

FOR EQUAL TAXES. The Legislative Demands of the Grange Formulated in the Speech of WORTHY MASTER RHONE.

He is Rather Non-Committal on the Western Sub-Treasury Plan.

BANKER W. H. DILL IS ARRESTED.

A Jewelry Thief Nabbed in Ohio Claims to Be Fitzsimmons.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEARBY TOWNS

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 8.—Four hundred and fifty delegates attended the first day's session of the State Grange, which was devoted to routine business and listening to the annual address of Worthy Master Rhone. This evening Governor Pattison addressed the Grange.

After reviewing the events of the year in connection with the affairs of the State Grange, in which he said that the financial affairs were in a flourishing condition, Mr. Rhone recommended that the surplus funds be invested in real estate. He also called attention to the fact that considerable money was unnecessarily spent in sending lecturers through the State. He commended the educational features of the Grange and said that just so long as the farmers continue to dominate its affairs will the respect it has attained be continued.

In speaking of the legislation needed for the farmer, he said that one important factor in the steady declension of the financial interests of his class is found in the unjust burdens of taxation which has annually fleeced millions from them. The Grange last winter demanded the passage of the Taggart bill, but it was strangled in the Senate. Other bills were passed, however, through the efforts of the Grange. There was a total gain of \$1,765,000 for the local government which will reduce the tax on real estate that amount.

What the Farmers Still Contend For. The deficiency suit to be contended for is \$5,234,000, and this deficiency, Mr. Rhone said, the Grange was bound to cover. He characterized the mercantile license tax as a fraud and a disgrace. The capital invested in mercantile pursuits is estimated at \$500,000,000, and only pays a tax of \$400,000; \$200,000 of this is expended for advertising and corrupting public journals. Mercantile property should be assessed for local purposes the same as real estate.

In relation to the Government loaning money on real estate he said: "Whether it would be well for the Government to enter upon this policy or not should be thoroughly considered. It is to develop the plan as to make it entirely practical, or evolve a financial policy that would give needed and needed relief. Of one thing we may be assured, out of a fraternal discussion of the question will come light and good results. The general prosperity of the country demands it should be fostered and protected, and the people should be the soil in its present financial struggle. The interest rates are too high, and instead of the mortgage being a burden, it should be an increase. Lower rates of interest must be secured or many ruined owners will be forced into tenancy."

The subject of free mail delivery in the rural districts, he held that while for years cities and large towns had had the benefits from the delivery system the country had neglected. Congress should be induced to change this state of affairs. The last Congress, at the request of the Postmaster General, appropriated \$10,000,000 to try the experiment in villages and rural districts. The result, as far as reported, is proven highly satisfactory. The increase of business has almost, or altogether, been equal to the increased expense of the service.

The Objects of the Grange Order.

If the expense were found to be too great then the plan of cutting off some of the postoffice might be tried, at the same time appointing mail carriers to cover the ground. Mr. Rhone closed by briefly stating the objects of the Grange, which included: The maintenance in elevation of the paper money of the United States, independent of national banks, in sufficient quantity to prevent contraction; the enforcement of the national and State oleomargarine laws; inter-State commerce law and State and national legislation to prevent the issue of corporations; the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people; We demand a reform ballot law, the election of the Department of Agriculture to a cabinet position, which has been realized; a graduated income tax, prohibition of alien land ownership; reform in the patent laws; legislation that would control trusts and prevent gambling in futures, cotton and monopolies, lower rates of interest, pure food, and for the American farmer equality before all laws; the issue of money direct from the Government to the people, at a low rate of interest, with land as the basis of security under proper restriction.

CLAIMED TO BE FITZSIMMONS.

A Beckey Jewelry Burglar Just Caught, Halls Ferry, Md.

