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EDITORIAL.

WHY don't McKinley open the mills?

WHEN will the Gazette publish some more deadly parallels?

PROSPERITY is here—the sugar trust monopolized the whole lump.

SOME Centre county republicans are not booming Arnold very lively for Governor.

It looks as though the republicans in Ohio would shelve Mark Hanna in his effort to get back to the U. S. Senate.

WHO will be the dispenser of political patronage in Centre county this time? Some chaps seem to have lost their grip.

HANNA seems to be running the republican machine in Ohio again. He has the dough—that's what counts these days.

COUNTY Chairman W. E. Gray, is reported to be favoring the Reeder-Hastings candidates for post offices in this county. Why should this be thus? Hard to tell.

WE are to have a complete McKinley tariff by the 15th of July. So says Mark Hanna, and he ought to know as he is a sort of a manager for President McKinley. Any kind of an old tariff will do.

CONGRESSMAN Arnold, of this district, is announced as an active candidate for the republican nomination for governor. There are a whole raft of aspiring politicians after the place and Mr. Arnold, like the rest, will take his chance.

ENGINEER V. DEBS has stepped into notoriety again. He now proposes to establish a co-operative community in one of the Western states. He will establish a modern Utopia and promises wonders for the alleviation of the masses.

It is estimated that the new tariff will yield the sugar trust thirty millions per year. They were heavy contributors to the McKinley campaign fund. That is how politics and business mingle. No wonder that the public become dissatisfied.

It looks as though the U. S. Senate would reject the Hawaiian treaty, approved by President McKinley. From all parts of the country come strong protests. We don't want to have a colony of half civilized barbarians tie on to Uncle Sam's coat tail and claim citizenship.

It is a mistake for this country to acquire any more possessions and for that reason the annexation of Hawaii should be defeated. As it is our territory is so large and interests so diversified as to become almost unwieldy. Let us take better care of what we got. President McKinley and Secretary Sherman heretofore were opposed to such a policy. Why they advocate it now, many cannot understand.

Masonic Outing.

The members of all the Masonic Fraternity, embracing District No 21, embracing lodges at Centre Hall, Bellefonte, Osceola, Philipsburg, Clearfield, Curwensville DuBois, Punxsutawney and Coalport will have a two days' outing at Hecla Park on Thursday and Friday of this week. It will be exclusive, only members of the order and their families are invited. Good music has been provided and Gov. Hastings and ex-Gov. Pattison are expected to make address. W. F. Wise, of Tyrone, has been engaged to furnish a pyrotechnic display on the lake Thursday evening. The party will come to Bellefonte to spend the night and our hotel accommodations will likely be taxed to their full capacity. This will be an unusually large gathering and will be attended by many of the representative families of the district.

For this outing trains on the Central R. R. of Pa., will move as follows between Bellefonte and the Park:—

Thursday—Leave Bellefonte for Hecla Park 7:20 and 10:30 a. m., 1:00 3:45 and 7:45 p. m.

Thursday—Leave Hecla Park for Bellefonte 2:30, 5:46 and 10:00 p. m.

Friday—Leave Bellefonte for Hecla Park 7:20 and 9:30 a. m. 3:45 p. m.

Friday—Leave Hecla Park for Bellefonte 9:45 a. m., 2:45 and 5:46 p. m.

Normal Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Central State Normal school will be held in the chapel on Wednesday evening, June 30. More than 125 ladies and gentlemen compose the graduating class.

Decree Filed.

On Tuesday Judge Love filed his decree in the Philipsburg Water Company case. The substance of it is, the bill of the plaintiffs for a perpetual injunction against the Citizens Water company is dismissed, with the costs upon plaintiffs.

SCHOOL DAYS OVER AGAIN.

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It was believed that it would be to the advantage of the students, to organize another literary society. A number of members withdrew from the old society, and with new students, organized a society under the name of "Prescott." These societies were attended by the male students alone. Not to be out done, the young women of the school organized a society under the name of "Euphronia."

These societies were always well attended by the students, and the practice in writing essays, in declamation, recitation and debate, made necessary by virtue of membership in them, was and always has been a great help and benefit to the students.

Regretting that I cannot make this review of the long ago more complete for want of both time and information, I need not bid you welcome. You feel it in the hearty greeting, see it in the happy faces, and I know you will be delighted with your welcome when you come to partake of the abundance of good things that have been prepared solely for your enjoyment.

Let me then conclude this welcome with a quotation from Holmes: It fits the occasion:

"Come dear old comrade, you and I will steal an hour from days gone by. The shining dawn when life was new, And all was bright with morning dew, The lusty days of long ago, When you were Bill and I was Joe.

Your name may haunt a titled trail, Proud as a cocker's rainbow tail, And mine as brief appendix wear, As Tam O'Shanter's luckless mare; To-day old friend, remember still, That I am Joe and you are Bill.

