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THE GIRLS OF NINETY-ONE.

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To-day the times have altered, And pretty Kate and Neil Are playing merry tennis-In sooth they do it well. They ride across the country, They climb the mountain side, And with oars that feather lightly,

Along the rivers glide.

If they've not yet been to college, They are going by and by. To shake the tree of know ledge, Though its branches touch the sky. For all their Greek and Latin. And poring over books,

They'll keep their dainty looks.

Do you want a happy comrade, In study or in fun! Be sure you'll find her quickly 'Mid the girls of ninety-one. She'll keep that bright head steady, Unharmed in any whirl, And not a lad will love her less

Because she is a girl.

THE SIGNAL FIRE.

BY WILLA LLOYD JACKSON.

Certainly she was not beautiful, nor was she clever beyond ordinary, nor remarkable in any way. She was only a my voice." shy little girl, whose best frock was a homespun and whose best bonnet was of striped calico. And her home was a two-roomed log cabin, with plain, rude furniture, that her own father had made, and a few homely articles that they had brought from Pennsylvania when they moved out to the new land of Texas. But for all these commonplace surroundings, she was a heroine.

Her name was Maggie Hunter, and the cabin home was on the banks of the Brazos river, which, as you know, flows to the sea through Southern Texas. It had been a very happy home, in spite of the many perils that lay in wait about it; for this that I am telling you of took place in 1836, the darkest year the young State had known, and in addition to the wild beasts whose cries could be heard every night as they prowled about the cabin, and the aver-present fear of yell-VALENTINE HAY, : : VICE PRINIDENT | ing Indians, was the menacing Mexican foe from across the Rio Grande, who re penting having opened this fair territory to the settlers, now oppressed them with every device that tyrrany and hatred could suggest.

> But, as I said, Maggie's home had been a happy one, made so by cheerful toil and loving duty, till the father had been called away to join General Houston. He had gone with a heavy heart, leaving his twigs, till the whole heap blazed. little household unprotected, save for the musket that hung upon the wall and toward which the mother glanced many time a day, or, waking in the night, took down and placed beside her bed. News came now and then of dreadful massacres and desperate battles, and the dark spirit of anxiety and trouble brooded over the little home, for it was often impossible to hear who had suffered in these terrible events, and weeks would sometimes pass ere assurance of the welfare of the beloved reached them.

One April evening little Maggie stood wooden shutter that closed the window | brush. in the front room of the cabin and trying the younger children slept peacefully in other side saw it and rode away. their little bed of sweet, dry prairie

weary, mud-stained soldier. "So I frightened you, little daughter," had set the heap ablaze. said Captain Hunter, as he kissed Maggie and drew her within his arms. "I only | him," cried one. thought to peep in at you, not expecting "Yes, I noticed him as he dropped,"

to see these big eyes peeping out at the said another. Maggie laughed for very pleasure to have him back once more, and stood ing brush. watching him with proud though frightened eves as he told them of the wonder- ed the captain, bending down.

gallant deeds and dauntless courage. and muddy clothes, but he declared he far away. could tarry but an hour.

his wife hastened to his side. He did not answer her look of inquiry.

his own, said: "Can Maggie be a brave girl for her father?"

She faltered a little as she answered, but her eyes were true and fearless. "I can try, father. What is it I must the hour as you can guess, and fire the

heap of brush that lies upon the river's bank, close to the big pine." "But why cannot I go?" said the motherrand so full of peril.

Get ready, wife, for there is no time to spare. I ride in the opposite direction. but we can start together." Maggie gave a gasp and the color for-

the tenderness the truly brave always and 50 cents. brave men will go to almost certain plaints. death, for the Mexicans, as I rode hither Trial bottles free at G. W. Benford's with all the essential features of the Australian and the plans were working nicely. The authorities, but as the state debt melted "I ought, perhaps, to say that too

mother to the upper ferry."

"I'll go, father," said Maggie, steadving her voice, and even smiling tremulously as her father strained her to his breast. "That's a soldier's daughter, Maggie, and a good girl. If you do this General Houston himself shall thank you."

Then his eyes filled with tears. "My little daughter," he continued "God knows I would not send you into danger could I help it, but an officer is to be sent to the other side of the river at night, and if no flame is seen our men are to cross, for the signal means that the way is not clear."

was, flung her arms about her child. "It seems cruel to send a child on such an errand, husband. The Mexicans spare none-" "Nav. now, Susie, the danger is not so great as you fancy. They camp fully a

The mother, true pioneer's wife as she

mile away, and long ere they can reach the burning heap Maggie will have run home again." But he kissed his little daughter very sadly as he rode away, and her mother with difficulty choked down her tears as she parted from her.