ALLIANCE, Dec. 8.—Last night the store of F. F. Vollogne at New Waterford was entered about 8:30 o'clock, and watches and money amounting to \$300 were stolen. A portion of the money belonged to the Adams Express Company. This morning an Alliance officer, while inspecting several cars, spied a bareheaded man. He was immediately arrested and searched. On his person were found 14 gold watches, \$75 in money, a revolver and a razor. This afternoon he was taken to New Waterford.

Considerable excitement was created when he gave the name of Fitzsimmons and his home as Pittsburgh, but it is not thought that it is the original Fitz. He is a young man and very short. In the place of the lost hat he wore a red handkerchief on his head, which gave him a very desperate appearance. He refuses to give any explanation, except that another man had raised the window while he got in. The booty was probably divided, which accounts for other watches being missing.

Synodical Committee at Work.

ALTOONA, Dec. 8.—The executive committee of the Presbyterian Synodical Committee of Pennsylvania and West Virginia met at the Logan House to-day. Rev. James S. McIntosh, D. D., of Philadelphia; Rev. J. M. Melnick of Oakdale station; Rev. W. H. White, J. D. Germantown; Rev. W. H. Cooke, D. D., Wheeling, W. Va., and Rev. George B. Stewart, Harrisburg, are in attendance. The committee grants aid to about 120 Presbyterian churches in these States for the support of their pastor the total amount being \$21,000.

Two Freight Trains Wrecked.

MASSILLON, Dec. 8.—The engines of two freight trains on the Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling and Ft. Wayne met at the junction of those two roads in this city last night while going at a high rate of speed. Both engines were completely damaged and a number of cars were wrecked. The property loss will exceed \$2,000.

Beaver Falls' New Church.

BEAVER FALLS, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of those interested in the starting of a Second Presbyterian Church, the committee on

procuring names of those willing to join reported 43 names. Joseph Maxwell will attend the Shenango Presbytery at Pulaski to-day, to present the case and ask that a committee be appointed to visit Beaver Falls and investigate the matter.

THE GRANGERS WERE THE SHARPER.

Peculiar Business Transactions Which Wrecked a Storage House.

WAPAKONETA, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—A decision was to-day rendered on the famous wheat case, in connection with the recent failure of Stenger & Frank. For some years this firm of flour and grain dealers has been doing a peculiar storage business. They permitted farmers to bring grain there for storage, although they had no storage facilities whatever, and sold this same wheat in the Toledo and Chicago markets as soon as received. In this way they had on hand at the time of the failure some 20,000 bushels.

It was the privilege of the wily Grangers to sell their wheat whenever they desired. The usual price for a rice and refused to sell when the market was down, resulting usually in a heavy loss to Stenger & Frank, who were obliged to sell on all markets, carrying at the time of the failure only 1,000 of 20,000 bushels of wheat supposed to be on hand. The test case of Allan Covert to recover 300 bushels of stored wheat, was decided in favor of the assignees of the firm. This stops all further litigation.

FELONY CASES WITHHELD.

An Old Abuse on Which the Cambria County Courts Are Putting a Quietus.

EBENSBURG, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—The case of Irwin Rutledge, a Justice of the Peace of Johnstown, charged with misdemeanor in office, was tried here to-day. Mr. Rutledge is doorkeeper of the Pennsylvania Senate. It was proved to-day that the defendant had withheld charges of felony over five days, the time required by law. In the case in question it was held 45 days. The jury returned a verdict not guilty, but placed the costs of the case on Mr. Rutledge. Alderman John T. Harris, of Johnstown, formerly Chief of Police of that city, was tried on a like charge, and a similar verdict was rendered. It was shown that the prosecution had been brought by the District Attorney after all efforts had failed to correct the abuses that had been practiced in this county for years. It was proved by the defense that this practice of withholding cases had been common for years.

THE MURDERER OF REESE.

Elmer and Charlie Bruner and the Stark Woman to Be Tried.

