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" "	A. J. Johnston	Port Matilda

### EDITORIAL.

ONE year ago the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. We truly have remembered the Maine.

GOOD home government is one of the most essential things among our people. Competent men for all the local offices should be selected. It often occurs that the worthless political rogue succeeds in naming unfit men on tickets. Voting at spring elections should be done same as a business transaction. Get the best you can.

ANDRE, the Arctic explorer, who was lost about a year ago in an attempt to reach the North Pole by balloon is again said to have been located. This time it is a hut built from balloon remnants and inside are several frozen bodies. The report is not generally believed. Had Andre succeeded, he would be pronounced a hero; as it ended disastrously, the world looks upon him as a foolish adventurer.

THE moves made by the Quay-Stone folks in the legislature, are:

- For 39 new offices;
- New county courts with judges;
- A state income tax;
- To pension all judges that have sat on the bench 20 years.

An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for finishing the new capitol building. Won't the taxpayer jump in the future—that is what the majority voted for; they are entitled to have it.

OUR forces in the Philippine Islands have been mowing down the insurgent army with frightful loss of life to the insurgent natives. They are being driven from town to town leaving hundreds and thousands to die, all for the benefit of McKinley's "Benevolent Assimilation" policy. They want independence, and are fighting for it. We deny that to them because we have the brute force to defeat them. These are things for thoughtful people to think about.

SENATOR BROWN gave the people of Pennsylvania a rare specimen of economy the other day. He introduced a bill abolishing the places of five of the employes of the senate and house, and then created thirty-nine new offices. The five he would abolish cost about \$5,000 annually, while the thirty-nine he wants to create will cost \$25,000. If that is the guise in which the reformer comes to the tax ridden people of Pennsylvania, in this year of grace, his fine hand will not be very warmly pressed by the people.

AT present Bellefonte has two auditors, both of whom are republicans, Messrs Thomas I. Mitchell and Chaney Hicklin. This spring a third member of the board is chosen. It is customary in such cases to have the minority party represented; not only customary but decidedly proper. This practice prevails in selecting county commissioners and auditors, and why not apply it to boro affairs, Elect Mr. Pontius this year and the republicans have the entire board of auditors. Is it not a wise precaution to have a minority member? Certainly it is. Voters should consider this when they go to the polls. For this and other reasons W. Harrison Walker should be elected.

### HOW THE DEBT INCREASES.

To what extent the interest-bearing debt of the United States has increased in recent years may be judged from the fact that on March 1, 1893, the outstanding interest-bearing debt was \$585,034,260. On the first of February, 1899, it was \$1,040,209,425, or an increase in six years of \$455,175,000.

Of the total interest-bearing debt \$100,000,000 are 5 per cents and \$162,315,400 are 4 per cents, issued by President Cleveland to maintain the gold standard, and \$193,192,760 are 3 per cents, issued by President McKinley for the war on Spain. The 5 per cents are redeemable in 1904; the 4 per cents in 1923; the 3 per cents after August 1, 1908.

Besides the interest-bearing debt there is an additional debt of \$385,410,245 bearing no interest, consisting equally of greenbacks and National bank notes in process of redemption. There is also a debt of \$1,237,150 on which interest has ceased since maturity. Our total debt is \$1,425,619,690.

Some consolation for the extent of our burden of National debt may be had by comparing it with that of France and England. France now owes some \$7,000,000,000, and is continually increasing this vast amount. England now owes under \$2,950,000,000, and is reducing the debt yearly. In 1816 her debt was over \$4,500,000,000, or \$275 per head of population, while at present it is but \$70 per head. We pay about half as much interest yearly as England does.

The monthly statement of the treasury department shows that in January the public debt increased \$23,448,463. The cash in the treasury decreased during the same time \$20,180,019. It would appear, therefore, that the government "ran behind" over \$43,000,000 in January.

The official statement further shows that for the seven months of the fiscal year ending January 31; the expenditures were \$380,604,302, being \$92,867,982 more than the receipts. At this rate the increase of the public debt for the year will be nearly \$160,000,000. And we are yet only in the vestibule of imperialism.

