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THE TASK OF GOVERNOR STUART.

To Cut Graft and Jobs Out of Extravagant Appropriations—Must Do So to Redeem Pledges Made the People.

Governor Stuart has entered into his legislative work upon the vast heap of nearly six hundred bills left to him by the General Assembly at its adjournment. Many of these measures, apart from the appropriations of money, are what may be called "casualty" legislation to accomplish more or less trivial objects that might well be left to the reformatory influences of society. The first task which the Governor has set before him is to pass upon the appropriations for expenditures of the State government, which are swollen beyond all former example in every department and bureau of administration. In some instances these expenditures have been doubled, in others trebled, and in many quadrupled within the last ten or twelve years.

Lest this should be deemed an unjust accusation, it is necessary only to make a brief comparison of the appropriations awaiting the action of the Governor and the expenditures of State administration within a comparatively recent period. A few examples of the rolling snowball of official graft under the Machine rule will suffice. In 1894 the expenditures of the Auditor General's department amounted to \$32,945, and in the appropriation sent to the Governor the amount for the next two years has been increased to \$227,300. The new Auditor General has swept out some of the nooks and corners of the department, but there is still much use for the reformatory broom of the Governor. In 1894 the expenses of the State Department were \$47,916, and the appropriation now provides for \$111,000. The sum of \$19,104 sufficed for the Department for Insurance in 1894, and for 1907 and 1908 \$95,000 is called for by that eminent champion of pure government, Commissioner David Martin. So on and so through all the ramifications of State administration.

The cost of public printing was \$241,807 in 1889. Its cost has swollen to \$689,000 in the appropriations for 1907 and 1908 for huge dreary volumes that are never read and little distributed, if for no better reason than that they are seldom issued within the time in which they would have any public interest.

For the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings the appropriations of the year amount to \$1,491,466, or more than fourfold the expenditures of any ordinary year, the payments by Governor Pennypacker's Board for furnishings and decorations of the Palace of Graft having been made without so negligible a formality as a direct appropriation.

Since the Legislature has devolved upon the Governor so large a share of its own work, he cannot fail to lay his reformatory hand upon the outrageous appropriation of nearly a quarter million dollars for increases of salaries and for salaries and sinecures of new employes, which has no other object than to provide places for Machine dependents under full play of the spoils system. There is no question that by an energetic wielding of his pruning knife as Executive and legislator he can cut many a job and graft out of these extravagant appropriations. This, too, is made imperative by his pledges of reform when before the people.

GOVERNOR APPROVES BILLS.

Governor Stuart Signed a Large Number of Bills, which are Now Laws.

The following bills of local interest were approved by Governor Stuart:

Authorizing boroughs to pass ordinances to regulate or prevent the erection of frame buildings within their limits.

Providing for the recording in the office of Recorder of Deeds of proper county or ordinances of municipalities vacating a street, lane or alley on application of the owner of the land vacated.

Providing that pupils residing in school districts in which there is no public high school may attend such a school in the nearest district and that the cost of tuition and books shall not exceed that of the pupils living in the district.

Fixing a penalty of \$500 or six months' imprisonment for the desertion of the United States or the State flag, by placing pictures, advertisements or any other marks upon them.

Enlarging the rights and remedies of a married woman in case of desertion or non-support by her husband.

Imposing a license tax of \$30 on keepers of all shooting galleries, shuffleboard rooms, billiard or pool rooms, and bowling alleys.

Requiring the thorough cleaning of the inside of cans used to carry milk or cream, under a penalty of \$50.

To provide for the appointment of ten meat inspection agents, at \$1800 per annum, to inspect meat and meat food products, under the direction of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board in Philadelphia.

Fixing the demurrage to be charged by railroads at one dollar per day per car.

Providing that all State officers receiving fees shall pay them into the State Treasury daily.

Authorizing the employment of male prisoners in jails and workhouses on the public highways.

Fixing the compensation of assessors at \$2.50 per day.

For the appointment of a Deputy State Veterinarian, at \$2100, a clerk at \$1200 and a stenographer at \$900.

Fixing 50 cents per day as the compensation for sheriffs for boarding prisoners.

