

NEW TAXATION PLAN

Leaders at Albany Confer With the Governor.

NOTARIAL TAX BILL ABANDONED.

Real Estate Conveyances, Mortgages and Direct Inheritances of Real Estate to Be Taxed—A Revenue of \$6,700,000 Expected.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Governor Odell and the Republican leaders and members of the committee on taxation of the senate and assembly have agreed upon the legislation to be pressed at the current session to increase the revenues of the state from indirect sources so that the governor may redeem his pledge to abolish direct taxation for state purposes.

First.—A tax on real estate conveyances, expected to bring a revenue of \$1,200,000. Second.—A five mill tax on mortgages, estimated to raise a revenue of \$10,000,000, of which the state is to receive \$5,000,000 and the localities where collected a like sum.

Third.—A tax of 1 per cent on the direct inheritance of real estate when its value is \$15,000 or more. This is expected to produce \$500,000 annually. Governor Odell and the leaders believe that the \$6,700,000 which it is estimated the state will receive from these three sources will be sufficient to provide the extra moneys needed to avoid the necessity of imposing direct taxes for state purposes next year.

It was decided to abandon the provisions of the notarial tax bill, which imposes a tax of 10 cents on notarial certificates, because of the objections that have been made to the tax and the belief of the governor that sufficient funds can be raised without it.

FIGHT WITH INSURGENTS.

Body of Two Hundred Met Near Manila and Routed.

MANILA, Feb. 10.—A force of 100 constabulary under Inspector Keithly has defeated a body of 200 insurgents near Marikina, a small town seven miles from Manila city, after a severe engagement in which Inspector Harris and one man of the constabulary were killed and two other men of the constabulary wounded. The enemy left fifteen dead and three wounded. Inspector Harris' home was at Atlanta, Ia.

The body of insurgents formed the main force of the irreconcilable General San Miguel. The constabulary were divided into three detachments, which were scouting in the Marikina valley. The detachment commanded by Inspector Harris came upon the enemy, who were in a strongly entrenched position. Inspector Harris fell at the first volley, being hit five times. The detachment of constabulary, although outnumbered, held its position until Inspector Keithly, with the main force, arrived, when the enemy were put to rout. Their headquarters were captured and burned, and the constabulary seized the records of General San Miguel, who claims that he succeeded in the command of the insurrectionary forces when the other generals surrendered.

Wants His Monument Sold.

DUBLIN, Feb. 9.—Michael Davitt last August unveiled a memorial erected by Armagh Nationalists to Hugh Arberrry, an Armagh man killed while fighting with the Boer Irish brigade at Ouderspruit. Letters have now been received in Armagh from Pretoria stating that Arberrry is alive and desires be memorial to be sold and the money realized to be forwarded to him, as he is badly in need of it.

Whites and Negroes Clash.

WAYCROSS, Ga., Feb. 9.—Meager details of a riot which occurred between two white men and a crowd of negroes at Beach's Store have just reached this city. Two negroes are said to have been killed and nine others wounded, one of them mortally. Three of the wounded were women, but their injuries are not serious. The shooting was done while a negro festival was in progress about 11 o'clock Saturday night.

Another War Rumor.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The Daily Mail this morning publishes a dispatch from Guatemala declaring that war has been proclaimed between Guatemala on one side and San Salvador and Honduras on the other.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Stable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

A sharp earthquake shock occurred at Modica, Sicily. The cruiser New York was slightly damaged by fire while at anchor in San Francisco bay. One hundred and thirty carpenters employed in the St. Louis fair grounds went on strike.

The British steamer Arthur was sunk in collision off Barry, Wales, and five of the crew lost. A resolution was introduced in the Wisconsin legislature to investigate the methods of the Standard Oil company.

Gennaro Rubino was convicted of an attempt to kill King Leopold and sentenced to life imprisonment at penal servitude.

Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Edna Lyall, the author, died at Eastbourne, England. William Fishback, former governor of Arkansas, died at Fort Smith.

Ten of a sleighing party were hurt by a car at Winona, Wis., two fatally. What is known as the Philippine extradition bill was signed by the president and is now a law.

The rivers of Scotland overflowed, inundating miles of the country and stopping railway traffic.

The Montreal express on the Canadian Pacific was wrecked at Greenville Junction, Me. Two were injured, one fatally.

Monday, Feb. 9.

General Miles sailed from Liverpool for New York aboard the Cunard liner Lucania.

