

FIGHT FOR SCHOOL FUNDS

The Farmers Will Antagonize Proposed Reduction of Funds.

GENERAL LATTA IS TO RESIGN

Ex-Magistrate Ahern Looked Upon as Probable Successor--State Scholarship Bill Abandoned--A Berth for Maj. Barton D. Evans.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Harrisburg, April 15.--There will be several important changes in office in the capital hill this Tuesday in May. Auditor General Gregg will give way to ex-Senator Lylin and Secretary of Internal Affairs Brown to General James W. Latta.

ALL ITALY IS TERRORIZED

Severe Shocks of Earthquake Felt at Various Points.

A NIGHT OF AGONY AT TRIESTE

The Whole Population Aroused at Midnight--Frightened Residents Take to Open Fields--Six Persons Drowned--Damage to Shipping.

Rome, April 15.--Severe shocks of earthquake were experienced at Venice and Verona yesterday evening. Many buildings were damaged and several persons injured, but no one was killed. At the first shock in Venice the guests fled from the hotels to the public squares, and the inmates deserted their homes and took refuge in the available open spaces.

CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

Appointments for the Year Announced by Bishop Andrews.

THE CASE OF REV. MR. HOGAN

Resolutions Offered by the Prohibition Pastors--Mr. Hogan Takes the Floor on a Question of Privilege--Business of the Closing Sessions.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Carbondale, Pa., April 15.--Today at 5.30 o'clock the forty-fourth session of the Wyoming conference concluded its sittings at Carbondale, and as fore-casted by Bishop Andrews, some of the pastors were delighted with the promotions to their new charges, while others were loath to rejoice at their removal from a charge where they had become endeared to the people.

REPLY TO MR. CLEVELAND

The Bimetallist Executive Committee of Chicago Expresses a Few Opinions to the President.

Chicago, April 15.--W. H. Harvey, chairman of the bimetallist executive committee of Chicago, today issued the following reply to President Cleveland's letter: In reply to your letter addressed to a committee of business men of this city, which called upon you and the persons who attended the meeting, we have to reply that the committee presented, did not represent a majority of the business men and citizens of this city, who take a deep interest in the monetary question.

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STATISTICS OF THE CONFERENCE

The annual report of the statistical secretary was presented showing that during the year 5,658 probations were received, 933 infants and 2,476 adults in the conference, valued at \$1,966,230, and 178 parsonages, valued at \$328,250.

Table with financial statistics including Church extension (\$2,509,184), Sunday School union (\$42,486), and various missionary societies.

EASTER LINEN SALE!

During this week we will offer some EXTRAORDINARY VALUES from our LINEN DEPARTMENT. We quote a few of the special prices in

TABLE DAMASKS:

- 56-inch 23c; recent price 29c
58-inch 27c; recent price 35c
60-inch 33c; recent price 45c
64-inch 38c; recent price 48c
67-inch 43c; recent price 55c
72-inch 55c; recent price 68c
72-inch 89c; recent price \$1.00
72-inch 98c; recent price 1.19
72-inch \$1.25; recent price 1.65
80-inch 2.00; recent price 2.35
90-inch 2.20; recent price 2.50

SPECIAL PRICES ON QUILTS:

Full size, soft finish, Crotchet, 98 cent; recent price, \$1.35. Eleven-quarter Marcellus Crotchet, \$1.15; recent price, \$1.50. Also about 50 dozen all Linen Napkins, odd lots and broken dozens, the low prices of which will sell them.

FINLEY'S 610 and 612 Lackawanna Ave.

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CHAS. A. SCHIEREN & CO.'S LEATHER BELTING

THE VERY BEST. 815 SPRUCE ST., SCRANTON, PA.

A HUNDRED STYLES OF

EASTER SHOES.

LEWIS, REILLY & DAVIES REPAIRING OF

FINE WATCHES

WEICHEL the Jeweler, can repair your watch to give perfect satisfaction, having had ten years' experience in our leading watch factories.

MANY NEW LEAGUES FORMED.

From the report presented by the committee on Epworth league it was shown that twenty-three new leagues had been established, making a total of 230, with a membership of 13,760. The increase for the year in membership was 1,567. Seventeen new Junior leagues.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, partly cloudy; warmer.

PETROLEUM'S BOOM.

Standard Oil Company's Attorney States That There Is No Deal with Russia.

