



THE TALK AT HARRISBURG now is that the Legislature will not adjourn before the last week in June, and the session may run into July. The waste of time by this session has been without precedent, and there doesn't appear to be much more diligence in May than in January. All the State legislatures that met the first of the year have adjourned except that of Massachusetts, which is generally good for a six months' session every year. The general appropriation bill was reported to the House yesterday. It carries \$15,300,000 for the two years. The school appropriation reaches \$11,000,000, but it includes the normal school and other items of the \$460,000, hitherto provided for in separate bills. New taxes are proposed, and some additional corporation taxes await the approval of the governor. A bill has been prepared by the ways and means committee taxing ale and beer one cent a gallon.

THE MONEY COST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN war to the British government and people has been put at a thousand millions of dollars. That is, should it be ended within a few months. But a recent return of the British war office reports the cost of the war in human flesh and blood down to a month ago. From this it appears that the number of deaths has been 14,728. Of these, 3,936 were killed in battle, 1,301 died of wounds soon after battle, 96 died in Boer prisons, 304 died after having been sent home as invalids, 298 were killed by accident, and the appalling number of 8,793 died of disease. Counting the permanently disabled, we have a total of 17,000 men forever lost to the British empire. Seventeen thousand lives of her best picked men in what was to have been a "military promenade" to Pretoria. Was not President Kruger truthful when he declared this needless war would "stagger" humanity in its accounting?

THE KAISER IS AGAIN REPORTED to be preparing for war on the Monroe doctrine. He wants South America, and he wants it bad. For this he is building a giant navy and in fancy he already hears the thunder of his guns as they rock on the mighty deep. This is what the London Saturday Review says, and it always knows. Still, the giant navy is young yet and the Monroe doctrine is hoary with age. And the Kaiser is young yet, and youth will have its fling. Let the Kaiser build his navy and aim its cannon at the Monroe doctrine. When he does there will be war, and war on a generous and satisfying scale. And when the war is over, the Kaiser will have a chance to sit down and figure up his assets and liabilities, among which assets should not be forgotten the title of "war lord."

Meanwhile, the United States of America will continue to do business at the old stand, and incidentally may have a little navy of their own, which fact should not be lost sight of by those who figure out a peck of trouble for your Uncle Samuel.

A METHODIST PASTOR AT READING, in this State, Rev. Dr. Harcourt, recently delivered an address before the Baltimore University School of Medicine advising the graduates to exclude ministers of the gospel from the sick room, and has supplemented it by a sermon from his own pulpit taking the same ground. This new departure in ministerial teaching has naturally created something of a sensation. His reasoning is peculiar and has a basis of fact. He urged that the presence of a minister in a sick room caused alarm. But may it not also bring comfort and consolation? Dr. Harcourt continued in this strain:

I fully believe that many deaths have been hastened by the unwise visitation of ministers at a critical time. The sick room is not a place to prepare for death. Not one reform in a hundred brought about in a sick room is genuine. Our methods as ministers in dealing with criminals who are to be hanged or electrocuted are enough to bring the Christian religion into contempt. Keep the minister, the long-faced, sepulchral-voiced minister out of the sick room. Let him grapple with men in life. This will try his grit and grace, but keep him from taking advantage of a man in the hour of his weakness when unable to defend himself.

THE FARMERS OF THE STATE must not permit themselves to be deceived by the sudden show of enthusiasm on the part of the machine for real butter. Its change of heart was forced, not willing. It was not until the granges and the individual farmers had demonstrated that they were powerful enough, when united, to protect their interests that the followers of the machine were ordered to desert the service of the Oleo Trust. If it felt safe in doing so the machine would still betray the farmers as readily as it abandoned the Trust.

The Senate has not yet fixed a day for the consideration of the Snyder bill, and the oleo lobby is still at work in Harrisburg. If the fruits of the victory in the House are to be saved the fight must be kept up vigorously until the last trench is carried and Governor Stone has signed the bill. It is not from their open enemies that the farmers must now look for harm, but from the furtive plotters who for self-preservation have been compelled to profess friendship for the winning side. These new converts must be held under suspicion.

