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EDITORIAL.

THE latest craze is the gold fever. Everybody is anxious to go to Alaska to secure a fortune.

THE contents of the corner stone of the old state capitol were enclosed in a large bottle. Ever since then the best things about that establishment were kept in bottles.

ACCORDING to Dun's commercial reports, there is a decided improvement noticeable in the industrial world. That is encouraging indeed. Crops will be abundant and the outlook is for a large demand.

LAST Friday Ten Eyck, an American in the Henley regatta, at England, won the prize, the first time it was ever captured by an American. It seems that we can beat our English cousins at almost any contest we undertake.

It is announced that ex-President Cleveland may accept the presidency of the University of Virginia, one of the strongest educational institutions of the South. He would better accept, as the democratic party has no further use for him.

SINCE the Dingley bill has fixed the sugar schedule, that stock took a big jump on Wall street. It received a big pull despite all the efforts of Speaker Reed. Our readers will be able to judge fully after a few years experience what it is and who is benefitted thereby.

DR. SWALLOW was sentenced on Monday to a fine of \$500 and costs in the libel prosecution. Notwithstanding the ruling of the courts, public sentiment is strongly with this man. He has done a good work for the commonwealth in exposing the corrupt practices at the state capitol.

IF the gold fields in Alaska continue to put out the yellow metal in such large quantities as reported, the republicans will have to demonize gold, to keep the good will of Wall street and English capitalists. An abundance of money, according to these people, would be a crime.

GOV. HASTINGS is making a close inspection of all the appropriation bills and many of them will undergo considerable pruning. Especially the expenses of investigation committees incurred by the last house. A low treasury compels economy, and prevents many jobs from passing.

GOV. HASTINGS is deserving of much praise for the strong stand he has made to prune out all excessive bills and unnecessary appropriations of the last legislature. It is a bold stand and will arouse the enmity of corrupt politicians, who now are denouncing him, but the tax payers of the commonwealth are with him. Gov. Hastings is doing a good work, and deserves commendation.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

In another column of this issue we give an interesting editorial from the Times, that should be encouraging to all persons. It seems that we have good reasons to look forward to an improved condition of business, in this country. The principal reason for this is the bountiful crops that prevail over this continent. There will be an immense yield of wheat, oats, rye, corn and other cereals, and there is with this the comforting assurance that higher prices will prevail than for many years. This is due to the fact that other competitors like Russia, Roumania, Argentine, Australia, Brazil, instead of being shippers, are this year buying American wheat, flour and other cereals. This means that there will be a strong demand for our surplus grains, at better prices. That means much to the American farmer, and when he prospers everybody else enjoys the same blessing. Abundant crops will be a boom to the railroads and others in many ways.

In addition to the above, by the end of this week the political tariff tinkers, at Washington, will likely pass some sort of a tariff bill, which if good, bad or indifferent, will give our manufacturing industries something definite, and they will at once prepare to resume under the new schedules. Owing to the abundance of our crops, and the foreign demand likely to follow, a healthy demand should be created for all kinds of products and for these reasons we should enjoy a better era than for some time.

While Nature has smiled upon our land and the soil has yielded forth her most bounteous harvest, blatant politicians will ascribe all the glory to the defeat of W. J. Bryan and the election of William McKinley, instead of returning thanks to an all-wise Providence for these generous gifts.

Under these conditions an energetic, patriotic and industrious people, despite unwise legislation, should again thrive, prosper and rejoice.

SHOW AT LOCK HAVEN.

The Great Wallace Shows, the most reputable and enormous of tented institutions, will exhibit at Lock Haven Aug. 3. It is claimed, and with every evidence of truthfulness, that the Great Wallace Show this season is one of the two largest in America. Over 1,000 people are engaged in the various departments, 600 superb horses, 50 cages and dens of wild animals, including the famous "Man Eating Wallace Lions," herds of elephants, droves of camels and ostriches, a huge spread of canvas covering over 14 acres of ground and a seating capacity for 12,000 persons. Over 100 principal feature acts are presented, among which are the famous Nine Nelson Family, for whose equal B. E. Wallace has long had a standing challenge of \$10,000.00. The great menagerie, containing as large a collection as any zoological garden can boast of and several specimens exclusively its own, the splendid company of high class male and female bare-back riders, acrobats, clowns, aerialists, performing animals, three rings, two stages, olympian stages, mid-air carnivals, the superb and exciting hippodrome races, contests and exhibitions, including thoroughbred, chariot, standing, and other races of ancient and modern times, unite in making a program of entertainment that has never been approached in point of excellence and magnitude in the circus arena. A grand demonstration will be given on the date of the exhibition, leaving the grounds at 10 a. m., sharp. A solid mile of glitter and splendor, representing an investment of \$4,000,000.00, is promised.

