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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE. To the Senate and House of Represen tatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsulvania:

GENTLEMEN: From the days of Wilpredecessors, when making their anmillion, eight hundred and ninety-nine
nual communications to the General thousand, eight hundred and sixty-eight Assembly, to acknowledge their gratdollars and eighty-two cents have been the people of this State seem to be itude to, and dependence upon the paid, and at five per cent. the sum doomed annually to witness, in the Great Lawgiver of the Universe. In of \$244,493 44, in interest, is annual election of that officer; and because nmon constituents. In transmitting to you the seventy-ninth annual message since the

organization of the present State government, it affords me the highst gratification to congratulate you and our fellow-citizens generally on their enjoying, to an unusual degree, the blessings of health and unstinted prosperity; and that our principles and institutions—the pride and boast just emerged, remain unimpaired and vital in every part.

Under such auspicious circumstances you have assembled, for the purpose of discharging the important duties, and assuming the special responsibilities which devolve upon you. the greatest caution in your delibera-T. DAVIES, ATTORNEY AT meet the expectations and approba-W. Torranda, Pa. Office with Wm. Wat-Princular attention paid to Orphans' tion of all the people; but much of this difficulty may be overcome by avoiding legislation for personal and special interests, and not being unmindful of the magnitude of the interests of the State, and of its rapid y advancing population, wealth and influence to destinies beyond the reach of human vision. A nobler heritage was never given to man than that which we possess; geographically and politically of the greatest importance; an area of more than forty-four thousand square miles; diversified with mountains, valleys, R. H. A. BARTLETT, Physician with majestic forests of valuable tim-DR. ST. VENS, over Browns (late dotted with comfortable homestead, late) occupied by Dr. Macili and Dr. Weston. 11-50.

coal, iron, oil, salt and other minerals; with farmers, manufacturers, mechanics, wool-growers, coal and said: B. UAMP, INSURANCE iron miners, oil producers, and merchants full of activity and confidence; with thousands of miles of railroads and canals to transfer the vast products to market, and accommodate the travel of four millions of happy and prosperous people. Nor should we be forgetful of education in all its branches, of the public charities, prisons, reformatories, the collection of servation of order, and the more cer-

> perhaps others of equal importance, demand legislation of the most enlightened, liberal and comprehensive character. In conformity to the requirements of the Constitution, I proceed to invite your attention to such measures as are deemed necessary for your consideration, and to assure you of my willingness to share with you the anxieties and responsibilities of all legislation calculated to advance the

prosperity of the people and the best interests of the Commonwealth. FINANCES. From the reports of the Auditor General and State Treasurer, the following statement has been carefully prepared, and exhibits the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year

ending November 30, 1869: RECEIPTS. 3alance in Treasury, Nov. 30, 1859, \$1,012,925 3 Ordinary receipts during the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1869...... 5,241,711 28

Total in Treasury during year ending Nov. 30, 1869 DISBUBSEMENTS. Ordinary expenses paid during the year ending Nov. 30, 1869..... ...\$2,485,114 27 109,614 09 Int. pd. at Treas'ry, 170,665 74
Int. pd. by Commissioners of Sinking

debt. The following is a statement showing the nature of the indebtedness of the Commonwealth, on November 30, Funded debt, viz:
6 per cent. loans... \$25,311,180 00
5 per cent. loans... 7,277,384 38
41 per cent. loans... 112,000 00 Unfunded debt, viz: 

19,086 52

4,448 58

ontstanding.... Interest certific't's unclaimed.....

At the commencement of the pre-ent administration in January, 1667, the total outstanding indebtedness of the State was thirty even million, seven hundred and four thousand, four liam Penn, the great and pious foun-hundred and nine dollars and seventy- ed by the holding of the position of der of our Commonwealth, it has seven cents. Since then, and up to State Treasurer, unknown to the pubbeen the universal custom of my November 30, 1869, the sum of four lic, but which readily accounts for predecessors, when making their an-million, eight handred and ninety-nine the disgraceful scramble, and for the political and moral debauchery which

mitation of their noble example, let ly saved to the Commonwealth. Conus carnestly invoke His blessing and sequently, the total amount of inguidance in our efforts to perform the debtedness of the Commonwealth on Then, in the name of the good peogreat work of legislation now before November 30, 1869, was thirty-two us, in such manner as to meet His million, eight hundred and fourteen approbation, as well as that of our thousand, five hundred and forty do lars and ninety-five cents.

