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The state legislature will adjourn May 28.

While Blaine is down with the rheumatism, Harrison goes about with a big spell of roanatism.

This State has received the sum of \$1,642,711, the amount due the State under the direct tax act passed by the last Congress.

Some political wise men predict that Blaine will be the next Republican nominee for President. What further use will Ben have for the big hat, then?

Ont in Ohio Farmers' Alliances are growing rapidly, and the politicians of both parties have come to the conclusion that these Alliances are going to be a very important element in the coming fall election.

The Bellefonte Daily News, of Monday, charges that the articles which some time ago appeared in that paper lauding Fiedler of the Gazette, for his post office management, were all written by Fiedler himself, and paid for by him. What! but we are not surprised at all.

A hero may be on the stage within a few days. If the commander of the U. S. war ship Charleston finds the Chilean war vessel Itata and sinks her, America will have a new naval hero. If the Esmeralda or the Itata can sink the Charleston and prevent the capture of the Itata, then Chili will boast of a new naval hero. Circumstances often make great names.

Dispatches received from all points in Western Virginia and near points in Ohio and Western Pennsylvania are to the effect that Saturday night's frost has almost totally ruined the fruit and vegetable crops. Strawberries and grapes have been the greatest sufferers, many small fruits have been entirely destroyed. The frost was the most severe for this season of the year since 1861. Snow fell at various points.

The Patriot says: Another road bill is to be introduced in the house to take the place of the vetoed commission measure. The main features of the new bill will be cash for road taxes instead of the present system permitting them to be "worked out" on the roads, and a provision allowing townships to issue bonds for the improvement of roads. This bill will take the place on the second reading calendar now held by the road bill of the Western Engineers' association, which has been recommitted to committee for amendment. The new bill will be substituted.

The American Legation at London, tired of answering letters on the subject, now sends out printed circulars to people on this side of the water wanting to know about immense estates or big pots of money in the Bank of England to which they believe themselves to be heirs. Thousands of such communications are received in each month, showing that the swindlers who advertise for American heirs to English estates are reaping a rich harvest. The far West furnishes most of the victims. There are no estates of any account seeking ownership, and people ought to know it by this time.

Black Forest is an extensive lumber district in the Pine Creek region, says the Potter Enterprise. Three weeks ago there were two feet of snow in that region, but to-day it is blackened, desolate waste, ravaged by fierce forest fires that have raged the past week. The lumbermen fought the fire between Gaines and Ansonia, but no human power could quench it. J. B. Weed & Co., the Binghamton lumbermen, have been very heavy losers. Over 700,000 feet of logs at Blackwells, together with houses and fences, have been destroyed.

At Scottdale the situation is becoming serious for the miners. Operators are making a most determined effort to force the men at the miners' convention to abandon the strike, while labor leaders on the hand have been among them and say they are practically unanimous in their desire to continue out. The Frick and McClure companies started four plants with a few men and say that they will start five other plants this week. Men are coming into the region in car loads and it is doubtful if the strikers can stand the pressure much longer. They are suffering for the necessities of life, and hundreds have no roof to call their own. Altogether, if the men do not vote to go back it will be because they are over-persuaded by the leaders, or because the independent operators or some powerful labor organization pledges the greatly needed financial support.

New Tax Measures.

Senator Grady offered a resolution in the senate which was laid over to be printed, recommending a relief of local taxation an increased taxation of corporations and the relinquishment of a part of the State revenues for local purposes. The recommendations are:

First—The passage of house bill No. 210, by substituting house bill No. 403, amended, with such a rate of taxation upon the actual value of the capital stock of corporations as will yield not less than \$4,000,000 of capital stock tax.

Second—An amendment to the State revenue act of 1889 so that the tax on personal property, bonds, mortgages, moneys at interest, etc., shall be raised to four mills, and that three-fourths of the amount thus realized be returned to the counties for the relief of local taxation, which will in effect be the levying of a three-mill personal property tax for local purposes. Consequent upon this will be the raising of the rate of taxation on banks from three-mills to four, and the optional rate upon the par value of shares from six mills to eight.

Third—The appropriation of not less than \$4,000,000, annually for the support of the public schools.

Fourth—The passage of house bill No. 133, providing for the distribution among counties, cities, boroughs and townships of all the moneys received from retail liquor licenses.

Mr. Grady also reported as a substitute for the commission revenue bill the Boyer bill, referred to in his resolution.

