

The Governor's Message.

Governor Hartranft's fourth annual message was submitted to both houses yesterday morning. The message is a document of considerable length, and in many points of literary merit it exceeds any of the former ones that have emanated from the same source. But what the message gains in smoothness and grace of style it loses in force, precision and official sincerity. While the governor balances his nicely rounded sentences, and his flowery flourishes of the people will sometimes be at a loss concerning his real purpose. He seems to be more concerned about the composition of his message than its contents, yet, at the same time, it contains some important recommendations which deserve and doubtless will receive the careful consideration of the legislature.

After the appropriate invocation of Divine assistance in the work of legislation the message proceeds to the discussion of the finances of the state. The governor informs the legislature that the appropriations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1875, exceeded the receipts of the general revenue fund \$515,821. With like appropriations at the present session, and with the same receipts the deficit would be doubled. He estimates that the revenues of the present year will fall a half million short of the receipts of last year, but he does not give the data on which this calculation is based. From the increase that has been made in the revenues from the various sources of taxation during the year there is reason to believe that there will be no diminution in the funds unless it be made by removing a portion of the taxes. The appropriations cannot be reduced to any considerable extent, and the money value of greenbacks is still kept down by the persistent efforts of the government to depreciate them in favor of the national bank issues, and by the locking up of gold in the Treasury.

The Legislature met on Tuesday last and the Governor's message was presented to both houses on the same day. In the Senate, E. W. Davis was elected Speaker, the Democrats declining to vote, the allegation on their part being that a Speaker pro tem. had been elected at the close of the last session. The new members were sworn in by Judge Livingston. Speaker Patterson of the House called that body to order and the regular routine business was proceeded with at once.

The rumored stepping down and out of Hon. M. C. Kerr from the Speakership of the national House of Representatives in account of physical inability to perform the duties, seems to be well founded, but that he will be succeeded by Mr. Morrison, chairman of the ways and means committee, is not only improbable, but it is reported that Mr. Morrison has given to the flesh what is deemed excellent authority, that Mr. Lamar, chairman of the Democratic caucus, will be made Speaker pro tem. We shall see what we shall see, however.

The Harrisburg Patriot makes note of the fact that Pope Pius IX. has consented to Ivan some of the works of art at the Vatican to the Centennial, and thinks that the Order of the American Union should look into the matter, as there is no knowing but what the loan of these "Popish" pictures may conceal some insidious design against the common schools. The jealous patriots who sit up 'nights to watch over the free schools should only redouble their vigilance when the Pope seeks to conciliate them with such gifts. Steps should at once be taken to prevent the landing of these pictures. Where are John Y. Foster and Bishop Haven?

The report of Auditor General Temple on the receipts and expenditures of the State government for the year 1875 reached the press in advance of its official delivery to the Legislature by Governor Hartranft. For the last fiscal year the revenues of the commonwealth from all sources amounted to \$6,140,099. The total receipts for 1874 were \$5,871,968—an increase of \$268,130. The most of this increase is derived from the tax on corporation stocks, from the tax on coal companies and from tavern licenses. From corporation stocks the revenue for 1875 is \$2,135,537 against \$1,399,088 for 1874—an increase of nearly three quarters of a million dollars from this source alone. The increase of the revenue from coal companies is \$250,144, the law taxing coal not having taken effect on the whole of the coal production of 1874, the year in which it was passed. From tavern licenses the increase of revenue for 1875 over the preceding year is nearly one hundred thousand dollars. There has been a decrease in the revenues from other sources. The receipts from the tax on loans have fallen from \$418,381 in 1874 to \$176,453 in 1875. On foreign insurance companies the revenue has declined to the extent of \$139,315. At the close of the fiscal year the balance in the treasury was \$993,207.27, which belongs to the sinking fund, the general revenue fund having been exhausted.

The expenditures of the State government for 1875 amounted to \$6,541,413.10, against \$6,642,567.86—a decrease of a little more than one hundred thousand dollars. In consequence of the want of money in the general revenue fund more than two hundred thousand dollars of the usual appropriation for charitable institutions was cut off. Among the expenditures are several items which will disappear next year or be greatly reduced. One of these is the appropriation for the Centennial, of which \$785,157.51 was paid last year. Another is the payment of interest on the State debt, which is steadily declining with the reduction of the principal. Still another is the appropriation for the Soldiers' Orphan Schools, whose expenses have already begun to fall off. In a year or two more the last of the orphans will be out of the years of pinnage, and the necessity for maintaining these schools will cease.

Pius IX. and the Centennial.