"Mother will be back as soon as old Hector can carry her. Be brave, little darling, and remember God is with you. Fire the brush quickly and run home and bar the door to everyone till you hear When they were gone Maggie's heart

again failed her, and only the thought of the brave men, who perhaps had little daughters of their own, made her take courage again. She sat watching the hands of the big clock that talked to her of the home they had left in Pennsylvania, until they had crawled nearly to the midnight mark. Then, kissing the sleepng children, she raked the glowing coals into her pail, and unbarring the door,

started on her errand. She was cold with fright, and half inclined to turn back, but the stars that looked down on her like bright celestial eyes reminded her of her mother's words -that God was with her. It was not far she had to go, but the way through the dark woods seemed longer than it ever had before, and on owl's slow hoot sent the blood from her heart, though she knew the instant afterwards what it Once a panther's scream from a dis-

clearing in which the brush heap lay was close at hand, and she found herself years. stumbling over it. With her heart besting like mad she knelt and poured the coals over it. They smouldered for a few minutes, and then a tiny flame sprung up which caught at the dry leaves and With her terror nearly gone in her joy at her mission achieved she rose and

few yards away, and strained her eyes n the vain fancy that she could see the flicer watching on the other side. "He'll go back and tell them not to come," she thought; "and they won't get

She clasped her hands the next moment with a shriek; for there was the eport of a gun stinging the air about her, and a bullet sung past her ear. There came another and still another, and the pressing her small grave face against the brave girl dropped beside the blazing

The flames crackled merrily, leaping to watch the stars through the chinks. towards the river as if it knew the mes-Her mother moved about the inner room sage it was to bear, and was glad to be preparing the simple evening meal, and about it, and the mounted officer on the

Suddenly Maggie gave a cry of terror. the dark bosom of the earth and touched they recognized as Captain Hunter's re- can soldiers, who, in roving that way, assured them, and joyfully drawing the had spied the signal fire as it leaped up, bolt the thankful wife admitted the and were boasting as they ran that their a million dollars. No one should be needs amendment, particularly, I think, bullets must have found the person that gradge the expenditure of so large a sum in three subjects; viz: The suffrage and per cent. on incomes of tradesmen, occu-

"He stood just over the fire; I saw

But they paused dismayed beside the little figure that lay close to the still flar-

"Santa Maria! It is a child!" exclaimdone against the thousands of Mexican the black eyes were filled with tears that important issues, will engross public atforce a tyrant's decrees, and her heart captain raised the childish form in his thrilled as he told of General Houston's strong arms, and directing his men to strong arms, and directing his men to make a bed of leaves, he laid it on the may submit "specific amendments to be mitted in the ordinary way under the were not necessary to defray the ordinary a contradiction. The mother, though listening as eager mound, then bent and reverently kissed voted for separately." If a new Constily as Maggie, busied herself in setting a the pure brow, while his heart turned to meal before her husband, and would thoughts of a little cark-eyed Mexican to naving seen this man debt. As a result, it has been greatly re-

"Her friends will come for her by and "I must go then on an errand to the by," he said, as he turned away. "Migtroops that lie at Harrisburg," and his uel, stand you wonder in the woods and face clouded over with such anxiety that | watch till they come, but do not discover yourself. The rest go with me, but mind, no word to anyone of what has been but drew his little daughter closer to done. The signal has done its work and him, and turning her wistful face up to this deed that we have wrought has evil enough in it; so no more blood to-night,

at least." little heroine with many tears and with the Austrailian system. When the new the most beautiful straight tip you have state appropriations for school purposes. "Yes." broken hearts. Captain Hunter had Constitution was adopted the provision ever heard of?" found a trustworthy messenger to per- for numbering ballots was to be the pan- None of the party had ever heard the appropriations have been increased the form his errand and had hastened back, acea for all illegal voting. Now this very story, so the major told it. hoping to arrive before Maggie should provision is said to stand in the way of "While we were in camp with Mc- been correspondingly lessened. During have started for the river. Loving hands laid her to rest close to

upper ferry to warn the boatmen there. the divine is still among us."

sook her cheeks. Was she to be left in system when you suffer from consump- work of astute politicians. Its evasion "The idea struck some one to get up a sponsible for the legislation:

troops at Harrisburg and takes your Shall We Have a Constitutional repealed. A little delay can work no and not a small amount of money-on Convention in Pennsylvania?

