extra heavy, rough finish, worth \$1.50, at the yard 87c.

56 inch all wool black Bouc'e Cape Cloth reduced for this week from \$2.98 to \$1.48. We would be glad to have you send for samples of any of the above, as we know you will be well pleased with them. We are sure no higher grade fabrics are made at double the money.

One case of Gros de Londres Cotton Dress Goods in the newest weaves, Persian patterns and fancy colors, offered this week at the yard 12 1/2c.

Two cases of extra heavy white fleeceed Blankets, would be very cheap at \$1.50, will be offered this week at 98c.

50 plush Carriage Robes, extra weight and generous size, and double woven, they are in black, green, blue, red and black. We recommend these robes as very desirable in point of beauty and wearing qualities. Our price this week is on y 93.

Dressy gentlemen should try one of our celebrated Peyser 2100 Linen Collars, which we warrant equal to any sold at 25c. We are sole agents for this part of the State and sell all styles at 10c each.

Peyser 2100 Linen Cuffs are 15c.; Link Cuffs, 20c.

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**THE VENEZUELA AFFAIR.**

The president's message has been received by a large part of the American people with great approbation and even enthusiasm. This is partly owing to a natural tendency in the popular mind to applaud the government whenever it shows a bold front to a foreign power, especially when that foreign power is a worthy antagonist, and, perhaps, not over popular among us. Neither is there any doubt that if this dispute should lead to a sterner conflict, the people at large would loyally stand by the government against all comers. At the same time there is a strong undercurrent of feeling that the national dignity will be best maintained and the national interest will be best served if after this demonstration of national spirit no effort be neglected to bring on an honorable settlement of this difficulty in peace. If Congress accepts the proposition of the President to submit this Venezuelan boundary muddle for a thorough impartial inquiry to a commission appointed for that purpose, and that commission is composed of men generally respected for good sense as well as ability, sufficient time will be gained for the sober second thought to make itself felt on both sides of the Atlantic.

There has been much speculation among politicians as to whether Mr. Cleveland, after having so far conducted our foreign affairs with conspicuous prudence and moderation, may not have been induced to take this somewhat sensational step concerning the Venezuelan business with a view to putting himself forward as a candidate for the Presidency again, or to saving his party from the unpromising situation in which it at present finds itself. We candidly believe that those who think or say so do Mr. Cleveland injustice. He has on so many occasions put his personal popularity in jeopardy by doing what he considered right and for the best interest of the country, that he may fairly be regarded as standing above the suspicion of acting the part of reckless demagoguery. In this respect his character is too well established. What he has done has doubtless sprung from his sense of public duty and responsibility, and we trust he will in the prosecution of this matter not forget that a war between Great Britain and the United States would be to both nations the greatest calamity imaginable.—*From Harper's Weekly.*

**An Army of Students.**

Five hundred and ninety-eight earnest students are now in attendance at Wood's College, Scranton. Mr. Williams, the owner and manager has, at Rochester, N. Y., taught and lectured to ten thousand students, and wrote business college text books now used all over America.

The splendid faculty is retained and President Williams teaches day and evening. If you wish a thorough course in business or shorthand, call and investigate or send for College Journal.

O. F. WILLIAMS.

**At the drawing for Chief Justice of the Superior Court, and seniority the names of the seven Judges composing this court came out in the following order: Judge Charles E. Rice, of Luzerne; Judge E. N. Willard, of Lackawanna; Judge John J. Wickham, of Beaver; Judge James A. Beaver, of Center; Judge Howard J. Reeder, of Northampton; Judge Geo. B. Orlandy, of Huntington; and Judge P. P. Smith of Lackawanna. Governor Hastings will issue the commission in the order named. By this drawing Judge Rice is Presiding Judge and he is probably the ablest member of the court.**

It is said that there are only two sheep left in Crawford township, Clinton county, as the result of the ravages of sheep killing dogs. There are eighty-one dogs assessed in the township.

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**JURORS FOR FEBRUARY TERM OF COURT.**

**GRAND JURORS.**  
 Berwick—G. A. Buckingham, W. B. Dennis, John H. Taylor, G. H. Welliver, Bloom—Robert Runyan, Albert Summers, Howard W. Waite, Briarclark—C. W. Ferris, Conyngham—Hugh Breslin, Alfred Fetterolf, John Jones, John Price, Centralia—Samuel Cartwright, Catawissaboro—Herben Shuman, Fishingcreek—Josiah Coleman, I. W. Edgar, Malt—Joseph Breich, Mifflin—J. C. Hetler, John Kirkendall, Montour—W. E. Johnston, Mt. Pleasant—John Wolf, Orange—Joseph Fickenshine, Pine—Wm. F. Budman, Scott—C. G. Ammerman.