Reformed Reunion.

The grand picnic and reunion of Reformed pastors and people, and their friends, will be held at Island Park, near Sunbury, on Thursday August 5th--not on Friday 6th as had been announced.

The forenoon of the day will be given to social enjoyments. At 2 o'clock p. m. an interesting program of music and addresses will be carried into effect. The speakers engaged for the occasion are Prof. J. W. Knappenberger, A. M., president of the Allentown College for Women; Rev. J. S. Stahr, D. D., president of Franklin & Marshall college, Lancaster, Pa.; R. J. Spangler Kieffer, D. D., of Hagerstown, Md.; and Rev. F. P. Balmer, D. D., of Waynesboro, Pa. Special railroad rates and a return train in the evening, over the Lewisburg and Tyrone branch will be secured. All are invited to attend and have a pleasant "outing-day."

Z. A. YEARRICK,
Sec. Ex. Com.

Almost Drowned.

On Tuesday afternoon Merrill Hoy, a little 5-year-old lad, a son of Wm. Hoy, miller for Gerorick & Hale, at this place, had a narrow escape from drowning. While playing near the forebay, one of his companions pushed him in the water. He sank several times and the other boys were so alarmed that they forgot to call for help. Mitchell Garbrick saw that something was wrong and called out the father from the mill. When they got to the race there was no trace of the child except the muddy water. Mr. Garbrick plunged in and brought the lad up from the bottom, who by this time was unconscious. They quickly took him in to the mill and by rolling over a barrel consciousness returned. It was a very close call for the little boy.

High Standing.

The report of Col. Edward Morrell, inspector general N. G. P., covering the spring inspections, has just been published and shows that the following are the ratings of the 5th regiment:

	General Average	Figure of Efficiency
Co. F, Indiana.....	92.60	80.73
Co. A, Huntingdon.....	90.98	85.06
Co. G, Lewistown.....	90.15	78.06
Co. B, Bellefonte.....	89.85	80.86
Co. C, Hollidaysburg.....	87.07	73.89
Co. D, Blairsville.....	86.79	72.19
Co. H, Johnstown.....	81.47	65.93
Co. E, Clearfield.....	79.44	68.85
Regimental average.....	87.24	75.80

To Avoid Sunstroke.

Frequent bathing, regular habits, plain diet, plenty of sleep and abstinence from alcoholic liquors are the regimen prescribed by the doctors for the avoidance of sunstroke. This prescription, carefully followed, will make a pretty good citizen out of any man, and it would be well if everybody would custom himself to it on that account quite irrespective of the weather. There is greater inducement to practice it in hot weather, however, and it should be begun at once. Now is the time to reform.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it, 15c. and 25c.

Communion Services.

On Sunday morning communion services will be held in St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, conducted by Rev. J. A. Peters, D. D., president of Tiffin college, Ohio. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2:30 p. m. Dr. Peters will also preach on Sunday evening.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Governor's Work of Pruning Appropriation Bills.

PENROSE - HASTINGS QUARREL.