In 1874 the people of this Commonwealth ordained and established a new Constitution. Since then the Legislature has, with more or less earnestness, been engaged in remodeling our laws to conform to its requirements. Seventeen its most important provisions. The in-

chaotic conflict between the statutory laws and the Constitution. On the 19th of June, 1891, the Govern-

wealth, for their approval or rejection, a to meet all these requirements. I think new Constitution or amendments to the the fatal error of the past thirty years has present one, or specific amendments to been to make Constitutions a compendibe voted for separately." In other words, um of statutory laws instead of a mere a convention is to be created possessing declaration of lundamental principles to and representing the sovereign power of secure stability of government, to prethe people, with power to destrey, alter serve the liberties of the people, and to and amend the whole structure of Government, and all the laws of this Com- the general powers of Legislatures. All monwealth, and without any limitation this has been done on the plea that the on the exercise of this power, save the legislative bodies cannot safely be trust-Constitution of the United States, which ed with power. The answer is plain: guarantees to every State in this Union | The members of the Legislature are elec-

a republican form of government." out resorting to the extraordinary means elect incompetent men it is their own with him have not been in vain. of a new convention. To make its pro- fault, and not the fault of the government tion. Each amendment is to be voted be as secred as the "sacred books of the

servative principles regulating future should be taught to revere it, and to look the various departments of the state govamendments embodied in the provisions with mistrust upon every effort to de- ernment. We found the nation confront- NO FARMER SHOUND OFFICE GREEK of the Constitution itself, the Legislature stroy, evade or change it. In the past ed with a gigantic rebellion, business proposes a new Constitutional Conven- history of this country constitutions were prostrated and public confidence everyby first submitting the call of a Conven- terly, there has been so much constitution to a vote of the people, and afterward tional tinkering that they are no longer selecting at another election proper per- the people's talismans, and he who now looked out over the dark river, rolling a sons as delegates, but, with marked cun- raises constitutional questions is looked ning, the delegates are to be voted for at upon as an enemy to the advancement of marked with too mighty events to be the same election at which the people society. rass upon the necessity for a Convention. If we are to have a new Constitution The object is plain. One hundred and every twenty years in the State of Pennseventy-seven members are to be elected; sylvania, with all the uncertainty and twenty-seven in the State at large, and confusion which its adjustment to existthree in each Senatorial district. If the ing laws will create, we may well apply people vote for a Constitutional Conven- Judge Black's language and declare that: tion these gentlemen will all be elected "A French constitution, or a South Amerto office and receive \$1,500. In every ican republic, or a Mexican administradistrict, therefore, there are at least three tion, would be an immortal thing in commen whose activity and personal influ-parisor with the short-lived principles of sace are secured by the prospective Pennsylvania law. The rule of property, consistent with the safety of the state. honor of so high an office and its emolu- which ought to be as steadfast as the ments to persuade the people to vote for bills, will become as unstable as the passed Feb. 23, 1866, providing, Section Permit me to say in conclusion that I this new Convention. Without such waves." machinery the people would be indiffer. The present Constitution as a whole is the real estate of this commonwealth owner or farmer should vote against our The night breeze lifted the soft hair of ent and the whole scheme defeated. We a most admirable one. The error of its of the little head that lay pillowed on are not confronted with such a serious framers was in incorporating many things purposes. (P. L., 1895, page S3.) So far condition of public affairs as to justify a which at the time seemed good; but as I know, prior to this time, real estate party. He has had no benefit from any

eral expenses, making a total cost of half teen years has developed its defects. It form of government; but under existing ment with the Australian ballot; the juey would be wasted and the end not at- vision that " whenever a county shall mares, geldings and cattle for state purto undertake the formation of a new or a separate judicial district," and the proa general revision of the old Constitu- visions relating to cities and counties tion. The electors will be required to must be remodeled to overcome the mudtion. National politics, involving most the doors to the vicious system of special the have been relieved from the burdens tain farmer whose testimony was partichave had him remove his heavy boots lass, scarcely older, who watched for him age voter will, by reason of excitement guage, so that any man of ordinary inteland interest in general politics, be ren- ligence can comprehend their meaning after deducting the assets in the sinking "I can," replied the witness, wearily, dered impracticable. It is always har- and vote intelligently. zardous to remodel a great organic law. Let the politicians and over zealous re- 413.75. I do not know how much it has a dozen times. There are many provisions of the present formers "sprinkle cool patience" on been reduced during the past six years, Constitution which are so favorable to their "skipping spirits," and wait the but the amount must have been considthe general public that powerful influ- consummation in an orderly way of the erable. ences have for seventeen years success-