**TRAVERSE JURORS.**

**FIRST WEEK.**  
 Berwick—Henry H. Frantz, Bloom—Harry Brittain, William Bodine, D. A. Cressy, Stephen Knorr, James Magee Ist., Harry Rhodes, C. B. Sterling, A. H. Kitchell, Benton—Joseph Cole, Linn Stetson, Briarclark—Charles Harman, Catawissa—S. S. Dreisbach, C. B. Ludwig, Cattawissa—George Schumm, Fishingcreek—Frank Meyers, E. F. Stoker, David Vost, Jackson—Brittain Hess, Alex. Knouse, Malt—W. P. Zander, Mifflin—Benj. Pennypacker, Samuel Snyder, Montour—J. K. Mourey, Orange—Francis Herrig, Pine—A. Bennett, Roaringcreek—Michael Hill, Scott—Charles Creveling, William Est, John K. Miller, John Turner, Sugarloaf—W. M. Hartman.

**SECOND WEEK.**

Bloom—C. H. Albert, Daniel Brytole, G. G. Baker, G. W. Cogwell, G. H. Campbell, J. B. Ehrhart, C. R. Hougel, John L. Ellis, G. A. McKelvey, Benton—Daniel E. Troy, Benton—Thomas Edwards, C. B. Ikeler, W. H. Smith, George Welliver, Berwick—Joseph Catterall, J. Harry Hess, Briarclark—William Ash, Clinton Brosius, Nathan Stiller, Catawissa—J. R. Bibby, George Schleich, Cattawissa twp.—J. W. Rider, William Zimmerman, Centralia—B. I. Curran, William Gittler, Conyngham—Roger Dixon, Fishingcreek—Nathan Smith, Hemlock—Charles Harris, Madison—Judson Aze, Milt—David Shuman, Mifflin—John Buehler, Mt. Pleasant—Henry Kline, Orange—J. G. Knorr, Sugarloaf—G. B. Adamsan, J. L. Pennington, Peter K. Stultz.

**TRIAL LIST.**

**FEBRUARY COURT.**  
 James K. Eyer's exr's vs. George W. Sterner, Helen C. Swisher vs. James R. Ritter, Johnston Besley Coal Co. vs. Lafayette Fetterman, et al., Johnston Besley Coal Co. vs. Lafayette Fetterman, et al., Exekiel Cole's exr. vs. C. W. Miller, et al., Amelia Benscoter vs. Berwick Water Co., Richard Pursell vs. Michael Netney, School Furnishing Co. vs. Bloomsburg Belt R. R. Co., A. C. Kolrbach vs. Charles Hughes, Susan Cooper vs. Averell & Sons, Remben Shuman's admn. vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., William Berninger vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., David Shuman vs. J. B. Nuss, I. T. Kider vs. Mathias Gingles, exr., K. J. Wilson vs. Thomas J. Reese et al., John R. Eves' exr. vs. W. & W. R. K. Co., now C. Penna. & W. R. R. Co., Harry A. Scott vs. Wilson Houck, David Persing vs. Thomas J. Hoffman, Susan Cooper vs. Daniel Miller, D. B. Beck vs. Catawissa Fibre Co., L't'd, Julia A. Price vs. Abbie Barnes, et al., Catawissa Fibre Co., L't'd. vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., Harriet Hollingshead, et al. vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., J. B. Nuss vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., J. S. Heller vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., John Schell vs. Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Co., Hannah C. Cook's use vs. Albert Williams, Henry H. Sands vs. L. M. Pettit, G. W. Michael vs. Wellington Mourey, William H. George vs. B. F. Singley, Dr. J. R. Evans vs. Dennis Brink, Joseph Breich vs. Jacob R. Bowes.

**DIVORCE NOTICE.**

*Emma Pursell* by her next friend *John Rehm* vs. *Alexander A. Pursell.*  
 In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, No. 45, Sept. Term, 1895.  
*A. Alexander A. Pursell*, respondent above named.

Whereas upon the petition or libel of the said *Emma Pursell* above named, a Subpoena being awarded by the Court of Common Pleas of said county, a subpoena issued out of said court, commanding you, the said *Alexander A. Pursell* to be and appear at the next regular term of said Court to show cause, if any you have, why the said libel should not be dissolved from the bonds of matrimony which she has contracted with you agreeably to the prayer of the petitioner; and whereas, upon the return of the said subpoena served upon you by the said court, you failed to be and appear at the then next regular term of said Court, to answer, etc., as aforesaid to which the same return was made by the Sheriff.

You are therefore required to be and appear on the first day of the regular term of said Court to be held at Bloomsburg, for the said county, on the first Monday of February next, A. D. 1896 to answer the complaint aforesaid.  
 Wm. Christian, Atty. J. B. HENRY, Sheriff.  
 1-3-96.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Estate of *Mary C. Gruver*, late of Bloomsburg, deceased.  
 Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having any claims against the same will present them, for payment, duly authenticated, and their receipt thereon will make final the payment to:  
 JOHN M. GARMAN,  
 Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the members of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association for the election of officers will be held in the Court House at Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, January 18, 1896, at 3 o'clock p. m.  
 A. N. FOSTER,  
 Secretary.

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in its season is a highly valuable element. We don't want it all the time, but there is one thing we do want. It is

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