### HOW IT IS DONE.

The extent of frauds at the election of last fall is under investigation at Philadelphia. In one district, with 500 names on the registry, 300 have been shown to be fraudulent. The court is asked to purge the list and appoint new election officers. The question of the punishment of the old officers remains in abeyance. This particular division is supposed to be a fair sample of many others, and it is believed that the registry lists of Philadelphia have been padded to the extent of 20 per cent. Dead men, minors, aliens, non-residents and non-existent persons have been enrolled, and tax receipts purchased in their names and of course voted on. That accounts for Stone's big majority in Philadelphia. We will have no real election reform in Pennsylvania until personal registration is adopted and the tax-receipt qualification abolished. It is expected that the legislature will pass a personal registration bill to avoid such frauds. Some even advocate that snap photos be taken as a means of future identification. That would put a stop to many repeaters and false returns.

### MEAT, DRINK AND THE DOCTORS.

What shall we eat and drink? One after another the great doctors have set a seal of condemnation upon nearly everything that we like.

Tomatoes, we are warned, breed cancer. Cucumbers give colic. Beans are overrich and destructive of digestion. Beef contains the germ of tapeworm. Pigs and chickens have trichina. Sugar, bread and peas tend to diabetes. Wine gives gout. The "old oaken bucket that hangs in the well," the "moss-covered bucket," is infested with disease germs, and, besides that, the water of the well, not being properly aerated, is prolific of malarial.

Ever the bubbling spring bears typhoid in its waters, coming as they do from no man knows whither. Milk, the accepted type of innocence, is a dissemination of tuberculosis and other dread diseases, besides being indigestible to grown-up folk.

And now at last comes a great German scientific sharp—Dr. Hans Koeppe—to warn us against chemically pure, distilled water as a positive and active poison, destructive of the mucous membrane and otherwise alarmingly deadly.

Now, we had all settled down upon distilled water as the one safe thing in the world to swallow. It is rather unpalatable, of course; it is troublesome to procure, and it is by no means satisfying to the cravings of a hungry and thirsty man; but at any rate we believed it to be unimpeachably wholesome and so thoroughly safe that our drinking of it—even with a grimace of disgust—we have regarded in the light of an almost supererogatory act of virtue.

Again, what are we to eat and drink? The doctors themselves who propose all these anathemas against solids and liquids eat and drink whatever they like. Some of them even eat mince-pie at midnight and regale themselves in the small hours with Welsh rabbits and mulled claret or hot Scotchies.

Shall we follow their precepts or their practice?

## HARRISBURG LETTER.

### The Question of Additional Revenue Agitates the Lawmakers.

#### SCHEMES FOR NEW TAXATION.

A Proposal For a State Tax on Deer, Even If Constitutional, May Be Voted by the Governor If Passed—A Philadelphia's Plan For New Judges (Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Feb. 14.—The principal legislative event of last week was the action of the house in postponing the McCarrell jury bill until Feb. 21. The vote on postponement was 52 to 92. Seventeen Democrats voted against the motion to postpone and five Quay Republicans for it. Every member was present and voting, with the exception of Harry Manning, who lies in his grave in Cumberland county, and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia, who was absent without being paired.

The unusual extent to which legislation is held back by the senatorial deadlock is likely to result soon in a rush and crush to save favorite bills from defeat threatened by the early final adjournment on April 29. The danger to all such bills except appropriations will be largely increased when altered house rules shall give the right of way to the appropriation bills. These circumstances probably will evoke from some faction a proposition to fix a later date for final adjournment.

The change cannot be made, however, without a two-thirds vote of each house. It is a little too early to foresee how the parties and factions may be lined up on this question. Ordinarily the Democratic members might wish a plague on both Republican houses, and seeing nothing for Democratic gain in pulling Republican chestnuts out of the fire might stand as a unit against changing the date unless it should be indispensable business by that time.

When the necessary work shall be done the Democrats may see a party advantage in refusing to help members of either Republican faction to push their special schemes through. If the senatorial outcome or prospect shall not mollify present feelings between the Republican factions, the anti-Quay Republicans will be no less eager than the Democrats to kill pet projects of their enemies. The Democrats will aim to put all the blame upon the Republican side for any neglect of the state's interests, and each Republican faction will try to bring popular censure upon the other for the delinquencies of the legislature.

