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FOR SALE. A good slate black-board about 10 feet by 3 feet, suitable for school, will be sold cheap. Apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg, Pa. if.

DAMAGE BY FLOOD.

Two Thousand Homeless in Mississippi. The Levee System Succumbs to the Strain.

News from the Mississippi Valley is of the most distressing nature. The magnificent levees, upon which millions of Federal as well as State money have been expended, have succumbed to the terrible strain, and an ocean of water is rushing through and over the finest farming land this side of the Nile, carrying death and destruction in its wake.

GREENVILLE IN GREAT DANGER.

Greenville is in great danger. The water from the middle break will partially flood that town. If the levee in front of Greenville should break, the loss of life and property would be enormous.

Railroad communication has already been cut in two places and before long the Georgia Pacific road running east from Greenville may be flooded.

Probably 10,000 people are working with a desperation born of despair to save their homes and property. The whole machinery of the State and the Illinois Central Railroad is being brought into play. It is currently reported that the levee in front of Laconia Circle, Ark., has broken. If this be true, and it probably is, 30,000 acres of fertile cotton land will be flooded.

HEAVY LOSS TO THE STATE.

The breaks that have already occurred have done incalculable damage, but no loss of human life has been reported. Horses, mules and cattle have, however, been swept away. The worn-out people are still at work to prevent other breaks, and thousands line the great embankments. All business is suspended.

From Vicksburg news is to the effect that the river is higher than has been known since the war. The levees thereabouts are still holding but are weakening, and may not last through the great strain.

The State is one of the heaviest losers by the breaks already had, as the eight or ten convict farms, averaging 10,000 acres each, are even now under water, and hundreds of acres of growing corn ruined. The crisis is expected very soon all along the line.

It is estimated that fully 2,000 people are homeless and at the mercy of charity. Horses and cattle have been washed away by the thousand.

STRAY PARAGRAPHS.

Blue birds are with us. A black board—a colored school committee. You can contract pneumonia now without putting in bids. No Maud deer, vegetarians are not always grass widows. When a man is out of pocket, why should he not call on a tailor? Children learning their letters are the closest students of character. In penitentiaries, even among prisoners the stars and stripes go together. Just at present a game of base ball could be seen at Athletic Park, without climbing the fence. The janitor has more work to do since the Commissioners ordered the front door of the Court House to be locked every night.

Some of the Republican banner staves are carrying it.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Big No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or \$1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

THE CAKE WALK.

Davy Boughton's much talked of cake walk took place last evening in Evans' Hall. The hall was well filled with onlookers, but the contestants for the prizes in the cake walks were not as numerous as had been expected, but the twenty couple that took part furnished lots of amusement for those who paid admission, and all got the worth of their money. Davy was a little bit late in getting things started and it was nearly ten o'clock when the fun began.

The first thing on the program was the grand march, after which came the first cake walk, the winner of which was entitled to the first prize of a gold watch.

The Judges, Geo. Enterline, Chas. Reice, James Staver, W. C. Faust, John Armstrong, and E. P. Williams, took their seats, and the walk started. The judges were unable to decide as to who was the best man, and it was finally agreed to put the seven votes in a hat and the last name drawn was to win the watch. This was done, and Clarence O'Brien, of Williamsport, was the winner.

George Washington says the reason he wasn't in it was because his girl was out of town, and besides this he had to break in a new pair of slippers. The second prize, a large cake, was divided between Frank Parks of Bloomsburg and J. Baker of Danville.

Davy says he expected to see more from other towns, but won't kick, as he came out even. Rux orchestra of Williamsport furnished the music.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common water glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates a diseased condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. The frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Tired, Sweating, Aching feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Changes in the Legislative Districts of the State.

AGREEMENT ON THE NEW CAPITOL.

Danger of a Clash Between the Governor and the Legislature Now Removed. House Opposition to the Reform Measures—Dr. Swallow's Belligerent Attitude (Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 30.—The governor has thus far received 12 bills, four of which he has approved. The last one he signed was an act in reference to prison officials, visitors, etc. He still has in his hands seven to which he has not attached his signature, viz.: To pay mileage of coroners viewing dead bodies; creation and regulation of municipal liens and the proceedings in the collection thereof in the several boroughs of the state; making constables of townships ex-officio fire wardens in the extinguishment of forest fires and reporting to the courts violations of laws protecting forests, etc.; regulating standard weight of a bushel of oats; establishment of public libraries in the several school districts, excepting in cities, and the purchase of unseated lands by the commonwealth for non-payment of taxes for the purpose of establishing a state forest reservation.