Authorizing townships of the second class to contract with water companies for the placing of fire hydrants in any village in such township.

Extending to all counties the law providing for the appointment of viewers for a bridge after two years shall elapse from the time of the rejection of a report of previous viewers.

Keith's Theatre.

Stella Mayhew, leading star of musical comedy, is making a great hit in her first vaudeville appearance in Philadelphia, at Keith's Chestnut Street Theatre, this week. Grigoletti's Flying Ballet, the most skillful and daring aerial dancing act on the modern stage, is another number appearing for the first time on any vaudeville stage. The Four Hunters are giving singing, dancing and acrobatic comedy. Vernon, America's greatest ventriloquist; Dora Ronca, gypsy violinist; Elsie Faye and her two dancing boys, are also on the program. Laila Selbini, the Parisian bathing beauty, is another headliner, while an extra added attraction is Sir Hassan Ben Ali's Bedouin Arab troupe of sixteen dashing hurricane acrobats.

State College Student Body.

The total State College student body this year numbers just 895. Sixty-five of the sixty-seven counties in the State are represented. Allegheny county leads with a total of seventy-one students. Centre comes next with seventy; Philadelphia has forty-one. Eleven counties range from twenty to thirty-eight each. Sixteen counties have from ten to twenty each, while thirty-four range from nine down to one each, only three counties having the latter number. The two counties not represented are Pike and Snyder. The attendance from States and territories numbers forty-six.

Note from Ohio.

D. G. Smetzler, of Republic, Ohio, writes the Reporter, date of May 20th, in this way: We have had a very backward spring; weather very changeable. Wheat and hay are looking well and indicate a good crop; oats has just been sown, and but little corn is planted. We could not keep house without the Reporter.

"The Reporter contains so much home news that we would be lost without it; all well and happy." That is the way Edward F. Foreman, of Youngstown, Ohio, puts it.

POMONA GRANGE.

At Hublersburg—Walker Grange Heartily Welcomes the County Organization.

The second quarterly meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange was held in Walker Grange Hall, Hublersburg, Friday. There were two sessions—forenoon and afternoon, and between these was a veritable banquet. Walker Grange has a very neatly furnished hall, and while the subordinate grange is not the strongest in the county in numbers, the enthusiasm of the individual members makes up largely for this deficit.

The morning session was opened in due form by Master George Dale, the other regular officers—Chaplain G. L. Goodhart, Lecturer Willard Dale, Gate Keepers George W. Gingerich and Christ Keller being in their chairs. The master appointed Mrs. Dale, John S. Dale, Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Mary Goodhart and Miss Marshall to fill the vacancies.

Walker Grange welcomed the county organization to its home in a most cordial manner through well-chosen and clearly spoken sentences by Miss Miller, of Hublersburg.

The first business transacted was the appointment of three delegates from the County Grange to represent the Order at a meeting of representatives from other agricultural societies throughout the state to elect trustees to Pennsylvania State College. This is the first recognition of the Order by that institution. The delegates appointed were Capt. A. J. Hunter, John S. Dale and Nathan Grove.

Messrs. W. W. Rupert, Wm. Rockey and Mrs. Rumberger were appointed a committee on credentials.

The report of the Insurance Company, in the absence of the secretary who is now in the south, was read by Christ Keller.

"The benefits derived from the Order of Patrons of Husbandry" was a question discussed by I. S. Frain, G. L. Goodhart, John A. Daley. One phase of this question was unanimously agreed upon, and that was that the benefits of the Order were not totally confined to its members, but that the good accomplished was participated in largely by persons outside its doors, and that no effort would be made to hinder the Order's good influence from lifting up individuals and building up every community where the Order is alive.

"Scarcity of farm labor" was a subject that elicited considerable discussion. A solution was suggested by Willard Dale in dividing up the farm. Mr. Frain advocated following the plans of localities in the west, which is to send a representative to Castle Garden, New York, and secure good types of foreigners; house them comfortably; use them well, and pay living wages to them. This plan has proven very successful where tried, only a small per cent. of laborers thus obtained proving to be unsuited to the employment. Hon. L. Rhone also contended that importation of labor was the only remedy, and suggested that subordinate granges should take up the matter. Col. Daley incidentally placed the blame of scarcity of farm labor on the tariff, which enables the protected iron manufacturer to pay higher wages than the unprotected farmer who must compete with the India farmer who obtains laborers at ten cents per day.

