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The Governor's message has been presented and read to the General Assembly, and is to lengthy for our columns. We will give our readers a synopsis next week.

The Pennsylvania Legislature met at Harrisburg at noon on Tuesday. The Senate contains twenty Republicans, one Liberal Republican, and twelve Democrats; and the House sixty-one Republicans, thirty-six Democrats, and three Independent Democrats. Compared with the last Legislature, there are two more Republicans in the Senate and one more in the House. The present session of the Legislature is one of great importance, as considerable general legislation is necessary to properly put into operation the provision of the new constitution.

It has generally been customary with Judges to hear both sides, and take the testimony offered by the defendant before deciding a case. In the case of the "Virginians," however, the Attorney General has decided that the register was fraudulent, without any testimony being taken on the side of the defense. It would seem that here was a case for the courts, as the question is not so much a point of law as a decision as to the facts of the case, and the reputed owner, Mr. Patterson claims his right to establish the justness of his claim before a jury.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.—The Legislature organized on the 6th inst., by the election of the following officers:

SENATE.
Speaker—B. B. Strang, of Tioga.
Chief Clerk—Russell Errett, of Allegheny.

HOUSE.
Speaker—H. H. McCormick, of Allegheny.
Chief Clerk—W. C. Shurlock, of Beaver.

Assistant Clerk—Hugh A. Morrison, of Butler.
Resident Clerk—John A. Small.

The annual report of the State Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, says: Since the inauguration of the present system under the administration of Governor Curtin, in 1874, nearly seven thousand children of men who gave their lives for their country have been admitted to the different institutions throughout the State. These little ones are clothed, boarded, and educated at the public expense, and about one-half the above have already left the schools independent young men and women, capable of earning their own living and doing their duty in whatever position they may be called upon to fill. The care Pennsylvania has taken of her soldiers' orphans is something of which every citizen may well be proud.

Another increase of the public debt is announced, instead of the splendid reductions which have so long been the rule. The increase this month amounts to \$8,453,272.71. This is not great enough to excite apprehensions, but any enhancement of our immense burden of debt is deplorable. It is unnecessary, too, for if the people were furnished with an adequate supply of currency the Government coffers would always be full to overflowing, and the national obligations could again be placed in process of rapid extinguishment. The published debt statement shows that the outstanding volume of long-term notes now amounts to \$378,481,339.50, and though the improvement in the revenues since the height of the panic is marked, there is likely to be a still further drawing upon the \$14,000,000 reserve.—Philadelphia Press.

Pennsylvania Items.
—Newspaper men are not such unfortunate beings as many suppose. A reporter up in Luzerne county found a pocket book three weeks ago containing ten dollars and forty-three cents, and he has been wearing socks ever since.

—Scarlet fever, it is said, rages with much virulence in the northern section of Lancaster county. With in the last few weeks quite a number of children have died, and many are now afflicted with it in the most malignant form.

—The Harrisburg Patriot, of the 31st says: Yesterday morning a young man of this city telegraphed to Pottsville for a pass over the Philadelphia and Reading railroad. He received the following answer: "The jubilee is passed. Have received orders to issue no more. Vive la Constitution!"

—Grier, cashier of the National trust company, Pittsburg, is said by his friends to be willing to return provided he is not prosecuted. It is asserted that Grier can tell where some \$300,000 of the missing funds of the trust company have gone and will promise to secure the restoration of that amount to the assets of the institution if permitted to return.

—In Philadelphia where, a few weeks ago, the business aspect was gloomy and disheartening, affairs have taken a much brighter and more encouraging look. The large manufacturers of cotton, woolen and iron have, as a general thing, resumed work; the shrinkage of value has been almost entirely made up, and producers are receiving fair prices for their goods.

—Hon. John B. Linn, of Bellefonte is recommended for Secretary of Internal Affairs, through the Philadelphia Press. If what his advocate says of him be true we fear he will never be honored with the position. He says: "In him we would unquestionably find the right man for the place, but his merits will never be known if we wait for him to proclaim them." We may expect many good things to take place under the new Constitution, but we fear that the men who trumpet their own fitness are the men who will still receive the offices.

—Among the Republican candidates for Supreme Judge, under the new Constitution, the names of Judge Butler, of Chester county, and Hon. W. W. Ketchum, of Luzerne, have been mentioned. On the side of the Democrats, either Judge Ludlow or Hon. George M. Dallas, of Philadelphia, will probably be the candidate. George V. Lawrence, of Washington county, and M. Hall Stanton, of Philadelphia, are spoken of for the new office of Lieutenant Governor, and Hon. Thos. J. Bigham, of Allegheny, and Hon. Thos. E. Cochran, of York, for Secretary of Internal Affairs.—Pittsburg Gazette.

General News.
California has about 8,000,000 head of sheep. The wool crop in two shearings, at an average of ten pounds per head, would amount to 80,000,000 pounds, or 15,000,000 more than the total product of the United States in 1871.

So great, out in Denver, is the demand for money to be used in new buildings, that it always commands two per cent per month on the very best improved real estate security, valuing the property at about one-half its taxable valuation.

No Pardons.
The Pittsburg Telegraph expresses an opinion that, under the New Constitution, the pardoning power of the Governor is practically abrogated for about a year. His power under the present Constitution, says that paper, ceases as soon as the adoption of the new instrument is legally proclaimed. Under that he can grant no pardon, and commute no sentence, except upon the recommendation in writing of the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Attorney General, and Secretary of Internal Affairs, or any three of them, after a full hearing on due public notice in open session, &c.

Now the recommendation of the Attorney General and Secretary of State is not sufficient, and there being no Lieutenant Governor and no Secretary of Internal Affairs, it follows that no pardon can be granted. These officers are to be elected in November, 1874.

The War in San Domingo.
St. Thomas, Jan. 4.—A French man-of-war arrived here this morning, bringing ex-President Baez of San Domingo as a passenger. When the Revolutionists appeared before San Domingo, Baez, seeing that resistance was useless, entered into a convention with Gen. Gonzales, the supreme chief of the revolutionists, stipulating that he should be allowed to leave peacefully, and that his friends should be permitted to remain in the country unmolested. This was agreed to, and the revolutionists immediately entered the capital amid the acclamations of the people.

From Spain.
Madrid, Jan. 9.—The Ministry has issued a long manifesto, addressed to the nation, declaring their objects to be identical with those of the revolution of 1808.

A decree was promulgated today dissolving the Cortes and announcing that elections for a new body will be held as soon as order is rendered secure and freedom and universal suffrage are unhindered.

MOVEMENTS OF THE CARLISTS.
BAYONNE, Jan. 9.—Don Carlos and Gen. Elio with 25,000 men and eight pieces of artillery have entered San-tona. Generals Moriones and Arrejana have received reinforcements. A battle is expected to take place soon, the Carlists making the attack.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 9.—It is reported here that Helena, Montana Territory, is nearly destroyed by a fire which commenced at 1:30 this morning in China town, and swept away nearly the whole of the city. The International and Cosmopolitan Hotels, the First National Bank, and every frame building on Main street above the St. Louis Hotel have gone. Yans & Blom's large fire proof store and the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company are destroyed. A strong wind was blowing at the time, and nothing could stop the progress of the flames. Telegraphic communication will be established during the day.

The President has appointed Hon. Caleb Cushing to succeed General Sickles as Minister to Spain. The worst feature of the affair is, that Cushing is a Democrat.

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