#### Worried Over Treasury Deficiency.

With the senatorial question unsettled no legislative leader predicts the particular element from which a proposed fixing of a date later than April 29 may emanate, or what degree of success it may have. All legislators feel sure that trouble is brewing over these questions, however, if for no other reason than that found in the treasury deficiency of two millions or more, and in the necessity pointed out by Governor Stone and others for increasing the state's revenue.

Continued Republican factional fighting in Philadelphia is regarded as a certain consequence of whatever may be the result of the senatorial struggle. Senator Martin's close friends say, however, that he has had enough of the city feuds and proposes to content himself as a mere looker-on.

An illustration that might seem ridiculous if not connected with a solemn duty to a dead associate, is given of the extremes to which many legislators are disposed in consequence of the exposure of former legislative scandals, to save for the state at the epigot while loss at the bunghole is threatened by numerous questionable bills. It transpires that no claim is to be made upon that state for the expenses of the committee who represented the legislature at the funeral of the late Henry Manning, after themselves contributing, performing the hat passing act and collected from legislators about \$60 to cover their personal outlays.

Innumerable large buildings not heretofore required to have fire escapes must get them if two bills introduced by Ebenezer Adams, of Philadelphia, shall be enacted. They are on the second reading calendar of the house. Under the present law the buildings that must have, in addition to outside stairways, a chain ten feet long and rope an inch thick reaching to the ground and attached to a bolt through the wall, inside of at least one window in each room of every floor higher than the second, are hotels, factories, tenements, schools, hospitals, halls and amusement places. Where a floor is but one room, or a room has more than three windows, there must be means of escape in proportion.

#### The Adams Fire Escape Bills.

One of the Adams bills adds to this list any other building more than two stories high, in which 20 or more persons are or may be employed in any sort of work, every lodging house or other building in which rooms or floors are large to five or more families and "every large boarding house or boarding school." The other Adams bill adds to the buildings that must have, under present law, the outside open iron stairways, "every boarding house or boarding school three or more stories high." Another new provision is that all the buildings mentioned in the present law and in this bill that are capable of accommodating more than 500 and less than 1,000 persons as operatives, guests or inmates, shall have three such stairways, or as many more as the constituted authorities may deem necessary. Fire proof office buildings are excepted in the Adams bill, as by present law.

The Baldwin mercantile tax bill, as introduced, would have been a much heavier burden upon dealers, especially big ones, than the Hoch bill. The Baldwin bill at first provided that retail dealers should pay \$2 tax on an annual business of from \$7,000 to \$2,000 and 75 per cent additional for each additional \$1,000. The ways and means committee made a change, however, and the bill now on the second reading calendar says "75 cents additional." The amended Baldwin bill calls for a

considerably higher tax than the Hoch bill would impose on retail dealers. The Hoch bill would put a one mill tax on the dollar for retail dealers and half a mill for wholesalers. For every thousand dollars above two thousand the Baldwin bill would tax wholesalers 50 cents or two-thirds of the retail tax. A retailer with an annual business of \$10,000,000 under the Hoch bill would pay \$10,000, under the amended Baldwin bill only \$7,500.50. At retail \$100,000 would be taxed \$100 by the former and only \$75.50 by the latter, while a retailer doing only \$10,000 worth of business would pay under the Hoch bill \$10 and under the Baldwin bill \$8.

#### Of Interest to Cyclists.

Bicyclers are interested in a bill introduced by Representative Paschall, of Warren, and reported favorably by the public roads committee, to legalize the construction and maintenance of side paths along the highways of all townships, for the use of bicycles and pedestrians, the wheel people, however, to have the right of way. Upon petition from at least 25 freeholder residents of the county, who are bicycle riders, the quarter sessions court shall appoint three resident schoolmen to serve as side path commissioners, without compensation beyond necessary expenses.