What the Grangers Like to Hear

The report of the Statistician of the Department of Agriculture, now in press, shows an increase since April of last year of more than 100 per cent in the price of corn and oats, 30 per cent and more in wheat, and advanced values of all cereals and meats. A hopeful and cheerful feeling is noticed, says the report, in official correspondence from all parts of the country. The elimination of the surplus of corn and oats, through the under production of last year, insures good prices for these crops, and the shortage of the wheat of the world for two years, with the low foreign prospect for the growing crop, promises the largest foreign demand for 10 years at remunerative prices. Fortunately present appearances indicate ability to meet such demand with ease. The opinion is expressed that farm land at present prices are promising investments.

The census bulletin on the indebtedness of different nations makes an excellent showing for the United States compared with other countries. Our national debt, Federal, State and county is \$1,281,020,840. This makes a per capita debt of \$20 46, while the per capita debt of England is \$87 79, of France \$116 35, of Italy \$76, and of Spain \$74 85. France has the national debt and Russia comes next, but the larger population of the latter makes the per capita but \$30 70. Yet it is not the size of the debt that is of so much consequence as the ability of the people of a given country to pay it. Our own per capita debt has been reduced since 1880 from \$46 59 to \$20 46 in 1890, because the country has been reasonably prosperous and its resources are easily equal to the extinguishment of the indebtedness. But this pleasant prospect changes with the advent of the Billion Congress, with taxation that reduces revenues and expenditures that exceed receipts.

The pension bureau has been under suspicion ever since the incoming of the Harrison administration. Corporal Tanner had to go because of maladministration and corrupt conspiracies on the part of his subordinates. General Raum, his successor, was investigated, with some ugly disclosures, by the last congress; and now his son and chief clerk has been invited "to resign with 30 days leave of absence on pay," the proof being incontestable of his traffic in offices and appropriation of public moneys. He goes out with all the honors while a few weeks ago an efficient clerk who had unwittingly told a newspaper man of certain facts regarding the conduct of pension business was kicked out without a day's delay. An honorable resignation, with the gift of a month's pay, is the punishment awarded rogues.

The Siecle de Paris states that advices have been received at Marseilles from Trebizonde to the effect that a new volcano has appeared in Armenia at the summit of Mount Nimpred, in the district of Van, vomiting forth flames and lava. The villages at the foot of the mountain have been destroyed and many persons are said to have been killed or injured. The fugitives are camping outside the range of destruction. They are entirely destitute, and the greatest misery prevails among them. The Turkish government has taken measures to aid the sufferers.

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The War In Chili.

Late advices from Chili by way of Buenos Ayres, state that President Balmaceda is concentrating his forces for an advance upon the revolutionists, and that as soon as he receives the war vessels built in France he will attack the insurgents by sea.

The country from the Atacama desert to the straits remains faithful to Balmaceda, while the insurgents are concentrating a government in the districts taken from Peru in the late war. They have practically established a new republic, with Iquique as the capital, while old Chili remains true to the Balmaceda administration.

All the officers captured on both sides have been shot except in the case of a captain named Velasco, who was accused of betraying his post in Atacama, and who was hanged after a brief court-martial. Balmaceda now has 40,000 men, not including the militia. Nearly all the volunteers are from lower class population, who favor the President, while the wealthier class are for the most part in sympathy with the insurgents. The latter have about 60,000 troops and would have more but for the lack of arms and ammunition.

A Royal Pauper Dying.

The marriage of the mother of Miss Caroline Guelph, who is now dying in the workhouse, to George IV, has been shown to have taken place, as the records of the church at Kensington bear mention of it, but it was never legally recognized, owing to the law that was passed at the direction of George III that none of the immediate children of that monarch be allowed to marry a subject of Great Britain.

It will be remembered that this law expired with the death of William IV, the last son of George III. Had it not been for the existence of the act of Parliament, the marriage would have been duly recognized, and Miss Caroline, is now dying of poverty, might have occupied the throne now filled by Queen Victoria. This unhappy condition and circumstance has made the situation very difficult for Miss Caroline to bear. Until taken to the workhouse she had lived at 41 Parkhurst Row, Rye Lane, Peckham.