The reduction during the year ending November 30, 1869, amounts to four hundred and seventu-two thousand.

four hundred and six dollars and eigh

teen cents.

ASSETS IN SINKING FUND. The assets remaining in the Sink ing Fund are as follows, viz: Bonds of the Pennsylvania Railroad Comand institutions—the pride and boast pany, six million, three hundred thouof every true hearted patriot—alsand dollars. Agreeably to an act hough tried again in the crucible of dated March 30, 1869, the Sinking a heated political contest, the heav- Fund Commissioners delivered al ings of popular passion, and the col- the obligations of the Sunbury and lision of parties, from which we have Erie Railroad Company, being third mortgage bonds, to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, and received therefor thirty-five second mortgage bonds of one hundred thousand dollars each, making in all three million, five hundred thousand dollars, executed by the said Allegheny It is extremely difficult, even with Valley Railroad Company, and guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Northern Central Rail-

> every year, beginning January 1, 1875, and so continuing annually thereafter until the said sum of three million, five hundred thousand dollars shall be paid, with interest there-

on from January 1, 1872. The citizens of Pennsylvania have always borne taxation not only patiently but cheerfully, and they are still as willing as ever to contribute plains, rivers; mountains covered to the payment of all the obligations resting upon the State; but they expect their public servants who are inaffairs, to act upon the most prudent and luxuriant fields marked by the and economical basis. In a word,

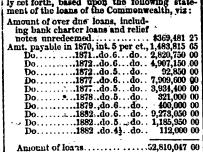
> On the 30th of January last, reply ing to a resolution of the Senate,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt through the Clerk of your Honorable body, copy of the following resolution, passed on the 12th inst., to wit: "Resorted, That the Governor be requested to submit some plan to the Senate to secure the State from loss by the accumulation of large amounts of surplus funds in the Treasury." amounts of surplus funds in the Treasury."

"In roply, I beg leave to direct your attention to my message of January 8, 1868, in which I say, 'the balance now in the Treasury might be rendered productive by being invested in the bonds of the State, bearing aix per cent. interest;' and to the message of January 6, 1869, where I remars, 'whenever there may be surplus funds in the Treasury, they can with safety and benefit to the State, be employed in the purchase of its outstanding bonds, and in saving the interest on them which would accumulate prior to their maturity."

Since making these succestions, and mature-

Since making these suggestions, and maturely deliberating upon the subject, I have seen no reason to change my mind in relation thereto; and now submit the same plan, more specifically cot forth, based upon the following statement of the leans of the Commonwealth, viz:



Amount of loans..... To the liquidation of these loans the surplus funds in the Trensury could, with great propriety, be applied. This indebtedness is held in bonds bearing interest; and it will readily be perceived that this interest will be saved to the State upon whatever amount of these bonds may be redeemed, and the State be saved from all risks of loss by the accumulation of large amounts of surplus funds in the Treasury.

pupil is ninety-seven cents per month. is \$3,500,704 26. Total cost including expenditures of all kinds during A few illustrations will show the value of school property, \$14,045,632. recommended that the indigent chilbeneficial workings of this plan. At the termination of the fiscal year end-school law was made general in the served in Pennsylvania regiments, laws, and the protection of the lives the Legislature has thus far failed to cur. the termination of the fiscal year end school law as had general the structed and who died prior to January 1, and property of the citizens. It is, and property of the citizens. It is, which interests of such magnitude to structed and managed in the most unexpended balance in the Treasury still remain five districts within the of \$1,012,915 37. If the suggestions is the service of the service heretofore made had been carried out, thereto. Hopes are entertained that United States during the late war, by the investment of one million of four of these will soon accept the condollars, at that time, in the five per ditions of the law, and the remaining cent. bonds that will fall due July 1, one, known as the Harmony District, 1870, and which I am credibly informed could then have been purchased at something less than their own, will probably not adopt the purchased, and the schools have been own, will probably not adopt the purchased, and the schools have been own, will probably not adopt the purchased. Bai. in Treasury, Nov. 30, 1869, 1,400,862 49

