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The income tax law just adopted by France follows the English law in exempting working men's incomes and in adopting a sliding scale reaching a maximum of four per cent. on the largest incomes. The law promises to be popular inasmuch as in addition to raising more money for expenses it will also lead to the repeal of a number of vexatious taxes. Constitutional provision against class discrimination would probably operate against a graded income tax in this country.

MONARCHS greet each other with a kiss on the cheek and vow eternal friendship, and diplomats talk eloquently of peace, and all that is well, but governments go merrily on building big war ships and increasing their armies. England has just decided to build four more Dreadnaughts and a lot of smaller vessels, and its naval estimates total \$175,000,000. Germany, France, the United States and other countries will, of course, follow suit. From all which it is clear that the lion is not yet ready to lie down with the lamb.

SOMETIMES at sea, when a vessel is disabled, other vessels pass her, giving no heed to her signals of distress. But some vessel ultimately goes to her assistance and perhaps tows her into port. In life, selfish men pass the unfortunate by and bestow no thought upon their condition. Yet, after all, the world is full of unselfish and helping souls that delight to do good to others and that fact should make us optimistic as to life and humanity.

EACH day is a life in miniature. What, therefore, we habitually put into each day reveals the character of our whole life.

## Harrisburg Letter.

APRIL 3d.—Up to the present time the total amount of appropriations in bills before the Legislature reaches the sum of \$63,953,672, with \$42,000,000, or about that figure, in sight to pay with. That means some work for the Legislature, and where it fails the Governor will do the trimming, so that the receipts and expenditures will run nearly even. The above figures include a number of items that seem certain of defeat, such as the Capitol Park extension \$2,000,000; the pension bill, \$1,700,000; the dirt road bill, \$1,000,000, and probably the automobile road bill, \$3,000,000. The Highway Department gets \$8,000,000 beside the four millions referred to above, and some of the leaders in the Legislature think that is enough for the State to spend on roads under present conditions.

Strenuous efforts are being made in a concerted way, by the citizens of Harrisburg, to have the House pass the bill for the extension of Capitol Park. It passed the Senate several days ago and comes up for second reading in the House Monday night next, and in the meantime a lot of missionary work is being done. Under ordinary conditions the bill has merit, and the State ought to own, for park purposes, the strip of land lying between the Hill and the Pennsylvania railroad. It can never be had any cheaper than now, and public sentiment seems to favor the project, the only drawback being the lack of revenue. To kill the pension bill and pass the Park extension and Automobile bills would hurt the dominant party some for the future, and that discourages. At the same time it is perfectly patent to any one at all conversant with the facts that \$2,000,000 would be only a beginning, the same as \$3,000,000 looks small for a highway 100 feet wide across the state from east to west. Ten days will settle the question.

By a mere fluke the School Code escaped a solar plexus blow this week while the measure was before the House. It was defeated on second reading but later referred back to committee. The country members are credited with the knockdown, but its strongest friends were stumped at the situation thus disclosed. Only the hardest work of the organization leaders can put the measure through now, and the risk is great. The country members are charging that the Philadelphia and Pittsburg members have amended the code so as to eliminate such features as were disagreeable, but the country members have had no such opportunity. They want the whole bill laid over for two years so that the people can become acquainted with its requirements and provisions and there is a lot of force in their position. Very few, if any, of the members have obtained a knowledge of its probable workings in the short time it has been in print, and the vast majority of the people of the state know nothing about it, except that there is such a bill before the Legislature. Unless it is very materially amended during the coming week it is certain of defeat.

Farmer Cressy caused a bit of com-

motion yesterday when he introduced a resolution providing that before the State Treasurer pay the salaries of any attaches of the House he shall be satisfied that they performed the service for which they were employed. This was amended to include members of the House also.

Under the rules the resolution had to lie over until Monday evening, but it is not likely to pass. The 150 or more members who were absent when the resolution was introduced will vote it down, partially because they don't want to lose their salaries and because Cressy introduced the resolution.