The following letters have been received from His Eminence Cardinal Antonelli in response to a request of the Centennial Commission that His Holiness, Pius IX., should give his recognition to the Exposition and make some contributions of works of art or other objects of interest. The request was conveyed to His Holiness by Monsignor Roncetti, Papal Ablegate to this country, through a letter of the Most Rev. Archbishop of Philadelphia, written by the President of the Board of Finance of the Centennial Exposition. It will be seen that His Holiness expresses the utmost good will for the people and government of the United States, and the valuable works of art which he has forwarded testify to his desire for the complete success of the Centennial Exposition.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND REVEREND SIR—In forwarding to your care the enclosed (which I leave open that you may note its contents) I shall be pleased to know that you will kindly exertions have been duly conferred and will be acknowledged hereafter. In my desire to see the fulfillment of your wishes, I regret to say that political changes and the condition to which the Holy Father has been reduced, prevent me from being able to give a new proof of my special regard for government and people that have won the esteem and admiration of the whole world. The enclosures which I am sending you are forwarded to your care, your special devotion to the Holy Father is sufficient to assure me that you will have no difficulty in handing them over to the Commission, for their safe keeping during the Exposition. I avail myself of this opportunity to renew sentiments of profound esteem and respect. Most Illustrious and Reverend Sir, truly your servant, JAMES, CARDINAL ANTONELLI.

ROME, October 1, 1875. To the Most Rev. James Frederic Wood, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS SIR—The weighty and manifold cares involved in the government of the Church throughout the world, and his untiring solicitude for spiritual interests, have prevented the Holy Father from devoting himself to the preparation of energy to the encouragement of the fine arts, and to the development of those intrinsic qualities that constitute the glory and the material prosperity of a nation. It is attested by the monuments erected during his glorious reign, in this city of Rome and in other cities, that his paternal government has called into existence institutions improved during that time. Nor is this to have chosen the best and most important exhibition to be held in Philadelphia, under the auspices of the United States Government, in order to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the independence and at the same time to encourage and beautify the imitation of whatever is beautiful in art, and in perfecting whatever is susceptible of improvement.

THE CELEBRATION.—The Centennial, a political vicissitude of which he has been the victim, he is unable, as he has done before, on similar occasions, to send many articles to Philadelphia. He must therefore limit himself to the sending of a few works from the only establishment that yet remains under his sovereign authority, and which is fostered by his munificence, notwithstanding his financial straits. Consequently he sends a few specimens of mosaic work from the famous Vatican workshop. To these will be added a pair of vases, the gift of the artist, and at the expense of His Holiness. I trust that this token of the Pope's regard, which will be placed in the hands of the American people, and will testify to the affection which he, the common Father, bears to his children, will be gratefully received. In this reply to your esteemed letter of July the nineteenth, I am happy to add my assurance of the profound esteem with which I am, Illustrious Sir, Truly your servant, JAMES, CARDINAL ANTONELLI.

A NIGHT OF TERROR.—The Des Moines Register says: Last Thursday evening Mr. George Morrison, Mr. McKee, two other gentlemen and Miss Lou Dolly and Jacob Gross, John Senoia, and a lady, together with a young man named George Truman, attempted to cross the Mississippi from Port Henry to LeClaire. The night was cold and a fierce wind blew, while the river was full of floating ice. But the boatmen endeavored to force their way through, so they set out at twenty minutes past five o'clock in the evening. They reached within forty feet of the Iowa shore, but could get no nearer. Darkness had set in. The ice and waves beat pitilessly against the boat, and it descended rapidly upon them. It was deemed best to retreat and seek again the Illinois shore. Within one hundred feet of it, however, they found it impossible to get nearer through the rapidly forming ice, and yet it was not until nearly midnight that the boat was freed from a rope and stepped down upon the ice, but went down nearly to his neck. The party saw him beat about in the ice and water endeavoring to make his way to land, but he disappeared. Nothing was heard of him. With the ice the yawl continued to float down stream. Gross determined to get out of the boat and make for shore. Seizing the oars, by their aid he was successful. In the meantime the yawl was driven through himself, chilled and exhausted at the bottom of the boat, and the rest were nearly senseless with cold. Helpless, they drifted with the wind and current. Gross summoned assistance, and they were found two miles below. The next thing was to reach them. Gross, with his assistants, crawled on the ice as far as possible, and then threw ropes, which the sufferers tied to themselves, and were drawn out through water and over ice. With the help of the yawl, the party managed so as to keep from sinking and rest did. At 8 o'clock the fearfully imperiled party was thus rescued. Getting to Rapids City they were immediately cared for.

REV. HENRY BOEHM, supposed to be the oldest clergyman in the world, died on Tuesday, Dec. 28th, near Staten Island. He was born in Pestoga (now Pova) town, Slavonia, Lausitzer prov., Pennsylvania, June 8, 1775. His grandfather and father were both clergymen, the latter a Lutheran, and one of the organizers of the United Brethren Church. Henry Boehm joined the Methodist Church in 1798, and was his pastor for many years. He was shortly afterwards began his labors as an itinerant Methodist preacher. He served in the ministry of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, and was early in life the traveling companion of Bishop Asbury. On the 8th of June last a special session of the Newark Methodist Episcopal Conference was held in the York-street Church, Jersey City, for the purpose of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. Father Boehm has been on the list of supernumerary preachers since 1842, although he continued to preach occasionally up to a few weeks ago.

