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THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1875,

From The Times (Phila.) The Judicial Balary Question,

The adjournment of the Legislature leaving the question of judicial salaries undecided, is a grave misfortune. There are several provisions of the new Constitution which bear upon the issue. Section 18 of article 5 provides as fol-

"The Judges of the Supreme Court and the Judges of the several Courts of Com-mon Pleas, and all other Judges required to be learned in the law, shall at stated times receive for their services an adequate compensation, which shall be fixed by law and paid by the State. They shall receive no other compensation, foca or perquisites of office from any source, nor hold any other office of profit under the United States, this State or any other State."

The foregoing section was aimed at the system adopted in Philadelphia and Allegheny of paying additional compensation to judges out of the county treasury. Philadelphia Judges were paid \$5,000 per annum by the State place? and \$2,000 by the city, while Allegheny judges were paid \$1,000 each by the county. Those payments were authorized by special nets of the Legislature, and at the time of the adoption of the new Constitution the local payments were a part of the regular salaries of larities. the Judges. Section 17 of schedule to the Constitution is as follows:

"The General Assembly, at the first session after the adoption of the Constitu-tion, shall fix and determine the compersation of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the judges of the soveral judicial districts of the Commonwealth. 9 15 Nothing contained in this Constitution shall be held to reduce the compensation now paid to any law judge of this commen-w alth now in commission."

Section 13 of Article 3 relates to the compensation of officials by prohibiting the increase or reduction of any salary the incumbent. It is as follows:

"No law shall extend the term of any

There is therefore, the repeated de-

appointment adoption, shall be paid at least the full fruits of their speculation. compensation they were receiving on the 1st of January, 1874. As to judges the language is particularly clear. No matter from what source the compensation came, nothing in the Constitution "shall be held to reduce the compensa-It is therefore the plain duty of the state authorities to pay all old judges just as they were paid before. But we Chientrol or even indicate the salaries of the that time. new judicial officers, for the Legislature is directed "at the first session after the be the compensation of all new judges, two were recaptured. and also of all old judges who may be te-elected at the expiration of their terms. While it is reasonably certain that the salaries of the judges will not be fixed at less than those paid to the old judges, yet there is no law on the for any purpose, except under the direct authority of law. It has been common for many years for State Treasurers to advance money to members of the Legislature, during the session, before the passage of the regular appropriation bill directing the payment of the Legislature, but he was safe in doing so, however irregular it may be deemed, be-

It is the impression of many that the judicial salary bill was finally defeated and disposed of so that it could not be considered pext winter in case of the Legislature holding that the two meetings of 1875 and '76 constitute but one session; but this is a mistake. Under any circumstances the question can be considered next winter. In the confusion of the closing hours of the session, the bill was reported as finally killed, but the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was defeated was laid on the table instead of being voted down, and if the next session be accepted as an adjourned meeting of the late session, the motion to reconsider can be taken up the first day, or at any time thereafter, and disposed of by passing war by Governor Curtin, when the public interests imperatively demanded the and restored her to her parents.

most consistent fidelity.

payment of money before the Legislature could be called to appropriate it and the responsibility assumed by individuals was promptly taken upon the State when the Legislature met. It could be arranged to pay the new range of adoption by the salary bill, and hardship upon a number of our judges, who depend mainly or wholly upon their salaries for their support, if no provision is made for paying them any compensation until the Legislature of 1876 shall "fix and determine" their salaries.

GENERAL NOTES.

A poor fellow in Iowa, a painter by trade, has fallen heir to \$2,000,000.

Ann Eliza Young, the rebelling wife of Brigham, is to lecture in Norristown on the 5th of April. The Indiana Legislature has repealed

the Baxter liquor law and passed a license law in its stoud.

Mr. Emmett, a wealthy citizen of Waverloy Ohio, gives \$50,000 toward a new railroad through his town. A couple at Adrian, Michigan, cole-

brated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on the 2d inst. Six Massachusetts members of Conress have died within two years. Who

will say that Washington is a healthy A committee of the Georgia Logislature is engaged in Investigating an

alleged deficit of nearly \$1,000,000 in the State funds. A keeper discharged from the Hudson (N. J.) positentiary threatens dis-

closures of mismanagement and irregu-James E. Lattin, who naurdered Miss Lucas, at Bridgeport, Conu., has been

Two subterranean tanks, filled with 60,000 gallons of grape brandy were recently sized by revenue officers at Los Augelos, Cal.

According to a San Francisco journal. there are in that city fifty-three persons whose reported wealth exceeds \$1,000,

Georgia has \$3,300 colored persons the increase or reduction of any salary who own property. They have 338,769 after the election or during the term of land, and their property is valued at \$6,000,000.