The coal famine in New York has been succeeded by a glut, and prices have dropped accordingly.

Two persons were killed, three seriously injured and a score or more slightly hurt in a head on collision near Terre Haute, Ind.

The death from heart disease at San Francisco of Admiral Frank Wildes was announced. He had just arrived on the steamer China from Asiatic ports.

Saturday, Feb. 7.

Ralph Milbanks, the British minister plenipotentiary to Austria, died at Vienna.

Martin Harvey, the English actor, was reported seriously ill at Columbus, O.

A fourth attempt to burn the Western Military academy at Alton, Ill., proved successful.

The wife of Professor Tracy Peck of Yale was found dead in the park at Morris Cove, near New Haven.

Fire destroyed the shoe factories of Bowers & Shaw and F. W. Lord & Co. in South Peabody, Mass. Loss \$70,000.

A plan for awarding the Rhodes scholarships in southwestern states was agreed upon at a conference in Kansas City.

Friday, Feb. 6.

Arizona legislature protested against union with New Mexico as a state.

Former Senator Frank J. Cannon underwent an operation for appendicitis at Salt Lake City.

General Nicolas Pierola, former dictator, has declined to become a candidate for the presidency of Peru.

It is feared that forty fishermen who were camped on the ice in Saginaw bay, Michigan, were lost in the recent storm.

Thursday, Feb. 5.

The worst blizzard in years raged in Nebraska.

Relics of old Newgate prison brought a low price at auction sale in London.

The constabulary were defeated by ladrones near Polo, Bulacan province.

It was reported that forty-five men were killed in a fight between crews of Japanese fishing smacks.

The statue of Frederick the Great will arrive here about June 1. The pedestal will be made in Berlin.

The thirteenth ballot for United States senator was taken in the Delaware legislature and showed no change in the situation.

Urbe-Urbe Took His Life.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 9.—The British steamer Para, which has just arrived here from Colon, brings the news of the suicide on Jan. 30 of the former Colombian revolutionary general Urbe-Urbe. General Urbe-Urbe published a letter Dec. 12 advising Colombia to await the falling in of the Panama canal concession in 1904, which would leave the Colombian government a free hand in the matter of the canal. The reports brought by the Para indicate the possibility of another revolution in opposition to the Panama canal treaty.

Young Gets Life Sentence.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—William Hooper Young, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Anna Pulitzer, by the advice of counsel has pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree and has been sentenced by Justice Herrick to life imprisonment at hard labor in Sing Sing.

Cattle Plague in Arkansas.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Feb. 6.—An unknown disease is prevailing among the plantations around Pine Bluff. It affects cattle in the back and causes death within twenty-four hours. One planter lost all his cattle, and another lost thirty within a few days' time.

Admiral Glass Sails Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—Rear Admiral Glass has received his sailing orders, and the Pacific squadron will get away today. As has been stated, the squadron goes to Ampala, Honduras, where a Central American revolution is now threatening.

The Pretender's Capture Confirmed.

MADRID, Feb. 9.—A dispatch from Tangier to the Imperial confirms the news that the pretender, Bu Hamara, is a prisoner of the Riata branch of the Kabyle tribe, which is ready to deliver him to the sultan for a ransom.

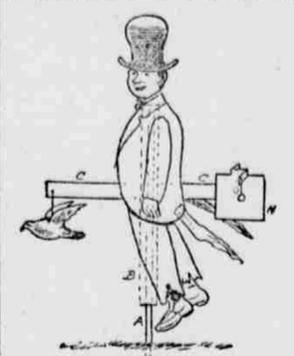
HORTICULTURE

UNIQUE SCARECROW.

It is the invention of an Australian Genius Who Pronounces It a Great Success.

A writer in Garden and Field, an excellent Australian paper, says that a scarecrow made like the one pictured proved very effective. He describes it as follows:

"A is a piece of three-fourths-inch gas pipe inserted firmly in the soil so as to stand six feet above ground; the top end must be smooth. B is of galvanized downpipe, with an end soldered on the top. C C are short pieces of downpipe soldered on B. N is a piece of tin or iron cut as described and shown. D is a dead bird or wing of a fowl. If a noisy toy



AUSTRALIAN SCARECROW.

windmill were fixed on the top it would be an improvement. To be of any real use the scarecrows must not be placed in position until they are absolutely required and removed directly they have served their purpose, otherwise spoggie will get as familiar with them as with the trees themselves, and thus all beneficial results will be lost.