Two Women Fighting a Bear.

A DEATH GRAPPLE WITH A MONSTER OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY FORESTS.

DELEW, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Jonas Butler and his wife and two children live in a rude cabin in a lonely place in the woods near the head water of a creek, about twenty miles above this place. Butler, who has a contract for peeling bark and getting out railroad ties, is sometimes a way out in the woods for days at a time. He was absent from his home on Sunday, and his wife and children were left alone. His daughter Jennie heard an unusual sound among the pigs in the log pen, a few rods distant from the house, and on looking out they saw a large black bear with a fat pig under one arm, trying to get out of the enclosure. The pig was built of small logs, the walls being about five feet high, with a roof over part of the pen. The mother and daughter determined to save the pig if possible. The former seized a wedge of logs, and used for driving from the wood pile. This equipped, and accompanied by the watch dog, they hurried to the pen, and both jumped into the enclosure, followed by the dog. The bear, seeing his bearship vigorously, and he turned on the bear, he seized the dog, and with one squeeze of his great paws, crushed it to death and threw it one side. The infuriated bear then sprang upon Miss Jennie, quickly disarmed her, and she lay on her back, but the blows from the man in the band of Mrs. Butler became so quick and severe that he left the girl without doing her any material injury, and turned upon the mother. The mother, seeing the bear some fearful wounds with the axe, and from them the blood was flowing copiously. His successful opponent is said to be recent from the West. Sister La Nativite, Superioress of the Convent of Villa Maria, Montreal, the famous Catholic seminary at which have been educated so many hundreds of American girls, died suddenly on the 23d.

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Four P. Devlin, who has been lecturing as a reformed Catholic and severely denouncing the Catholic Church, was on Tuesday last arrested at Haverhill, Mass., and committed in default of bail on a charge of blackmail. His speeches in denunciations of Catholicism have created quite an excitement in Haverhill. Miss Maggie II. Davis, daughter of J. Jefferson Davis, was married at St. Lazarus' Episcopal church, Memphis, on New Year's morning, to J. Addison Hayes, cashier of the State National Bank. Rev. George White, of Calvary church, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Churchill Easton, rector of St. Lazarus, in the presence of a very large congregation. A bevy of young men were playing poker in Richmond, Va. One of them, out of a loud exclamation, "if an earthquake would shake these cards up." Whereupon the earthquake came and rocked the guilty crowd, though it involved the necessity of shaking up the State. This is the origin of the name of Richmond proverbs. The officers who searched the baggage of the wife of Joyce, the whisky frauds convict, expecting to discover Government bonds, found a small tin box in a trunk; "Ah! here they are," said one; and Mrs. Joyce's request that they would not open it confirmed the impression. It was eagerly opened, and was found to contain a nursing bottle and other things for a baby. William A. M. Thompson of Quartz Valley, Cal., recently started for his home in Iowa, which he left twenty-five years ago. During all this time, his family, consisting of a wife and nine children, heard nothing from him. He is now 74, and returns to find the home circle unbroken by death. He was enlarged by the addition of fifty grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

News and Other Notings.

Charles O'Connor continues to improve. There are 11,333 blind men and 8,977 blind women in the United States. An Allegheny baby, aged twenty-six months, takes a watch apart and puts it together again. Mary Manley, of York, has had seven children, seventy-six grand children and thirty-five great grand children.

Randall's committee on appropriations are overhauling the consular and diplomatic service, and propose a material reduction of salaries. John Brown of St. George's Episcopal church, Newburg, N. Y., preached his sixtieth Christmas sermon on the 25th. Mr. Brown is 84 years old. A heavy fall of snow is reported at Salt Lake, the snow in some places being twelve feet deep. The Central Pacific railroad trains are delayed.

James Grant, the well-known novelist, has aligned Protestantism and been re-elected by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster into the Roman Catholic Church.

The Fitch diamonds are still in the Custom-house, where they will probably remain. Mrs. Fitch having turned over the proprietorship of them to her father, Gen. Fairbank.

Richard Lane, the oldest inhabitant of Fairfield county, Ohio, died recently under the weight of 10 plain children and grand ones, 140 great-grand ones, and 5 great-great-grand ones.

A negro boy was driven barefooted on a cold day from the house of a farmer for whom he worked in North Carolina, N. Y. The boy's feet were so badly frozen that they had to be amputated.

A mammoth steer from Oregon is already on route to the Centennial. It stands nine feet high, six feet four inches high, measuring twenty feet from tip to tip, and weighs 5,000 pounds.

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