Down the State of Delaware, in the public officer, or increase or diminish his absence of cellars, potatoes are buried in salary or emoluments, after his election or the graund, and have frozen in considerable quantities this winter.

It was an Indianapolis club which claration of the new Constitution that drew a prize in the Louisville lottery all our judges in office at the time of its and divided ninoteen cents apiece as the

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Senate providing that wives may give evidence against husbands in civil cases. This is to meet cases like that of Tilton vs. Beecher.

A criminal in Augusta, Georgia, upon receiving a sentence of death a tion now paid to any law judge of this few days since, experienced such agony Commonwealth now in commission," that a large part of his hair turned

A special from Sicux City to the can see no provision to warrant the pay- have arranged to join Gordon's Black shot. It squirted all over the derrick manage to secure a place on the ficket. ment of new judges. The salaries of Hill expedition, which is to start on and engine house and blacksmith shop Honesty and capacity only will receive our the old judges do not in any way con- April 5. The indications are that and bull wheel, and sputters and blows

Little Rock, Ark., March 18 .-About 10 o'clock this morning ten conadoption of the Constitution, to jie and victs,, employed in making bricks above determine the compensation of the the city, revolted, everpowered their judges," etc., and whatever salary the guard, and escaped. One of the con-Legislature may fix, will unquestionable viets was killed by a guard. All except

Mrs. Mary Laird, living for some two years past with her son at Firshtewn. N. J., died on Monday at the advanced age of 102. She had never been in the ears but once, was in the possession of all her faculties at the time of her subject, and the State Treasurer is ex- death, and delighted to talk of her past pressly prohibited from paying money life. She was a native of Hunterdon county.

Scianton, March 18 .- The engineers and pumpers employed by the Delaware and Hudson Caual Company at their mines, between this city and Archibald. some twelve miles distant, have struck work, and, as a consequence, several hundred men and boysemployed in and cause the salary of legislators is fixed, around the mines are idle. The cugineers want a restoration of the ten per and they are very unlikely to fail to cent which they were reduced last year. pass the necessary appropriation to pay themselves. While Pennsylvania legisbe supplied, and some trouble is fearedlators have been blamed for many acts. The engineers and pump men at the both of omission and commission, they have never been accused of failing to considerable bitterness exists between appropriate for their salaries, with the them and the strikers.

Washington, March 18 .- It is reported from the Pacific coast that opium continues to be smuggled in small quantities in spite of the vigilance of the custom officers. In some cases it is brought into the country and landed at places unknown, sometimes it is placed Governor's tailure to return it within u packages of sugar, tea, or truits, or is concealed in the box or har in which such articles are packed It is also found upon the persons and in the clothing and beddings of Chinese passengers, and concealed in tubs and buckets by means of false bottoms, and also in the soles of wooden shoes of Chinese emigrants. It is probable that most of the smuggling of this drug is

done by some device of this kind. A citizen of Arba, Ind., took his wife or defeating the bill fically. If the leg- and little girl out driving the other day. islature holds that the meeting next As they were approaching a railroad winter is to be regarded as a new ses- track, where a train was already in sion, in which all legislation is to begin sight, the horses became unmanageable. de nova, the bill can, of course, be in- The gentleman sprang out and grasped troduced again and pass through all the them by their bridles, calling to his various stages of consideration. In the wife to take the child and get out also. meantime some movement should be The lady reached the ground in safety, made by public spirited business men but before she could resoue her little to secure the prompt payment of our daughter the horses broke away, ran judges during the present year. It straight to the railroad track, and gal- cured hundreds of cases, and will give should be done through the Governor, loped down it directly in front of the and we doubt not that if a few gentle | locmotive. Before the engine could be men would join the Executive in the stopped the cowestcher struck the back matter, there are plenty of our monied of the carriage, knocking it to pieces, institutions that would place the funds and throwing the child some distance at the disposal of Governor Hatrauft, ahead of the track. At the risk of his This was done several times during the own life a brakeman leaped down,

From The Warren Mail. The Beatty Well.

Mr Beatty tubed his oil well and commenced pumping last Friday. For a short time it pumped largely. Then it would stop a while and go by fits and judges the minimum sum that is within starts. In the night the pump clogged considerably, being too near the bottom, thus fully guard against the possibility and threw out mud with the oil. Natuof individual loss. It will be a great rally many people were going over the rally many people were going over to see it and all sorts of stories were in circulation. So on Saturday morning we went over to get the facts.

