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Editorial.

WHY TAXES ARE HEAVY,

When the republican party went into power the national treasury had an immense surplus of over one hundred millions. The last republican congress in one session squandered all this money and there are not enough funds on hand to pay all the pension claims. That is why your taxes are so heavy.

During the past year, by direct violation of the constitution of the state, the republican state treasurer, like former officials of that party, placed millions of dollars, the state's funds, in the hands of favorite republicans, politicians and henchmen for speculative purposes, as the exposure of the Delamater & Co., bank failure, the Keystone bank and Spring Garden bank failures, both of Philadelphia, have shown. In this manner the state treasury has been robbed of several million during the past year, all of which was originally taken from the people. Do you wonder why taxes are so heavy?

In our own county the former republican board of commissioners went into office with a fine surplus on hand. When they went out the money was all spent and the county was left in debt. Should you wonder why your taxes are so

The republican party has become famous for extravagance and plundering of public funds. Is it a wonder that times are dull, business is depressed and times, are hard? We think not. Excessive and unjust taxation will depress the most prosperous people.

The bill providing for a constitutional convention, as approved by the Governor, is probably the most important bill considered by the Legislature. It provides that the question of holding a constitutional convention shall be decided by the voters of this Commonwealth at the November election, at which time delegates to the proposed convention shall be elected. One hundred and seventy-seven are to be elected, 27 at large, each voter to vote for no more than 18 candidates and the 27 highest in vote shall be declared elected; 150 delegates shall be elected from the different Senatorial districts, three to be elected for each Senator, no voter voting for more than two. Fifteen days after the election the Governor shall issue a proclamation declaring the election and the names of the delegates chosen. On the first Tuesday of December next the con vention will be called to order in the hall of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Each delegate will receive \$1,500 and certain expenses.

THE talk that Gov. Pathison will be a candidate for first place on the democratic national ticket in '92 is nothing more than idle speculation. We believe Pattison is for Cleveland and we feel confident that the state will cast its vote that way in the convention. Pattison, like any other human being, would not refuse the honor of being elevated to such a high position, and if it were tendered him he would certainly accept. While he would not refuse, that does not imply that he seeks the position. Cleveland is the choice of the party.

DURING the past week quite a boom has developed urging Chairman James Kerr, of Clearfield, to accept the nomionly express his willingness to accept. He has another position in view-that of clerk of the next House of Representatives and has good chances of obmore desirable and we hope he will suc-

THE democratic state convention will meet at Harrisburg, September 3rd. At the meeting of the executive committee in Philadelphia, July 9th, a strong boom was made for Bellefonte and it would have received it had not the administration asked for it to assemble at Harrisburg, this year. The vote stood 4 for Bellefonte, and 6 for Harrisburg.

I am as weil as usual." That means pedestrians are often compelled to grop- that their future home. that he will be in fighting trim for the ple along through Egyptian darkness in presidential nomination on the republican ticket against Harrison.

FONTE'S TAXPAYERS.

Further Illustration of the Enormous Price Paid for Street Lights-Mr. Kitson's reply Examined-Only unsatisfactory state-

In our last issue an article was published showing the different prices paid by towns and cities in Pennsylvania for arc street lights. The replies from the various city clerks, which can be seen any time at our office, showed the following prices paid for a 2,000 candle power lamp a year:

Lock Haven, 45 lights, all night, \$73. Altoona, 96 lights, all night, \$80. York, 169 lights, all night. \$90.

Harrisburg, 170 lights, all night, \$90. Milton, 45 lights, from early dark till a. m., every night in the year, \$62. Huntingdon, 41 lights, one of which is gratis, till midnight, \$60.