It was only by persistent and energetic work that the farmers in the various sections of Pennsylvania prevailed upon their representatives in the House to grant them their rights. By showing the same activity and perseverance while the Snyder bill is in the hands of the Senate they will wipe out all opposition. In over-confidence lies their peril.

Flood the Senate with letters until the Snyder bill is passed.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE VIGOROUS denials, it is altogether likely that the reported standing of the supreme court on the ripper charter has something better to stand on than mere idle invention. The case is in its nature political, affecting important personal and factional interests. Sometimes judges or their intimates are not overcautious in letting out inklings of expected decisions, and this happens to be precisely the sort of case that invites such imprudence. Even indiscretions of this kind have been alleged against the supreme court of the United States, and have been made the basis of big operations in Wall street. The supreme court of Pennsylvania, it is undeniable, does not enjoy the same degree of confidence it once did, say in the days of Gibson, Black and Sharswood. Of recent years the appointments and nominations have represented the wishes and interests of the politicians who made them. Pre-eminence in the profession has not been the touchstone of merit and controlled selections. As a consequence there has been a great deal of private scandal, rarely reaching the public through the press, but confined to members of the bar smarting under a sense of wrong.

The intimation therefore given that the supreme court is or will be ranged in a certain way on the ripper case is not at all surprising. Matters freely talked of in private have crept into the public press, calling forth indignant denials from those most concerned. This is natural from the political and personal character of the issues, as well as by the diverse views of eminent lawyers and publicists on the constitutionality of the legislation involved in the ripper case. The uncertainty is further advanced by the general admission that, while the ripper law may be within the limits of constitutional authority, it is a revolutionary proceeding, at war with fundamental principles, and established a vicious rule. It is a case that invites outside pressure on the court, and the fact is generally accepted that those accused of this sort of pressure are the very men to use it.

COLONELS IN BALLOT POW-WOW.

Each backed by Trusty Retainers, the Two Colonels Put Heads Together. As previously announced Colonel Guffey and Colonel Quay Tuesday night met in conference to discuss ballot reform. While nothing official has been given out, in a general way, however, the situation is fairly well known. Quay is disposed to insist on conceding to Guffey the elimination of the party circle, provided the Democrats will accept this as the maximum of reform, the party column being retained.

Guffey is disposed to accede to the latter in consideration of the circle being stricken from the ballot, but is not satisfied with that. He wants a "tight" clause against indiscriminate assistance of voters. Insurance Com. Durham and Senator Focht insisted that the number which any helper could assist was entirely too small. This number in the bill was fixed at three, and Senator Quay suggested that it be raised to ten. Colonel Guffey and his friends agreed to this.

Then came the question of the voter as well as the helper taking an affidavit—the voter that he could not read or write or was physically disabled, and the helper that he would mark the ballot correctly and not influence the choice of the voter. On this question the conference split. The Democrats retired and the Republicans remained in session.

FIGHT AGAINST OLEO.

Will Bring the Counterfeit Butter Trade to an End.

Oleomargarine will have to stand strictly upon its own merits when the Snyder bill, now in course of passage in the Legislature, becomes a law. It can then no longer masquerade as butter.

The bill in many respects is a remarkable measure, designed to make the distinction between the two articles so clear as to absolutely break up the gigantic swindle from which farmers and butter consumers have both suffered. Its main provisions are as follows:

Parties manufacturing or dispensing oleo must secure State licenses at the following annual fees: Manufacturers \$1,000; wholesalers, \$500; retailers, \$100; hotel and restaurant keepers, \$50; boarding house keepers, \$10.

On the outside of each tub or package of the stuff there shall appear in full view a placard bearing the word "oleomargarine," in letters not less than one inch long. Every hotel, restaurant or boarding house using oleo must exhibit a placard stating the fact. Every package of oleo shall be plainly marked oleomargarine.

Letter from Ohio.