Among the measures recently signed by the Governor are the following:

An act providing that a pension of \$12 per month may be paid either widow or minor children or dependent parent of any soldier of the National Guard or Naval force of Pennsylvania, who may die from injuries received, or who may be killed, or who, within two years prior to the passage of this act may have been killed in line of duty while in active service under the orders of the Governor; an act constituting county commissioners, controller and treasurer in counties having between 750,000 and \$1,200,000 population a board to designate depositories of county funds; an act permitting boroughs to purchase or condemn land within or without the borough limits for garbage, sewer or filter plants; allowing parties in interest or their counsel to select auditors and masters, except in divorce cases; appropriating \$295,000 to townships which abolished work tax under the act of 1895; punishing by a fine of \$5 per tree the cutting or damaging of any trees growing beside public roads and within road limits; making new form of deed for realty conveyances and construing the words "grant and convey" in such instruments; allowing pay of probation officers to be fixed by courts of quarter sessions at not more than \$100 a month; permitting certain second class city officials to appoint stenographers without civil service examinations.

The Governor also approved a bill allowing suit to be brought against the State for property destroyed by State police in making arrests in Jefferson county in Sept. 1906. It seems that a fugitive from justice took refuge in the house of a peaceable Italian and in order to secure the criminal without danger of loss of life by the besieging party, the property was destroyed. It was argued that the State ought to pay damages and the Governor thought that right to sue for the amount, at least, ought to be allowed. This the law now grants.

The Governor vetoed a bill increasing salaries of uniformed guards. Any bill providing for an increase of salary or in the number of office holders, must be very meritorious to get the Governor's approval. N. E. HAUSE.

## A PRAYER CHAIN.

During the last few days many Honesdale men and women have received anonymous letters, of which the following is an exact copy:

"DEAR FRIEND:—This was sent to me and I will send it to you. Will you copy it and send it to nine of your friends, and see what will happen? This is the prayer:

"Oh, Lord Jesus, I implore Thee to have much mercy on all mankind; keep us from all sin by His precious blood, and take us to dwell with Thee in eternity."

"It is said those who will not write the prayer will meet with some misfortune, and those who do it for nine days, commencing on day received, will experience some great joy on the ninth day. It is said in Jesus' name that those who write the prayer will be delivered from all calamity. Don't break the chain. Make a wish writing, and don't fail to write it nine days and send it to nine."

A FRIEND.

It is reported that several persons who have received copies of the letter were greatly perturbed by the threat contained of impending calamity in case of failure to comply with the request to keep the "chain" unbroken. Others receiving the anonymous letters have very properly consigned them to the waste basket.

## Ladies' Musical Society.

The newly organized Ladies' Musical Society will give its first concert in the Lyric theatre, Tuesday evening, April 13th.

The concert will be under the direction of Louis Baker Phillips, of Scranton, conductor of the Society, and the chorus will have the assistance of an orchestra of twenty-five members selected from the Scranton Symphony orchestra, of which Mr. Phillips is the conductor.

The following soloists have also been engaged: Mrs. John H. Shepherd, soprano of the First Presbyterian church, Scranton; Mrs. Louis Baker Phillips, contralto, and Arnold Lohmann, violinist, of Scranton.

A splendid miscellaneous programme has been arranged for the first part of the entertainment while the second part will be devoted to the rendition of the beautiful cantata "A Daughter of the Sea" by Frederick H. Cowen, the celebrated English composer. This cantata is for ladies' chorus with soprano and contralto solos, and will be given with full orchestral accompaniment.

This is an event to which the Honesdale public will look forward with keenest anticipation and the efforts of the Ladies' Musical Society to give Honesdale something really worth while will undoubtedly be rewarded with a full house.

## OBITUARY.

Peter Brown, son of the late James Brown, formerly a prominent merchant of this place and County Commissioner from 1865 to 1868, died at his home in New York city, on Saturday evening, April 3, 1909, after a week's illness, of pneumonia. Deceased was 42 years of age. He was born in Honesdale, but left this place a number of years ago. He is survived by a sister, Miss Cassie, of New York city, and three brothers, Michael, of New York, and Charles and James, of Scranton. The remains were brought to Honesdale on the afternoon Erie train on Tuesday, and interment was made in St. John's Catholic cemetery.

