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EDITORIAL.

QUAY is still out of office.

THE political bribers at Harrisburg are being run down. Several convictions certainly should follow.

THEY are having a Senatorial deadlock down in Delaware too. The thing is becoming contagious.

THE Philippine war must be continued for about two years so that the "Administration must be sustained."

EX-SENATOR QUAY has concluded to lead his political forces at Harrisburg, from this on, in the hope of securing an election before April 20th, when the legislature will adjourn.

Now it turns up that the army, during the war, was fed on second-class canned beef, purchased by Gen. Eagen. This is the chap who showed himself to be a low blackguard. For insulting Gen Miles, he was relieved from duty, given a vacation—at a salary of over \$5,000, by President McKinley.

THE merry war is going on in the Philippine Islands. Every time an insurgent is killed in battle several more turn up to take his place. The end of this plan of "benevolent assimilation" is by no means in sight. At the same time it is a caution how the public debt is piling up. Hoorah, for McKinley!

"HIGH LIVING AND NO THINKING."

In six years our Government has raised the principal of the interest-bearing national debt from \$585,000,000 to \$1,026,000,000—almost double.

In six years our Government has raised the annual charge for interest on the public debt from \$23,000,000 to \$37,000,000—an increase of more than 60 per cent.

In six years our Government has failed to meet its current expenditures with current revenues by more than \$258,000,000 and has failed to meet its legal sinking-fund requirements by more than \$409,000,000—a grand total of deficiency of more than \$667,000,000.

According to Secretary Gage's own estimates, nothing can be paid into the sinking fund this year or next, and the revenues will fall at least \$170,000,000 below the expenditures.

In this governmental condition of "high living and no thinking" a "home problem" of sufficient magnitude to distract Mr. McKinley from rapt contemplation of Duty and Destiny?

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Mr. McKinley hasn't gone to Thomasville, Ga., where he will be the guest of Boss Hanna for several weeks, solely to get rest and recreation. Not by a jugful, there is political scheming, and a lot of it, in the trip. While they are in Thomasville the leading administration senators and representatives will visit them, and in addition to clinching Mr. McKinley's re-election next year, the question of whether the administration will try to prevent Czar Reed's re-election as Speaker of the House, will be carefully gone over and decided. If it were only a question of inclination, it might be considered as already decided. Mr. McKinley and a number of his closest friends are sore on Reed because of his attitude towards all of the administration measures that came before the late Congress, and would gladly antagonize his re-election. In her will Mrs. Murphy among other bequests gave the Catholic church at Bellefonte \$1,000 liquidation of church dept and \$1,000 for the celebration of masses for relatives. She also gave bequests to other Catholic institutions.

Barn Burned.

Last Saturday evening a barn on the farm of Wm. H. Davidson, five miles west of Unionville, was totally destroyed by fire, along with the contents of hay and feed, implements and three head of cattle. The fire was caused by a lighted lantern falling down the hay hole and igniting. The property was insured.

Appointed Second Lieutenant.

Walter McCaskey a former captain of the foot ball team of State College, and a member of the class of '06 was appointed a second lieutenant in the regular army, by the President. There were 300 or more applications for five positions of this kind from Pennsylvania.

SEED OATS.

Sousa of Silver mine seed oats for sale at 50 cents a bushel by J. J. Hoy, Walker, Pa.

—Watch for soring bargains—Powers' shoe Co.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Alleged Would-be Bribers Denounce the Charges Against Them.

CALL IT GUERRILLA WARFARE.

Mr. Spatz of Berks and Ex-Representative Moyles Declare Themselves the Victims of Conspirators—Governor Stone and the Revenue Planners.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, March 14.—There is a vague hint in well informed political circles that something important in the way of breaking the deadlock in the legislature will occur before the end of the month. Meanwhile, persons just as well informed are satisfied that the session will adjourn without an election, the theory being that the events of the next two years, including a presidential campaign, will help the Beaver statesman.