W. W. Leichy, of Green Springs, Ohio, known to many of the Reporter readers, has many complimentary words for the Reporter in a recent letter. Mr. Leichy is conducting a general blacksmith and repair shop in that place, and from the printed matter he uses, one would judge he is doing a good business. Mr. Leichy is a Centre countian, and in 1869 went to work at his trade with Jacob Smith, at Tusseyville, and a year later he and his brother Henry conducted the shop for their father, John Leichy, who bought Smith out. Later he went to Penn Hall and various places in Centre and Mifflin counties, and twenty-two years ago located in his present western home. Together with his letter, Mr. Leichy sent a report of the local markets which will be of interest to compare with the local markets in the Reporter. They are as follows: Oats, 25c; good butter, 14c; eggs, 10c; wheat, 70c; hogs per cwt., \$5.50; prime timothy hay, \$10.50; potatoes, 25c.

New Pastors for Phillipsburg.

Rev. R. P. Miller, for thirteen years pastor of the Homestead Presbyterian church, has been tendered a call from the Presbyterian congregation at Phillipsburg.

Rev. Charles D. Russell, of Loganton, who is very popular among all denominations in Sugar Valley, has accepted a call to the Lutheran church at Phillipsburg.

Church Dedicated.

The new Lutheran church at Boonville was dedicated Sunday. It is a brick structure and is the handsomest church in the valley. Rev. Charles D. Russell is pastor, but on June 12 he will sever his connection with that congregation and become pastor at Phillipsburg.

Bear Cubs.

C. P. Long, of Spring Mills, is the owner of a trio of black bear cubs captured during the recent mountain fires. The little cubs and mother bear were driven by the flames to the saw mill of Bearley & Molten, where they were captured. The bear was pierced with several bullets, but she made good her escape.

\$11,000,000 FOR SCHOOLS.

But \$250,000 will be Applied to Two Thirtieth Normal Schools.

While there will be no diminution in the amount of money to be appropriated to the public schools of the Commonwealth for the ensuing year, the Appropriation Committee will mark an innovation and reduce the school fund in another direction. Heretofore it has been the custom to make a separate appropriation for the normal schools of the State. This year the amount paid to normal schools is to come out of the general school fund.

This is in deference to the general opinion in Administration circles that the amount appropriated to the schools of the Commonwealth is entirely too large. It is so large in fact that in certain counties of the State the school term is shortened, the teachers' salaries lessened, and all the taxables may not be compelled to spend any more money than the State appropriates for that purpose.

The wisdom of tampering with the school fund by a veto was demonstrated in the far-off era of Governor Stone's \$1,000,000 cut two years ago. The policy of taking the normal school funds will cut the latter quite a bit, and will bring proportionate disappointment to everybody interested in normal schools.

The total amount that will come out of the \$11,000,000 will be \$250,000, of which amount \$200,000 will be appropriated to the thirteen normal schools of the State, and \$50,000 to the township high schools.

A Wonderful Beautiful Tree.

W. B. Mingle, Esq., takes a great interest in horticulture and also spends considerable time in an orchard he has set out on Hoffer street. Beginning of this week a plum tree three years old on this plot was a beautiful sight to behold. To start with this particular tree is peculiar in that its branches are long and slender—rod like—and is without the common fruit spurs, presenting an odd appearance in formation. But the blossoms! hundreds and thousands! Every branch is covered from its very tip to the trunk, not in clusters, but with the greatest regularity these blossoms grow out from all sides, no part of the branch being exposed. There are many trees well laden with blossoms, but the like of this plum tree has never been seen before.

Rapid Dog at Romola.

The Romola correspondent of the Howard Hustler says: Our neighborhood is greatly excited over a mad dog that passed through here last week. He fought with every dog he came in contact with; chased and bit cattle, and in fact everything he came in contact with. One person, Mr. James Gardner, Sr., was attacked, the animal fastening his teeth in his trouser legs so tight that Mr. Gardner had to choke him loose. His daughter came to his rescue and the dog was driven off. He next turned up in Cato where he bit several cattle and other animals, and entered the mines and attacked the miners. He was finally dispatched by the Hungarians. The dogs are all tied up for fear hydrophobia may develop about the ninth day.

Bellefonte Central to be Extended.