Bat will be observed from the above, that part of the loans and interest are paid at the Treatnry, and has been lost to the State. Again, on ly adopted by the voluntary consent try, This humane and philanthropinterest are paid at the Treacury, and has been lost to the state. Again, on y adopted by ingert of both by the Commissioners of the 30th of November, 1869, there and general acquiescence of the peo-ic service is being performed by ingert of the peo-the Sibling Fund. This produces a was in the Treasury an unexpended ple. the Sinking Fund. This produces a complication of accounts; which, in balance of \$1,400,862 49. If one As

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The closed his careeer as Adjutant of these institutions are described in the results of the second o financial statement, I recommend that lars of this sum had been invested in are entitled to assume the front rank. inancial statement, I recommend that authority be given by law to charge the Commissioners with the whole amount of the State debt, and also with all the money applicable to the payment thereof, and that they alone the \$40,833 34, but which, in consehaving leased this Heat, it have ready to accommon be credited with all payments on both the continues of the state of the cannot reiterate too strongly my re-commendations on this subject, and my last annual communication, a citizens, and tends to elevate, everywould, therefore, recommend that a State Normal school has been fully where, the reputation of Pennsyllaw be passed making it the duty of established and recognized at Blooms- vania, (the first State to establish law be passed making it the duty of established and recognized at Blooms vania, (the first State to established and recognized at Blooms to the Commissioners of the Sinking burg, Columbia county. Its builds such schools,) to the highest degree, In it you will find a detriled account even here foreign companies maintain wooden chimney, it seems almost certain the operations of the operation of the opera rund to invest an surpus stands as ings are of the most imission and surpus stands as they accrue in the Treatily as they accrue in the Treatily have the people entering the Commonwealth next falling due.

I beg, once more, to remind the state of preparation at California, Legislature that the salary of the Washington county, and will probable at Legislature that the salary of the Treatily as they accrue in the Treatily have the people entering the control of the operations of the preparation of the pr State Treasurer should at least be bly be completed during the current but that they will most cordially ap- careful research, and unbiased judgequal to that of the Governor. It is year. only seventeen hundred dollars, a sum entirely insufficient to command the services of any responsible man, who is required to furnish a bond

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ordinary magnitude. Yet there are out the State attending private schools but few men who have held this of- is estimated at eighty-five thousand fice, however poor they may have The aggregate of the educational been when they took charge of it, condition of the children of the Comwho have not become rich. There is monwealth, may be thus stated: Whole number of children pers 975,759 The subject of non-attendance by so large a portion of children, is soo

cially and most carnestly commended to your consideration. It is true economy on the part of the State, if of the disgrace it brings upon their representatives, the people hang their heads in indignation and shame. ossible, to save these children from ignorance, vagrancy and crime. To neglect them would be inexcusable, if not criminal Doubtless in your ple of Pennsylvania, I call upon the assembled wisdom you will be able members of the Legislature, without to devise some effectual mode by distinction of party, to rise above the which this evil can be remedied. Many of the recommendations conmurkyness of the polluted atmostained in the report of the Superinphere of the past, to the true dignity of manhood and exalted patriotism, tendent are of the utmost importance and eminently deserving of serious attention and legislative action. The and purify the election of Treasurer as well as that of every other officer facts above set forth illustrate most within this Commonwealth, and punish every one who tampers with the forcibly the practical value of our a less rate than is generally demand- the importance of the subject, and to purity of elections, whatever may be most admirable common school system for boarding alone, thus affording the credit of the State, that Pennsylhis position or pretentions. And tem, and bear testimony that cannot then every one who shall have performed his whole duty to sustain the liberality by which it has been control interests of the State and to ceived and so successfully carried in paratively small expenditures. UnThere is, probably, no State in the