True Story of the Controversy Between the Junior Senator and the Chief Magistrate--A Factional Party War Inevitable.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, July 20.--The revenue question is still undetermined, but before the end of the week the governor will have settled the matter in his own mind. It can be stated officially that the present revenue laws and those passed by the late legislature, which are still on the governor's table, are not sufficient to meet the deficiency of over \$3,000,000, and the appropriations exceed those of the last legislature (1895) about \$200,000. Of course, Governor Hastings is going to prune the list of appropriations very carefully, but it will take a lot of cutting to get the total down to the figures that are necessary to come within the revenues. Much hatching off is necessary to cut a million or two in appropriations, and while the governor is going to make an heroic effort in this direction it seems almost impossible for him to get the total low enough. Two years ago the principals of the state normal schools were called here when the revenue problem was under consideration, and they agreed to draw their appropriations in such a way as not to embarrass the state treasury. They will probably have to do something of the sort this year. As a matter of fact the grants to the state normal schools have been opposed for several years, and the next session of the legislature will give them some trouble. It is argued by the opponents of the normal schools that it was never contemplated that they should be regularly assisted by the state to the tune of \$350,000 every two years. It is stated that their promoters agreed that after the buildings were erected the commonwealth would be released from further demands.

The Penrose-Hastings Quarrel.

Since the adjournment of the legislature this city has been the storm center for some very lively political and other sensations. While the lawmakers were here they managed to keep up interest in current events, but as sensation makers they are not in the same class with Governor Hastings, Senator Quay and a few others. Just when the atmosphere was clearing and the legislative mists were fast being dissipated, Senators Quay and Penrose dropped into town, and left a few hours later, after starting the liveliest sort of a political row. Of course, there are all sorts of versions of their call upon Governor Hastings at the executive department, but there is only one correct story of the now famous interview, and it is about as follows: During the session of the legislature a new Republican organization was formed in Philadelphia, known as the combine of ward leaders. It was a Quay organization, and was conceived in a desire to dethrone David Martin as the recognized leader of the party in the Quaker City. But in order to down Martin it was necessary to also down the city administration, which is in the hands of his friends. Mayor Warwick is a Martin man. Having failed to capture the mayor, the new combine had introduced in the legislature by Senator Becker a bill requiring all appointments of the mayor in Philadelphia to be confirmed by three-fifths of the members of select council. For awhile the bill was hung up in the house, and it was suspected that it would be defeated, but pressure was brought to bear by logrolling combinations, and finally the measure was pushed through. Now it is in the hands of the governor, and nobody has any other idea than that it will be vetoed.

So much by way of prelude. Governor Hastings was importuned to approve the bill, but he was offish, and the supporters of the measure determined to call Senators Quay and Penrose to their aid. So they came to Harrisburg and had an interview with the governor. It was a red hot conference, and it broke up in a row. Senator Penrose was the firebrand. He was particularly anxious to have the Becker bill signed, and insisted that it should have the approval of the governor. When the latter intimated that he would not sign the bill the junior senator became quite indignant, and strongly intimated that the friends of the governor might suffer in consequence. This was taken to mean that the Quay people would not support Major Leet McCauley for auditor general, and that certain appointees of the governor would not be nominated by the party conventions. Governor Hastings was so enraged by these tactics of coercion that he responded hotly to Senator Penrose's suggestions, and gave him to understand that he had appointed good men and that they could take care of themselves. Senator Quay deprecated the remarks of his colleague, and said that Major McCauley must be nominated. He then announced that he would be a candidate for re-election to the senate.

A Factional War Inevitable.
Returning to their hotel, Senators Quay and Penrose met some newspaper men and related that, having seen Governor Hastings, it had been determined by Senator Quay to be a candidate for the senate once more, and that Governor Hastings had promised to support him. As soon as the attention of the governor was called to this statement he denied point blank that he had been asked to support Senator Quay. Meanwhile the adherents of both factions have been placing their own construction upon the results of the interview, and it is expected that some lively factional politics may be engendered by this episode. It is agreed upon all sides that the break would probably not have occurred in the absence of Senator Penrose. He is persona non grata at the executive department.

It is believed that a factional war in the Republican party is inevitable, and that while peace may be maintained on some sort of a basis this year, trouble is almost sure to come with the gubernatorial campaign in 1898. Governor Hastings has said to me repeatedly that he has no political ambition, but the trend of events during the past ten days is in the direction of his candidacy for Senator Quay's seat at Washington. The political drift is also toward the nomination of Anthony General McCormick by the Anti-Quay element for governor. He doesn't admit that he will be a candidate, or that he would even accept the nomination, but McCormick is a fighter, and would probably welcome such a contest as seems to be indicated by present political conditions.