Sunbury, 33 lights, all night, \$55.08. Bellefonte, 17 arc lights and 55 in-

candescent, burn till 1 a. m., ARC LIGHTS EACH COST \$96 PER YEAR and incandescent \$18 per light

This was a bad showing for Bellefonte and caused a great deal of comment from our tax-burdened community, which is already carrying an enormous debt that is yearly growing larger and larger, by the boro. being compelled to pay 7 per cent. on much of its indebtedness, and from bad management of our borough fathers. Scores of prominent citizens commended that article; and it naturally caused uneasiness in another quarter. For the purpose of counteracting this strong sentiment, if possible, Mr. Kitson, the electrician of the Bellefonte Edison Co., made a reply in another journal, in an article headed "More Light Turned On." From that heading our people first thought we at last were getting more light on our streetswe pay enough for 40 arc lights but don't get it-but they were disappointed in findidg that, as usual, it was only on paper,of Mr. Kitson's own make-weak

We will take up his statements as they occur. He says it was "written by parties desirous of causing dissatisfaction." It was prepared by the editor only, and the many complaints over the enormous prices we pay for street lights alone dissatisfaction"-instead, to furnish the than the whole amount expended by news, protect the public from imposi- the borough for lighting its streets by tions, show to the people how the public at least one third. funds are expended, etc., which is the obligation and duty of every public journal, published for the people, and in turn supported by them. Such a fearless course may make occasional enemies, but it wins the plaudits of all fair minded people.

and bewildering.

We frankly admit we may have erred when we said the Bellefonte lights burn only till midnight, instead of 1 o'clock. The information was given by Mr. Mitchell and was an oversight, but the small difference of time is of little consequence in comparison of \$96 with \$62, \$60 and \$55. Again the lights burn so seldom on "dark mornings" that it is a very small factor to make up this great difference in price.

AN UNFAIR COMPARISON.

Mr. Kitson is very unfair in his reply when he cites Altoona, York and Harrisburg as paying \$90 per light a year. Altoona pays \$80 as was published, instead of \$90; that of course we will concede was only an oversight and not intended to deceive the people, certainly not. But to show his unfair comparison he selects from our list the three towns that pay the largest price to establish his standard for an argument. Why did he not take Lock Haven at nation of his party for state treasurer | \$73 or Sunbury at \$55? Simply because on the democratic ticket this year. Mr. it would have come nearer the average Kerr could have the position if he would price paid in central Pennsylvania and would have still more weakened his case. Instead, he prefers to make an unfair comparison, which, though based at \$96 for Bellefonte's light till 1 o'clock, taining it. The latter position would be as compared with other towns who have all night service for \$90, makes even then a bad showing, and fails in turning

on more light. He says Huntingdon, at \$60 per light per year till midnight, does not have side. The fire departments responded light on moonlight nights, even if it is dark. He gives no authority for the statement, only an assertion instead of on reports received from city clerks. Assertions, instead of facts, character-BLAINE says "I am not a sick man. | moonlight nights either; and our street | Dr. Hayes and family and will make the evenings. To show the lameness of | -Herr's shoe store, Hale building, this argument. Milton gets her streets Allegheny street.

\$85. Being unfair, he did not care to CHAS. R. KURTZ. - - EDITOR FORTHEBENEFIT OF BELLE- give his readers this town's rate which completely breaks down his moonlight theory, and that Bellefonte is not paying more than other towns for its electric

> payers. His statements in regard to Huntingdon further on are only mere assertions is almost assured. and their absurdity is sufficiently shown by the following:

more than towns claiming to have all night light."

From the reading of the part in italics, he must think that Bellefonte people are a set of dupes. The fact is they last statement claps the climax for rediculousness. In order to find those new method of calculation, probably he point needs "more light turned on" to make it clear.

Probably he was only joking when he

"If the Edison Co. charged in proportion as Huntingdon is charging, the price (in Bellefonte) should be \$135 per light per year instead of \$96."

We will refer him again to Milton. Mr. Kitson further on asserts:

"The average price paid for light throughout the country for all night service is \$130 per light, per year, and to 12 o'clock (midnight) \$100."

It would be more satisfactory if he would quote facts for the above, or give reliable authority. This statement may be correct; but, in this section of country, we are in the heart of the great coal fields and fuel is cheap, and for that reason light should be much cheaper than the average and where they must obtain fuel several hundred miles distant. The proper comparison is with towns in this section, and that has clearly established the fact that the highest price charged in any of the places heard from is \$90 for all night, and \$62 till 1 a. m. That assertion likewise needs more light turned on it.