Miss Marshall and Mrs. Bradford recited poems well selected for the occasion, and received due applause.

The report of the Encampment and Fair Association committee was presented by Mr. Goodhart. The report was very encouraging. Among improvements to be made is the erection of a large building for the display of exhibits from the farm, garden and orchard.

The banking committee was continued.

The Secretary of the Patrons Rural Telephone Company reported that twenty Branch Companies had been organized under the plans originated and adopted by the County Grange. The secretary also read a letter from M. O. Reagle, of Northampton county, stating that their County Grange was also building telephone lines under a similar plan.

"The effect of the increase of the minimum salary for school teachers as to efficiency" was the last question discussed.

The next meeting of the county grange will be held in Victor Grange Hall, at Oak Hall.

Finkle-Snack.

The Belleville Times contained this notice: William Finkle, a very highly respected young man of this place, was married to Miss Nellie Snack, of Huntingdon county. The ceremony took place at the residence of Rev. Folmer, in Huntingdon, Saturday, May 18, at high noon.

The groom is the son of Samuel Finkle, formerly of near Spring Mills.

Saturday is the beginning of June.

THE LUTHERAN SYNOD.

Large Increase in Receipts over Previous Biennium.

The general synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church of America organized at Sunbury by the election of Rev. S. W. Owen, of Hagerstown, Md., as president. Rev. Owen was chosen on the fifth ballot after the Rev. J. R. Remy, of New York City, had withdrawn.

The new president is a graduate of Susquehanna University and is president of the board of directors of that institution. For thirty-seven years he has been pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, Hagerstown.

Rev. H. K. Fenner, of Louisville, Ky., was elected secretary and Rev. G. H. Knollenberg, of Richmond, Ind., was chosen treasurer.

The report of foreign missions says that during the last biennium 6,988 persons in India were added to the church by baptism and that there are now nearly 43,000 persons under the influence of the church's mission in India.

The financial statement of the report shows receipts from all sources during the biennium of \$146,341, an increase of \$9,383 over the previous biennium. The cash balance stands at \$16,936, an increase of \$9,205.

Among the resolutions submitted to the synod by the board was one instructing the apportionment committee to fix the apportionment for foreign missions at twenty-five cents per communicant member for each year of the coming biennium.

The report of the president and statistical secretary showed that the value of church property owned by the synod is \$16,500,000. The total benevolence raised during the biennium was \$728,000.

Rosman-Dinges.

The Williamsport Sun of May 22nd contained the following notice:

John Calvin Rosman, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Anna S. Dinges, of Centre Hall, were married at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's brother, S. Paul Dinges, 412 High street. Rev. G. W. Curran performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Dinges, of this place. The groom returned from Nashville a few weeks ago, not having been here for a number of years. Both are well and favorably known to many of the Reporter readers.

Time Limit Struck Out.

Governor Stuart signed the Cressy amendment to the Primary Election law, which strikes out the time limit for holding the state conventions.

The Democratic state committee will meet in Harrisburg, June 13th, at which time a time and place for holding the state convention will be selected.

LOCALS.

Rainy weather set in Saturday evening, which proved very beneficial to all crops. Oats and barley especially needed moisture.

After spending a short time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleisher, of Colyer, Mrs. James Wagner, accompanied by her children, returned to her home in Millinburg.

Mrs. J. W. Mersinger, of Tusseyville, who has been ill for the past few months, is not improving. Her sickness is of a dropsical nature, and at present she suffers considerably.

The members of the United Evangelical church, at Farmers Mills, are contemplating holding a festival on July 4th. They have selected Penns Cave as the place for serving the refreshments.

The Harrisburg Patriot says current gossip reports that Judge Beaver may retire from the Superior Court bench in order that he may devote his entire time to his duties as president of State College. Judge Beaver has filled the position since the death of President Atherton.