About one-third of the bills left with the governor by the legislature have been disposed of, and next week the decks will be entirely cleared. Governor Hastings was compelled to attend the several brigade encampments of the National Guard, and these interfered seriously with his consideration of the various measures on his table. He has, however, disposed of several important bills, among them the Herrick-Smith bill changing the method of distributing the state appropriation to public schools. This measure will largely increase the share of the appropriation received by the country school districts, and proportionately decrease the amounts received by the city schools.

The Governor's Investigation.
Governor Hastings has caused a sensation by demanding of the chief clerks of the senate and house a detailed itemized statement of the lump sum in the general appropriation bill for salaries of officers and employees of the two bodies. He wants to know the names and amounts received by each employee. He has also written to the investigating committees, requesting them to furnish him within a week an itemized statement of each one's expenses. Some of the members of these committees have charged from \$200 to \$700 personal expenses, and the governor is anxious to discover just how they spent the money. He has likewise requested the heads of departments to appear before him and explain in detail the necessities of their department, with a view to lopping off all unnecessary appropriations. When it is recalled that the expense accounts of the investigating committees were manifestly padded it will be understood how difficult the members of these committees will find it to present a detailed statement. It is not doubted by the governor that many of the items are correct, but his suspicions have been aroused by the big totals. For instance, the governor wants to know, in the matter of the expenses of the committee which investigated the office of the dairy and food commissioner, how the items were made up, as follows: Sergeant-at-arms, \$310.25; sergeant-at-arms, mileage, \$500; witness fees and expenses, \$56.60; committee expenses, sleeping car berths, \$108; witness fees and expenses, \$77.90; Hotel Duquesne, Pittsburgh, \$33.90. These items the governor regards as too general, and he wants them itemized. There are some big items for stenographers, running up as high as \$1,500, and the governor has asked for the names and addresses of these stenographers, and also for copies of their notes.

Never before in the history of the state has the governor determined upon such an investigation of bills. Consternation has been caused by the move, and those who have received letters will have to do some hustling during the next few days to get their itemized accounts in shape. It is intimated that there will be some trouble on the railroad transportation bills, in view of the fact that most of the members were supplied with passes.

The sergeant-at-arms of the house has not been requested to furnish itemized statements of his expenses, which are large, because the appropriation bills in which he is interested had a provision inserted by the house requiring him to submit to the auditor general a sworn itemized statement of all expenses. His bills could not have passed the house under any other condition, because the sentiment was against them, and one or two of them were defeated on second reading, being subsequently reconsidered. There is much all along the line, and the governor has requested responses to his letters by next Friday the answers will be awaited with interest. There is no way of getting out of it. It means that the bills must be itemized or they will be vetoed.

The Mercantile Tax Bill.
It is still an open question whether the governor will approve or disapprove the mercantile license tax bill. He is disposed to veto it, and if it is approved it will be because the governor thinks the charitable institutions will suffer for lack of money which must otherwise be denied them on the revenue score. It is suspected that the governor is now trying to cut down the appropriations for big educational institutions, investigating committees and the like, in order to make the signing of the mercantile bill unnecessary as a revenue measure. His judgment is against the bill. There can be no question on that score, but he has not yet given any indication of what his action will be on the bill. It is estimated conservatively that the bill will produce about \$600,000 in revenue, but some merchants say this amount will be increased under the inquisitorial provisions of the bill to \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 a year.

Other important bills still on the governor's table are the Simon electric light scheme, requiring municipalities to purchase existing electric light plants before establishing their own; the Becker confirmation bill, previously referred to; the amended liquor license bill; the Orme bill taxing store orders, and the Kunkle bill providing for the placing of auxiliary fire alarm boxes in factory and office buildings. At least three of these bills will be vetoed, as will also the bill amending the pharmacy law, so as to make it almost impossible for one to engage in the drug business who is not a registered pharmacist. Under the constitution the governor is given 30 days in which to dispose of bills after the legislature adjourns. His limit will expire a week from next Saturday, but as he has probably made up his mind on most of the bills before him the task will not be a hard one.

The governor has approved the bill creating a state bureau of mining in connection with the department of internal affairs, and also the bill providing that coal shall be weighed as it comes from the mines before screening.

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