EBENSBURG, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—The trial of Elmer Bruner, the murderer of old man Reese, will begin to-morrow. His accomplices, the Stark woman and Charlie Bruner, are also indicted with him, but will be tried separately. Reese was found lying dead at his own door early one morning several months ago, and Elmer Bruner's sweetheart or wife, as is claimed, was captured near Latrobe. She made a confession charging Bruner with the crime. Young Charlie Bruner was also arrested soon after, and his testimony corroborated that of the woman, who said they had been together in the Houtzdale bank, in a buggy, together and stopped to rob the Reese place, when the old man came back and was shot in the doorway by Elmer. The latter claimed he had shot in self-defense, and that Reese had picked up a gun when the deed was committed.

BANK PRESIDENT DILL ARRESTED.

The Clearfield Man Is Accused of Appropriating \$25,000 to His Own Use.

CLEARFIELD, Pa., Dec. 8.—William H. Dill, ex-President of the defunct First National Bank and owner of the Houtzdale bank, was to-day arrested on information made by John R. McGrath, cashier of the Houtzdale bank when it went under. The information charges Dill with having on or about the 15th of May willfully and fraudulently converted to his own use \$25,000 belonging to the Houtzdale bank. Dill at once gave bail in \$3,000 for his appearance for a hearing on Thursday, December 10. The other cases against Dill returned to December term of court have been continued.

The Disputed Ohio Senatorship.

ZANESVILLE, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—To-day the Muskingum County Board of Elections held a meeting at the request of the attorneys of George Ideu, the Republican candidate for State Senator in the joint Fifteenth-Sixteenth Senatorial district. The Republican members signed the Ideu certificate. The Democratic members and the clerk refused to sign the certificate. The board of elections, however, proceeded from the Licking County Board. The objectors will be served with mandamus papers from the State Supreme Court.

Tri-State Briefs.

SENATOR QUAY testified yesterday before the Beaver grand jury in his Star label suit.

BURGALS blew open four safes in as many different Beaver Falls business houses Tuesday, and only got \$2 for their trouble.

ANXIOUS carpenters are striking in the city, and the carpenters' strike embarrased him.

Mrs. HARRY DIXON, of Dravosburg, near McKeesport, while in her back yard Tuesday evening, was shot at by an unknown man on the porch, but was missed. The motive is not known, and there are no clues.

ADAM FORSYTHE, of McKeesport, whose confectionery store was robbed eight times during the past year, came near being robbed a ninth time Tuesday. He was shot at by an unknown man. It is believed a secret gang is bent on getting rid of him.

PICKED UP BY THE POLICE.

MARY McCLELLY was committed to jail for court by Alderman Leslie yesterday on a charge of larceny, preferred by Seymour Bowles.

ANNIE SIMPSON was sent 60 days to the workhouse yesterday morning by Magistrate McKenna for calling Isabella Gibson ugly names.

FRANK CROWE and William Uppgraft were sent 60 days to the workhouse yesterday as suspicious characters. They are well known in Bloomfield.

SUPERINTENDENT J. E. ROGO, of the Citizens' Traction Company, was held by Alderman Kerr in the sum of \$200 for court on a charge of maintaining a nuisance by allowing the cars to stand in front of the power house.

SUPERINTENDENT MUTH yesterday received a letter from Kent, O., making inquiry for Joseph Lanzetta, who was supposed to have been arrested for burglary about two weeks ago. The superintendent knows nothing of the man.

H. G. KENNEDY, of Apollo, was held in \$1,000 bail for court by United States Commissioner and directed yesterday on sending improper matter through the mails. The information was made by Postoffice Inspector Dickson.

LIEUTENANT GLENN yesterday morning arrested John Morris, standing in front of No. 129 Second avenue with a revolver in his hand threatening to shoot the first person coming out. He was sent 30 days to the workhouse.