The decision of Judge Wallace of the United States court, in New York, on the Stewart will case last week was important in determining the rights of aliens to inherit in that State. Judge Wallace is clear that under the laws of New York property cannot pass by inheritance through one non-resident alien to another. He seems not quite so clear that a non-resident alien may not inherit directly, though he is inclined to that opinion. The judge said of the common law principle:

It is a familiar rule of the common law that an alien has no inheritable blood and can neither acquire land by descent nor transmit it by descent to another. At the death of the alien the land which he may have acquired by purchase instantly escheats and without any inquest of office vests in the government or State. This rule, however, has been modified by the statute law of New York and other States.

Letters and papers received the last mail from South America containing some interesting facts concerning the trouble in Chili. There seems to be no probability of an immediate ending of the war. In Valparaiso business is at a standstill. Many leading families are leaving Santiago for Buenos Ayres, to avoid persecution at the hands of the dictator.

Balmaceda's army is said to consist at present of 30,000 men. The principal business portion of Iquique has been destroyed, but the rest of the town escaped serious damage.

The practice of spending large sums of money by campaign managers—or keeping large sums of it—is attracting attention as a growing evil, in every section. The boodle is obtained by bleeding candidates and others, and very little goes towards legal or legitimate campaign expenses. The evil has crept down into county organizations, and has been made a heavy load for local candidates, who wonder where it all goes to. This boodle game will need the condemnation of the press and the public, if a check is to be put upon corruption funds of the lowest order.

The county in general is affected with the present dry spell. Kansas, a few days ago, had a copious rain, and a greater wheat crop than ever is predicted from that state.

And now another good man has gone wrong, it is ex-cashier Percival, of the Lewiston, Me., bank. The bank cashiers is seems, with some exceptions, are a wrong-doing set—swindlers, frauds and defalcations are their practices.

Cabinet photos \$1.00 per doz at Shaffer's gallery, Bellefonte.

New Train.

On Monday, May 25th, a new passenger train will be placed in service by the Pennsylvania Railroad company on the Philadelphia & Erie Division. This train will leave Williamsport at 3.50 p. m., arriving at Sunbury 5.20 p. m., Harrisburg 7.05 p. m., making connections at Sunbury for all points in the coal regions, arriving at Wilkesbarre 7.50 p. m., Scranton 9.01 p. m., Hazleton 7.56 p. m., Pottsville 9.05 p. m., Shamokin 6.20 p. m., and Mt. Carmel 6.55 p. m.; and at Harrisburg for the east, south and west, arriving at Philadelphia 10.55 p. m., Baltimore 10.40 p. m., Chambersburg 9.25 p. m., Pittsburg, 2 a. m.

The afternoon, 2.45 train, from Bellefonte to Montandon, is likely to be changed to 2 p. m., in order to connect with the above train, landing passengers in Philadelphia at 10.55 same evening. We think the change would be approved by nearly all.

Stolen by Gypsies.

A 10-year old girl traveling with a band of gypsies now located near Philadelphia, while begging along the street in company with an old gypsy woman on Sunday, claimed the protection of Officer Simler, and stating that she had been stolen by the gypsy, was taken in charge by the overseers of the poor, awaiting further developments.

A dispatch from Harrisburg corroborates the child's story as to their being there at the time stated, but conveys the idea that the child was given the gypsies by her sister, the parents being dead. The child's body bears marks of extreme cruelty and she refuses to accompany the gypsy further. Investigations will be made.

Transported By Wagon.

The plate glass for the windows of the new Heppburn House at Williamsport being too large to be transported from New York by railroad to Williamsport, will be hauled by wagon. There are three panes to be transported, two 24x11 and one 16x11. The wagons will attract much attention going through the country by covering it with advertising cards. The whole of the Heppburn House front of first story will be of plate glass.

Prevent Baldness.

It is recommended for prevention of baldness that the hair be kept pretty closely cropped, and that the head be bathed frequently in salt water and lubricated occasionally with a very small quantity of vaseline. Two teaspoonfuls of salt to a pint of water will make a tonic of the proper strength, and with this the head should be bathed three times a week.

Horses Died.

On Friday night, a valuable gray horse belonging to Perry Breon, near our town, died from inflammation of the bowels. The horse was a good one, having cost Mr. Breon \$165.

On same night a horse belonging to Mr. Nepley, of this place, became suddenly ill and died in a few hours.

Where Lutheranism is Strong.