Saturday the voter may, if he wishes, go to the polls, record his vote for candidates for the various county offices, without being punched in the ribs with a folded ballot. This year the voter will have his own way of it. He has been wanting it, now let him go to the polls.

Within the next six months the good people of Centre Hall may be asked to disbelieve that Mr. Dale was murdered; that he was killed at all, but living and happy! Such a story purchased with cash from the sale of their own pilfered goods would be a bitter dose and haughtily resented.

The sessions of the Centre County Pomona Grange, held at Hublersburg Friday of last week were attended by Hon. L. Rhone, Ex-Commissioner G. L. Goodhart, Christ Keller, J. J. Arney, Mrs. Mary Goodhart, Mrs. Samuel Durst, Mrs. D. W. Bradford and the writer, all representing Progress Grange.

COMMENCEMENT AT STATE.

Begins June 9th and Closes 12th—The Program.

The commencement exercises at Pennsylvania State College begin Sunday, June 9th, and close Wednesday the 12th. The program is as follows:

SUNDAY, JUNE 9.

10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. Griffin W. Bull, D. D., Scranton.

6:15 p. m.—Open air Y. M. C. A. meeting on the front campus.

7:15 p. m.—Cadet band sacred concert on the front campus.

8:15 p. m.—Sacred concert in the auditorium.

MONDAY, JUNE 10.

2:00 p. m.—Senior class exercises on the front campus.

3:00 p. m.—Field and track meet with the Western University of Pennsylvania on Beaver Field.

7:30 p. m.—Annual meeting of the board of trustees.

8:00 p. m.—Junior oratorical contest. Prof. Fred Lewis Patee, presiding.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.

10:00 a. m.—Annual business meeting of the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

11:50 a. m.—Annual address before the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity in the Chapel, by Edwin Erle Sparks, Ph. D., of the University of Chicago.

2:00 p. m.—Meeting of delegates and Alumni to elect trustees.

2:00 p. m.—Annual concert by Cadet band on front campus.

4:50 p. m.—Dress parade by the Cadet battalion on east campus.

8:00 p. m.—Presentation of "The Brixton Burglary," by "The Theatians."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.

10:00 a. m.—Graduating exercises of the class of 1907. Commencement address by Merrill E. Gates, Ph. D., L. L. D., Washington, D. C.

2:30 p. m.—Baseball game with the Carlisle Indians.

8:00 p. m.—Farewell reception to Senior class, by class of 1908.

Died at the Hospital.

Roland J. Miller, a resident of Centre Hall, died in the Bellefonte hospital Thursday morning, 23rd inst., says the Watchman, of concussion of the brain, the result of a blow on the head, received one day last week. Mr. Miller, though his home was in Centre Hall, had been working in Lewistown and last week with a number of other men became engaged in a free-for-all fight. He with several other men was arrested and it is not definitely known whether the fatal blow he received was during the fight or dealt by the officer making the arrest. He was a brother-in-law of Sheriff Henry Kline and as soon as the latter heard of the affair he went to Lewistown and brought Mr. Miller to Bellefonte and took him to the hospital, but the concussion of the brain was so bad that his death resulted. A further investigation will be made and an effort made to bring to punishment the party responsible for his death.

The body was removed from the hospital to Sheriff Kline's residence at the jail from where the funeral was held Saturday, interment being made at Pleasant Gap. Miller was forty-two years of age, and leaves a wife and one child.

Andy Moyer Ill.

For two weeks or more Andy Moyer, living at the foot of Nittany Mountain, has been suffering from a light attack of typhoid fever.

There is an opportunity here for work of charity. The Moyer family, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer and five or six children, are in actual need, although they have not asked for help. With nothing to depend on except daily labor, Mr. Moyer has been barely able to maintain the family at any time, and now that the earning power has been stricken with sickness, help will be needed.

This notice calling attention to the distress of the family will doubtless be all that is necessary to enlist the aid of the charitable minded.

Clemens-Maple.

The announcement of the marriage of Guy S. Clemens and Miss Etta Maple, May 21st, was received by the Reporter, the event having taken place at Vernon, Kansas.