Plans are afoot, according to the Harrisburg Patriot, to extend the Bellefonte Central railroad to the main line of the "Pennsy." This extension is intended not only to tap a rich country, but in order to gain the growing trade of the little railway. Huntington, on the middle division of the "Pennsy," is mentioned as the terminal point of the Central. If the plan is carried out the Pennsylvania will gain thereby another valuable feeder.

General Assembly News.

The best news of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which will be held in Philadelphia beginning May 16 and continuing about ten days, will appear from day to day in the Philadelphia Press. Rev. Dr. S. S. Gilson, of Pittsburg, will have charge of the reports and the paper will be mailed to any address postpaid throughout the assembly sessions (from May 13 to May 25 inclusive) for 25 cents.

First Anniversary.

Last Sabbath being the first anniversary of Dr. Schuyler's pastorate with the Sinking Creek charge, he delivered an appropriate sermon at this place in the afternoon, taking as his text, Gal. 6:2: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Dr. Schuyler's discourse was practical and interesting, and was highly appreciated by his audience.

Reporter Bulletin.

While Jesse King was lying along the side walk at Millheim Monday morning dying, the Reporter's bulletin announced the attempted murder and suicide to the people of Centre Hall.

MILLHEIM TRAGEDY.

MRS. KING RECOVERING.

Not since the famous Etlinger tragedy, which took place at Woodward a few years ago, was there as much excitement in the lower end of Penn's Valley as there was on Monday morning last, when a double crime was committed, in a corpse at his home on North Street, and his wife, nineteen years old, a bride of only a few months, lies fatally wounded at the home of Peter Confer, on Penn Street.

Following a courtship of perhaps a few months, the couple were married in Aaronburg in February last. The bride was Julia, a handsome daughter of Henry Mowery, a respected and well-to-do citizen of Haines township, residing half a mile north of Aaronburg. After their marriage the couple went to house-keeping on North Street, more familiarly known as "Texas." After several weeks of married life King, it is rumored, became jealous of his wife and since then they have had much trouble, and on several occasions she had left him and gone to her mother at Aaronburg, and to her sister at Spring Mills. For the past week or more she had been staying at the latter place, but on Saturday last returned to the home of her mother. Learning that his young wife was to be found in Aaronburg, King went to see her on Sunday, and by promises of better treatment persuaded her to return to his home in Millheim.

Monday morning, between the hours of five and six o'clock, the woman expressed a desire to go to see her sister, who was ill at Spring Mills, and asked her husband's consent. King, of course, refused to let her go and a quarrel followed; the woman still insisted on going, and to prevent her from carrying out her desire King took her shoes and ran into an adjoining room, hid them and then locked the door. Being of a plucky disposition she hammered at the door until it finally gave way and she was just in the act of entering when the enraged husband drew from his hip pocket a 38 calibre revolver and shot her, the ball entering the abdomen from the right side.

After committing the crime, this monster in human form, locked her in the house and started for the home of his parents, who live about an eighth of a mile from his residence, where he made known his rash act, at the same time stating that he did not think he had killed her, but was going back to finish the job and then kill himself.

In the mean time Mrs. King had succeeded in getting down stairs, and finding one of the back doors open, made her way along what is known as the "back road" to Millheim, a distance of fully a mile, where she made information against her husband before Justice F. P. Musser and had a warrant sworn out for his arrest. How the poor, unfortunate woman was able to walk all this distance is a miracle, but after reaching the 'Squires office she gave her story in a cool and straight forward manner.

After King's threat to return to the home and as he said, "finish the job," King's father went to the stable and jumping on one of his horses started before he could do further mischief. Determining to complete his bungled job, King started for his home and on arriving there could find nothing of his victim. He then started for town, thinking perhaps she had made an attempt to have him placed under arrest.

When the would-be murderer reached Kern's barn on the top of the hill north of town, he was met by constables P. P. Leitzell and W. N. Auman, who were in a buggy. They stopped their horse and were in the act of getting out of the buggy when King pointed his revolver towards them. Constable Leitzell said to him, "don't shoot, Jesse," whereupon King turned and started to run away from them, at the same time he placed the revolver to his heart and fired. The ball entered the left side an inch below the heart.