To make the movable scarecrow, get three pieces of two-inch iron galvanized downpipe, viz., one four feet and the other two feet long. Solder them together in the shape of a cross, with a cap soldered on the top end of the four-foot length. At the end of one arm fasten a piece of tin, say one side of a kerosene tin with about half an inch of the top edge, cut along three inches from each end, and one strip bent out at right angles on one side, the other the same on the opposite side, to form two short arms, from which arms hang iron nuts suspended by strings. These nuts will keep on striking the tin as the figure revolves with the wind (when there is any). Drive a six-foot length of three-fourths-inch gas pipe and dress it up accordingly to taste, either as a lady or gentleman. A kerosene tin with a hole in the bottom and a two-inch slit on each side about half way down would perhaps help to form the body, as well as causing more noise, especially if three or four iron nuts were suspended by strings inside of it."

Apples and Soil Exhaustion.

Apple trees are not as hard on soils as many have supposed. If we will keep the soil in proper physical condition. A bulletin issued by Cornell university shows that in a single year a crop of apples will remove for the fruit from a single acre, 13 pounds of nitrogen, one pound of phosphoric acid and 19 pounds of potash. The leaves on the trees which produce this crop of fruit will require 19 pounds of nitrogen, 5.2 pounds of phosphoric acid and 18.4 pounds of potash. The tree growth will require 2.4 pounds of nitrogen, 3.6 pounds of phosphoric acid and 8.8 pounds of potash. This looks to be a severe strain on the soil, yet I believe that, all things considered, apples are about half as hard on soil as corn, assuming that all of each crop is permanently removed from the soil.—Prof. Clothier, in Farmers' Review.

How to Keep Cider Sweet.

A correspondent of Farm and Fireside says: "There is practically no way of keeping cider from fermenting unless something is done to sterilize it. This sterilizing may be done by raising the cider to a temperature of 152 degrees three times, allowing it to cool between, and finally bottling when hot. This is certainly the best way of treating it if you do not wish to use a drug. In my own experience I prefer to keep it sweet by adding about one-half pound of carbonate of soda to a barrel, not making it until late in the autumn, when cold weather is assured, and then keeping it cold during the winter. If it is in a room the temperature of which is just below freezing point it will not freeze, but will be cold enough to prevent any very active fermentation."

Testimony for Spraying.

At a horticultural meeting an Illinois fruit grower said: "I had a little orchard of 60 trees that were ten years old, and we never had secured a plum from that orchard. Every plum rotted last year, and this year we sprayed three times with the Bordeaux mixture and Paris green, and the trees that we did not spray the plums all rotted, just the same as they had before; in fact, we got so disgusted with them that we cut out about eight or ten trees to experiment on, and now we wish we had them back again."

THE SUBURBAN CIRCLE.

Mirthless, spasmodic Cackling and Peculiar to Some Out-of-Town Residents.

"There is no doubt about it, in my opinion," remarked a fair suburbanite, according to the New York Tribune. "People deteriorate by living in the country. The men give up dressing for dinner and become slovenly in their apparel and careless about their manners, and the women acquire a certain rusticity, which is very recognizable. The funny part of it, too," she continued, "is that they all acquire a certain resemblance to each other in appearance and manners. This shows itself especially among the young women who have been born and bred in genteel suburbs. I do not mean common people at all," she explained. "I am talking of those of a good social class, who are well connected and reasonably well off, but who, nevertheless, are hopelessly provincial. As I belong to the species myself," she interpolated, "I suppose I can say what I please, for I make no doubt that I am as bad as the rest. Have you ever noticed, by the by, how many country women have the same curious, nervous little laugh? Now, I am sure that must be due to suburban living, for I have heard precisely the same giggle at widely divergent places. It is a perfectly mirthless, spasmodic cackling, delivered either before or after a sentence, as: 'How are you, hee-hee-hee?' or 'I nearly missed my train. Hee-hee!' And so on. One woman I know has got so into the habit of pre-mising everything she says with what I call the suburban giggle that not long ago, when I met her wearing mourning and spoke to her sympathetically, she answered me: 'Hee-hee! Yes, my poor aunt is dead, and I am going in for the funeral!'"

IN THE ALLIGATOR PONDS.

The Reptiles Collected in Great Numbers in the Swamps of the Florida Coast.