fully delayed their enforcement. Will we act wisely if we offer a tempting opportunity for their repeal? The advocates of the Convention tell us that the amendment of the Constitution for its amendment? It was quite anything in the Army of the Potomac perintendents. possible to substantially adopt the Aus- Well, one day a lot of recruits came into trailian saystem, notwithstanding the Is constantly going on in the human ballots. The "new election law" is the selves.

Constitution a few more years. If we days before the race took place.

ourselves. within the past few years that its meanthrow of the present Constitution merely | hats in the air.

the highest Courts as to partially end the the same result can be reached by an not more than fifteen or twenty feet wide amendment expressed in a dozen words. and this unusual sight and noise fright-There are times in the life of every na- ed the sorrel mare. Well, she just took tion when it is simpler to overthrow an the bit between her teeth and the way r approved an act requiring the electors existing order of things and to frame a she did skip down the road was a cauof the Commonwealth to vote at the No- new form of government than to attempt tion. The faster she ran the more the vember election for or against holding a by amendment and reform to patch up men yelled and the rider could no more Convention to amend the Constitution. the old. The rapid development of our check her speed than he could stop a cy-The title of the act is misleading. It is country and the enormous advancement clone. At the end of the mile the sorre called "an act to provide for a Convention in political, social and practical sciences led her opponent by fully 300 yards, and to amend the Constitution," but the sixth | call for frequent changes in our laws. But | not satisfied with this she ran nearly section gives the Convention "power to surely the present Constitution is not so another mile before her rider could stop propose to the citizens of this Common- bad as to be incapable of amendment her."-N. Tribune, confine and restrain within safe limits

visions more stable, and to protect it under which they live. Indeed, I think al Niles tells what has been accomplishfrom sudden changes by every "wind of that many of the constitutional limita- ed by the Republican party in relieving islation directed by the Republican party doctrine," it wisely provides that amend- tions on legislative power are reflections the granger interests of the burdens of has been in the line of the equalization ments shall be agreed to by a majority of on the whole system of free government; taxation, and points out why every farm- of the public burdens. Since that time the members elected to each House, then and tend to embarrass legitimate devel- er should vote for both Gregg and Mor- all real estate has been relieved from published for three months before the opment, as well as to encourage electors rison, the Republican candidates for state taxation, trades, occupations and next election in two newspapers in every to disregard their obligation as citizens auditor general and state treasurer, re-professions have been exempted, as well ounty, and then if another and new to see that only worthy men are sent to spectively, at next menth's election. Legislature agrees to the amendments the legislature. Every time a great rethey shall be again published for three form is proposed we are called upon to the reason why farmers and real estate public debt have rapidly melted away. months and submitted to the qualified amend the Constitution, to give it a trial. owners," said ex-Auditor General Niles, By the aid given and being given to comelectors of the Commonwealth at an elec- A Constitution of a great people should "should support the Republican state mon schools and the insune poor the real

should never be changed, unless from slight interruptions, our political oppo- ty has a right to be proud. A party In utter disregard of the great con- some overruling necessity. The people neuts had practically been in control of which has a right to ask the continued It is not called in the usual way, regarded with great reverence, but lat-

new Constitutional Convention and the which had not stood the test of practical had at all times paid taxes for state purdown the musket from the wall and with their pretty color all gone. From expenditure of \$265,500 to pay the salarushed to the outer door, but a voice that the woods came running a dozen Mexi-000 to pay mileage, incidentals and gen- experiment. The experience of seven-

if necessary to secure the best possible election articles, to enable us to expericonditions the chances are that the mon- diciary article, to repeal the Modish protained. This is a most inopportune time have 40,00 inhabitants it shall constitute poses was repealed. (P. L., 1873, page hood as the culprit. Though his guilt vote on the rejection or adoption next dle about classification, and to permit years all real estate, all trades occupa- ergy in trying to confuse and frighten the year, when there is a Presidential electrical autonomy, without reopening tions and professions and horses and catopposing witnesses, especially a certention to the exclusion of State issues. When the people are fully aroused to

reforms they have so much at heart. GRe. F. BARR. Reading, Pa., Oct. 10, 1891.