George Emery Gale died at his home 1305 Albemarle Road, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday, April 2, 1909, aged 47 years. Mr. Gale was the youngest son of the late William M. Gale, who was, at first in connection with the late L. A. Robertson, and afterward his son, Loring R. Gale, for many years proprietor of the Middle Valley tannery, in Cherry Ridge township this county, which at one time was running 365 vats, and was ranked as the largest concern of its kind in the world. George E. was born at Middle Valley, and went with his father and brothers to Pike Mills, Potter county in 1881, at which time he and his brother, John A. were made partners in the concern. In 1893 the property was sold to the Penn. Tanning Co., the partners retiring with ample fortunes. The name Pike Mills was changed to Galeton in honor of the family. After living for some time in Binghamton, N. Y., where his brother, John A. died at a comparatively recent date, George E. removed to Brooklyn, N. Y. His widow, formerly Miss Sarah Ensign, with two children, survives him. He is also survived by a brother, Loring R. Gale, of New York city, and a sister, Mrs. William Fuller Osborne, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Another sister, Mrs. J. F. Arundell, died a few months since. Mr. Gale was a member of the Union League Club, the Manufacturers' Association, the Shriners and the Odd Fellows. The funeral services were held at his late residence in Brooklyn at 8 o'clock P. M., on Monday last.

Rev. James Stuart Dickson, D. D., died at his home in East Orange, N. J., on Thursday morning last, April 1, 1909, after a lingering illness, thought to have been caused by overwork. He was the youngest son of the late Hon. James R. Dickson, for many years a resident of Honesdale, and engaged in business here, also serving as Associate Judge from 1856 to 1861. Alex. W. Dickson, of Scranton, Dr. Dickson's brother, with his daughter, were at the latter's bedside during the closing days of his life. Another brother, Thomas H. Dickson, has for many years been a prominent resident of St. Paul, Minn. Dr. Dickson had been unable to attend to his duties as Secretary of the College Board of the Presbyterian church since the middle of December, when he was taken ill with rheumatism. A few days after Christmas heart disease developed, and he had since been seriously ill. He was born in Honesdale fifty years ago, and received his early education in this place. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1880, and three years later was ordained after graduating from Princeton Seminary. His first charge was at Dayton, New Jersey, and he remained there for about three years. Dr. Dickson then accepted a call to the pastorate of the Woodland Presbyterian church of Philadelphia. This charge he held for nineteen years and during his pastorate the church enjoyed remarkable prosperity. In 1905 Dr. Dickson was appointed Secretary of the College Board and took up his residence in East Orange. He married Miss Mary Agnes Campbell, a member of an old Southern family, who survives him with three sons: Reid Dickson, Campbell Dickson and Sinclair Dickson, all of East Orange. The body was taken to Philadelphia where the funeral services and interment took place on Monday afternoon.

## AT THE LYRIC.

Now that the colored fighter has won fairly the championship of the world, those interested in pugilism are showing great interest in the moving pictures that are now being presented in this country of the world-famous battle between Johnson and Burns. Hugh McIntosh, promoter and referee of the fight, has brought these pictures to this country, and they are now being shown for the first time. The presentations of them in this city will take place at the Lyric theatre on Thursday afternoon and evening, April 8th, for two performances. The pictures are more than usually interesting for many reasons. Particularly fine are they as examples in moving picture photography, for they were taken under the most favorable auspices, under a powerful sun in mid-summer when not a cloud could be seen anywhere in the sky. Not only do these pictures show every incident of the fight but they exploit everything that was noticeable by the ring-side before the fighters were introduced. There was much that took place at the ring-side in Sydney, Australia, on Dec. 26th last, to hold an audience in suspense before actual results in the ring absorbed their attention, and these the pictures show with all fidelity.

## RAH! RAH! RAH!

### The Great Literary and Musical Entertainment.

#### HAPPY SURVIVORS OF THE FITTEST

#### Most Creditable Entertainment—Honesdale's Champions for the Scranton Literary Battle Named—Honors for the Competitors.

The Literary Contest and Musical Entertainment by the pupils of the Honesdale public schools, at the Lyric Theatre on Thursday evening of last week, April 1st, attracted a very large, appreciative and enthusiastic audience. The stage, boxes and galleries were profusely decorated with the High School colors and potted plants and cut flowers. The Lyric orchestra, considerably strengthened for the occasion, rendered most excellent music throughout, and Misses Helen Beck and Grace Hanlan gave valuable assistance at the piano, the latter playing the entire instrumental score of the cantata with marked ability.

After a fine opening overture, the curtain rose on the group of contestants for the honor of representing Honesdale in the coming annual competition between the school recitationists, essayists and orators of Dunmore, Carbondale and this place. Seated with them was Principal Oday, who made a brief introductory speech, in which he requested that any applause which might be thought due should be reserved until the close of each effort on the stage, and then strictly confined to the use of the hands.

