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Editorial.

THE views of Gov. Pattison and some of Centre county's "Constitutional Lawyers" are much the same in regard to framing tax laws.

THE latest news of Marsh, the Philadelphia bank wrecker, is that he embarked in a private schooner and sailed for Brazil on Decoration day.

IF Gov. Pattison would have appropriated as much money to Penna. State College as Bardsley, the ex-treasurer of Philadelphia, stole from the state funds, it would have been a commendable act.

JAS. A. Kerr, chairman of the democratic state committee, has been on the sick list the past ten days at his home, Clearfield, Pa. The committee will not meet at Harrisburg this week as was reported as no such call had been issued.

EX-GOVERNOR Beaver and ex-Adjutant General Latta will be retired as major generals of the national guard by an order from the adjutant general's department, and ex-Adjutant Gen. Guthrie will have a similar honor conferred on him as brigadier general.

AN effort will be made to have the next Democratic State Convention meet at Bellefonte. We have a large opera house, ample hotel accommodations, hospitable people and would entertain such a gathering in royal style if they should conclude to meet at Bellefonte in August.

THE disgraceful publication in last week's issue of the Harrisburg *Telegraph*, which reflected upon a recent sociable in this place, disgusted everybody who read it. The editor of that paper should be treated to a dose of the Centre county justice—a vacation spent with Sheriff Ishler would be the proper thing.

WHEN some of our readers see that Gov. Pattison has voted \$149,500 for Penna. State College they may think it extravagant. But that is not the case. More money has been given to charitable institutions in Philadelphia than to similar schools in other parts of the state, and Penna. State College is only getting what it deserved long ago.

GOV. Pattison made his appointments this week of thirty persons to act as members of the commission which will look after Pennsylvania's interests at the World's fair. The governor had over a thousand applications for places on this commission. Chas. S. Wolf, of Union county; E. A. Bigler, of Clearfield county; J. K. P. Hall, of Elk county, and Joel A. Herr, of Clinton county, were some of the above appointments.

IN its bituminous coal product, according to the census figures, Westmoreland leads the counties of the state with a value of \$5,674,403; Clearfield comes next with \$4,403,000, then Allegheny with \$4,000,000. Fayette reports \$3,702,000, Jefferson \$2,117,000, while Washington, Tioga and Cambria each approach the million and a-half line, the first named a little in excess. The value of the product of the state is \$28,000,000, and the wages paid \$21,000,000.

CHAIRMAN W. H. Andrews, of the state Republican committee, has issued a call to the state convention to meet in Harrisburg on Aug. 19, to nominate candidates for the offices of state treasurer and auditor general, for the nomination of eighteen candidates for delegates at large to the constitutional convention provided for in the act of assembly, approved June 19, 1891, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

THIS week the long predicted announcement comes from Washington—the large surplus, left in the United States Treasury at Washington has been squandered by the extravagant appropriations of the last republican congress, and no available funds are on hand to meet the current expenses of the government. Millions upon millions were appropriated and instead of the people discussing how to dispose of a large surplus the question now is how to collect more funds—in what form shall the taxes be increased. These are some of the benefits of the republican administration.

STATE COLLEGE REJOICES.

A HANDSOME APPROPRIATION OF \$149,500.

Gov. Pattison Looks With Favor Upon the States Institution—How it Will be Expended—New Buildings to be Erected.

LAST week Gov. Pattison attached his official signature to an appropriation of \$149,500 for Penna. State College. This was not quite as much as was recommended by the senatorial committee but is a handsome sum and will help them to erect the buildings contemplated. Penna. State College, under the direction of President Atherton, has made great strides in recent years until today it is one of the foremost institutions of learning. The appropriation was a deserving one and we are glad to see the Gov. treat that institution with so much consideration.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., June 22. Last Saturday morning when the news reached us that the governor had signed the bill appropriating \$150,500 to the college, there was general rejoicing among the students and throughout the whole community; \$100,000 of which sum is for the erection of a civil, mechanical and mining engineering building, \$20,000 for athletics, and the remaining \$30,500 for the building of two residences and equipments for the different departments.

At 4 p. m. there was a meeting in the chapel of the faculty, students and citizens for the purpose of congratulating one another on receiving the appropriation. The orchestra rendered a fine selection after which President Atherton made a brief talk expressing his intense feeling of joy over the fortune which had fallen to us and which is to play such an important part in our future prosperity.