Alligator hunting used to be wonton slaughter; now there is a well-defined code of ethics for the sportsman. Ten years ago it would have been hard to overestimate the number of alligators in Florida. Since then the skin hunters have made such inroads upon them that they are now almost difficult to find in some localities. The home of the alligator is the Great Cypress swamp west of the Everglades. In the dry season the water recedes from great portions of this tract, leaving many small ponds, in which alligators collect in great numbers.

I once set up my camera on the border of one of these ponds, which was nearly circular in form, about 200 feet in diameter, and surrounded by dense vegetation, says a writer in Country Life in America. At first the reptiles disappeared, but after the camera was adjusted a peculiar nasal sound, like the cawing of a crow, imitated with closed nostrils, immediately dotted the surface with eager eyes, and soon brought scores of 'gators into full view. One of the pictures then obtained shows 73 alligators.

VARIETY STARS WIN TITLES.

Many German Noblemen Fall Victims to the Charms of Dancers and Actresses.

The number of variety dancers and singers in Germany who get notable husbands—notable that is to say, as regards titles and riches—is rapidly increasing, says a Berlin report. An inquiring statistician has ascertained that 60 per cent of German variety actresses who marry win husbands in far better social position than their birth and training would have led them to expect, and 20 per cent, wed men of title. At the present time 38 counts have wives who were comedy actresses or dancers. A Prussian prince (Adalbert) ismorganatically married to Therese Elstgar and Prince Philip of Hapan to Albertine Staber. Among other bearers of proud names who have recently married stage women are Duke Ernst of Wurtemberg, Prince Sulkowsky, Prince Paul of Thurn and Taxis and Count Schrafranch. Every year the number of such marriages increases.

JEWELLED PRINCES OF INDIA.

Barbaric Splendor of the Gulikwar of Baroda When Decorated with His Gems.

The princes "beggar description." "Animated nuggets, ambulatory mines of jewels," one has said. The crown jewels of the gulikwar of Baroda are valued at \$20,000,000. No bluevult of Dresden nor dragon-guarded tower could mine the treasures of that most charming and cultivated of India's princes, Siva-Jao gulikwar of Baroda, says Everybody's Magazine.

Seven Rows of Magnificent Pearls.

are his favorite wear, but he has 50 necklaces of equal value—parures in every gem. First in wonder comes the famous diamond epe made for the ferocious Khandarao, who might be called the last of Roman emperors from his passionate fondness for bloody arena sports. It falls from neck to shoulders in a great mass of tabeet stones, fringed with pear-shaped emeralds.

Buffalo Blazed the Way.

It is an interesting fact that the great railways of this country follow very closely along the old Indian trails, and that the red men, in their turn, followed the trail of the buffalo, says Four-Track News. Engineers surveyed routes across the continent, laying out lines for the railways to follow, but, after all, it was the buffalo, guided only by natural instinct, which "blazed the way."

The Price of Pleasure.

It is hard for a lovely woman to forego the pleasures of the life which she was created to enjoy and adorn. She may have to be busy all day in office or in store, yet she cannot deny herself the social pleasures which are offered her.



But the fatigue is often too great for her, and she suffers from headache and backache as a consequence of over-exertion. Women who are tired and worn out will find a perfect tonic and nerve in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

COURT BUSINESS.

(Continued from 4th page.)

SECOND WEEK.

The Grand Jury made its report at a short session of court held Thursday morning, Hon. R. R. Little, presiding.

To the Honorable Judges of the court of Columbia county, Pa.

We carefully examined and passed upon all bills presented to us.

We visited the Court House and Jail and found them, except a few necessary repairs, to be in good condition.

For the jail we recommend the following: That the holes in the kitchen wall, and a number of the walls in the cells be filled; that the doors and windows be repaired; that a steam gauge be purchased for the boiler; that a thermometer be purchased and placed in the corridor four feet from the floor and be kept, as nearly as possible, at sixty-eight degrees; that the closets be regularly disinfected.

J. S. GRIMES, Foreman.

The second week of the regular February term of court began and ended on Monday. Only an hour and thirty minutes was required to transact the business. Not a case came up for trial and all the jurymen were discharged. Hon. John J. Lynch, of Luzerne county, presided.

Application of C. E. Crawford for a transfer of hotel license of Katharine Kelchner, at Rupert, was presented and same granted.

Petition of Helen Appleman, minor child of David Appleman, for appointment of a guardian. S. B. Karns, of Benton, appointed and bond approved.

