

THURSDAY, Jan. 20, 1915.

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There is every indication that the necessities of the Treasury will compel the issuing of another batch of bonds. This thing of issuing bonds to uphold the credit of the Government is similar in effect to a farmer placing a new mortgage on his farm, every six months, for the purpose of upholding his credit.

The National Treasury is running to "emptyings," and at the present rate it is going to be bankrupt, and the incompetents now controlling the government do not know how to fill it. The simple plan is to increase the tariff duties, which will not only fill the Treasury, but at the same time protect American instead of European industries.

Two compulsory educational bills have been reported in the House at Harrisburg. This is a subject on which there is a wide diversity of opinion throughout the State, and action on it should be well considered in advance.

The difficulty and expense of enforcing such a law, particularly in the rural districts, is one of the best objections to it, and a law that is not rigidly enforced is an injury and a stumbling block in any community.

If the bills have been introduced into our State Legislature calling for appropriations amounting to \$2,000,000, this vast sum of money exceeds the revenues of the State and of course will not be appropriated, but it requires a firm hand to prevent extravagance when the treasury is full. We believe in liberal appropriations for proper ends, but these bills, if passed, will not be a heavy tax, but they will be a heavy burden.

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Harrisburg Letter.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20, 1915. According to the testimony of some of the members of both Houses, the work of our Legislature is further advanced at this stage of the session than at any previous one within their recollection. Four hundred and eighty bills have already been passed in the House, and almost an equal number in the Senate. Sixty-six petitions and remonstrances have been presented to the House on a variety of subjects, principally on "Greater Pittsburg" and a Fish and Game Commission. One set of remonstrances are dead set against a "salariated Game Commission and the sports of the Commonwealth." Perhaps these remonstrances never could get a vote or draw a bill. Many of the bills have been brought out of committee and read the first time; others will soon be ready for the action of the Governor.

The bill for the publication of the "Bird Book" is likely to pass both Houses in spite of the fact that it will cost the taxpayers the sum of \$100,000. Over four thousand copies will be printed—twelve thousand for the use of members of the House and half that number for the Senators. Besides being a revised edition of the former publication, known as the Bird Book, giving a description of the birds of the State, their "manners and customs," and whether or not "farmers' friends, game, or predators, subjects will not exceed the total amount of the bill. This will include all four-footed beasts from the rodents to mammals, and everybody will know what the ground-hog has to do with the winter. Presently the total amount of the list and it will be necessary for the committee to make some horizontal cuts in order to keep within bounds.

Although the bill of the House is a thing of beauty, its companion in the Senate is defective; at least, that is the plea given in behalf of the reporter who made Mr. Danby, in his eulogy on Representative Agart, say: "I am almost certain that kind words will be said in honor of the bill." It is a thing of beauty, but it is a thing of beauty which will be said in honor of the bill. It is a thing of beauty, but it is a thing of beauty which will be said in honor of the bill.

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What a lot of string, he asked. The stringer climbed into the vehicle. "That's all right," he said, "I'll be back in a few minutes."

As the car in which the stringer had seated himself progressed on its journey it was accompanied by an ever increasing crowd of country folk in their holiday garb. Looking back, the stranger could see that the procession, gradually collecting from all points, stretched along the roadways faster than the eye could reach.

"Yes," said the farmer, in response to a question, "there's a lot on 'em. They've come from pretty much everywhere within 30 miles."

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Smoking Kills a Baby.

CONNELTOWN, Pa., Jan. 20, 1915. Michael, the 3-year-old son of Anthony Radak, a miner at Leetsburg No. 1, died yesterday from nicotine poisoning. Yesterday the boy was old enough to hold a pipe or the stump of a cigar in his mouth, but he had been an inveterate smoker. His father taught him as a joke. Early attempts to use the wood made little Michael sick, but in time he became accustomed to take dainties on all imports he had the same as his father.

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Items of Interest.

The Nebraska Legislature will investigate the lynching of Barrett Scott, the deplorable county treasurer.

A 5-year-old son of William Fisher, of Wyandotte, Pa., has been killed by a falling log. Mrs. Handraker, inflicting an injury that may