The following cases were disposed of by Mayor Morrison yesterday: Frank Coing drunk and disorderly, 30 days to jail; John Lyons and A. W. Remley, fighting, 30 and 60 days to jail; John Hunt, drunk and disorderly, 10 days to jail; Michael Mehan, raising a disturbance in a saloon, 30 and 60 days.

Ocean Steamship Arrivals.

Steamer. Where from. Destination. Lord Gough.....Philadelphia.....Queensdown. Lord Gough.....Philadelphia.....Queensdown. Lord Gough.....Philadelphia.....Queensdown.

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A FAMOUS TURF CASE.

F. L. Noble and the Trotting Association Before a Buffalo Court.

AN IMPORTANT ORDER IS MADE.

Buckenberger Trying to Sign Catcher Grimm for the Local Club.

PRINCETON'S FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

BUFFALO, Dec. 8.—The celebrated case of Frank L. Noble, of the Standard Stock Farm of Grand Rapids, Mich., against the National Trotting Association came up before Judge Hamilton Ward in the Supreme Court this morning after a delay of two years. The case is one of the most noted in the record of the turf, and in the last two years has occasioned more comment and trouble than any similar affair with which the National Trotting Association has been connected since that body was organized.

It is the outcome of what is alleged to be the greatest fraud ever perpetrated on the turf. So far it has resulted in the expulsion of C. H. Nelson and Frank L. Noble from all race tracks controlled by the Association. The National Trotting Association for two years endeavored to try the case of Noble, but has been prevented by the injunction, which still stands, and its only means of further investigation is through Noble's case, which is now before court, his object being to obtain a perpetual injunction.

Mr. Brownell, of Sprague, Morey, Sprague & Brownell, of this city, representing Noble, asked that the case be carried over again, claiming that through the illness of his wife Noble was unable to be present; that Mr. Morey, who is familiar with the case, was in Tonawanda, and that M. J. Smiley, the Grand Rapids attorney who has represented Noble in the previous hearing, was also unable to be present. William B. Hoyt, of this city, and Judge J. M. Whitehead, representing the National Association, made strong pleas against the case going on. They claimed that for two years Noble has been endeavoring to delay the case and that they were anxious to try it, having Mr. Whitehead present from New York. George W. Archer from Rochester and Mr. Gansor, of Hartford, Assistant Secretary of the National Trotting Association. They claimed that the turf interests of this country demanded that the cases should be tried at once.

Judge Ward adjourned the case until to-morrow, ordering that the plaintiff's attorneys show something in the cause why the case should not be heard. In all probability the case will be argued, and it is said that Reese had picked up a gun when the deed was committed.

TRYING TO SIGN GRIMM.

Manager Buckenberger Is Hunting at Indianapolis After a Catcher and Infielder.

Manager Buckenberger is in Indianapolis yesterday trying to sign Grimm, the catcher and infielder, but up to a late hour last evening nothing definite was done. A telegram from the manager was received in the city yesterday afternoon stating that Grimm's demands were outrageous. The figures were given in the telegram, and they certainly were much higher than the local club will pay.

Electing Their Officers.

Annual Meeting of the Local Ball Club and Mr. Temple Is President.

The annual meeting of the local baseball club stockholders was held yesterday in Jersey City. When Messrs. Temple, Scandrett and Brown arrived there they learned that the club's officers must be elected at the meeting. Accordingly they wired Mr. Kerr, asking him if he would be President of the club for the next 12 months, and he answered "No." Mr. W. C. Temple was then elected President. Mr. Kerr, Vice President, A. K. Scandrett, Secretary, and Mr. L. Brown, Treasurer.

Results at Gutterburg.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., Dec. 8.—The track was wet and heavy.

First race, four and one-half furlongs—Go Lucky first, Mike Watson second, Surplus third. Time, 2:34.

Second race, six and one-half furlongs—Daisy first, Herid second, Onaway third. Time, 1:27.

Third race, five furlongs—Basil Duke first, Early Blossom second, Mohican third. Time, 1:15.