It is understood here that as soon as the Fow bribery investigating committee makes its report there will be some arrests made on the evidence already elicited. Some of those who have been implicated have already consulted lawyers, seeming to think that they will be called upon to make a defense. It is said that Spatz, of Berks, had an elaborate statement ready to present to the committee at its last meeting, but was advised to keep quiet for awhile.

Mr. Spatz made a statement regarding the charges at the annual banquet of the Reading Press club on Saturday evening. He said:

"The guerilla faction of the Pennsylvania legislature, in its man hunting, character assassinating tactics, has been maligning me, among other Democrats, almost from the beginning of the session. The limit of their infamous methods was reached on Wednesday night, when I was charged by two witnesses before the bribery investigating committee with having attempted to bribe them, with \$50 each, to continue voting for Mr. Jenks for United States senator. What do my good friends think of this inconsistency? Attempting to bribe Democrats to vote for Mr. Jenks! The very thought is preposterous. Nevertheless the charge is hurled broadcast throughout the state that your representative is a briber. The investigating committee is packed with anti-Quay members, and they have ruled that an accused man be not permitted to defend himself when testimony is given against him. In other words, they sit as a grand jury and hear only evidence, let the accused suffer the consequences and stigmatize his fair name, until they see fit to have the statement contradicted. The charge of bribery against me is absolutely and unqualifiedly false, and I hope that my constituents, at home at least, will suspend judgment until I have had an opportunity to vindicate myself under oath before this investigating committee, or in the courts."

A Statement From Mr. Moyles. Ex-Representative T. M. Moyles, who is also charged with attempted bribery, made the following statement at his home in Wilkes-Barre:

"The charges of attempted bribery by myself and others of certain members of the legislature are the result of studied design on the part of certain factional leaders, and have for their object one single purpose, and that is to prevent the re-election of Senator Quay. In their desperation they have gone into the sacred precincts of the legislative halls of our state legislature and succeeded, by questionable methods, in securing perjured testimony that for the time being blasts the reputation of honest, reputable and respected citizens of this commonwealth. I, for one, shall petition the legislature and ask that I be given an opportunity to vindicate my good name, not for my own sake—for I treat these accusations with the contempt they deserve—but for the sake of my friends and family. I will say that all I ask is that my friends at home, and the honest thinking citizens of this commonwealth, suspend judgment until such time as I am given an opportunity to vindicate my character from the aspersions cast upon it by these unscrupulous political reform mountebanks, and I have no fear of the ultimate result."

The first result of last week's conferences between Governor Stone and the state revenue planners in the legislature is the favorable report of the Creasy general revenue bill from Chairman Hosack's ways and means committee. One amendment inserted by the committee, putting a one mill tax on the capital stock of manufacturing corporations, which are exempt from taxation, was favored by the governor in his talk with Mr. Hosack's committee. This item would yield about \$250,000 annually.

The State Revenue Plans. Other amendments in the bill, to tax artificial gas companies, such as the United Gas Improvement company, five mills on their capital stock, doubling the present 2 per cent tax on foreign insurance company premiums, were also adopted. In addition to these provisions the bill would give all the personal property tax to the counties, notwithstanding the governor's recommendation to keep all that tax for the next two years, or about \$4,000,000, for the state, instead of only one-fourth of it, as heretofore.

A fight over this in the house is probable. The Creasy bill, which is the tax conference measure of 1905, somewhat changed, increases from five mills to two per cent the tax on the incomes of foreign building and loan associations doing business in this state. The bill would return to the counties the mercantile and other license fees and those of public offices. Mr. Creasy says that these, with the personal property tax, would relieve local taxation by over \$1,500,000 a year. The framers of the bill state that the net increase under the proposed act, from taxing railroad and other corporation bonds alone, will be over \$1,500,000; increase from banks, etc., \$150,000; from trust companies, \$75,000, and from other concerns specified, \$250,000, a net increase of between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 annually.