Both houses have succeeded in the dispatch of very considerable business, but the senate is much ahead of the house in their work, and in consequence of this have adjourned over until April.

The New Legislative Districts.

A bill was offered in the house a few days ago which makes a decided change in the legislative districts of the state. By the provisions of this bill the Third and Fourth wards of Philadelphia are made one district, and with 1 member, and the Fifth and Sixth wards comprise one district, with 1 member. It entitles the Seventh ward to 2 members, and the Eighth and Ninth wards are consolidated, with 1 member. The Tenth gets 1 member. The Eleventh and Twentieth are united, with 1 member. The Sixteenth and Seventeenth together are entitled to 1 member, while 4 members are given to the Nineteenth and Thirty-first wards. The Twenty-second ward gets 2 members. The Twenty-fourth and Thirty-fourth are consolidated, and get 3 members, instead of 2. The Twenty-sixth and Thirty-seventh are given 2 members. The Thirty-second ward, which was formerly in that district, is made a separate district, with 1 member. These constitute the changes in Philadelphia.

Adams county gets 1 member. Allegheny county will have 20 members. Bedford county gets 1 member, while Blair is entitled to 3 members. Cambria county is given 3, Chester 3, Clarion 1, Crawford 2, Clearfield 3, Columbia 1, Huntingdon 1, Jefferson 2, Lancaster 5, Lawrence 1, Luzerne 7, Lackawanna 5, Mercer 2, Schuylkill 5, Somerset 1 and Wayne 1, while Westmoreland gets 4. All other counties will be the same as under the present apportionment.

Among the bills that met with defeat recently, and which are not likely to be resurrected again during this session, were the anti-treating bill and the pool racing bill, both of which met their death on final passage. The latter bill, it was understood, was going to be knocked into smithereens by the house any way, and it was thought best to not give them the opportunity. The libel bill drafted by the Pennsylvania Editorial association was also practically killed in the house when it came up for second reading.

Agreement on the New Capitol Assured.

There is no doubt that an agreement will be reached in a short time between the governor and the legislature on a plan for a new capitol, and the structure will be on about the same economic lines as recommended by the executive in his message. This is about what was agreed upon by the committees on public buildings and grounds of the house and senate, who had a conference with the governor of about two hours' duration, and the plans were received as to the grouping of the various buildings in architectural effect, and which there will be four in all. This will include the executive building. The style adopted will in all probability be the renaissance, which will include a slight touch of the colonial, the object being to improve on the old state house.

The governor, in his statement before the committee, remarked that the contract should be let Aug. 1, the building completed by Nov. 1, 1898, and if the work is not done in that time he would take all the blame. He also stated that his estimate of the expense of the erection of the new building on the cost of \$550,000 was based on the fact that the lighting, heating and sewerage were provided for, and that about 2,500,000 brick were in the old building that could be used. He also stated that the amount he named is not intended to cover the interior decorations, and that the walls would not be in a condition to ornament when the next legislature meets, and this cost would be extra, and must be provided for by appropriation. This estimate also does not include the furnishings, so that by the time the building was completed the total cost would aggregate about \$1,000,000. There seemed to be a very satisfactory feeling among the members composing the committee, and it is now certain that any danger of a clash between the governor and legislature has been removed.

Opposition to the Reform Measures.

The house does not seem to take kindly to the reform measures, as was evidenced by the way they cut and slashed until they could be scarcely recognized, and eventually passed the Stewart bill, which is one of the reform bills for Philadelphia, after adding several amendments, which greatly changes its character. The bill requiring state depositories to pay interest on state funds passed second reading, but not until after a dozen amendments were offered and defeated. Two amendments, however, prevailed in the end. They were a clause providing that the bond to be furnished by banks having state deposits shall have ap-

proved securities, with warrant of attorney to confess judgment in favor of the commonwealth, and a clause which states that banks known as active depositories shall pay 1 1/2 per cent interest per annum on the daily balances. By this latter amendment the state will derive, should it become a law, interest on \$1,500,000 at 1 1/2 per cent. The Quay county bill, which was vetoed by the governor two years ago, has again been offered in the house, and has been so amended that its friend now believe it will meet with executive approval. It creates a new county out of portions of Luzerne and Schuylkill, with Hazleton as the county seat.