Each year the term of but one commissioner is to expire, and the vacancy is to be filled by the court upon petition as before. The commissioners shall supervise the construction and maintenance of side paths. All residents owning bicycles are to be assessed by the regular tax assessors, and the county commissioners shall levy a tax of \$1 on each wheel, or as much thereof as may be recommended by the side path commissioners. The money thus raised shall constitute a side path fund. The paths are to be constructed between the roadway proper and the land abutting thereon, and not less than three nor more than six feet wide.

As beer taxes the national government \$2 a barrel, half of it Spanish war tax, it is authoritatively hinted that Governor Stone would vote, even if constitutional, a bill introduced in the house by Mr. Henack, of Allegheny, to impose a tax of half a cent a gallon on all beer, ale and porter manufactured or brewed in the state during the three years beginning June 1, 1899, to be paid semi-annually in July and January. The bill provides that the quarter sessions clerks shall keep the auditor general posted as to the brewers, and get a \$10 fee for each name and address. The auditor general may at any time request such a certified list. Sworn reports of the number of gallons manufactured are to be made semi-annually by the brewers.

The estimated revenue from such a tax being less than \$1,000,000, would hardly meet Governor Stone's view of what is needed to cover the treasury deficiency and warrant his approving an appropriation for a new capitol. The Henack bill would be unconstitutional in a way could be found to tax liquors imported from other states.

#### A Plan to Increase Expenses.

Notwithstanding the gloomy revenue prospect, protests from newspapers and citizens against the bills for new courts of limited jurisdiction throughout the state and for three additional common pleas judges in Philadelphia have not halted the proposed raid upon the treasury through multiplication of public offices. Representative Adams, of Philadelphia, introduced a bill providing that at the next general election two judges shall be elected for that city to serve exclusively in the courts of oyer and terminer, general jail delivery and quarter sessions. Their salaries are to be \$5,000 a year each, and in addition to trying indictments they shall adjudicate matters relating to breaches of the peace, punish for contempt, issue writs of habeas corpus and have equal authority with the common pleas judges to make orders and decrees, and render judgments in criminal jurisdiction. The governor is to appoint the two judges to serve until next January 1.

Senator Weller, of Bedford, declares that the creation of such a court would violate section 8 of article 5 of the constitution.

A bill from Representative Sexton, of Montgomery, would repeal the proviso in the general road law of 1897 that it should not take effect until \$1,000,000 should be appropriated therefor or received into the treasury for road purposes. The Sexton amendment provides that the act shall take effect on the first Monday of January, 1900. Backers of the change hope for new revenue to warrant an appropriation to make the bill operative.

By Senator Brown, of Philadelphia, a bill was introduced requiring every insurance company and association excepting mutual assessment associations, doing business in Pennsylvania, to publish once a week for two consecutive weeks in the month of November in each year an itemized list and statement of the assets owned by such company.

In the senate Mr. Carrell presented a resolution providing for the appointment of a legislative committee of five to assist in making arrangements for the unveiling of the Hartman monument in Harrisburg on May 12. The resolution provides that an invitation be extended to the president and others to take part in the ceremonies.

#### Refused to Invite Bryan.

As soon as the resolution was read Mr. Washburn moved that "William J. Bryan, of Nebraska, be also invited to attend the unveiling of the monument."

"Is the motion seconded?" asked Lieutenant Governor Gobin, who occupied the chair.

Mr. Washburn looked to his fellow Democratic members to second the motion, but none responded. Therefore the resolution passed without an invitation having been extended to Mr. Bryan.

Charges for the transportation of newspapers by chartered carrying companies within the state are regulated by a bill put in by Representative Voorhees. It provides that the rate shall not exceed 3 cents for each 25 pounds for a distance not to exceed 100 miles, and for each additional 50 miles or fraction thereof the additional charge shall not exceed 2 1/2 cents for each 25 pounds.

Judge R. W. Archibald, of Scranton, has been invited by the Snyder county bar for the appointment to succeed the late Justice Williams on the supreme court bench. The petition signed by the bar and the court officers has been presented to Governor Stone.

WILKINS.



The McCarrell jury bill, for want of a quorum yesterday, must now wait its turn on 21 March, date of its postponement.

Embalmed.