Representative Fow is the first legislator to get two of his bills to the governor—the Pennsylvania canal and divorce measures—and the first Philadelphian to get anything to the executive.

Governor Stone signed Fow's bill by which masters are empowered to take testimony in divorce proceedings, thereby relieving judges of this work. They will have the effect of doing away with divorce trials in open court.

The governor also signed Senator Magee's resolution requesting that Senator A. L. Hawkins, now commanding the Tenth Pennsylvania regiment, at Manila, be promoted to the rank of brigadier general.

A New Election Measure. A bill now on third reading in the senate would make a radical change in the filing of nomination certificates. The present law, in a general way, empowers a court to declare a nomination certificate or paper void if "not filed by parties entitled to file the same." The Vaughan bill adds to this a requirement that nomination certificates shall have been made in accordance with the party organization rules.

Another third reading bill in the senate, from Mr. Brown, of Philadelphia, changes Delaware river pilotage regulations. Among the changes would be the repeal of the increase of 10 per cent now allowed to a pilot speaking an In-bond vessel east of Five Fathom Bank lightship, or north of Horsford inlet lighthouse, or south of Fenwick's Island lighthouse; also repeal of the exemption of in-bond vessels from taking pilots when not spoken or offered the service outside of a straight line between Cape Henlopen light and Cape May light.

On the same reading with these senate bills is one from Mr. Grady, of Philadelphia, prohibiting foreign trust companies from becoming the trustee in any mortgage issued by a corporation of this state, or surety upon any bond, guardian of any resident, executor or administrator of any estate, or otherwise exercising the functions of a trust company in Pennsylvania until they shall have deposited with the banking commissioner not less than \$100,000 each, as surety for payment of their obligations.

A Proposed New School Tax.

Mr. Hoskins, of Erie, in the house, presented a bill providing that for the fiscal years beginning the first Monday of June, 1909-1910, there shall be levied on the real estate of the commonwealth a tax of two mills on the dollar, to be paid into the state treasury on or before the first day of December of each of the years mentioned. The money derived from this tax shall be distributed to the school districts pro rata for the number of teachers regularly employed for full annual term of not less than seven and one-half months in schools where the enrollment is not less than 15 pupils, and the number in regular average attendance it not less than 13. No district shall share in the distribution of this money that does not raise a local school tax of not less than two mills on the dollar.

Mr. Hasson, of Venango, introduced a bill appropriating \$15,000 for the erection of a bronze statue of Governor Curtin, on the capitol grounds, in this city, the design to be solicited by a commission composed of Governor Stone, Colonel A. K. McClure of Philadelphia, Benjamin F. Meyer of Harrisburg, Colonel E. A. Irvin of Clearfield, J. R. Ross Thompson of Erie and Robert Henderson of Carlisle.

By the vote of 103 yeas and 42 nays the ballot reform bill, introduced in the house of Representatives by Mr. Keator, of Philadelphia, passed on second reading last week. This is not a complete ballot act, as is Senator Martin's, but it provides absolute secrecy in voting. Under the proposed law no voter shall have a helper unless he is physically incapacitated or unable to read. His helper must first declare, under oath, subscribed to, that he will not attempt to influence the voter, but will give him the help he desires, and that he will not discuss the contents of the ballot, except in a legal proceeding.

The bill does away with the circle and the name of the candidate shall be printed but once on the ballot for the same office; also reduces the size of the ballot to one-sixth its present size and enables the voter to avoid risk of mistake in voting. There is only one way to mark a ballot according to this bill, by putting a mark opposite the name of each candidate, the candidates being in groups, within party names and appellations following them. It was drawn to remedy the defects in the ballot laws of 1891 and 1893, so as to make them conform to the Australian system.