One-fifth of the Lutheran population of North America is resident in Pennsylvania. Their number is given as 211,873 confirmed members. They have 723 pastors and 1271 churches. Their united contributions in Pennsylvania last year were \$12,127,269; for general benevolence, 782,507.

Lawn Fete.

The Presbyterian Aid Society of this place, will hold a Lawn Fete at Rev. Baskerville's home, on Main street, on Saturday evening, May 30th. Ice cream, cake, coffee and lemonade will be served. All are cordially invited. Proceeds for the benefit of their church.

Marriage Licenses.

Following is the list of marriage licenses issued during the past week from the register's office Bellefonte: Geo. W. Wiley, of Clearfield, Pa., and Marjorie E. Wooster, of Blair county. Julius P. Files and Annie M. Hamer both of Philipsburg. Geo. M. Bratdorf and Annie M. Deobler, both of Rebersburg.

Two Serpents Less.

One day last week Col. And. Gregg and one of his boys came across two black snakes in one of his fields about a mile from here, lying close together. The two serpents were killed, each measuring over five feet in length.

A Rolling Stone.

Gathers no moss; neither does the dust light on the Philad. Branch's new stock of clothing for spring and summer, as customers keep it moving at figures which captivate all.

Woodland Coal.

Two car loads Woodland coal just received at Kurts & Son's mill.

The Way To Do.

A stranger called upon a farmer in Butler county a few days ago, and for \$25 painted the roof of his barn with a mixture which he said would make it last longer than the stone foundation. The first rain washed all the paint off. Last week he reappeared and wanted to sell the farmer a patent corn planter. The latter was still hot about the paint, and said he would not buy a corn planter, but he would do a little painting at the agent's expense. The agent offered all sorts of explanations, but they availed nothing. The farmer sailed into him in the real Butler county pugilistic style, and in a few moments painted the agent's nose a beautiful blue-black. The colors will last longer than the paint on the barn.

That's the way the farmers should get even with the swindler. Pity it was not oftener practiced in the past 10 years.

Thomas Beaver Dead.

Thomas Beaver, the millionaire philanthropist, died at his residence, in Danville, on Tuesday evening, in his seventy-seventh year. He was formerly engaged in business in Philadelphia, but for more than thirty years had resided in Danville, where he was largely interested in coal mining and iron manufacture. He had accumulated an immense fortune, which he dispensed liberally in philanthropic work. The Beaver free library and Young Men's Christian association building at Danville, and the Beaver Memorial church at Lewisburg, and numerous churches have been the recipients of his bounty. The deceased was an uncle of ex-Governor Beaver. He will be buried at Lewisburg.

Death Near Centre Hill.

Mr. Wm. Aikens died on Monday evening last at the home of his nephew, Mr. Joseph Gilliland, near Centre Hill. Mr. Aikens had been an invalid for many years back, being a victim of paralysis, and was quite feeble, and on Monday evening he breathed his last, at the home of his nephew, with whom he resided for years. He was aged over seventy years. His funeral will take place this, Thursday morning, Rev. Baskerville, of the Presbyterian church, of which he was a member, conducting the service. Interment will be made in the Cemetery at Centre Hill.

Enveloped in Smoke.

Williamsport has been enveloped in smoke since Sunday night, the conditions being the most remarkable ever experienced there. At midday it was so dark that artificial light was necessary in offices and stores, and the electric light companies were compelled to turn the current on their commercial circuits in the middle of the afternoon. Extensive forest are still burning to the west and north, they were fanned into fresh fury by the northwest wind. No rain has fallen west of that city for three weeks, and hay and grain are rapidly withering and turning yellow.

Barn and Sawmill burned.

The barn and saw mill on the property of J. C. Mox, about two miles north of Woodward, was destroyed by fire on Monday. The fire also destroyed several hundred thousand feet of lumber near the mill. Loss about \$5,000. A spark from the engine used for hauling logs is supposed to have set the barn on fire, and it rapidly communicated to the mill.

Classis at Madisonburg.

The Classis of the Reformed church meets at Madisonburg this week, commencing on Wednesday evening, and continuing until Sunday. Rev. Eisenburg, of Centre Hall is in attendance, but were unable to learn who the delegate is from this charge.

In a Nutshell.

Here's a human being's history in a nutshell: Born, welcomed, caressed, cried, fed, grew, amused, rared, studied, examined, graduated, in love, loved, engaged, married, quarreled, reconciled, suffered, deserted, taken ill, died, mourned, buried and forgotten.