SOLDIERS' ORPHAYS' SCHOOLS. Attention is invited to the report of the Superintendent of the Soldiers open arms, and with the joyful ex- Orphans' Schools, for the year endclamation of "well done good and ing May 31, 1869, in which is exhib-faithful servant." ited their condition, circumstances Liberal appropriations are made and expenditures.

annually to our penitentiaries, luna-.The whole number of children adtic asylums, and other charitable and mitted into these schools from their beneficial institutions, without re- origin to the 31st day of May, 1869, quiring from those who receive and is four thousand, five hundred and evidence that it has been faithfully seven have been discharged on order, road Company and the Philadelphia evidence that it has been faithfully seven have been discharged on order, be reported annually to the Legisla-and Eric Railroad Company, payable applied to the objects intended. This five hundred and eighteen on age, ture by the Professor of Agriculture. It is wrong, and should be corrected and fifty-three have died; making a little control of the control of t to the Commonwealth as follows, viz:

The principal of one of said bonds (\$100,000) shall be payable each and (\$100,000) shall be payable each and hy law and usage to settle their use. by law and usage to settle their ac- at the end of the year. Up to May counts, on proper vouchers, in the 31, 1869, the number of discharges Auditor General's office. This is from the schools have exceeded forright; and there is no good reason mer estimates by one hundred and seventy-five. The number of appliwhy the same accountability should not be enforced against all those who money from the bounty of the Com-

monwealth. I, therefore, recommend State except six. that a law be passed requiring all The sanitary condition of the chil-State appropriations, to take proper vouchers for all moneys so expended tlements of the same in the Auditor third of one per cent. per annum. education, clothing and general expenses, for the year ending May 31.

The entire cost for maintenance, ed and perpetuated egislature through whose influence 1869, differs but little from the origithe appropriations are represented to nal estimate of the Superintendent, For many years the general appro-priation bills have been signed on the

An unexpended bal. of \$6,004 74 Appropriated Apr. 11, '68, 400,000 00 Appropriated Mar. 13, '69, 50,000 00 day of the adjournment of the Legis-lature, and I here repeat my sugges-tions of last year on this subject. "The Governor has been forced ei-Balance unprovided for. 44,966 88 ther to sign the bills without proper investigation, notwithstanding any objections he may have; suspend the neans to defray the operations of the government for the ensuing year; or call an extra session of the Legisla-ture. It is therefore earnestly desirn months.

ed that the appropriation bill be ta-In his last annual report, the Suken up, discussed and passed at a perintendent estimated the expenses sufficiently early period during the session to enable the Governor to propriated for that year, by act of April 16, 1869, was \$450,000. As the been requested by the Adjutant Gengive it that thorough examination its Superintendent reports the expenses eral for that office. will not materially vary from his es-The peculiar interest which is always manifested by the people in the subject of education, is an inducement to lay before you, more at length | to be provided for during the present | than would otherwise be done, the session.

For the maintenance of these For the maintenance of these been responded to with alacrity, and schools during the year ending May is exhibited as follows: In 1866, principal statistics of the system drawn from the report of the Super-31, 1871, it is estimated that \$534, libere were eight volunteer companies; 500 will be required. Which sum I in 1867, thirty-eight; in 1868, sixty-recommend to be appropriated, with seven, and in 1869, one hundred and There are within the State 1,971 school districts; 13,936 schools; 2,school districts; 13,936 schools; 2,- recommend to be appropriated, what seven, and in 1869, one nundred and 445 graded schools; 12,900 school the positive understanding that the eighty-four. No less than one hundred and seven companies were or-142 teachers, and 815,753 pupils.

