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McKINLEY said, when a candidate: Instead of opening up the mints, let us open up the mills. Why don't he do it?

If the Keystone Gazette is still in the parallel business they should give their readers a few of their own kind, like on the front page of this issue.

THE parallel we publish on first page will make interesting reading for some of our republican friends, who don't know exactly where they are at on the money question.

BELLEFONTE republicans have been greatly disturbed since the appointment of the Walker Pa., postmaster. Congressman Arnold seems to have an axe for certain chaps in this section.

DEMOCRATIC conventions throughout the state are endorsing the Chicago platform. There is no flinching in this direction. The free coinage people are manfully standing by their guns.

BRADSTREET, one of the most reliable commercial agencies, sends out the report that there has been a perceptible increase in business during the past week. That is encouraging indeed. The final passage of any kind of a tariff measure will be relief to the country. The long suspense will have the effect of creating a demand for many articles.

McKINLEY is preparing to send a monetary commission abroad to interest other countries in securing international bimetalism. At the same time leading republican papers are upholding the administration and in the same columns are bitterly denouncing bimetalism and free coinage, and arguing the single gold standard is the only safe basis. Here is genuine republican consistency.

THERE is a peculiarity in the greetings of William J. Bryan by the people wherever he goes. The laborer drops his pick, the mechanic leaves his work bench, the farmer hastens from his field, the small retailer quits his counter, and the railroaders break ranks to take him by the hand and cheer him by encouraging words. This is the case wherever he appears--north or south, east or west. The same cheerful modesty and good fellowship is always in evidence in Bryan. As Artemus Ward puts it, "he never sleeps over," and yet he is always genial, hearty and frank. He is discreet and sagacious from his own standpoint at all times. At New York on Saturday he declined to venture on any expression or advice as to the peculiar local contest now on in the metropolis, holding that the people should determine for themselves all local issues. Mr. Bryan is a busy man these days.

GOV. HASTINGS IS RIGHT.

To day Gov. Hastings is receiving rounds of abuse from republican politicians, while democrats are lauding the executive's course. Here is a strange state of affairs. The situation is about this: The state's finances are at a low ebb. There is not sufficient revenue in sight to meet necessary expenses and the usual appropriations to charities and educational institutions. The legislature was in a quandary as to how they should proceed to collect more revenue and sought the Gov's advice. It came back with a sting: Stop your extravagance. Instead of seeking for more revenue, reduce expenditures, cut down the large salaries and wipe out the useless offices in the various state departments. More economy was the watchword. It was a severe lashing to the republican bootlers and heelers about Harrisburg. That is why many republicans are now denouncing Gov. Hastings while democrats universally approve his course. Gov. Hastings is right; the taxpayers are with him too.

A Perfect Woman.

There was a touch of humor in the proceedings of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Eagle Lake, Ind., on Saturday. During a speech made by ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker on a business topic he found occasion to say that he had never seen a perfect man, and he doubted very much whether there had ever been a perfect woman. "Just then," says the telegraphic report of the proceedings, "a little timid, shrinking body rose in the back of the room and told the speaker that she had heard of one perfect woman. When inquiry was made as to this remarkable entity, she said: 'It was my husband's first wife.'" This was good. The "little, time, shrinking body" certainly delivered a dexterous thrust.

Rocks Needed.

"Demosthenes acquired eloquence and success by talking with pebbles in his mouth." "Yes, but men who succeed nowadays have to have rocks in their pockets.

GARMAN GROWS HOPEFUL.

Democratic State Chairman John M. Garman expects the Democratic convention at Reading, on August 31, to nominate strong men, who will succeed in getting out an old time Democratic vote. While no attempt has yet been made to slate any candidates, a number of well-known men from up the State have been prominently talked about for the offices. Among those whose names are being considered for the State Treasurer nomination are W. S. Guffey, of Pittsburg, and A. H. Coffroth, of Somerset. For Auditor General, among those being considered are James McSparran, of Lancaster; Judge Rhone, of Wilkesbarre, and Senator Gerard C. Brown, of York.