Personal Registration Bill Progressed. Mr. Fow got the unexpectedly good support of 97 yeas and 18 nays in a standing vote which passed his personal registration bill on second reading in the house.

Mr. Wentz, in the senate, and his fellow Montgomery countian, Mr. Sexton, in the house, decided recently that they had waited long enough for reports from Senator Sprull's railroad committee and Representative Keyser's passenger railway committee on their bills to give eminent domain to rural trolley lines. The similar Young bill of two years ago was supported by the "Seventy-six," and this time many Democrats urged Mr. Sexton to take their signatures to a request that the house recall his bill from the committee and place it on the calendar. However, a sub-committee appointed by Mr. Keyser agreed to avoid trouble by reporting the bill.

The vote by which the bill extending the duration of the lien of the debts of a decedent upon real estate to five years was defeated in the house on third reading was reconsidered, and the bill passed finally.

In the house Mr. Bare, of Huntingdon, introduced a bill appropriating \$940,000 for the support of the National Guard for the next two years.

Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia, put in a bill to give colored people the same rights and privileges as those of other races.

Among the senate bills introduced was one from Mr. Brown, of Philadelphia, regulating telephone charges to \$3.50 a month, and providing a penalty of \$200 for violation of the provisions of the bill.

A bill introduced in the senate last Thursday gives permission to the secretary of internal affairs to grant warrants and patents for the beds of navigable rivers or streams for mining purposes. The following gubernatorial nominations were received by the senate: Herbert Ash, Downingtown; H. B. Yohn, Lancaster; and John C. Sims, Anthony J. Sharpe and Edward S. Ward, of Philadelphia, to be notaries public; William C. Russell, to be justice of the peace for the borough of Oxford, Chester county, vice John H. Kimball, resigned.

WILKINS.



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SHERIFF.

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

We are authorized to announce the name of CYRUS BRUMBAGH, 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 HARTPETER, JR., of Ferguson twp., requests us to announce his candidacy for the office of Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of GEORGE W. KEISER, of Haines township, as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

We are authorized to announce the name of THOMAS F. RILEY, of Harris twp., as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of GREGG DECKER, of Gregg twp., as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of PHILIP H. MEYER, of Harris twp., as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

DANIEL HICKMAN, of Bender township, requests us to announce that he will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce W. H. FRY, of Ferguson township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of ADAM BARTOGE, of Haines township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic 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.

We are authorized to announce that A. G. ARCHER, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for the nomination of Register, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

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,

Belleville, Pa. Walker Twp. J. D. MILLER.

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

We are authorized to announce the name of H. A. MOORE, of Howard twp., as a candidate for Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—Please announce my name as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention. Yours respectfully,

J. FONER LUCAS, Moshannon, Pa.

Sensational Preaching.

During a revival in a neighboring town, a colored preacher, who had read much of the efficacy of sensational methods in preaching, determined to try it on his flock. Accordingly a small boy was taken into his confidence as a confederate and stationed on the roof just above his pulpit. In the lad's keeping was intrusted a pigeon, which was to be let loose in the church from a convenient hole at the proper moment. The church was packed, and the preacher having stormed about for a short time, raised his voice and cried: "And the Holy Ghost descended in the form of a dove." But no dove appeared. He repeated the sentence. Still no dove. At the third outcry a black face appeared at the hole in the ceiling, and the query came: "Parson, a cat's done eat de Holy Ghost, but I've got de cat. Shall I throw'm down?"

The Ground Hog's Winter.

The ground hog's six weeks of wintry weather ended this Thursday. During these six weeks we have had all the winter anyone could wish for and very few that seemed anything like spring.

DELAYED! STORMSTAYED!

The recent blizzard delayed traffic on the railroads and for that reason several car loads of furniture, long past due, just Arrived This Week.

This lot of goods was purchased for the spring trade. Parties who are moving or going to house-keeping will need

New Furniture... Everything in that line will be found at our store from a toy rocker to the most costly

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