Petition of Leonard and Alice Kile, administrators of the estate of Clark M. Kile, deceased, to sell real estate. Bond filed and approved.

Kline vs. Maize, administrator. Settled by agreement of counsel. Judgment by direction of the Court in favor of the plaintiff for debt, interest and costs, as per statement to be filed.

Bertha Yankee vs. Edward S. Czecchowicz, The Polish Brewing Company, of Danville. Judgment for defendant by agreement of counsel.

And now, February 9, 1903, J. K. Sharpless is appointed as Judge of Election in the Borough of Catawissa to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Charles M. Harder. Approved by the Court.

M. B. Creasy was appointed Inspector of Election in the Borough of Catawissa.

Estate of G. M. Lockard, deceased. Auditor's report, distribution of sale of real estate, confirmed nisi.

Petition of A. H. Edgar, guardian of Sarah Albertson, for an allowance. Granted.

Auditors' report of Columbia county filed.

All other cases set for trial were either settled or continued, the jurors discharged and court adjourned.

Many School Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home New York, break up colds in 24 hours cure Feverishness, Irritability, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Insect Bites. At all druggists. See Sample mailed FREE. Address, ALAN S. GRANT, Lenoir, N. Y. 22-96.

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Tour to California.

Under the Personally-Conducted System of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The second Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-Conducted Tour to California for the present season will leave New York and Philadelphia on the Golden Gate Special, February 19, going via Cincinnati, New Orleans, San Antonio and El Paso to Los Angeles and San Diego. Three days will be spent in New Orleans, during the Mardi-Gras festivities. Should a sufficient number of passengers desire to travel under the care of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon, a delightful month's itinerary in California has been outlined; and a returning itinerary to leave San Francisco March 28, visiting Salt Lake City, Glenwood and Colorado Springs and Denver, arriving at New York April 6. Rate \$275 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburgh, covering all expenses of railroad transportation, side trips in California, and berth and meals going on the special train. No hotel expenses in California are included. Tickets are good for returning within nine months, but returning cover transportation only. For detailed itinerary apply to Ticket Agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa. 2-5-21

Rushville, Ind. MESSRS. ELY BROS.—I have been a great sufferer from catarrh and hay fever and tried many things, but found no permanent relief until I found it in Ely's Cream Balm about eight years ago, and we have been fast friends ever since. (Rev.) R. M. BEMBLEY.

MESSRS. ELY BROS.—I find enclosed 50 cents, for which please send me your Cream Balm. I find your remedy the quickest and most permanent cure for cold in the head, catarrh, etc. Yours truly, DILLI M. POTTER, Gen. Mgr. Arizona Gold Mining Co.

The portrait painter may not have much money with which to speculate, but he occasionally dabbles in oil.

F. E. B.—We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February, Feb.—means "Freeze every body, and that man looked frozen in his ulcer. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays, the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives permanent warmth, it invigorates the blood and speeds it along through artery and vein, and really fits men and women, boys and girls, to enjoy cold weather and resist the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you.

The woman who marries a man to reform him soon discovers that her leisure moments are few and far between.

A HELPLESS CHILD.—A weak and puny child is badly handicapped in the battle of life. It is isolated from the healthy enjoyments of its little fellow-beings. It cannot partake either of their play or their study work and progress in the world; its whole life is embittered by incapacity and weakness.

Any woman who expects to become a mother ought to know what Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will do both for her own health and safety during her time of trial and also to insure her in bequeathing a fair measure of health and strength to the prospective little one.

It's easy enough to love your neighbors if they are far enough away.

EYES AND NOSE RAN WATER.—C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder, and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in ten minutes." 50 cents.—9 Sold by C. A. Klein.

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HEART RELIEF IN HALF AN HOUR.—A lady in New York State, writing of her cure by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, says: "I feel like one brought back from the dead, so great was my suffering from heart trouble and so almost miraculous my recovery through the agency of this powerful treatment. I owe my life to it."—10 Sold by C. A. Klein.

Lots of people put on more airs than they can carry.

NEVER WORRY.—Take them and go about your business—they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial, to cents.—11 Sold by C. A. Klein.

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FILES CURED IN 3 TO 6 NIGHTS.—One application gives relief. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a boon for Itching Piles, or Bleed, Bleeding Piles. It relieves quickly and permanently. In skin eruptions it stands without a rival. Thousands of testimonials if you want evidence. 35 cents.—12 Sold by C. A. Klein.

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