General Beaver, who had driven up from Bellefonte to congratulate our worthy president, Dr. Atherton, then gave an elegant address which was full of enthusiasm. He imparted to us just what this appropriation meant to the college, and that no change, as has been recently shown, in the executive head of the government would change the attitude of the State of Pennsylvania toward the Pennsylvania State College. The foundation which the state has laid here binds the executive department, as a State, to carry out those plans. He also said that the students of this institution had certain advantages over those of other institutions and that no college in this country affords better facilities for a sound education, especially in the scientific courses.

Men who came here, from all sections of the state, as members of the appropriations committee and visitors, some of whom were bitter enemies of the college, after a thorough investigation of the work done in the different departments and observing the earnestness and interest which the students display in discharging their different duties went away highly pleased, some of whom proved to be our warmest friends in upholding the college during the debates in the Senate and House. He closed his remarks with hearty congratulations to all.

A committee was then appointed which drew up resolutions recognizing the wise liberality of the state and giving the assurance of the institution being worthy of the trust thus imposed. In order to show to the many people throughout our state, who are prejudicial to the college, the work we are doing we ask them to visit us and we are sure they will be more than pleased just as those men who were before mentioned.

A STUDENT.
The following are the resolutions passed and forwarded to the Gov: "Resolved, that the faculty and students of the Pennsylvania State College hereby express their deep and grateful appreciation of the wise liberality of the legislature and the governor of the commonwealth in making such appropriation for this institution as will greatly facilitate all branches of its work, and especially that of the departments of mechanical and civil engineering. They are the more gratified in view of the fact that the action both of the legislature and of the governor was taken after careful and searching inquiry, and they pledge themselves to spare no pains to justify the good will and confidence thus expressed.
Resolved, That a copy of the above resolution be sent to his excellency, the governor, and to each member of the legislature."

—Washburn & Arlington's show allow no fakirs to travel with them. They give a good performance and will only ask 25 cts. admission.

THE SURPLUS WIPED OUT.

The Billion Congress has fully accomplished the destruction of the Treasury surplus. For fifteen years the large surplus has plagued the government and all parties have promised its reduction by reduced taxation; but the Billion Congress not only destroyed the surplus, but gave the country increased taxation on the necessities of industry and of life.

The Treasury struck bed-rock this week in dissipating the surplus. The available surplus in the Treasury on Thursday last was less than one million. True, there are deposits in some banks, but they are drawn down as low as is safe in the financial operations of the government, and there are some twenty millions of subsidiary coin, but that is valueless, as the country will not absorb it. Outside of these resources, the Treasury is substantially bankrupt to-day.

It must be remembered, also, that this reduction of the Treasury to the verge of bankruptcy embraces the expenditure of a forced loan made by the Billion Congress from a sacred trust assumed by the government for the redemption of national bank notes. Thus not only the large surplus has been scattered, but a forced loan of some fifty-five millions has been scattered with it. All this has been achieved by our Billion Congress that the people condemned by the largest popular majority ever cast in the Republic.

The surplus is now ended; taxes on the necessities of life have been increased while the accumulated taxes were wasted, and our Billion Congress did it all.

Game Laws of 1891.

Under the laws of Pennsylvania the time for killing game and taking fish is as follows:

Woodcock, July 4 to January 1; quail or Virginia partridge, Nov. 1 to Dec. 15; ruffed grouse, commonly called pheasant, or pinnated grouse, commonly called prairie chicken, October 1 to January 1; rail bird or reed bird, September 1 to December 1; elk, wild deer or antelope, October 1 to December 15; gray, black or fox squirrel, September 1 to January 1; hare, commonly called rabbit, November 1 to January 1; wild turkey, October 15 to January 1; wild fowl, September 1 to May 1; upland or grass plover, July 15 to January 1; sea salmon, April 1 to August 1; speckled trout, April 15 to July 15; lake trout, January 1 to September 30; German carp, September 1 to May 1; black bass, green bass, yellow bass, willow bass, rock bass, Lake Erie or green bass, May 30 to January 1; pike or pickerel, June 1 to January 1; shad, December 31 to June 30; Susquehanna salmon, May 30 to January 1.

An Editor in It.