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Bing first, Never second, Mill Young third. Time, 1:36.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Paragon first, Breeze second, Temmany Hall third. Time, 1:20.

Sixth race, seven furlongs—Sir George II. first, Glaston second, Ward Duke third. Time, 1:34.

The Freshmen Won.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 8.—[Special.]—The game of the season at Rutgers was played to-day between the sophomores and freshmen on Neilson field, the freshmen winning by a score of 16 to 6. It is a noteworthy fact that it is the first time since 1885 that the freshmen have won. George Ludlow made the first touchdown for '95 and Parker kicked the goal; '94 made his first and only touchdown soon afterward, and Thomas kicked a pretty goal. Sagara carried the ball over for another touchdown for '95 after a hard struggle. In the second half George Ludlow made the last touchdown and Parker kicked goal.

Garfield Is Manager.

WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., Dec. 8.—[Special.]—The students of Williams College held a large football meeting to-night for the election of a manager for next season. Abram Garfield, '93, of Mentor, O., was elected by a large majority. He is a son of ex-President Garfield, and one of the most popular men in college. He is a brother of Williams' football captain for next season.

The College Team Won.

An interesting game of Rugby football was played at Meriden station yesterday between the Holy Ghost College team and the second eleven of the Pittsburgh High School. The game was a lively one in all respects and was won by the college team by 16 to 0.

Ready to Run Horsey.

J. J. Jones, the Horriestay printer, writes this paper stating that Morrissey, of McKeesport, has challenged him to a 200-yard foot race. Jones says he is ready to run Morrissey any time this year at any distance and for any amount.

Sold Another.

FRANKLIN, Dec. 8.—[Special.]—Charles Thompson, of St. Paul, to-day purchased of Miller and Sibley of this city, the two year old filly Astella, by St. Bel, dam Della Sharps, for \$3,000.

May Play Two Games.

Efforts are being made to arrange two As-

sociation football games between the team of the Pittsburgh club and the East Liverpool team. It is likely the first contest between the teams will take place in this city Saturday week, and the second game at East Liverpool a week later.

MAID OF KENT WINS.

She Gets First Prize in the All Age Pointer Stake at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, N. C., Dec. 8.—[Special.]—The Central Field trials were resumed to-day with the all age pointer stake. There were two more heats to run off in the first series and Grouse and Grouse made the first of first. Grouse had the best of it in points. Maid of Kent and Frank W. were the next two and both ranged out well. In the second series Duke of Hessen and Wild Damon ran a fairly good race. Book Second and Grouse then ran about 200 yds and the only bevy was found by Book Second. Then Maid of Kent and Frank W. ran together for a short time, both going going very well.

RIVER NEWS AND NOTES.

Louisville Items—The Stage of Water and the Movements of Boats.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS TO THE DISPATCH.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 8.—Business good. Weather clear. At 7 o'clock the river was rising, with 8 feet 5 inches in the canal, 6 feet 1 inch on the fall and 15 feet 2 inches below. The Charley Brown and tow left for the South this morning. The Cyclone also left. The Golden and the Grand, Cincinnati, left for Cincinnati. The S. S. Carrolton, the Kanawha, Evansville, the S. S. Owensboro, Kentucky River, Falls City.

What Upper Ganges Show.

ALLEGHENY JUNCTION—River 10 feet and falling. Cloudy and cold.

ROCKFORD—River 9 feet and falling. Clear. Thermometer 32° at 4 P. M.

CHICKEN CREEK—River 3 inches and rising. Clear. Thermometer 29° at 4 P. M.

WARRICK—River 4.5 feet and falling. Clear and cold.

The News From Below.

EVANSVILLE—River 15 feet and falling. Clear. Wheeling—River 15 feet and falling. Departed—Keystone State, Cincinnati; Hudson, Cincinnati; Redford, Pittsburgh; Courier, Parkersburg, Clear.

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