He closes his reply with the following: dividends are declared will naturally drift to those cities, while in Bellefonte the stockholders all live in this borough. prompted the investigation. We are and possible the CENTRE DEMOCRAT is not here for the purpose of "causing not aware that the directors of the Edison Co. pay more each year in tax-4 No matter if this stock is held by cit-

izens who are blessed with a large portion of wordly goods. They are not afflicted on that account, and deserving of sympathy. The fact is, the bulk of the taxes in Bellefonte are paid by the poorer classes who are compelled to pay | tant, which is entered by means of boats. enormous rents for their homes and business locations, and out of which rents the landlords obtain the money to exhibit and advertise their wares. The pay their taxes. It is the wage earner and laborer who finally suffers the most and it is for their protection that we demand an economical expenditure of the boro funds, and, if possible, a reduction of our monstrous debt and taxation.

We almost feel that we are stumbling against a mole hill by paying so much attention to Mr. Kitson's bundle of assertions. The mere publication of the the process of growth and production. reports from other towns, as given above, would have been a sufficient re- nished free. ply. No one need be an electrician to tion by multiplication and division will people. clearly demonstrate that for \$2,550, (the amount we annually pay for light) according to the rates paid at Sunbury, Milton, Lock Haven and other adjacent | ducted on the grounds on Sunday. towns, we should have at least 35 or 40 arc lights-or for the \$1,632 paid for 17 arc lights, we should have at least 27.

Mr. Kitson, more light has been turned on this matter, and now it is in order for the Edison Co., through you, to turn on more light on our streets, or accept less money for the present supply.

Fire on the 4th.

Saturday evening, July 4th, after the fireworks were over the fire alarm was band in attendance to furnish music given for the North Ward where the for the occasion. home of Mr. Ed. Rowe, on Curtin street, was found to be ablaze on the inquickly and succeeded in checking the conflagration and preventing it from spreading to adjacent buildings. The facts, while all our statements are based building and contents were a complete wreck and a total mass of ruins, which was partly covered by insurance. Mr. ize his entire reply. Bellefonte is on Rowe and family have rented a house the same schedule, as it gets no light on on High street, occupied formerly by

THE SITUATION.

The chances for a democratic victory this year, in Pennsylvania, are good. The party never was stronger and more harmonious; it has at its head an able and wise leader in Chairman James street lights. Very unfair indeed, but Kerr; the admsnistration of Governor it will not deceive the intelligent tax. Pattison has gained for it the applause and confidence of the public, and with a good strong ticket in the field success

On the other hand the defeat, failure and disgrace of Delamater is still fresh | State College and one at Port Matilda. "The borough of Bellefonte was supplied during May with light on its streets for 156 50-66 hours, or 87 hours more than Huntingdon and 12 hours and discoveraged and the state is weakened and disorganized, and the people generally are disgusted. In Pittsburg the Quay and Magee factions are bitterly opposing each other, and that party will be weakened through these dissentions. have been duped for some time but that The recent failure of the Philadelphia banks by which over a million of dollars were stolen from the state treasury by large one and drawn by four horses, and 12 extra hours, Mr. Kitson may have a men who were allowed to speculate with the state's funds, under the perstudies in a different arithmetic. That mission of republican state officials, has done much to create disgust, and even distrust, for the leaders, manipulators tripped or in some way fell under the and officials of the republican party of this state, all of which are the fruits of small of his back. He lived but a Quay's corrupt leadership. His own short time thereafter. party in Philadelphia has repudiated him, and should he again force any favorite upon the republican ticket this year, its defeat will be certain.

mocracy is harmonious, united and urday. strong. The republicans, in large numbers, are dissatisfied and there is much disaffection. Many will stay from the and foresight of our party leaders is required only to obtain it.

Grange Exhibition.

tember. This popular gathering will be | body was terribly mangled. much larger this year, as upward of 100 tents are already engaged and every furnished ready put up and floored at reasonable rates.

Boarding can be had at reasonable pric sat the ground or in town.

FAMOUS PENN CAVE.

Ascommodations are also provided for those in attendance to visit the famous Penn Caves, only a few miles dis-

There is no better opportunity anywhere in the State for manufacturers to majority of the exhibitors sold out their entire exhibits last year, and established sales as the result of their exhibiting at the Patrons' Picnic in Grange Park.

It is proposed this year to put up a agricultural and horticultural products hanging by a rope to a rafter overhead. with rare and useful plants, showing

Admission free, and those desiring can go into camp on Saturday, September 12. Religious services will be con-

For further information correspond with Hon. Leonard Rhone, Centre Hall, Pa., general manager.