It has been reported, in Tyrone, by reliable parties, that one of the young and handsome editors of Bellefonte, will shortly lead to the altar an estimable lady of that town. We are daily looking for an invitation.—Tyrone Times.

According to the latest advices in society circles Mr. T. Newton Bailey, of the *Keystone Gazette*, is on the list at last. For years he has stood aloof but the charms of one of Egg-town's fairest dames captured him at last and he will no longer sew on his own buttons and patch his pantaloons. Congratulations Bailey, we will dance at your wedding.

A \$3 Mill Tax.

The county commissioners have been busy the past few weeks on the county assessment. They don't want to end up the year with an empty treasury and find that it will be necessary to lay a tax this year of at least three mills. Hendersons famous 2 mills administration left many unpaid bills, and an empty treasury and that will make the expenses somewhat higher than they ordinarily would have been.

The Saturday Half Holiday.

In many of the Pennsylvania inland towns the banks have given notice that they will observe the Saturday half holiday law from June 15 to September 15. We have been told that the question has been under discussion by the bankers of Bellefonte but so far no decision has been reached. We have not the least doubt, whatever, but that all the hard-worked bankers would greatly appreciate the half holiday system.

Appointments Voted.

On Tuesday Gov. Pattison vetoed the Legislative and Congressional appointment bills passed at the last session. He explained at some length the reasons for taking this stand. The bills were framed by a republican majority and gives the democrats an unfair representation throughout the state.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—John Bauer will have a supply of Georgia watermelons in stock this week at his fruit stand on High street.

—Unpleasant letters: Run M. Buren, Tom Copley, Mrs. Eliza Gibbs, Fred Myers, Maud Snowden, Mrs. Annie Turney, C. Ward and Rev. W. T. Wylie. When called for say advertised.

—Miss Bishop, the dancing teacher, will give a closing assembly to her class and young people of the town, on next Friday evening in the Bush Arcade. Stopper & Fisk's orchestra, of Williamsport, will furnish the music.

—One of the finest children's services rendered in Bellefonte this season was given by the members of the M. E. Sabbath school of this place on last Sunday afternoon and evening. The church was elaborately decorated and the exercises were exceedingly interesting.

—Mr. A. Sternberg is making preparations to have his wife and several children return to Bellefonte and begin housekeeping again in our community. By the way, Mr. Sternberg is rejoicing over the arrival of a grand-daughter at Allentown, by the name of Miss Lichten.

—The trustees of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte tendered James Schofield a banquet upon his departure for Ireland. D. F. Fortney, Esq., made the farewell address in which he said some very complimentary things of Mr. Schofield and, above all, wished him a safe and pleasant trip.

—On Wednesday of last week Mrs. Nancy P. Harrold died at Flemington, Clinton county. She formerly was a resident of Bellefonte and Saturday the remains were brought here for interment in the Union Cemetery, Rev. S. B. Evans, of the M. E. Church, Lock Haven, officiating.

—On Monday Jos. Kleckner died at Renovo, Pa., of pneumonia and was buried at Loganton on Wednesday. The deceased was well known in this county and at one time kept hotel at Coburn. Mr. Kleckner was quite a musician and years ago was a prominent instructor of singing schools in Penna and Brushvalleys.

—Next year will be leap-year, and we suppose that the girls will organize a brisk campaign. There are many eligible young bachelors and spry widowers around town that should be looked after. And girls, next year would be a good time to remind them of the Scriptural injunction: "It is not good that man should live alone," unless per-adventure, they should awaken to a sense of their duty in the meantime.

—Mert Cunningham was awarded the contract to build a concrete crossing from the Broeckerhoff House to the First National bank. A force of men are now at work on it and by the close of the week it will be finished. As there is a great deal of driving at this point it is a fair place to test the durability of Mr. Cunningham's patent pavement. It can't fail but be an improvement on the old crossing.

—We note from a letter received from T. A. Lucas, of Chicago, a former Centre county lad, that he is connected with the Gilbert & Bennett Mfg. Co., of that city. He is at the head of the stenographic department and has six assistants under him consisting of typewriters, stenographers and book keepers. He holds a position of considerable responsibility and receives a handsome salary for his services.