The contestants represented the "survival of the fittest." All of the boys in the High School were required to learn the declamation, and were then divided into three groups and from each of these five were selected. After a time the fifteen were cut to eight, then four, and afterward to three.

Twelve of the girls were selected, because of their ability, as shown by regular work in English classes, to write essays on "Pennsylvania in Art." From these twelve, six were chosen, and about two weeks ago the final three were selected.

All of the girls who were not in the Essay contest were required to learn the Recitation, and were divided into three groups from each of which five were selected. At short intervals other contests were held at which time the fifteen were reduced to nine, four and three. In each case the last contest was in the presence of the High School. Thus the entire student body had a part in the contest, and each one received a portion of the drill, and was thus directly benefited. This competition from year to year, is not a part of the regular school work; but is a great aid to the English department.

The subject selected for the Recitation was "The Baron's Last Banquet," and the contestants were Misses Lillian Barbieri, Matilda Kreiter and Beatrice Rehbein, who spoke in the order named. Each of the young ladies rendered the difficult lines most creditably, and each received a hearty outburst of applause as she closed with a vivid depiction of the death of the stern old Baron Rudiger. An extract from "Webster's Reply to Hayne" was chosen for the Declamation, the "godlike Daniel" being impersonated by Joseph Jacob, Fred. Osborne and Albert Krantz. The young gentlemen acquitted themselves nobly, and it is hard to imagine how the patriotic and historical appeal for "Liberty and Union; one and inseparable; now and forever!" could have fallen much more impressively from the lips of our matchless national orator himself. "Pennsylvania in Art" was the theme for the essays, assigned to Misses Grace Hanlan, Abigail Baird and Faith Clark. These papers were restricted to one thousand words each in length, but beyond this the young ladies were privileged to treat the subject entirely as their own taste dictated and ability permitted. How well they acquitted themselves may be determined from a perusal of the two printed in this issue—the publication of the third, for obvious reasons, being postponed until after the final contest in Scranton.

All of the numbers were of such a high order of merit, and judging from the approval accorded each, so nearly equal in that respect, there was of course much speculation as to where the honors would fall. Principal Oday announced the judges selected as Hon. Charles A. McCarty, Charles P. Searle and Mrs. B. H. Dittrich, and stated that during their retirement for consultation, the children's humorous operetta, "The Magician," would be rendered by the younger school children, numbering about fifty, under the direction of Miss Amy E. Clark, who has charge of the musical instruction of the institution. The little folks did remarkably well, especially in the concerted singing, and in their spoken parts appeared to be word-perfect. Miss Clark deserves much credit for bringing them to the state of proficiency shown, and Miss Hanlan, who presided at the piano is entitled to great praise for her contribution to the success of the performance.

The entertainment closed with the report of the judges, which was read from the stage by Mr. McCarty, who stated that the committee had been unanimous in their decisions. The successful competitors were: Declamation, Joseph Jacob;

Recitation, Beatrice Rehbein; Essay, Miss Abigail Baird. While the conclusions of the selected judges are, of course, to be accepted as a finality, and based upon the rules laid down for the guidance of the committee, may be technically correct, it is not going too far to say that, in at least one of the contests, the popular and official verdicts were at variance.

Miss Alice Z. Gregory, who fills the "English" chair in the High School faculty, has reason to felicitate herself, and may feel assured of the warm approval of the patrons of the school, on the result of her unwearied efforts to insure a creditable—and we shall hope, triumphant—showing for our town in the coming decisive contest in Scranton. She has been a close student at home and a discriminating observer abroad, in her determination to keep pace with the exacting of the important position she holds, and she is entitled to the approbation which rewards success. The essays of Misses Hanlan and Clark will be found on the 3d page.

## HYMENEAL.

A very charming nuptial event took place at Carley Brook on Saturday evening at seven o'clock, when Miss Bertha Wood and Thomas H. Bellamy were married at the bride's home, by Rev. J. M. Sweizer. The bride presented a very charming appearance in a gown of dark blue silk, trimmed with cluny lace. The groom is an energetic young man and possessor of many friends. He is the eldest son of Thomas H. Bellamy, formerly of Honesdale, and is employed as a clerk for the Penwarden Man'g Co., at Carley Brook. They were the recipients of many useful gifts, which consisted of furniture, cut glass, china and linen. They expect to enter upon the duties of housekeeping in the near future.

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