The snow had fallen nearly a foot during the night. The sleighing might have been better and might have been worse. Recorder Marsh, as Warren people know, owns the slikest span of little Mustang ponies this side of the Rocky Mountains, and he couldn't resist the temptation to trot them out Lawyer Stone was in the sleigh, and Postmaster Dennison was taking an early breakfast at "Delmonico's" as we wended our thoughful way to the sanc tum, wondering what in cain we should find to keep two compositors going. We were in luck. They had one vacant seat. They wanted good company and

asked us in. We went in. The little Mustangs know every wink of their master. Marsh winked and they made the snow fly like a locomotive. You should have seen the crowd on the road and at the well. There was Ote Randall, and George Allen, and Milt. Hull, and Sam. Cogswell, and Andrew Hertzel, and Flatcher Parker, and Tim Barnes, and Bill Myers, and Joe Benson, and-and-all the boys-we can't tell how many. Some were afoot, some had plugs better or worse, but none had such a natty little team as Marsh drives. No body but an oil prince in present or prospective can keep such a team. While that ride lasted we felt rich and oily as an oil man. But such dreams have a tumble for all poor printers, and convicted and sentenced to imprison- we allow any man to approach us as ment for life.

> On Mr. Beatty's gate was a placard saying "no admittance to the oil well," but what good does that do when men can't or wont read. Capt. Dennison said he was specially invited by Mr. Beatty with his friends. We were his triends you know-the little Mustangs and all-and in we went. The pump was working slowly. Mr. O. W. Beatty was present, answering questions and standing the boring of the crowd as good naturedly as a philosopher. We concluded he understands his business. They have a big new tank. It contained fifteen or twenty barrels eil. The gas was coming out of the pipe pretty strong. The oil would squirt a ful tienm for a minute or two, filling a pail as quick as a milk-man can when ie fords a creek. Then it would go slower and stop altogether for a short time, and then go sgain. The driller said they went by spurts that way some times for several days before they set tle down to a steady business. He caught a pail full and Mr. Beatty tested tained its claim to the good will and supit, He said it stood at 49 gravity. The prot of the people, irrespective of party.

it. He said it stood at 49 gravity. The oil is what they call amber oil. We don't know whether it is "spot" oil, or "long" oil, or "sbort" oil, but we do know it. "anotted" our over coat. The Itusville Herald quutes their oil as "crude quiet." We guess this is "crude," but it isn't "quiet" by a long shall be treated the long of the Republican party, we shall in the future, as in the past, oppose the election to office of men not fully qualified or who 'erade," but it isn't "quiet" by a long there will be over 1,000 men ready by like a perpose in a mill pend. How that time. of course can't tell. They were not numping on Sunday and it will require further time to show the extent and pro-

ductiveness of the new oil territory. GENERAL NOTES.

The Catholic church in Williamnatic, Cenar, is to have an after costing \$1,400 in gold, and manufactured in Munich.

Three boys from thirteen to sixteen years of age, of respectable families, have been arrested in Bergen county N. J., and held to bail for criminally assulting a girl ten years of age.

It is announced that San Francisco's new Palaco Hotel "will require 4,000 locks and 48,000 keys." It seems questionable whether the traveler's cuse of scenrity will be enhanced by the knowledge that eleven or twelve people besides himself have keys to his trustworthy character. Its

At a large meeting of the Fall River operatives. March 12, the feeling of the It is expected that their places will soon | meeting was in favor of ending the troubles, and a fresolution was unanimously adopted that the operatives Carbondale mines continue at work, and | would all return at once to work if the manufacturers would, on April 1, pay 25 cents per ewt, now asked.

Charlestowe, S. C., Murch 19 .-Speaker Elliott of the House of Repesentatives, tules that Governor Chamberlain's" veto of the bill to settle the floating debt of the State is void, the bill having become a law through the the specified time. This view being opposed by the Governor's supporters, the matter was referred to the Judiciary Committee, who report that they are una ble to agree upon the status of the bill The trial of Treasurer Cardozo is in progress before the Legislature at olumbia. The argument of counsel for the defence was concluded to-day-

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JOHN GLEICHSNER,

Executor Benzinger, Feb. 25, 1875-n1t6.

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OTICE is hereby given that the Com-missioners of Elk County will hold a court of appeals at their office in Ridgway, on the 9TH and 10TH DAYS OF MARCH A. D. 1875, for the purpose of hearing and determining appeals from the assessments, and reviewing the military enrollment of 1875, at which time and place all persons feeling themselves aggrieved by said assessment can attend if they see proper.

By order of the Board.

C. H. M'CAULEY,

Comm'rs, Clerk. Commissioners' Office, } feb18-8t

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