Festival.

There will be a grand festival held at Snydertown, on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 25th. Ice cream, cakes, candies, banannas, watermelons, etc., in abundance, will be served in the best style possible. There will be a good

Proceeds for the benefit of the church and Sunday School. Come one, come all and have a good time.

-Bucknell University, Lewisburg, ments. College for young men; Academy for boys; Institute for young ladies; Music Institute, and Art School.

New Gymnasium, New Laboratory, New Observatory, etc. Ten buildings. For catalogue and other information, address the Registrar, Wm. C. Gretzinger, Ph. B., Lewisburg, Pa. 7-6

A FATAL DAY.

FOURSUDDEN DEATHS LAST THURSDAY.

James Fulton Run over by a wagon at State College-Death of Mrs. Homan-Child Killed by a Buck-Fell from a tree.

Last Thursday was an unusual day for sudden deaths in our county. No less than four occurred—three near

FELL UNDER A HAY WAGON. Last Thursday, July 9th, Mr. Patterson, manager of one of the experimental farms connected with Penna, State College, had a number of men and teams at work hauling in hay from the fields. In the evening at about dusk they were hauling the last load when a serious accident occurred. They had about a half load on the wagon, which was a driven by a Mr. Kennedy. James Fulton, one of the men helping, was in the act of urging the horses along as they as follows approached a hill when he accidently wagon and both wheels passed over the

The deceased was a young man of about thirty years of age and leaves a wife and one child to mourn. He was the leader of the College band and was That is the condition of the two par- a prominent young man of that commu-

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. John Homan, who with her husband lived at a small town known as polls while others will vote for a change, the "Branch," near Lemont, expired believing that the public good demands suddenly the same day. Mrs. Homan it. Under these circumstances it is was returning home through the fields highly important that wise counsel is from a visit to a neighbor's house when taken for the formation of our state she suddenly became ill when near her Condo and daughter, David Barroe and icket. It should be composed of strong own house. The call for assistance was Edward Ruhl are spending the week at men, men with clean records and good heard and when she was carried into the G. A. R. Encampment at Williamcharacter. The opportunity for another her own house she suddenly expired. sport. democratic victory is before us; wisdom Her death was attributed to an affection of the heart.

GORED TO DEATH.

A little three-year old child of John Wilkins, the blacksmith at Lemont, Penns' Valley, but some farmers west The sich annual picnic and exhibition strayed from the house last Thursday of this report a short crop. of the Patrons of Husbandry of Central and unfortunately found its way into a "It will be found that a large portion of the stock is held in Philadelphia, New York and New England. Whatever Park, at Centre Hall, Centre county, It was attacked by a ferocious buck and picnic for the 18th.

W. B. Krape, Ed. Ruhl and J. A. Weaver advertise a Harvest Home Point of the 18th. gored to death in an instant. The

FELL FROM A TREE.

The same day Mrs. Levi Jones, of week brings in new orders. Tents are Port Matilda, met her death by a fall from a cherry tree. She was standing on a limb that broke and she fell a distance of only eight or ten feet and sustained injuries in her back from which she died the same day. She was an

A Terrible Death,

Elmira McCoobs, of McConnellstown, of her residence, by hanging. After the his recovery are doubtful. noon-day meal she repaired to the outnumerous agencies and secured large house lot, and staying longer than customary her sister Callie started after dles so much clothing is that they sell her. The door to the building was reliable goods at reasonable prices. If closed, and upon opening it she was you deal with them once you will be suitable building for the exhibition of horrified at discovering the body of Ella

The poor lady in her fit of abstraction had procured a piece of ordinary bed A full and ample water supply is fur- cord about nine feet in length. This she had doubled together, and making Excursion railroad trains will be run a loop of it, fastened the ends to a raftunderstand them and a simple calcula- hourly for the accommodation of the er; then stepping on to the seat, she evidently thrust her head through the did for about three pages; then, after noose and throwing the weight of her body backward on it, drew the fatal cord so tight that strangulation ensued, and before discovery was made, she was dead. Deceased was single, aged about 35 years, and had resided in McConnells. town for the past eight or ten years.

An OwlStory.

