

Revenue of the State.

Auditor General McCamant, who ought to know whereof he speaks, estimates the revenues of the present year, during which the Boyer revenue law will not be in force, at \$7,696,000, and the revenue for the next year, when the Boyer revenue law will be in force, at \$8,844,000, or \$1,148,000 more than is raised under the present law. This is not as great an increase as was expected from the operations of the Boyer bill. The Auditor General estimates that there will be an increase of \$1,500,000 on capital stock, and a decrease of tax on personal property of \$445,000, owing to the fact that three-fourths of the personal tax is returned to the counties under the Boyer bill. He also says that if the bill passed at the last session of the Legislature diverting liquor licenses to the counties is signed by the Governor, there will be a further reduction in the revenue of \$400,000. The Auditor General, like all prudent financial officials, is quite evidently making his estimates from a conservative standpoint, and to the Chief Executive of the State upon the supposition that the latter will doubtless base his approval or veto of appropriations before him upon this opinion.

These figures show a total revenue for the next two years of \$16,540,000, to which must be added the \$2,527,277.89 now in the general fund, making a grand total of \$19,067,273.89.

This is a large sum of money, but from it, however, must first be deducted the items in the general revenue bill, not vetoed by the Governor, before any money can be appropriated to other objects. For instance: The appropriations to the common schools for the two years is \$10,000,000; for the payment of interest, \$829,000; for the sinking fund, \$200,000; for the support of the State Government, \$559,400; for the judiciary, \$1,220,400; for the Legislature of 1893, say \$550,000; for the salaries of school superintendents, \$172,000; for the education of teachers in the normal schools, \$180,000; mine inspection and salaries, \$147,000; public buildings and grounds and other small items, say \$150,000; making in all a total of \$13,948,400. This leaves less than six millions of dollars to be devoted to the maintenance of the National Guard, the penal and industrial institutions, the care and treatment of the indigent insane, the orphan schools, and such other institutions as are under State control, during the coming two years.

Remembering the liberal hand with which the recent Legislature distributed the money the probabilities are that economy will be the order of the day during the next two years. Of course this is a virtue that no one will need to apologize for exercising. At the same time that is often inconvenient and embarrassing.

The large appropriation to the common schools, the return to the counties of three-fourths of the revenue derived from tax on personal property, and a large portion of the license fees, while largely reducing the burdens of the counties will make extravagance, on the part of the State, impossible. Of this, too, the people will not complain.

The situation is not a deplorable one by any means. It is one rather for congratulation. Economy in public expenditures is far to be preferred to extravagance.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The Harrisburg Patriot takes Governor Pattison severely to task for approving the appropriation of \$6,000 for his inaugural expenses. The liquor, it appears, cost \$1,107.70. The Patriot's comment upon this is as follows:

That Governor Pattison, the constant and conspicuous advocate of purity in politics, decency in the household, temperance in living, economy in public expenditures, should compel the State to pay for \$1,100 worth of whiskey and cigars spent for his own indulgence is as amazing as it is mortifying.

HON. COLUMBUS DELANO, who was Secretary of the Interior under President Grant and who is now in Washington thinks the Republicans of Ohio are all right. He says: "Protection to all American industries that can be profitably carried on in this country has the unanimous approbation of the Republican party, and has also the support of many thoughtful men of other political organizations; hence the principle on which the economic system rests which has been inaugurated by the McKinley bill has the undivided support of Ohio Republicans. The agriculturists of Ohio fully understand that the tariff of 1890 affords to their productions more and better protection than any legislation preceding it since the organization of our government."

The appointment of Z. X. Snyder, of Indiana county, to the office of State Superintendent of Schools by Governor Pattison, since the adjournment of the Senate, is still commented by Supt. Waller, the present incumbent, who refuses to be ousted before the expiration of his term of office, without knowing just how it is done. The Supreme Court will likely be asked to decide the point.

HON. JOHN W. FOSTER, who has been assisting Secretary Blaine in all of his reciprocity negotiations, will have entire charge of all reciprocity matters until Mr. Blaine's return to active duty. He has almost concluded negotiations with another country, but until the matter is formally settled it is deemed best to make no announcement of the name of the country in question.

SECRETARY FOSTER has taken a step which every one will approve in placing the inspection of immigration at all the Atlantic ports in the hands of Treasury officers. Such a step is, however, more needed at New Orleans than here. The State inspection has always been a farce there. It has been strict here. It would be a benefit to commerce and the public health if the Federal Government, in addition to immigration, had control also of quarantine and pilotage. Nor can naturalization be left indefinitely in the hands of irresponsible State courts.—Phila. Press.

THE Democrats of Kentucky held their State Convention recently and nominated a ticket. Several resolutions were offered highly eulogistic of Grover Cleveland, one of them in the following language: "That in 1892 the colors of the Democracy should be placed in the hands of the son of truth, courage and manhood—Grover Cleveland." A report of the proceedings says that the resolutions met with a storm of protest from all parts of the house, one delegate going so far as to yell: "D—n Grover Cleveland." A motion to adjourn was carried at most unanimously and the resolutions died an ignominious death.

FRANKLIN county cases are hereafter to be argued in the Supreme Court when it meets at Philadelphia, not when it sits at Harrisburg, and the poor devil of a client can foot the bills for the lawyers' fees. The judges have, in many cases, given lawyers the hint that they prefer that all cases should be argued in Philadelphia, and the lawyers, seeing where the wind lies, shape their course accordingly. If there is a new constitution, born of the present move for a convention, it would not be surprising to find the present Supreme Court dropped, and a provision for a wholly new court. There would be heaps of satisfaction in this for the vast majority of the people whom the court has not taught to respect it by its recent course and by some of its absurd decisions.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

If the New York Times has any readers, it owes them about as abject an apology as its befuddled brain can devise. For months almost it has been informing them—if there are any—that the delay in closing the Bering Sea was due to Mr. Blaine's protection of the profits of those of his friends who were interested in the seal trade. Upon hearing Sir Julian Pauncefote's evidence to the contrary, the Times stammers out that it is "difficult to say" who is to blame for the delay. But this retraction, as the New York Tribune points out, will merely amaze the Times' readers—if it has any. An abject apology is due, and, if the Times has no readers, it can apologize to Ananias, Baron Munchausen, and Joseph Mulhatten, whose field of labor it has usurped.—Press.

The friends of Senators Gorman and Carlisle are working on a scheme, which, if successful, will prevent any Southern man being elected Speaker. They propose giving the Speakership to either the East or the West, provided that the South be given a place on the Democratic national ticket next year, and I am told by a gentleman whose relations with the two Senators named give him excellent facilities for being well-informed, that the prospects for their success are flattering. It is proposed, if possible, to put the one of these Senators which shall develop the greatest strength at the head of the ticket, but should that turn out to be impracticable the second place will be accepted. It is stated that every Southern Senator is pledged to this programme, and that Senators Brice, Voorhees and several others are expected to come into the movement. It's a very pretty scheme, but there are many reasons why it will be a very difficult one to carry out, as it will be fought to the bitter end by both Cleveland and Hill.

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