The Signature Unnecessary.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has issued an order that commencing May 16, persons using mileage books will not be required to put their signatures on the back of the tickets, as has heretofore been the rule.

Attention!

A meeting will be held in the G. A. R. hall, over Murray's drug store, on Monday evening next, to make final arrangements for Decoration Day ceremonies. All are invited to attend, especially the ladies. Let there be a good turn out and every body come.

House and Barn Burned.

The farm house and barn of Ellis Clark, in Nippenose Valley, was burned last Saturday night. The loss was partly covered by \$1,000 insurance.

Additional Locals.

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—George Ocker is erecting a stable on his lot.

—Charley Meyer, of Bellefonte, was home over Sunday.

—John Breon is erecting a barn on his farm in Penn township.

—Mr. James B. Spangler, of Tusseyville, was in town yesterday.

—The trick match is the latest gag sprung upon the guileless public.

—The Lutheran Mite Society will hold a festival at Coburn, June 20.

—Frank Crawford, clerk at Wolf's spent Sunday at his home in Laurelton.

—Mr. Himes and family, of Osceola, are visiting at Daniel Hess' Linden Hall.

—Will Barr, of Tyrone, spent several days in this section visiting friends.

—Had a fine shower last evening, although the storm gave us the go by.

—A destructive fire is raging in Pine Creek hollow, in Haines township.

—There is a big fire in the Brush valley narrows, doing immense damage to timber.

—Mrs. Daniel Kramer, of Rebersburg, mother of our neighbor, Mrs. D. J. Meyer, is quite ill.

—Mrs. Jacob Harpster is on the sick list, having been the victim of an attack of pneumonia.

—Several persons of this place attended the Johnston-Aikens wedding at Bellefonte last evening.

—John Arney, Executor & Administrator, advertises sale of personal property of Arney estate, in REPORTER.

—No new cases of the grip are reported and those still suffering from it are reported as not dangerously ill.

—Mr. Daniel Keller, the stock dealer, ships a very fine car load of milk cows to Eastern markets this morning.

—A Centre Hall butcher removes a beef head similar to that of a hog's. There is nothing like experience.

—The hill near the station has been cut down about three feet by a gang of men under street commissioner Dauberman.

—The family of Mr. J. J. Arney has about recovered from their recent attack of the grip and are able to be about again.

—Thirteen thousand dollars have been appropriated by the State Legislature for the support of the miner's hospital at Philipsburg.

—Moses Richard was up at Renova, visiting at John Mullen's a few days of this week. He reports immense forest fires in that section.

—Several of our young men have had the lot aside of Bushman's jewelry store on Church street scraped and rolled for a croquet ground.

—Mr. John Kennedy, of Johnstown, Pa., is sojourning in Centre Hall this week. He is at present engaged in laying concrete pavements.

—The commissioners have put new locks on the doors and new fastenings on the windows of the court house since the recent attempt to burn it.

—Wallace's show at Bellefonte on Tuesday did not attract a great many from this section, but those who did take it in say it was very good.

—The east end of Brush valley, at the narrows, has a new post-office, named Liroma, as we see from the post-office record. I. H. DeLong is post master.

—Reader if you send us the name of one new subscriber, with cash for six months we will send you The American Farmer one year free for your trouble.

—One of the happiest moments of a young man's life is when he notices for the first time that his mustache has grown so long that he wets it when he drinks.

—Mrs. D. J. Meyer left last week for Rebersburg, being called thither by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Kreamer, who at the last reports was not improving any.

—J. W. Dashem, one of our farmer friends of Centre Hill gave us a call. His aged mother is helpless from several recent strokes of apoplexy, as Mr. Dashem informs us.

—Mr. E. H. Shook, of Spring Mills, gave us a call Wednesday, and had the tab on his paper adjusted. Mr. Shook reports much damage to the crops in his section by the drouth.

—The afternoon train, leaving Bellefonte at 2.45, will after Monday 25th leave at 2 o'clock, to connect with the new train on the P. & E. The time it will likely pass Centre Hall will be 2.45.

—Charles Derstine arrived at the home of his parents last week. Charley has not been in the best of health for some time and spent part of the past winter in Florida, leaving his photograph gallery in charge of his brother Michael, at Lewistown. Hope the air of Centre Hall will benefit him and restore him to his usual health.