You've won the great world's envied prize, And grand you look in people's eyes, With Honorable and L. L. D. In big brave letters, fair to see, You first, old fellow? off they go! How are you Dave? How are you Jim?"

"THE SILVER GRAY."

A banquet is spread grand forest old, And numberless guests have been bidden, The June days are bright, and hearts are true, gold.

Are bounding from nooks—so long hidden; Their school-life is o'er, and life's school's at its noon, Yet they come at the call of their Mother, Less agile, maybe, in a "Silver Gray" crown To meet and to greet one another.

A jubilee year, the forty-fifth in the train, Has dawned on this fair institution, They're classic halls and haunts still remain, But where is the precious tradition?

To-day it is garnered, from near and from far The pride of life's every vocation— A "Silver Gray" band, each wearing a star Won in service for home, church and nation

Far back in the Fifties, a fairly light wand, Woke Fathers and Mothers to duty "Our sons and our daughters must take a high stand,

Quaff from Learning's clear fountain of beauty Open wide the rude gates and bid all come in!"

Till rooms bare and small were o'erflowing; Then rose in the forest, this structure so fine, To keep steady pace with the growing.

The frail barque was launched, with a Ward at the helm, Steering straight for the lighthouse in view; As captain and pilot, and oarsman as well, He landed his famous brave crew.

Soon Campbell succeeded, and won himself fame As the dignified man of the corps, While McKennon the youthful, the linguist in name, Was called early to Heaven's bright shore.

When the boat almost stranded a Thomas prevailed (who now sleeps near his labors of love), He steered the wreck onward, with sails all unfurled,

Till a success seemed to smile from above, Scores of his pupils, ever chant this sweet song—"Our Mentor's at rest, his works were sublime."

The names of new leaders in passing along, Are a Hughes and a Rhone with Aiken in line.

Now we revel once more in dear Library Hall, Hear the voices that charmed us of yore, "Athlonow" and "Prescott", each bound to excel With graceful "Euphronia",—versed in lore, Many voices are hushed, faces far away, Aching hearts that refuse to be stilled, Yet a Legion remains, this band "Silver Gray"

Who will mark every duty fulfilled, The reveille is sounding, our Sweet dream is past, "Alma Mater's" rich feast's ready spread, An ovation it is, from first to the last, As with speech, toasts and music we're fed, Gifted sons have done nobly, gained fresh renown, And the humbler won laurels to-day, While the planners, and friends of the dear old town Reaped Heaven's blessings from the "Silver Gray."

"ALUMNUS"

Harvest Will be Late.

The harvest this year in this county will be one of the largest ever gathered. Grain never looked more promising than it does now and the hay crop will be immense. Farmers say that owing to so much cool weather this month harvesting will be a week or ten days later than usual. The cutting of clover hay will commence on most farms next week.

Cereal Coffee Drinkers Beware!

If you have been deceived and tried one of the cheap bran substitutes now on the market, claiming to be the original and to have great food value, and you got a pound of poorly roasted bran for your 25c. and a poor, weak, sickish drink (what can you expect from bran), don't be discouraged but try Grain-O. It is made from solid grain, nicely browned and 2 pounds for 25c. Grain-O takes the place of coffee at 1/4 the price. Get a package of your grocer to-day.

Children's services will be held in the Evangelical church on Sunday evening at 7:30. Special sermon to the children in the morning at 10:30 by the pastor.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Still No Solution of the Perplexing Revenue Puzzle.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENDANGERED.

A Million or Two May be Cut Out of the School Appropriations in the Interest of Economy—To Drop the New Inheritance Tax Bill.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, June 22.—The revenue puzzle is now no nearer solution than it was a month ago. Senator Penrose came to Harrisburg last Thursday, and carefully looked over the field, so as to be able, when he returned to Washington the same evening, to enlighten his senior colleague as to the revenue outlook. While in Harrisburg he saw Lieutenant Governor Lyon, Senator Durham, Representative Marshall, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, and others who are supposed to define the policy of the majority on all important questions. The fact of the matter is, the present legislature is one which cannot be led. There are too many independent men in the house for the comfort of those who fondly flatter themselves that they are the leaders. During the present session every attempt at bossism has been resented by the house, the strong anti-machine sentiment in that body being responsible for the failure to dictate the course of the members on any question. At the organization of the legislature it was believed that the majority would do about as Senator Quay desired, but after the election of United States Senator Penrose the lines were broken, and since that time it has been exceedingly difficult to predict just what the house would do in any crisis.

