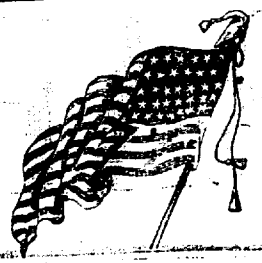


Daily Telegraph



Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us!

OUR PLATFORMS THE UNION—THE CONSTITUTION—AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

HARRISBURG, PA. Thursday Morning, January 9, 1862.

PEOPLES STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the members of the Peoples State Central Committee will be held at Covelys Hotel, Harrisburg, on Wednesday, January 23, 1862, to determine the time and place for holding a State Convention to nominate State candidates...

FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE OF GOV. ANDREW G. CURTIN.

A plain and practical public document, such as is the first annual message of the Governor of Pennsylvania, admits of no review. It is a statement of facts, which cannot be criticized; an elaboration of truths and principles which can be pondered with more benefit by the public when left to their own judgment...

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It is not necessary for us to enter further on an exhibition or condensation of the details of the message, because it is damaging to the truth to attempt the abridgement of official facts and figures. We therefore must content ourselves by repeating that the message is a just tribute to the imposing position of Pennsylvania in this crisis, and that, as a state paper, it will attract the attention of the people beyond, as it will command the respect and admiration of those within the limits of Pennsylvania.

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER.

The most difficult, responsible and laborious position in the government at the present time, is that which imposes the care of public funds and the duty of financing for the safety of public credit.

We print the report of the State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, this afternoon, and ask for the careful perusal of the people not because it is a mere exposition in figures of the financial condition of the state, but because it is every particular such an exposition of the financial condition of the state, as to show the creditor of the commonwealth the safety of his investment, and guard those who have the authority to use those resources by appropriation and disbursement.

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THE WASHINGTON STAR asserts that the report of the dilatory Ad. Gen. Lorenzo Thomas, which filled that city with dismay and consternation a few days since, was concocted by the friends of Gen. Fremont, as a revenge on the Adjutant General for the part he played in the recent investigation and exposure of the frauds in the Western Military Department.

Henry J. Raymond, the editor of the New York Daily Times, has been elected Speaker of the lower House by the New York Assembly.

ANNUAL REPORT OF HENRY D. MOORE, State Treasurer.

READ JANUARY 8, 1862.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In obedience to the requirements of the Act of 15th March, 1832, in reference to this Department, I herewith submit the following report for the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1861.

The disbursements and general duties of the Department for the past year have been largely in excess of those of any previous year in the history of our State. An unwholy war and rebellion against the General Government, upon the part of a number of the Southern States of the Union, rendered it necessary for the President to call upon the loyal States for aid to assist him in sustaining the Government, maintaining the Union, and upholding the Constitution and the laws.

By reference to the report of the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund, it will appear that \$800,801 of the public debt was paid during the year ending on the 31st day of September, 1861. In addition to the amount required by law to be paid to the Governor.

On the 12th of September an account was presented to the General Government of expenses incurred by our State for war purposes, up to the 1st of that month, amounting to about \$1,515,000.00.

By comparing the receipts into the general fund for the last year with the receipts for the preceding year, it will be seen there is a falling off or deficiency of \$461,011.74. This deficiency is mainly on the following items:

By an act of Congress, approved August 5th, 1861, a direct tax of twenty millions of dollars was levied against all the States of the Union. The quota of Pennsylvania, under that Act, is \$1,948,119.38. Two modes of payment of this tax to the General Government are presented by the provisions of the Act. One is that it may be paid by the citizens of each State direct to collectors to be appointed by the General Government; and the other mode, that the State may assume and pay the tax and collect it herself from her own citizens.

Under the supposition that the State will assume the tax, I would respectfully suggest a mode, by which one citizen may be relieved from the payment of the coming year. By virtue of the 5th section of the Act aforesaid, it is allowed that this tax may be "paid and collected in whole or in part by the release of any State debt executed to the United States." It is further provided, "that in case of such release, such State shall be allowed the same abatement of the amount of such tax as would have been in case of the payment of the same in money."

Table showing financial details: Amount of public debt funded and unfunded, Amount paid during the fiscal year, Balance in Treasury, etc.

A detailed account of receipts and expenditures will be found in the report of the Auditor General. Amount outstanding against the Commonwealth, November 30th, 1861, of the various kinds, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Items include Temporary loan, War loan, etc.

Amount of public debt funded and unfunded November 30, 1861, \$1,900,000 00. Amount paid during the fiscal year ending November 30th, 1861, \$7,969,847 60.

On the 25th of November following \$606,000.00 was refunded to the State, being 40 per cent on the amount of account thus presented. There was therefore in the Treasury on the 30th of November, 1861, as follows, viz:

How much of the balance in the Treasury may be available to meet expenses of military operations is impossible to say, but the probability is that the unexpended balance will be sufficient for all those purposes, unless the State should receive a future requisition from the General Government for more troops.