—His Honor, Mr. Will Marshall, an expert at jerking lightning from the end of a telegraph wire and translating it into messages of grave importance, climbed up our golden stairs on Tuesday afternoon. Being an exceedingly agreeable and interesting young gent we allowed him to sleep on our editorial table and spit over the floor. He informed us that ere many suns shall rise and moons wane he will shake the dust of Bellefonte from off his heels and drag his illustrious frame to the Quaker city to accept an important position in the main department of the Western Union Telegraph office of that city.

NEW YORK journals announce that the Writing Telegraph Company, of that city has furnished a practical test, showing that the problem of sending fac similes of handwriting by electricity has in a measure been solved by corresponding with Chicago, 1030 miles away for about an hour, and in that time receiving and sending several thousand words. That the new invention will ever supplant the telegraph or telephone is not at all likely; yet for some specific purposes it may possess advantages sufficient to give it definite commercial value, and lead to its extension as a system between the great centres of population.

A BAD SHOWING.

THE RESULTS OF A REFORM OVERSEER.

How McClure Managed the Office—8 Mills Tax Needed to Wipe Out a Debt—Facts for Boro Taxpayers to Consider—Great is McClure.

An examination of the report of the borough auditors, for a few years back, reveals the fact that since Mr. McClure has been one of the overseers the financial condition of the poor district is anything but flattering:

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| At the settlement in 1897 the assets over all liabilities were..... | \$ 617.72 |
| In 1898, the assets over all liabilities were..... | \$ 878.72 |
| At the settlement in 1899, liabilities of the district over all assets were..... | \$1448.36 |
| In 1891, the liabilities over the assets were, as set out..... | \$169.19 |

To make the liabilities at the last settlement look as small as possible, the auditors counted as an asset \$1,540.91 due on the tax duplicate of 1890. After deducting the exonerations and commissions, etc., there will not be more than \$1,000 realized to the district. So that at the settlement in 1891 the liabilities of the district were at least \$2,000.

This clearly demonstrates what Mr. McClure was, when in 1890 he for a long time refused, at the dictation of Feidler, his owner, to levy a tax of six mills for poor purposes. To keep up the credit of the district, pay the debt and support the poor will require at least 8 mills tax this year.

Mr. McClure claimed that he could run that department on a 5 mill assessment but now 6 mills were not enough, and the indebtedness will reach almost \$2,500.

Great is McClure, the reformer. Great is Feidler, his owner and trainer.

Fruit Evaporator.

This year fruit will be plenty and in order to preserve it for home use or for the market you should have one of the "Romeo Domestic Fruit and Vegetable Evaporators" sold by Mr. John F. Harrison, of Bellefonte. This is a new idea; it consists of a series of pans placed above one another with hot water circulating beneath them and all connected. This appliance can be placed upon an ordinary stove and will evaporate all kinds of fruit in less time than by any other known way. In this way all the natural flavors are retained and the fruit will be of a superior quality. It is very simple; it is compact and has a large capacity; it evaporates quickly and the product is much better than by other means. If you have much fruit to preserve this year it will pay you to consult Mr. Harrison.

Unconstitutional Measure.

The *Harrisburg Patriot* of Monday says: "The governor disapproves of Senator Meek's bill, which proposes to impose a per capita tax of \$3 upon all unnaturalized male residents of the state who own no real estate or other taxable property valued for taxable purposes at or above \$300, and situated in the county in which they reside or are employed. The governor holds that the bill embodies an unconstitutional discrimination, and that the section requiring employers to inquire into the nativity of their employees and collect the tax from them is delegating the commonwealth's tax-levying and tax-collecting powers to a host of private individuals.

Helping the Schools.

The appropriation under the bill allowing the schools of Pennsylvania \$5,000,000 a year, instead of \$2,000,000, as now, is not payable until the first Monday in June, 1892. Then each district will be entitled to \$2.50 for every \$1 paid to it at present. The appropriations to the schools are made according to the number of taxables in each district, and the rate distributable is \$1.38 3/10 for every taxable. The rate per taxable when the \$2,000,000 are paid out of school district will be \$3.42. Under the law Centre county receives \$17,977.02, while the new law will increase the amount to \$44,944.05. Clearfield county will be increased from \$38.76 to \$60,096.90.

What is Cutting the Leaves Off?