A "Straight Tip." "Talk about your sure things on horse an anxious father an mother to seek their tion is necessary to secure a "secret bal- races," said the veteran, "have I ever child, and finding her, to carry home the lot," and without it we can never have told you about how I was tripped up on there has been a steady increase in the haven't you?"

"My child," said Captain Hunter, with cough and consumption cure. Price 25 whit better when, under its own provis- mals. And to have those who were "in" This shows an annual increase of \$4,- said, with a wave of his hand; "I am ions, a constitutional amendment shall on the deal to bet against the sorrel mare. 720,000 over the years 1858, 1859 and quite through with you." have for the weak and faltering, "are you so afraid? Then you shall not go; but cure for dyspepsis, billiousness, heartburn ballot. The work of the hour is to create be a party to the deal and he would preunless the signal be made hundreds of and indigestion, and all kidney com- a public sentiment which will elect legis- went the sorrel from winning the race. "Again, prior to 1883 the indigent inlators who will give us a new ballot law "Well, the details were all arranged same had been supported by the local ed:

great harm. This great old Common- the result. We who had put up the job wealth can safely endure the present were laughing in our sleeves for three

fail to adopt needed reforms the fault "On the day designated the mile will not be in our organic law, but in course, which had been laid out on a fairly good road, was lined with blue-It is the misfortune of our political coats from one end to the other. When system that mere politicians can seize the horses took their places visions of upon popular forms and pervert them to the luxuries which I have named loomyears have passed, however, without any their own advancement. Desirable as ed up in our imaginations and we exvery serious efforts to enforce many of the Australian system in its best form changed sly winks as the horses came may be, there is more demagogueists down past the starter. As soon as the diciary of the State has expended much than statesmanship in the willingness starter yelled Go? the men in the two time on its interpretation, and it is only of many of its advocates to risk the over- long lines began to yell and swing their

ing has been so definitely determined by to do away with numbered ballots, when "The space between the two lines was

A PROUD RECORD.

Morrison. has been prominent in their councils and their hiding places. time and time again fought their battles ted by the same people who elect dele- for equalization of taxation. Through mortgages and moneys owing by solven The Constitution provides an orderly gates to Constitutional Conventions, and the medium of the Republican party the debtors from three mills to four mills.

ticket by a short reference to the past. little, wildly and terror-stricken, but the upon separately, and no amendment is law." Its provisions, when once ascerto be submitted oftener than once in five tained and defined by judicial decision, vania in 1880. For many years, with Surely that is a record of which any parwhere destroyed.

"At that time the state was burdened by a debt of from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,-000, and for which it had but very little to show. The years succeeding 1860 are our imperiled country burdens heavy were imposed upon the people. Many tens of millions of dollars were raised in this commonwealth by taxation to pay all these years the leaders of the party when peace and plenty came again, the public burdens, and that without regard burdens imposed by the war should be to whether the property is owned by a lifted from the people, as far as possibles corporation or private individual, and no In furtherance of such promises an act be personal. 4, from and after the passage of this act can see no reason why any real estate state government an act was passed and ists in reference to the distribution of the approved on June 2, 1871 (P. L., 281), re- public burdens." pealing the act which imposed a tax of 1

has been not only to relieve local taxation, but to aid and extend the cause of exactly the time." education. Since it came into power it "Why," said the farmer, "I don't alhas used all honorable means to strength- ways carry a gold watch with me when en our common school system. It will I'm digging potatoes." be noticed by the figures following that It follows, as of course, that as the state local burdens for school purposes have utes past 10." honest election laws. The unwisdom of Clellan," he began, "we had some good the three years immediately preceeding ing ?" went on the lawyer, smiling incorporating such provisions (which horses which were worked just about the election of Governor Curtin, in 1860, suggestively. er, her face paling at the thought of the the spot made glorious by her deed, and should be left to legislative control) in hard enough to keep them in fine condichild's going through the night on an the great Houston himself pronounced the Constitution has become apparent. tion. Several of them were pretty good as follows: In 1858, \$280,000; in 1859, But is the question so vital as to take it steeple-chasers, too, but Colonel Blank \$280,000; in 1880, \$280,000. These sums field?" "Because you must go when I do to the Tis such as she that make us know outside the provisions of the Constitu- had a sorrel mare which could outrun included the salaries paid to county su-IN THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION.