The average cost of tuition ior each The whole cost of tuition for the year | constantly increasing desire to obtain admission into these schools, that some definite limit should be deterchall be hereafter admitted, and none

With unsparing patience, well-cor-As important auxiliaries to our ers, which will be more fully shown

the information of the Legislature.

The establishment of these institu-

literature, and to promote the prac-

far the most satisfactory results from cctavo volumes, in which the name the workings of the college have not of every Pennsylvania volunteer will been realized. But it is now under have its appropriate place. Two of the direction of a president and six these volumes are already completed, learned professors. It receives for in a manner highly creditable to the its pupils only males over the age of Commonwealth. The third is rapid fifteen years, qualified for admission ly progressing, and with a generous by a good common school education. There are in it at present forty-five honorable body the entire history students, with a fair prospect of a will be executed, if not before, soon considerable increase in number. after the close of the present year. Tuition, board and the ordinary nec- Most other States are publishing his essaries of life, are there furnished at tories similar to this, and it is due to

deserves the indulgent sympathy and support of the people.

Three experimental farms are condiana county, and one in Chester menced upon them under the pre-

scribed programme of a series of ex- cared and provided for, reflect great periments with promises of complete credit upon the Legislatures who be reported annually to the Legisla- their support. But there is one oth-MILITARÝ.

The misit ry department is one great importance to the honorable listory of the Commonwealth, and to that of her citizens individually. It cations for admission on file and not is the custodian of all the military receive annually such large sums to acted on, was seven hundred and records of the State, embracing that one; some from every county in the of every officer and private soldier, and the history of every military persons who receive and disburse dren in these schools has been remarkably good. And from the fore-going statement it appears that dur-imental, State and National flags imental, State and National flags by them, and to make quarterly setting the four years in which they have borne by our soldiers, and many been in operation, the whole number trophies of war won by their valor of deaths has been less than one on the field. All of which should be systematically and carefully preserv

> During the last three years all the taff officers rendered necessary the war, and the different offices established for the convenience of the soldiers, have been discontinued, and the duties performed by them, as well as the official books and papers, have been transferred to the Adjutant Gen-456,001 74 eral's department. He is, therefore, the only military officer remaining, to whomrecourse is constantly had for For which sum there should be a statistics and announation, not only special appropriation without delay, by the soldiers, and their relatives to meet the pressing wants of the and attorneys, but by other States eachers of the different institutions, and by the War Department at Washwho have been al eady compelled to ington. All these circumstances, conawait its payment for more than sev- nected with the present flourishing condition of the volunteer militia in the State, induce me to request the continuance of legislative lavor for or the current year terminating May the Adjutant General's department, 31, 1870, at \$494,700. The sum ap- and that it may be generously suppli-

> An unusual martial activity pretimate, there will therefore be a deficit of \$44,700 for the current year, particularly in Philadelphia. The encouragement which has been afforded to the uniformed militia has

mg expenditures of all kinds during some definite limit should Le deterties year, \$6,986,148 92. Estimated value of school property, \$14,045,632. Estimated that the indigent chilvalue of school property, \$14,045,632. recommended that the indigent chilger, would be ready at once to imper-Notwithstanding the fact that our dren of Pennsylvania soldiers, who il itself for the enforcement of the 1866, from wounds received or distance therefore, desirable that the Legislapractical aid as would, in some degree compensate them for the time and money expended to maintain their organizations, in which the people are as much interested as the volunteers themselves.

The report of the Adjutant Gener al will be found a very interesting document, containing much valuable information and many important suggestions. A careful perusal of its contents, and such actions thereon as seems to be demanded by their importance, is recommended. General D. B. McCreary has been elected General. In losing his valuable services from a position he has so ably filled for more than two years, the hope is indulged that the department will gain an intelligent and devoted friend, and an able and efficient advocate in the halls of legislation.

MILITARY HISTORY.