The *Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin* says: "The cause of the leaves dropping from the trees on the court house lawn, is a tiny light green insect that feeds on the stems. An examination the other day of some of the leaves on the trees revealed to the eye hundreds of these destroyers on each leaf. At the rate these trees are being stripped of their foliage, it may be predicted that they will be entirely leafless in less than two weeks from the present time.

The Weather and the Crops.

The weather crop bulletin issued by the Pennsylvania state weather service contains the following relative to the weather and the progress of the crops for the week ending June 19.

The very warm weather and generous rains of the past week gave an additional vigor and rapid growth to vegetation, and the crop prospects have a very encouraging outlook. Bountiful harvests are anticipated throughout the Cumberland, Schuylkill and Lebanon valleys. Wheat is coloring rapidly and will be ready to harvest by the 4th of July. Many correspondents state that it never looked better. The recent favorable weather conditions have improved oats, and the crop will be a better one than was thought possible early in the season. Owing to the cold and drought corn germinated badly and was slow in getting started. In several sections the ground was too hard packed to plow in time for planting. The recent rains did much to help the growing grass, but the growth was so retarded under previous condition that the yield will be below that of previous seasons. The haying season has already commenced and will be quite general when the weather becomes favorable for curing. The fruit crop will be large. A very large acreage of potatoes have been planted, and an unusual large number of tobacco plants have been set out which are now growing rapidly.

THAT veto which Gov. Pattison attached to the appropriation for committee expenses was one of his most popular moves towards checking an infamous squandering of the public money. These committees were out on pleasure excursions; traveling on passes and charging car fare to the state; taking meals in pullman dining cars and in that way included board bills which they would have had to pay had they stayed at Harrisburg and attended to work; the choicest brands of liquors were furnished them in large quantities and all charged in the bill for pullman car service; would make frequent excursions to Philadelphia to visit some charitable institution and frequently no one went near the pretended object of their journey. This we are told consisted chiefly of the work done by these investigating committees and the public have reason to admire the bold stand taken by Gov. Pattison in this case. He promised to faithfully and conscientiously guard the expenditures of the public funds and he has redeemed his pledge already.

THE Protectionist organs of Ohio are vainly struggling to awaken the enthusiasm of her sheep-growers in behalf of Mr. McKinley, in face of the fact that the price of Ohio wool has declined three cents a pound since the McKinley tariff went into operation. But if the price of wool should be raised that much a pound its profits would be entirely lost in the enhanced cost of clothing, blankets, carpets, trinkets and other articles of necessity under the McKinley tariff. In contemplating this measure of iniquity and spoliation the Ohio farmers must reckon with a loss on both sides of the account in the decline of their staple product and in the increased cost of living.

Footprints of the World's History.

Ben Franklin once made the statement, "Schools teach us the rudiments of language, but books teach us how to think; therefore no man is truly educated unless he is a reader of books." Ben was right, but he lived in an age when books were so scarce, comparatively speaking, that but little of the pernicous literature was tolerated. But in these days it is different. Your boys thirst for a knowledge of the world, and if you don't give them some wholesome reading to take their thirst, they will get hold of cheap, sensational stories that will poison their minds and do them terrible injury.

There is such a vast amount of this trashy stuff poured into the market at the present time, that it is well to pick up a new book that is at once thrilling, romantic, wholesome, pure and true. Such a work is "Footprints of the World's History," the latest and grandest work of the two celebrated historians, John Clark Ridgway and Wm. S. Bryan. The distinguished gentlemen, having won their laurels by independent writings, have co-operated on this work, and produced a gem of the purest ray serene. It is not a dry uninteresting statement of the plain facts, but rather each of the most important events of history has been taken up and described by a master of language, who holds the reader entranced as he winds his way along the path of history, following carefully in the footprints of progress.

We are delighted with this superb volume. Perfect in thought, superb in style, and magnificent in execution. The bindings are sumptuous, as are also the many illustrations and colored plates. The Publishers have rightly concluded that such a gem should have a rich setting.

It is a valuable addition to literature. It is a book for the old as well as the young; the married as well as the single; the gay as well as the grave. Everybody will read it with equal eagerness and profit. It is sold only through agents, and the publishers' advertisement appears in another column.

Advertising is like a chain: it is bad to drop the links. —The commissioners have finally decided to cover the court house yard with Cunningham's composite pavement, and the job will be done as soon after the 4th of July as possible.