I would respectfully urge upon the Legislature the assumption and payment of this tax by our State, for two reasons. First, the innovation of Government tax collectors among the people would be distasteful to our citizens; who would undoubtedly prefer to pay the tax for our own State collectors in the usual manner.

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In this connection I cannot but express the high regard our Representatives in Congress are required to be requested by the Legislature to take such action as shall put the expenses of this unwholy war and rebellion upon the traitors who commenced and are now sustaining it.

At the last session of the Legislature an act was passed to change the title of the Sanbury and Erie Railroad Company and to facilitate the completion of a railroad from Sanbury to Erie.

All the provisions of this act binding upon either the State or Company relating to the issuing, delivery, and cancellation of bonds, have been fulfilled by the respective parties, and the State now holds all the bonds of the company as specified in said act, excepting one-million of the bonds authorized by the second section, which were delivered to the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company on the 9th of May last.

My predecessor in this Department for the last year has satisfied me of the necessity of a thorough alteration and revision of our revenue laws. The burden of taxation under our present system is certainly unequal and unjust. Whether this arises from the inefficiency of our laws, or from a laxity on the part of assessors, collectors, and other officers in enforcing their provisions, I am unable to say.

By a joint resolution of the last Legislature the Governor was authorized to appoint a Board of Commissioners "to revise, collate, and digest all acts and statutes relating to or touching the revenue laws." That commission was appointed and is to be hoped they will be ready to report some basis of action during the present session.

I beg leave respectfully to refer to a matter affecting the honor and credit of our State, and to which reference was made by my predecessor in his last report. I refer to the law taxing her own loans. At the same time citizens responded to the call of the State and gave her the use of their money, it was with the express agreement and understanding that they were to receive interest for the same at the rate of five per cent per annum.

The subject of guaranteed interest on loans to the Danville and Potteryville Railroad Company is one which should also receive the attention of the Legislature. A balance of interest is yet due to the holders of that loan, and the high honor of the State having been pledged for it, she should in this regard be as liberal by taxation. I cannot but express the hope that the State will do that justice to her creditors which they have a right to expect by repealing the law which is thus affecting her own honor and credit.

My predecessor has truly said, "It would greatly simplify the accounts in this department if the amount of State taxes assessed was charged directly to the county," and he might have added it would also save a large amount to the State, for in some counties the taxes have been accumulating for years, until in the aggregate over a half a million remains unpaid. These taxes are handed down from year to year to new Treasurers as they are appointed, and some counties are now behind more than a whole years assessment.

SENATE. Mr. PENNY read in place a bill entitled a supplement to an act relating to an act extending the charter of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company. Mr. BOUGHTER, one to authorize Wm. G. Freeman, administrator of the estate of Wm. Coleman, late of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, to sell certain real estate.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M. After the adoption of a few unfinished resolutions Mr. PENNY presented the petition of citizens of Bedford county contesting the right of Geo. W. Hottel to a seat in the House of Representatives from that county.

Mr. RYON, (from) introduced a similar resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of three by each House to examine and report the same for the action of the House.

The resolution was laid over until the election of Chief Clerk, which is to take place to-morrow. On motion, the House then proceeded to elect Messrs. Abbott, Alexander, Armstrong, B. B. (Mercer), Busby, Chattanooga, Coleman, Crane, Dennis, Dougherty, Elliott, Fox, Fry, Gamble, Grant, Gross, Hall, Harpster, Hoffer, Householder, Hutchinson, Lehman, McCallister, M'voy, Moore, W. R. (Kearney), Ross, (Luzerne), Rowe, Russell, Sellers, Shannon, Smith, (Chester), Smith (Adelphia), Strang, Tracy, Witte, and Warner, Wilder, Williams, and White, to be a committee of three by each House.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth was introduced and presented the annual report of the Governor, which was read by the Chief Clerk. The following appointments were made: Assistant Clerk - E. S. Capron; Transcribing Clerks - F. S. Capron, Niles, Robert Brown, James W. Wagoner, and the above named gentlemen were duly sworn into office.

The House then resumed the reading of officers, which resulted as follows: Sergeant-at-Arms - E. B. Fickler; Chief Clerk - Geo. W. Hottel; Door-keeper - Captn. G. J. W. Wright; the following assistants: James S. Suter, R. Stumpe, H. Hutcheson, John W. Wright; the following assistants: Geo. W. Gettys, Lewis F. B. Fox, Messenger - S. G. Blanchard; Postmaster - H. A. Woodhull. All the above named officers, in the presence of the Messenger, Mr. Hancock, and were duly sworn into office.

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