New York, April 15.--The great rise in petroleum has been accompanied by reports that it is engineered by the Standard Oil company, in pursuance of a deal with the Russian government, and that the purpose is to crush out domestic competition. S. C. T. Dodd, counsel for the Standard company, said this afternoon: "There is no deal with the Russian government and there is no effort to crush out domestic competition. All these reports are happily untrue. The prospect of the production is greater than the production. The demand is at least 10,000 barrels a day in excess of the output."

SMOKER'S MISCHIEF.

Dropping of a Lighted Match Causes Trouble in Carpet Mills.

Philadelphia, April 15.--One man was fatally and three seriously burned this afternoon by an explosion of oil at John Doak's carpet yarn dyeing mills. John Miller, aged 25 years, was burned about the face and body and will probably die. John Heller, aged 25 years, August Krueher, aged 40 years and William Liney, aged 30 years, were severely burned about the face and arms.

ENCAMPMENTS TO BE HELD.

It is Agreed That They Cannot Be Dispensed With.

Harrisburg, April 15.--A conference was held at the adjutant general's department this evening. General Stewart talked over the matter of summer encampments with Brigadier General George Wiley and Schall and Quartermaster General Logan. It was agreed that general encampments should not be dispensed with, but that they should be made mandatory on the military code being mandatory regarding encampments.

SALMON INDIGNANT.

Newspapers Publish His Picture Without Whiskers.

Hazelton, Pa., April 15.--Joseph P. Salmon, ex-city controller, who went to Buffalo several days ago and in whose accounts an alleged deficit of \$20,000 was found by his successor, arrived home today. He proceeded to the controller's office at once and after an examination of the books it was discovered that the alleged deficit was a clerical error. Mr. Salmon was very indignant over the action of the press, claiming that he notified them of his contemplated trip and had requested an adjustment of his accounts previously.

DEATH OF POLITICIAN.

Bellefonte, Pa., April 15.--Anton Williams, late Democratic candidate for congress in this district, died at his home near here today. His death was the result of his defeat, as ever since then his mind has been so unbalanced as to necessitate keeping him closely confined and he gradually failed until he died.

MINISTER IN PRISON.

Washington, Pa., April 15.--Rev. Dr. Williams, the Green county Methodist Protestant minister, who was convicted at Waynesburg of a serious crime, has been sentenced to six months in the workhouse.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Operations have been resumed at the Honey Brook mine, Wilkes-Barre, giving employment to many men and boys. This mine has been idle for the past three months.

WILL FIGHT PROPOSED REDUCTION.

The farmers will fight the proposed reduction of \$1,000,000 in the school appropriation for the next two years. They are much exercised over the action of the conference at the executive mansion last Thursday night, and are preparing to flood the legislature with memorials protesting against the proposition. The legislative committee of the State Grant will meet here tomorrow to take this subject into consideration.

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W. P. Messenger, secretary and manager of the Pen Argyl Electric Light Company, has been bound over for court charged with mutilating books and misappropriating funds, amounting to several hundred dollars, belonging to the company.

PETER MATTERN, THE GREENSBURG JAIL BREAKER, WAS SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY BY JUDGE DOTY YESTERDAY.

A year ago he assaulted Jailer McCready and escaped, liberating seven other prisoners. John Foster, who was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

THE TELEPHONE WAR IN EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

The telephone war in eastern Pennsylvania has resulted in the removal of all phones from Kutztown, Blandon, Pottsville and other points. The residents refused to pay the larger amounts demanded for the long distance instruments and they were removed.

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DAVIS IS CAPTURED.

Newburg, N. Y., April 15.--Davis, one of the men who escaped from Matteawan asylum, was captured this afternoon near Wappinger's Falls. He was in a deplorable condition.

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AN OIL KING'S WILL.

Philadelphia, April 15.--The will of William D. Warden, who was probably the wealthiest man in the Standard Oil company and who died at his home in Germantown on April 9, was admitted to probate today. It is estimated that the value of Mr. Warden's estate may reach \$100,000,000, all of which is left in trust for the benefit of his widow and children.

MEXICAN BEEF COMING.

Washington, April 15.--In view of the great rise in the price of beef and the reported scarcity of cattle, the chief of the bureau of animal industry, Dr. Salmon, has recommended to the secretary of agriculture the admission of Mexican cattle into the United States under stringent regulations calculated to insure a rigid inspection of all cattle admitted.

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