Many other bills were introduced in both the senate and house during the past week, and there is now so many to dispose of that a resolution has passed both houses that no more bills shall be introduced after April 5 except by permission of either house. It will be practically an impossibility for the house to dispose of what they have now on hand, as a resolution has been adopted that a holiday be taken during a portion of the week in which the monument to General Grant is dedicated in New York city. This means that little work will be accomplished during that week.

The School Supply Scheme.

One of the most systematic and well planned schemes, which is attributed to an organization of school supply houses, that has been devised in years has developed recently, and if not frustrated will permit of the lavish and useless purchase of materials for ungraded schools by conscientious directors and supply committees. The plan is to send out thousands of circulars, worked off in imitation of typewriting, to secure signatures, and when signed are to be sent to the members of the house and senate. The way in which they are being scattered and their uniform character leave little doubt as to their origin. These are so worded as to effect, if possible, a spirit of prejudice in the minds of those into whose hands they come, as they assail house bill No. 136, introduced by Mr. Weiss, of Northampton county, which is a most valuable measure and intended to curb school extravagance. It places restrictions on the school boards in the rural sections, and does not affect school boards in cities or boroughs.

The circulars contain a specious plea, the city against the country, and are very well calculated to secure signatures. The bill which they are trying to have killed provides that the sum to be expended hereafter by school directors in rural districts in providing maps, charts and such apparatus shall not exceed \$15 of the amount appropriated by the state. This bill seeks to remedy one great evil, and that is the reckless expenditure of money in school apparatus which prevails, and the organized interests which supply these equipments find a fertile field in the country districts. This is a very important measure, and should be allowed to become a law. The scheme has been so thoroughly investigated that the result will be that the bill will pass by a very large majority.

Dr. Swallow's Belligerency.

Although Dr. Swallow met with defeat in his last trial, and was convicted of libel, yet he persists in keeping up the fight. His letter addressed to Governor Hastings indicates that he is defiant and determined to continue the fight. His next experience will be before the bar of the senate, before which body he has been called to appear when they convene again to give information, if he has any, as to the origin of the capitol fire. There is some curiosity manifested as to the outcome of this trial, and if he has evidence of any importance it will then be brought out. The senate has shown a disposition to treat him with every respect, but if he has evidence that is valuable to their committee in their work of investigation he is in a tight bound to give it. Strange to say, while he is a popular hero, he has many followers in his movement. He is determined to have a new trial, and if he fails in this trial he will then go to the supreme court, and if the result is not satisfactory there will then go to the supreme court. A circular letter which is being introduced setting forth that he is not alone in this contest, and soliciting funds to assist in the fight, would indicate that he has assistance. The judge has taken ten days in which to give an answer as to whether a new trial will be granted.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the auditor general and state treasurer's offices was presented recently. They find that both offices have been properly conducted, and some recommendations are made as to the auditor general's office, and that is that an additional force be added to assist in the work of this department, which is growing in keeping with the growth and development of the state. They report that during a period of 56 years, in which time \$410,974,961.73 was received by the state, it has only suffered a loss of \$2,422,511 out of \$407,121,131.68, making the percentage of loss the small fractional sum of .0023 of 1 per cent, a remarkable showing indeed.

The Philadelphia Capitol Bill.

The bill to make Philadelphia the state capital was recommended, and no doubt a special occasion will be made to perform the obsequies and carry its little body out to the tomb. Representative Voorhees, a member of the house committee on law and order, explains why he and his fellow members have reported out for a place on the calendar Mr. Seyfert's bill against pugilistic contests. "It goes to extremes," says Mr. Voorhees, "as it would render liable to the penalty for murder such persons as those whose fists recently caused the death of two sparrows in Philadelphia. Admitting that there should be increased restrictions upon such contests, we think this bill should be ventilated in the house, there to meet the fate to which such foolish legislation as the bills against the theater hat, football and cigarettes have been doomed."

A duplicate of the retaliatory insurance bill introduced by Representative Voorhees in the house was presented by Mr. Durham in the senate, and is on second reading there. Agents of foreign insurance companies are watching its progress, presumably with adverse purposes, as it would require the insurance commissioner to regulate against states whose representative refuse to license Pennsylvania companies.

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- Fine White Cambric, 36 in. wide, at 9c a yd.

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