The groom is formerly from Centre Hall, and went west with his uncle, J. A. Strunk, several years ago. He is now engaged in farming, and is making a success of it. By October Mr. and Mrs. Clemens have planned to take their honeymoon trip to Pennsylvania, the press of work not permitting absence from the farm at this season of the year. Success to the young couple.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Last week Rev. J. M. Rearick attended the sessions of the Lutheran Synod at Sunbury.

Every one hopes June will bring June weather. May has been exceptionally cold and disagreeable.

Mrs. D. P. Breen and children, of Jannette, spent a week or more with friends in Millheim and other points in Penna. Valley.

Clinton county business men are making an effort to have the next business men's picnic held at Mill Hall instead of at Hecla Park.

Mrs. Maria Wagner, of Tusseyville, is back from Altoona where she visited her sons, Samuel and William A. Wagner, for several months.

Branch Company No. 20, The Patrons Rural Telephone Company, began stringing its wires Monday. They are now about ready for the phones.

Mrs. Susan Burrell, widow of David Burrell, deceased, of Spring Mills, was granted a widow's pension of eight dollars per month, through the agency of Prof. W. A. Krise.

Nothing talks like money. Even in these times of prosperity officials are being gobbled up for dishonesty, money hunger being the cause for the opening of the penitentiary doors.

Andrew J. Harter, of Rockford, Illinois, was a delegate to the General Synod of the Lutheran church, at Sunbury. While in Pennsylvania he visited his relatives in Penna. Valley.

In addition to building a new walk, Merchant W. H. Meyer will improve his residence by building a large porch to the front of his house. The porch now there will be moved to the northern entrance of the dwelling.

After a pleasure and business trip to Texas and Mexico, John Van Pelt arrived in Centre Hall the latter part of last week. He was very favorably impressed with the southwest. The vastness of the country was a great surprise.

Alvin S. Meyer, of Altoona, having been temporarily located at Morehead, Kentucky, where he is inspecting lumber for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, obtained quarters there for his wife and family, who are now also enjoying life in the south.

The poor man, with scarcely enough to keep body and soul united, is fortunate if he keeps from under the clutches of the law. He is without funds to either secure attorneys to defend him or bribe the representatives of the commonwealth—if he need be.

It will be a hard matter for some Democrats and Republicans to vote straight Saturday afternoon, but the law will make them do it. This is not intended to reflect upon the independent voter, but the sinner, who uses the ballot only to eke out a bit of spite.

R. R. Rickard, the young man who drives the huckster wagon for Wm. Rocky, states that butter is becoming very plentiful. In two days last week he gathered almost seven hundred pounds of the product. This, of course, is only a small portion of the butter turned out on Mr. Rocky's route, as there are a dozen other outlets for the same goods.

Any one of these four things in the June American Magazine would have made the number a good one: Edwin Lefevre's character sketch of Harrison, Ellis Parker Butler's story of "Wetter New York in 1913," Ray Stannard Baker's account of "The Negro in Southern City Life," or Ida M. Tarbell's story of Grover Cleveland's great fight of 1887.

A circular letter has been issued from the adjutant general's office, at Harrisburg, to Grand Army posts containing the information that transportation will be issued at the expense of the commonwealth, to surviving honorably discharged soldiers of the Forty-eighth regiment, Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry, to attend the dedication of a monument at Petersburg, Virginia, June 20.

The following is from the Millheim Journal: Howard Weaver, who lives on the Joseph Berly farm, near Smultown, met with a serious accident Monday afternoon. He and his wife and child drove to Farmers Mills that afternoon to visit friends. While Mrs. Weaver and child were in the house of a friend the team of young horses Mr. Weaver had hitched in the buggy, became frightened at some geese that crossed in front of them and ran away. The buggy was immediately upset and Mr. Weaver thrown out. The horses ran as far as Spring Mills, where they were caught. Mr. Weaver was discovered unconscious along the road and taken to Spring Mills, where it was found that he had sustained a broken nose and numerous cuts about his face. He was taken to his home near Smultown Monday evening.