LOOKS FOR AN INCREASED VOTE.

In discussing the prospects of the party next fall Mr. Garman said: "I look for a pretty substantial increase in the Democratic vote this fall for a number of reasons. One is the failure of the Republicans to redeem many of their pledges and another is the bad record made by the present Legislature. There is a conviction among a good many conservative Republicans, with many of whom I have talked, that their own party is entirely too strong, and that the Legislature is top-heavy. They think that had there been a closer vote there would have been better legislation and probably not such a condition of affairs as now exists in Harrisburg.

"I am satisfied that the 400,000 people who voted for Bryan will vote for the Democratic candidates, if they are good men, next fall, and with them will be many who expected last fall the arrival of prosperity, which has not come. I also expect the return to the fold of many Democrats who wandered after false gods last fall; that is, the plain people who are interested in the general prosperity of the country."

Mr. Garman was not prepared, however, to give any estimate of what he thought the Democratic vote will be, and admitted that much would depend upon business, and the general condition of the times around the date of the election. He thought, however, that the Prohibition candidate for State Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Swallow, is going to cut very materially into the Republican vote.

Will Move His Saw Mill.

Adam R. Bierly, of Penn Cave, is an extensive lumber operator, and will soon move his mill from the track near Penn Cave to the one he recently purchased from Wm. Yearick, west of Madisonburg. There are 212 acres of white pine and oak lumber on the Yearick track and Mr. Bierly expects to cut about a half-million feet from it.

Corner-Stone Laying.

The corner stone of the United Evangelical church at Wolf's Store, Brush Valley Mission, will be laid June 20. Services will begin at 10 o'clock, a. m. Revs. J. F. Dunlap, of Lewisburg, Pa., and J. J. Lohr, of Millheim, Pa., are expected to be present on this occasion. The general public is invited to attend.

Howard's New Disciple Church.

It is expected that the new Disciple church at Howard will be ready for dedication in September. K. D. Batcheler, of Lock Haven, has been awarded the contract for the planing mill work and the brick will be furnished by the Mill Hall brick works company.

Improving.

Pig iron and billets have jumped a dollar a ton in the last few days. If iron keeps on jumping it will bring about better times. The furnace at this place, reports an increasing demand for their product. Prices promise to advance. All this is encouraging.

A Mean Man.

A Chicago paper tells of the meanest man on record. He is a hypnotist and lives on the North Side. Twice a week he hypnotizes his wife, and she runs a lawn mower over the front yard while believing that she is enjoying a bicycle spin.

Millheim Schools.

Dr. G. S. Frank is president of Millheim's re-organized school board. The teachers selected for next year are: W. E. Keen, intermediate; Miss Helen Bartholomew, primary; Miss Sella, Zerbe, secondary primary.

New Mail Carriers.

A young man by name of Horner has obtained the contract for carrying the mail, daily from Centre Hall to Pottery Mills, taking in Centre Hill, Tusseyville and Colyer, for \$220 per year.

Bucknell Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Pa., will take place June 18th to the 23. Excellent music will be one of the attractive features this year.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Senator Quay Will Aid the Revenue Seeking Legislators.

THE QUESTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

The Session May be Extended Beyond the Date Agreed Upon. In Order to Provide for the Charitable Institutions--The Taxation of Aliens.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, June 15.—Senator Quay is coming here this week to help the legislature out of the revenue dilemma. He conferred with prominent members of the senate and house at the residence of Senator Penrose in Philadelphia on Friday night, and will continue the conference in this city in a day or two. He will also have a talk with Governor Hastings, who has been made aware of his views by Representative William Marshall, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, who went to Washington on Thursday for the purpose of giving Senator Quay an inside view of the state's financial situation. State Treasurer Haywood and Auditor General Mylin were both present at the Philadelphia conference, and went over the estimates of receipts and expenditures carefully, with a view to discovering how to economize without crippling any of the state institutions. One of the cuts will be in the contingent funds, which have been made to do duty for all sorts of appropriations. There will be no unnecessary grants of money. All bills appropriating money will be carefully pruned by Mr. Marshall's committee, but the charitable institutions of the state will be better satisfied with half the sums they have asked than no aid at all.