The report of the State Historian is deserving of your careful attention. year. prove all necessary appropriations ment. The labor to be performed is to the dishonor of the Commonthe ventilating furnace be still allowed, to build the chimnies, the sides of the fact that there are about seventyfive thousand children in the State adopted children of the Commonwith its magnitude. It embraces a repeat the recommendation made to ing it at the top with incombustible that do not attend schools of any wealth. To the honor, State pride faithful account of all the organiza- the Legislature at its last session, materials. But even this precaution with good and approved sureties, for description, and who are permitted and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is tions of Pennsylvania troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is the troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is the troops during that an insurance department be esciplified and humanity of the Legislature is the troops during the troop

impression that it would contribute curred in the history of the world. much to the easy acquisition of a The propriety of such a work must knowledge of agriculture, science and be apparent to every infelligent citizen of the Commonwealth. Certaintical education of the industrial class- ly it is due to the citizen soldiers, es in the several pursuits of life. It who offered their lives in the defense has been fostered by the most liberal of their country, that their names legislation, and is endowed with the should, at least, receive a place in the sum of \$381,500, invested in United archives of the State, toward whose States and Pennsylvania bonds, yield- honor and glory their gallant deeds

ing an aggregate interest this year of have so largely contributed.

\$25,551 90, which has been paid to The work of the Historian, when the trustees of the institution. Thus completed, will embrace four large appropriation on the part of your

There is, probably, no State in the der these circumstances the college American Union that has centributed more liberally toward the support of charitable and benevolent institutions than that of Pennsylvania. The apnected with the college, purchased at priations annually made for the ben-an aggregate cost of \$43,886 50. One efft of the soldiers' orphans' schools, ent of the soldiers' orphans' schools, is located at the college, one in In- asylums for the deaf and dumb, blind and insane, and many similar worthy county. Operations have been com- establishments in which the poor, helpless and otherwise friendless are

received. An efficient law festablishisburse the money any satisfactory nine; of whom three hundred and success; the results of which are to have donated the requisite means for ing an Insurance Department, such as is recommended, would meet this er institution needed, and the claims and all matters connected with the for which are more strongly urged by every principle of humanity and sublect of insurance, in all its branchpatriotism, than any other now in exstence, which has not yet received the attention its vast importance imbattle" in defense of the honor, in- ple: It caused a thrill of horror to tegrity and perpetuity of the Ameri- spread throughout the country; and can Union. No men living have as powerful claims upon the generosity | tive of the most painful emotions and and nurturing care of the Common- deepest sorrow for the sufferers. Wowealth of Pennsylvania, as those who men and children who had been acupon the battlefield, tought to pro-tee: it against threatened devastation the miner as one of ordinary characand destruction, and who in this pat- ter, now look upon it as fraught with riotic service, endangered their lives, danger, and part with relatives and sacrificed their health, lost their friends, when about to pursue their limbs, and became enfeebled and dis-abled for life. And yet we daily see bodings. And even the sturdy mithese men, (and who does not blush ner, himself, trembles at his dangerto see them? I to whom we owe the ous calling, and demands greater propreservation of our Government, the tection than has hitherto been affordomes we enjoy, and almost everything we possees, hobbling about our streets upon crutches, with missing ty seems to be as follows: Early on limbs, and otnerwise so enfeebled as she morning of the 6th of September to be entirely unfitted for any remu- last, one hundred and eight men ennerative employment, begging their tered the Avondale Mine to prosebread from door to door, or sitting cute their avocation. None of them upon the corners of the streets turn- anticipated danger as they descendieg an organ for the few pennies the ed the fatal shaft; not one supposed charitable pasaer-by may feel dispos-ed to bestow. Every one of these he was doomed to be buried alive. helpless men, whose patriotic devo- But the destroying angel hovered tion to his country has brought him over them, and the shaft, constructed to this deplorable condition, is a principally of combustible materials, burning reproach to the State for having become ignited from some whose welfare he has met the most cause, yet undetermined, was soon a serious and lamentable of all misfor- sheet of flame, and huge burning tunes. All of them appeal, by their timbers came tumbling from above

and connot be ignored. And I do frightful and agonizing forms. earnestly recommend in their name, and in their behalf, that measures be