The latest expression now is instead of saying a man's "goose is cooked," remark that his "beef is embalmed." This is one of the results of the war investigation.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following rates will be charged for announcements under this head, and none will be inserted unless paid in advance: Sheriff, \$7.00; Treasurer, \$5.00; Register, \$6.00; Recorder, \$5.00; Commissioners, \$5.00.

### SHERIFF.

T. F. KENNEDY, of State College, requests us to announce that he will be a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the Democratic County Primaries and County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of CRAIG BRIDGMAN, of Millheim, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ELLIS SHAFER, of Madisonburg, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

SAMUEL HARPSTER, JR., of Ferguson twp., authorizes us to announce his candidacy for the office of Sheriff, subject to the Democratic primaries and County Convention.

### REGISTER.

DEAR SIR:—Please announce my name as a candidate for the office of Register, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention. I am yours truly, W. J. CARLIN, Miles township.

G. F. Weaver, of Gregg Twp., desires us to announce that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register. P. O. address, Penns Cave.

### TREASURER.

To the Democracy of Centre Co.—I am a candidate for the nomination of County Treasurer, and would respectfully solicit your influence and support. Successful or not, I am yours, W. J. SPEER, Bellefonte, Pa.

At the coming Democratic primaries and County Convention I will be a candidate for Treasurer and would respectfully solicit favorable consideration of my candidacy. J. D. MILLER, Walker Twp.

### LEGAL NOTICE.

APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. The following have filed their petitions for liquor licenses in the office of the Clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Centre county, and that application will be made to said Court on

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1899.

to grant same:

NAME.	TAVERN.	RESIDENCE.
W. L. Daggott	.....	Bellefonte W W
Henry Broeckerhoff	.....	" S W
H. C. Yager	.....	" S W
D. H. Newcomer	.....	" S W
C. M. & C. GARDNER	.....	" S W
W. H. Runkle, Jr.	.....	Centre Hall Boro
James A. Shaver	.....	Howard "
John M. Reish	.....	Millheim "
W. S. Mussler	.....	" "
Geo. W. Mapledoram	.....	Phillipsburg 1st Ward
James Passmore	.....	" 2nd "
John W. Huston	.....	" "
Darvey P. Meyer	.....	" "
Joseph Peters, Jr.	.....	" "
John Walton	.....	" "
John A. Erb	.....	" "
Tempest Slinger	.....	" "
E. Newton Shaw	.....	" "
Thomas Baites	.....	" "
D. H. Ehl.	.....	Gregg Twp
Jno C Scheer	.....	Liberty "
A. L. Nearhood	.....	Miles "
Simon R. King	.....	Penn "
Isaac A. Shaver	.....	Peter "
James S. Reish	.....	" "
Jeffrey Hayes	.....	Rush "
W. E. Charles	.....	" "
Jno G Uzzle	.....	Snow Shoe "
Geo H Uzzle	.....	" "
Laurence Redding	.....	" "
Abies Kohlbeck	.....	Boggs "

### WHOLESALE BEER.

Samuel Rodgers.....Phillipsburg 2nd Ward  
Geo E Lamb....." "  
William Riley Jr....." "  
John Anderson.....Bellefonte W W  
Abram Shinefeld.....Rush Twp

### WHOLESALE LIQUORS.

Orin Vail.....Phillipsburg 2nd Ward  
W. E. Chandler.....Snow/Shoe Twp

### WHOLESALE BEER AS BREWER.

Robert L. Haas.....Benner Twp

### WHOLESALE LIQUORS AS DISTILLER.

John W Eby.....Haines Twp  
Noah C Mullinger.....Spring "

M. I. GARDNER, Prothonotary.

Feb. 14, 1899.

### CAUTION.

All parties are hereby cautioned that any bills contracted by my wife, Annie Leader, will not be paid by me as she voluntarily left my home without cause or provocation. FRANK LEADER, Moshannon, Pa.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Geo. Swartz, dec'd, late of Walker township. The undersigned having been granted letters of administration of said estate, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves indebted to the decedent to make immediate payment, and those having claims are requested to present them duly authenticated for settlement. JACOB H. WEAVER, Jr., Administrator.

Taylor & Johnson, Attorneys. 112

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