When it was decided by the legislature to adjourn finally on July 1, and it became apparent that the revenue was insufficient to meet the ordinary demands of the state government and the various state and charitable institutions, the lawmakers were flooded with telegrams and letters from their indignant constituents demanding that hospitals and homes for the poor and friendless would not be left penniless. The final adjournment resolution was put through in a tiff by the house, having been offered in the senate by Senator Meredith as a bluff to make the house work. Speaker Boyer was present in the senate at the time, and, returning to the house, he had that body speedily concur in the action of the senate. Up to that time it was the general opinion that the legislature would remain in session until the middle of July. This sudden change of front interfered with the plans of the leaders, and the announcement that all appropriation bills, except those for the ordinary expenses of the state government and penal and reformatory institutions, would be dropped, alarmed the charitable institutions throughout the state to such a degree that a general protest went up, and the agreement to extend the session a week or two beyond the first of July was the result. It is believed now that the revenue measures will be put through without delay, and all appropriations will be scaled down so as to come within the estimated receipts for the next two years.

Economy Must be the Rule.
Governor Hastings, in his message to the legislature in January, clearly set forth the condition of the revenues, and warned the lawmakers that it would be necessary to exercise strict economy in order to prevent embarrassment of the state treasury. This statement has been verified by recent figures, and, responding to a resolution of the senate calling upon the governor to suggest suitable subjects for taxation, he said that the present was no time to increase the burdens of the people; it is rather a time to lessen their burdens by reducing the expenditures. He concluded his communication in these words: "At this time, when almost all industries are suffering, when trade is stagnant, and when willing labor can find no employment, economy in the expenditure of public monies should control the general assembly in its appropriations, and will certainly control the executive in the consideration of all such measures."

Governor Hastings has not changed his views as expressed in his communication to the senate, but it is believed now that he will agree to help those who favor an extension of the session a few days in order to secure money, by some reasonable increase of taxation, for the charitable institutions. He feels, as do all others who have considered the question, that it would be almost criminal to deprive the hospitals and various charitable institutions of the state aid to which they have looked forward since the opening of the session. The proposition to prolong the session beyond the 1st of July is contingent upon the inability of the senate and house to complete their labors by that time. Some of the bills that will be possible to get through with the important work and adjourn finally on that date.

No appropriation bills have yet been reported from the committee, and in view of the fact that they must be scaled down to come within the revenues, the labors of these committees will be very arduous. The majority in the legislature realize that an adjournment without the passage of revenue and appropriation bills will result disastrously for the party in power and seriously handicap the Republicans in the campaign this year.

State Treasurer Haywood has generously assumed the responsibility of paying the state employees until the general appropriation bill is passed and signed. The fiscal year of the commonwealth ended on May 31, and as there was no appropriation for the salaries of state officers and clerks they will have to depend upon the good offices of the state treasurer until the legislature passes the general appropriation bill.

The Taxation of Aliens.
An important bill, approved by the governor, provides for the payment of taxes by aliens. It requires that all

corporations, associations, companies, firms or individuals employing persons who are not citizens of the United States shall, upon the receipt of a written notice from the tax collector of the district, deduct from the wages of such employe a sum sufficient to pay the respective amounts of taxes assessed against each, and pay it to the collectors of the districts in which said aliens are employed. Another bill is almost through the legislature providing for the return of alien papers to the state or country from which they came.

The legislative insurance scandal is still a lively matter of interest. Another meeting of the investigating committee was held a few days ago, but the most important witness was not present, and it was decided to adjourn until this afternoon. Frank H. Leonard, of New York, is the missing witness. He is said to be the person who knows all about the alleged proposition of certain senators to defeat the child insurance bill for \$50,000.

Governor Hastings has approved the bill to prevent the wearing of any badge or button of any labor or fraternal organization without the right to do so by membership. The act provides that any person doing so shall be subject to a fine of \$100.