King dropped to the ground, but in an instant got up and started for the buggy in which were the constables. Thinking he was not fatally injured the officers placed him in their conveyance and started for town, but they had only gone a short distance when it was seen the young man had become unconscious and was losing blood freely. The officers stopped the team, and laid the dying man on the grass along the walk. He never regained consciousness and died about twenty minutes later. Undertaker Weiser was sent for, who took charge of the body and took it to his late residence on North Street, where it was prepared for burial.

The officers returned to the office of Justice Musser where they found Mrs. King in great pain, and Dr. Frank not being able to make a thorough examination of the wound in the office, requested that the lady be taken to a more suitable and comfortable place, which was accordingly done as soon as proper arrangements could be made, and, as stated above, is now lying at the home of Peter Confer. The young woman is highly respected in the community in which she resides and has the sympathy of hosts of friends. Her condition at this writing is somewhat encouraging, and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

The young wife murderer was the son of poor but hard-working parents, and they have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood. The funeral of Mr. King took place Wednesday forenoon and was not largely attended. Services were held in the M. E. church at Millheim, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Haven. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

A LOCAL GRIST OF GREAT VARIETY.

Smith, the photographer, will not be in Centre Hall this week.

Misses Caroline McClaskey and Bertha Armstrong, of Potters Mills, were visitors in Centre Hall Saturday last.

J. H. Bitner, of Potters Mills, offers for sale a perfectly toned silver-plated Eo cornet, Leonard make. 9may3t

Capt. G. M. Boal, Misses Agnes Murray, Blanche Boal and Florence Love were in Bellefonte Saturday shopping.

Son No. 2 put in an appearance at the home of James W. Stuart, New Bloomfield. Grandmother Deininger is with the mother, who is her daughter.

Dr. Geo. L. Lee has purchased the Mrs. Maggie Allison property, now occupied by Angeline Tobias, and will erect a fine residence on it in the near future. — X

S. S. Brown, mine host of the Millroy hotel, passed through Centre Hall the other day with a load of hams and shoulders which he had bought up through Penn's Valley.

James A. Keller Tuesday afternoon was a passenger on the east bound train for Lancaster, where he is witnessing the commencement exercises of the Seminary connected with Franklin and Marshall College.

Miss Josephine Wilson, of Hubbersburg, and John D. Allison, of Jamison City, were married at the home of the bride Thursday of last week. The groom is superintendent of a large tannery at his Columbia county home.

Jeff Brown, of Millroy, was in Centre Hall one day last week delivering goods for which he had taken orders. Mrs. Brown and two children, accompanied him, and will remain for a week visiting her parents and sisters.

W. D. Strunk has moved from Juli-an to Phillipsburg.

An Italian dropped dead last week while at work at the Bellefonte furnace. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Corman and Master Ray Williams, of Oak Hall, were in town Saturday. The latter was introduced to the young America of Centre Hall by Donald Sellers.

A. Scott Harris who has been resident manager of the Saloma operations of the Bellefonte Lime Co., left Thursday for the copper districts of New Mexico. He expects a good position in one of the mines there.

Rev. R. Crittenden departed on Thursday for Gospel work in parts of Elk county which he has never previously visited. He expects to spend Sunday May 12th with the Seneca Indians on the Cornplanter Reservation.

Dr. James Hosterman, of Ford City, Pa., son of A. P. Hosterman, of Centre Hill, spent a few days with his parents recently. The doctor has built up for himself a splendid practice, which he is giving close attention and consequently made his stay very brief.

Harry Potter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua T. Potter, of near this place, has secured a position with a large publishing house in Harrisburg. Mr. Potter is a graduate of the Lebanon business college, and is well qualified to fill the position he has accepted.

From present indications there will be a good hay crop in Penn's Valley. The mow fields to-day look fifty per cent. more promising than they did a year ago. Of course, there are some fields where the seeding is very imperfect that will yield poorly, but generally the outlook for a hay crop is very favorable.

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