In two former communications more heart-rending witnessed within those existing in other States, But er such will never be permitted to ocance departments in some of the owners exacting the largest amount States are regarded of pnramount of profit from them, from the least importance, as they effectually guard possible outlay; consequently some the interests of the insured, and thro' of them, like that of Ayondale, are their healthy influence frauds and nothing but underground man-traps, spurious companies, so common in without any other outlets than wood-Pennsylvania, are rendered almost en chimnies, and these constantly impossible. The greatest benefits liable to become blazing volcanoes, would certainly accrue both to the through which escape is impossible. companies and policy holders, as has The lives of so useful a class of men already been demonstrated in the as our miners should not, and must States of New York and Massachu- not be permitted to be thus sacrificed setts, where the subject of insurance upon the altar of human cupidity. has received the most careful study and attention, and been reduced to a science which commands the appropriate their valuable services, at best laborsuch a department, with full powers worse than that of any other counto organize and examine all insurance try, whilst our mining interests are cempanies, is sanctioned by the wis- unequalled by those of any other part dom of experience. And as I have heretofore remarked, the result of the protection thus afforded, is, that while record have been traced to unsafe. foreign companies do immense busi- methods of ventilation, and more esness in this State, so little confidence pecially to the employment of furis had in those of Pennsylvania that naces at or near the bottom of the their business is almost entirely con- shafts. Where the furnace is used. fined within the State limits; and and the smoke is carried through a

whose confidence they o tained, and this, it should be made obligatory, if

enabled to transact an imof, this Commonwealth, whilst our ion, can do but little in other States panies can readily afford to pay a lie. luct their extensive operations in ennsylvania, whilst our compan rould be sorely oppressed by the imitates where their operations are exceedingly limited. And yet these other States have retaliated upon our license law, by adopting its promions and demanding from our ompanies the same amount of license n each State that we demand of heir companies in ours. This is not only oppressive to our own reglected ies, but it fails to furnish a just and equitable revenue from the various companies for the amount of business transacted. The tax should be made to bear equally upon all companies, whether home or foreign, and be adjusted proportionately to the extent of their several operations. This arrangement would be just to all—oppressive to none. The abolishment, therefore, of the license law, and the substitution in its place of a reasonable and equitable tax, would meet the approbation of all companes, in favor of equal and exact justice whether belonging to this or any other State. At the same time it would insure a largez income to the Treasury. For instunce, there are hirty-seven life insurance companies from other States doing business in Pennsylvania, who each pay a license ef five hundred dollars. Not one of these companies would object to paying an equal tax of say one-half o one per cent. upon the amount of their business. This, in the aggregate of the thirty-seven companies, is more than five millions of dollars, on which a tax of one-half of one per cent. would be twenty-five thousand dollers, increasing the revenue of the State from this source more than six thousand dollars, and at the same time equalizing the tax in accordance with the business done and the profits

Our laws in relation to life in

ice are defective and need revision tion referred to these laws bear an-

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The history of this terrible calamiwounds and destitution, to the people choking up with fire and smoke the of the Commonwealth for that care only avenue of escape. Sensible of which, in such contingencies, was their peril, the unfortunate men promised the soldier of the Union, sought a place of safety, but it was his widow, and his orphan children. not to be found. They cried for suc-It is time that all such promises cor, but no earthly arm could give should be redeemed. The wounded them help; hopeless they huddled and helpless soldiers have a claim together, and clasped in each others upon the State which should not, arms, met death in one of its most

Whilst this fearful scene was transpiring below, the immense wooden taken by your honorable body, to es- structure above the shaft took fire, tablish for them a home where they and burning with frightful rapidity, shall be amply provided with the was soon reduced to a crumbling necessary comforts of life, and no mass. Thousands of men, women longer be compelled to be pensioners and children soon surrounded the we are admonished by the rapid expansion of the system, and by the constantly increasing desire to obtain admission into these and to other parts of the State and fifty-one in other parts of the Sta upon the scanty charity of the world. place, and being unable to afford the

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