According to the estimates of the state's accounting officers, it will be necessary to raise about \$4,000,000 in addition to the present revenues to wipe out the deficiency and take care of the ordinary demands upon the treasury.

A bill which is being watched by those who appreciate its dangerous character is one permitting the damming of the Delaware river. Such a bill has passed the legislature of New Jersey and been approved by Governor Griggs. If the lawmakers of this state pass this bill it is the purpose of certain capitalists to build a dam across the Delaware river at Trenton, for the purpose of furnishing power for a great electric plant.

The senate has defeated the Clarence bill defining local mutual savings funds, building and loan associations. This measure was intended to open the way for an attack upon all building and loan associations not purely local affairs, but the influence against it was sufficient to knock it out.

Proposed Tax on Oleo Will Fail.
There is a proposition to tax oleomargarine for the purpose of raising more revenue, but there will be a big fight in the legislature before such a bill can get through. Already an organization has been perfected in the house to oppose any bill of this kind. Representative Young, of Tioga county, is the leader of the new movement. A steering committee has been appointed, comprising 15 leading members of the house, without regard to party or faction. It is contended by the opponents of such a tax that a law of this kind would legalize the sale of oleomargarine, and be in the interests of the manufacturers of imitation butter. It is argued that the revenue derived by the commonwealth from this source will very materially relieve the depleted condition of the state finances, and that no harm can come through such a license tax to any industry of the state. Professor Hamilton takes the opposite view. He says the late census gives the number of dairy cattle in Pennsylvania at 927,254, and the amount of butter manufactured from these dairy cows in that year at 78,509,941 pounds. The amount of cheese is given at 429,050 pounds, and the milk products at 268,506,482 gallons. If the ratio of increase has been as great from 1889 to 1897 as it was between 1879 and 1889 a fair estimate of the number of cows at the present time in Pennsylvania is about 1,100,000 and the number of pounds of butter manufactured about 90,000,000 pounds, and the milk produced about 437,525,349 gallons. These cows are distributed among 211,412 farmers' families, consisting of 1,050,026 persons, or one-fifth of the entire population of the state. He says the income of butter alone to Pennsylvania last year amounted to between \$16,000,000 and \$18,000,000, and the milk product at 8 cents a gallon amounted to \$25,000,000. It is a good argument that the low price of oleomargarine would ruin the dairy business, and that the legalizing of the sale of oleomargarine would result in a great loss of revenue in the end. It is almost certain that the oleomargarine proposition will fail.

Hamilton Road Bill Hangs Fire.

The Hamilton road bill is still hanging in the air, and whether it will ever become a law at this session is doubtful. Only the influence of the state administration has put the bill in its advanced position. Many of the farmers are opposed to it, and their representatives in the legislature have adopted all parliamentary tactics to defeat the measure. Calling in their efforts, a proviso was inserted by the house requiring the legislature to appropriate \$1,500,000 for the improvement of highways before the new law goes into effect. When it reached the senate this amount was cut in half. Returning to the house for concurrence that body refused to accept the senate amendment and asked for a committee of conference. This has been appointed, and it remains now to be seen whether the committee will be able to put the bill in such shape as to make it acceptable to both bodies.

The codification of the fish laws and the repeal of many acts which interfered with the propagation of fish in the streams of the state will have the effect of improving the sport of fishermen, but would have been much more effective if the legislature had not inserted many things which the state fish commission did not desire inserted.

A bill is going through the legislature imposing a tax of \$1 on bicycles and pleasure carriages and \$3 on traction engines. Several rural members object to the tax on pleasure carriages and traction engines, but they have no objection to the wheelmen paying the freight.

Representative Focht, of Union county, thinks that the only way out of the revenue muddle is to pass the Bliss bill adding one mill to all present subjects of taxation. This will be violently opposed by the corporations.

Before the end of the week the ruins of the old state capitol will have disappeared. The contractor had 35 days in which to complete this work, but he has made such rapid progress that those who predicted he would lose money are now seeing their mistake.

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