Twenty-two years ago William Cornelius, of New Castle, then living in Lawrence county, set a trap for owls which were stealing his chickens. One morning he found the trap missing, and indications were that it was carried off by some kind of a large bird. A week ago a man named Cluck, a resident of Coatesville, O., shot and killed a large owl and found attached to its foot a large steel trap and part of a chain. An account of the discovery was published in the papers of that section. Mr. Pa. John H. Harris, L. L. D., Presi- Cornelius read the description of the dent .- A school for all. Five depart- trap and chain, and identified it as the one he had set twenty-two years ago.

> -Mr. Daniel Garman and Major Reyholds left for Bedford springs this week. -Barnum's circus is expected to visit

Bellefonte sometime in August. -The new pump for the water works is being put in place this week.

Second Seashore Excursion

The second tour leaves Pittsburg, Thursday, July 23d, and offers a choice between Atlantic City, Cape May, Sea Isle City or Ocean City, as the rate is the same for each.

The excursion tickets good for ten days are to be sold at a rate of \$10 from Pittsburg and at correspondingly low rates from other stations.

A special train of Parlor Cars and Day Coaches will leave Pittsburg at 8:50 a. m. for Philadelphia, stopping at all important junction points, where connections will be made with trains from branch lines. Passengers will spend the night in Philadelphia and proceed to the seashore by regular trains of the next day.

On account of the desirability of the seashore points, the liberal limit and low rate of the tickets, and the fine equipment of the special train, this excursion presents the most attractive of summer

Tickets will be sold from stations named below, and train schedule will be

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	Rate	Train leaves
Bellwood	\$8 00	1.06 p. m.
Clearfield	8 90	9.40 a. m.
Philipsburg	8 35	10.32 **
Osceola	8 25	10.45 "
Bellefonte	8 65	10.25 **
Cyrone	7 65	1.18 p. m.
Philadelphia	.Ar	7.16 "

Spring Mills.

Warren S. Krise, who graduated this session, at the Bloomsburg, State Norties in Pennsylvania to-day. The de- nity. The interment occurred last Sat- mal School, has gone to Johnstown to spend a few days visiting his relatives at that place.

> student at Dickinson Seminary and the other a student of the law department of Dickinson College, are spending their vacation under the parental roof. Messrs. W. B. Krape and son, J. I.

Two sons of Rev. Shoemaker, one to

Mr. W. M. Allison, of the firm of

Allison Bros. has seventy acres of grass to cut this season. Hay is very plenty in this part of

W. B. Krape, Ed. Ruhl and J. A.

Young Man Seriously injured.

The Sugar Valley Journal of the 3rd instant states that a serious accident happened on Barner & Engle's lumber job, near Carrol, on Tuesday of last week, by which Robert Barner, the 19 year old son of Daniel Barner, nearly lost his life. The young man, in company with three or four other workmen, were chopping down trees, and while thus engaged a large hemlock tree fell upon Robert, breaking his backbone The Huntingdon Dailg News gives and otherwise injuring him severely. the account of the following sad death: He was immediately removed home and medical aid summoned. Kind friends Huntingdon county, committed suicide are giving every assistance possible to Friday noon in an outhouse at the rear lease his suffering, but the chances fer

> -The reason the Philad. Branch hancome a regular customer.

A Word to Writers.

When you set out to write for news papers, don't begin "Tradition tells us." or "History records." Don't do it. Or if you must start in that way, tell un what Sardanapalus and Tiglath Pileser you've got it all written, tear off those three pages, and you will find what is left will make an excellent beginning for your article.

Some people's brains seem lumb and stiff in the joints, and they have to begin with "Tradition tells us," and go on that way till they get limbered out and in training for the real fight with their subject. But they ought in no case to put this brain gymnastics off on time public for the genuine stuff. No! Plunge directly into your sub-

ject. Tackle it, say plainly and in short words what you had in your mind to say, then stop. Probably half the essayists in our magazines and quarterlies have the execrable habit of consuming a third of their space before they get a good ready to say what they wanted to say. The editor who understands his business will cut all this preliminary flourish out, mercilessly. It weakens a really good article always.

For the rest, be sure you have a clear, sharp idea in your mind of what you want to say. Then say it in the fewers. simplest words that will fully express your thought. Then go over it and a out every sentence and every word that can be spared. Then it is ready for the printer. As to style, that will take a me