"Now let us see what has been done in past 10 ?" Constitutional provision for numbering tobacco and other little luxuries for them the cause of education in some of the years in which the Republicans are re-the cabin alone till midnight, when she tion, coughs and colds; they strive to of the best provisions of the Australian in 1807 and 1808, each year to have Colonel Blank's in 1807 and 1809, each year to have Colonel Blank's in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809, each year 1,000,000 statement that would greatly weaken his in 1809 and 1809 ruin health and drag victims to the grave. system was not because of constitutional was of course to have Colonel Blank's in 1889 and 1890, each year 1,000,000 testimony. "I think that will do," he

poor. By an act approved June 13, 1883 the expense of the care and treatment of the indigent insane was divided between the counties and the state. Neither party can claim exclusive credit for this act, because in 1883 the law making departments of the state were divided between the two parties. From this act great relief has come to the townships and counties. The amount paid by the state for the year ending Nov. 30, 1830, as approved by the report of the auditor general, was \$408,653.93.

"In a general way the constant trend of legislation , has been to put more responsibilities upon the state, and to that extent townships, cities and counties have been aided, and the overburdened real estate has been assisted. It is self evident that it takes just so much money to sustain the local, municipal and state governments. The more you add to the state, the less you collect from the others. In the two items of common schools and indicent insane the state now pays \$5,-400,000 annually. To that extent, every acre of land in the broad commonwealth correspondingly benefited, and to that extenture the farmers of Pennsylvania,

relieved of the burden of taxation. "In addition to all these things, the state has been from year to year extending her benefactions in the building and maintaining hospitals for miners and persons injured from many causes. In this way many hundreds of thousands of ollars annually have been and are being expended by the state which go to aid persons who but for that would have to be supported by the local authorities. Every one admits that in the language of section 1 of article 9, of the constitution, taxation ought to be equal. That as the clessing of the government are shared by all, so should its burdens be equally borne by all,

TAXING THE COMPORATIONS. "Since 1883 an honest effort has been

made to make personal and corporate property pay more taxes than they did hitherto. As far back as 1844 an act was passed imposing a tax upon moneyed capital. Every one knows that the act Why the Pennsylvania Farmers was practically a dead letter. Prior to Should Support Gregg and 1885 the whole personal property assessed and returned was only \$145,000,000. The first year under the act of 1825 the No man in public life in Pennsylvania return was \$305,000,000, and increase of s better or more favorably known to the \$250,000,000 in the first year. The propfarmers of the state than ex-Auditor Gen- er enforcement of subsequent legislation. eral Jerome B. Niles, of Tioga county. He ought to bring many millions more from

"The act of 1801 increased the tax on method of amending its provisions with- if, through carelessness, they see fit to efforts of General Niles and those acting It also raised the tax upon the capital stock of banks railroads and other cor-In a very thoughtful interview Gener-porations from three mills to five mills. It is easily seen that since 1868 the legas have horses and cattle.

ration, while the course of the party and

soon forgotten. To meet the demands of point where the public burdens fall alike upon all classes of property and upon all bounties, etc., to Union soldiers. During owned and held for profit shall not only

Perplexing a Lawyer. pations and professions over \$200. Again, A case was on trial in a country court. by an act approved March 21, 1873, the A horse had been stolen from a pasture, seemed clear, he had found a lawyer to "It will be noticed that since those defendant's attorney expended his enlocal and municipal taxes are the great fire of questions asking many feelish ones

fund, the public debt was only \$8,959, for he had already answered the question " What time was this?" "I told you that it was about the mid-

dle of the forenoon."

"But I don't want any 'abouts or any 'middles.' I want you to tell the jury

"Rut you have a clock in the house "Well, what time was it by that?"

"Why, by that clock it was just 10 min-

"How far from the house is this

in your house it was exactly 19 minutes The lawyer paused and looked at the jary triumphantly; at last he had en-

" You swear, do you; that by the clock

tralian system, leaving the numbered | newcomers had heard all about the fame away and the taxes of the great corpora- much reliance should not be placed upon ballot to remain until, by amendment of the sorrel mare and they took the balt tions increased it was believed that the that clock, as it got out of gear about six brush myself, but on the way I learned A Lawyer generally feels himself com- submitted by the Legislature, this re- like a charm. All kinds of articles were state could well afford to assist in the months ago, and it's been 19 minutes