When the senate and house agreed to adjourn July 1 those who understood the situation in the legislature predicted that an extension of the session would surely follow. They realized that it would be a physical impossibility to pass appropriation bills and adjourn on the date fixed. Since the visit of Senator Penrose, however, and the conferences with Senator Quay at Washington it has been decided to push business so as to get away on July 1, or at the farthest a few days later. Chairman Marshall began reporting appropriation bills last evening, and the present program is to have three sessions a day this week including Saturday. Those best posted as to the situation predict that the legislature will dissolve finally on Saturday, July 2.

The Perplexing Revenue Puzzle.

When the revenue question came up the independent element in the popular branch of the legislature at once made itself felt in resisting all measures designed to increase the tax burdens of the agricultural and laboring classes. The bill taxing direct inheritances, except those under \$5,000, was pushed through as an administration measure, and reached the governor before the majority of the members realized just what it meant. Judge Hanna's decision declaring the act unconstitutional, owing to the exemption and retroactive clauses, resulted in a new inheritance bill being introduced to correct the defects of the old one. But meanwhile the members of the house had been home conferring with their constituents, and they heard so much about the inheritance law that was unfavorable that they came back to Harrisburg strongly opposed to any corrective bill. This explains why the new direct inheritance bill has been dropped after passing through the preliminary stages in the legislature. Governor Hastings and State Chairman Elkin, the author of the bill, still insist that Judge Hanna is wrong, and that after a full hearing the supreme court will sustain the constitutionality of the first inheritance bill. As soon as possible a case will be stated in the Dauphin county court to test the constitutionality of the inheritance tax law. It is estimated that this act, with certain other smaller revenue measures still pending in the senate, will produce enough revenue to wipe out the prospective deficiency and run the state government on economical lines, as well as give to private charities some assistance.

The present program is to drop all attempts to pass the beer tax bill and other revenue measures, except those unopposed. The real trouble during the last month has been the effort of certain prominent politicians, who are members of the legislature, to get away from taxing beer. This is a dangerous performance, and even those who are engaged in the game realize that they are playing with fire. They know that any failure to tax beer, the bills having already passed the house, will be resented by the great majority of persons, especially if the appropriations for schools should be cut down. A prominent leader said to me that it would be very difficult for any Republican orator to go on the stump and defend a cut in the school fund by a legislature which refuses to tax beer. He said that closing the school with one hand and opening the saloon with the other would strike the people as something unequalled for in Pennsylvania. There are strange stories afloat as to the real animus of the opposition to the beer bills. It is said that a big syndicate to control all the breweries of Pennsylvania has been organized, and that many of the leading and influential politicians of the state are interested in the organization. Any tax upon beer would, of course, be a blow at the brewery combination, and a direct cut into their prospective profits.

May Cut School Appropriations. The program formulated by the leaders contemplates the abandonment of the new direct inheritance bill, and the paring down of appropriations to the lowest notch. Not a cent will be appropriated that is not absolutely necessary. It is proposed to whack a couple hundred thousand off the National Guard as a starter, and to knock some of the fat appropriations to favored institutions, including the state normal schools. It is understood that a million or two will be lopped off the public school appropriations, providing the representatives of the farming constituencies in the legislature do not stand as a stone wall against this proposition. Already Representatives Young and Smith, of Tioga county, have organized an anti-school cut legion, numbering over a hundred members. These have pledged themselves to vote against any reduction of the school funds, and it does not appear how the program to cut the appropriation can be carried out under the circumstances. Those who favor the reduction of the appropriation point to the fact that Pennsylvania gives to education nearly 64 per cent of her total revenue, as against but 12 per cent in New York. It is argued that education is getting more than a due share of the income of the commonwealth, especially in view of the fact that many charitable institutions are denied state aid.

Governor Hastings has already approved about 145 bills, many of them of purely local interest. This feature of legislation has called attention to the objection that has frequently been raised since the adoption of the new constitution to the inhibition against special legislation. It is admitted now that the right to pass special acts of assembly to cover peculiar cases would be a very desirable thing in our state economy. Under the present constitution all local matters must be covered in a general act, applying to the whole state, and as a result a lot of laws are placed upon the statute book which have no general significance whatever, and are often misleading. As a result of this not a few members of the legislature favor the calling of a constitutional convention to amend the fundamental instrument in this particular.

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The Taxation of Aliens. Among the most important measures approved by the governor is the Stewart measure requiring banks having state deposits to pay 2 per cent annually, and the five active depositories in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Harrisburg 1 1/2 per cent on daily balances. He has also signed the Campbell bill taxing employers of unnaturalized male persons over 21 years of age three cents a day for each unnaturalized person so long as such person is employed. The employer is allowed to deduct the tax from the wages of the unnaturalized employe. One result of this act is the rush of foreigners in the different courts of the state to be naturalized. The governor has also approved the bill limiting the number of inmates of state prisons, penitentiaries, state reformatories and other penal institutions to be employed in manufacturing goods therein and prohibiting the use of machinery in manufacturing said goods.

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