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THE STATE FAIR BILL.

The reasons in favor of the passage by the Legislature of the State Fair bill are thus set forth by its projectors and advocates, among whom Hon. W. C. Norton and Warren E. Perham, of this county, have been prominent and influential:

This State is the only one of agricultural prominence which does not have a State fair.

The State is asked to make an investment in an institution whose title is vested in the State, and is not asked to give away money. This institution to be conducted by State officers, for the benefit of the State and the promotion of all industries of the State, the money appropriated to be invested in real estate and permanent improvement.

The State Fair when properly established will not only be self-supporting but will return to the State an actual profit; besides increasing the State's revenues by the development and improvement of its agricultural and manufacturing industries. This has been the experience of every State. The managers of the State fairs of New York, Ohio, West Virginia, New Jersey, Virginia, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, and others are referred to as to the accuracy of the above statement.

It has been the experience of other States that a State fair is a great benefit to the county and local fairs. The majority of the county and local fairs of Pennsylvania earnestly favor a State fair.

A State fair conducted as provided by this bill is a great educational force in agriculture, horticulture, live stock breeding, manufacturing, arts and science.

At present thousands of our progressive citizens go to other States to study improvements in their respective lines of industry.

Our breeders and manufacturers are compelled to go to other States to show their goods to prospective customers and to compare them with their competitors.

A State fair will stimulate within the borders of our State the production of food stuffs and manufactured articles, which our citizens must now bring in from other States.

A State fair will be a connecting link between our educational institutions and the people. It affords an opportunity for these institutions to demonstrate their work to the public.

This bill has the unqualified endorsement of the Department of Agriculture, the State Board of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders Association, the Pennsylvania Dairy Union, the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Pennsylvania Poultry Association, Pennsylvania State Bee Keepers' Association, the allied agricultural organizations, the Pennsylvania State Grange, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, the Pittsburg Board of Trade, the Williamsport Board of Trade, and many other organizations. Also the press in all sections of the State.

The agricultural and manufacturing industries of Pennsylvania, feel that they are entitled to the same opportunities given to the citizens of other States to develop their business by means of an annual State exposition. The appropriation asked for in this bill is small as compared with the appropriations voted by other States. The Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives has unanimously approved the bill.

It is not how many good things in this life which one has that counts, but the use he makes of them. He may heap up only to gratify his selfishness or he may enjoy them with others.

Chicago claims the distinction of being the mail order centre of the universe, and some recent figures from the postoffice there would seem to establish the right to the honor. One of the biggest mail order houses recently broke all postal records by mailing 600,000 catalogs, each weighing two ounces—the whole weighing 450 tons. The sacks holding the catalogs weighing sixty-five tons. If these pamphlets had been sent on one train thirty cars would have been filled.

An old writer has said that "it is worth a thousand pounds a year to have the habit of looking upon the bright side of things." If a money estimate is to be put upon optimism that statement well expresses its value. But in truth there is an enjoyment, a hopeful courage, a peaceful contentment, and a host of other advantages in looking upon the bright side that can never find their equivalent in money.

The recent public temperance debate in Milwaukee between Mayor Rose of that city and Dr. Samuel Dickie, president of Albion College, Michigan, drew an audience that crowded the hall in which the debate was given, and many thousands of people failed to gain admittance. This was partly due to the prominence of the speakers, to their well known eloquence and to their familiarity with the subject. In all this it was a battle of giants. But unquestionably the interest was mainly due to the foremost position which the temperance question has assumed throughout the country and which has led to many notable temperance victories, especially in the South and West.

The enormous deficits which all the great powers are facing, mainly as the result of past expenditures for naval and military purposes, will probably do more than anything else to secure an agreement for partial disarmament. It is clear that in Germany, Great Britain and France the limit of taxation is nearly reached, and that to go beyond it will invite revolt by the masses with whom discontent is already smoldering. Nations may borrow, but that affords only temporary relief and the interest on the debts ultimately increases the burden.

By persistently reflecting upon imaginary troubles we are in great danger of converting them into real troubles.

Trailing Naturalists in South Africa—Helpful Hints for Correspondents.

Nairobi, East Africa.—Anticipating the arrival of Ex-President Roosevelt and his party, a new code for hunting and trailing is promulgated as follows:

The traveler, the explorer, or correspondent will do well to bear in mind certain well known characteristics of the Faunal Naturalists, of which, on the whole continent of Africa, there is only one group.

If, in breaking one's way through the thorn-bush, one finds an empty Bull Durham pouch, it is a sure sign that a certain eminent Faunal Naturalist has been that way. Moreover, it is a sign that he has entertained the native chiefs and wise men, for the Colonel himself does not smoke.

In making one's way across the lonely veldt, if one finds, beside a recent camp fire, the countenance of a dog, on a tobacco pouch, (empty), this too is to be considered a sign that the Colonel has passed that way—but it indicates that, instead of Bull Durham, he has decided to offer his guests "Dog's Head."

The finding of an empty can, marked "Tortoise Shell Mixture," is to be regarded as an infallible sign that Secretary Kermit Roosevelt has passed that way. The presence of the secretary, as is well known, indicates the close proximity of Colonel Roosevelt himself.

It is not absolutely necessary, however, to depend on mere keenness of eyesight. A hunter with a delicate, well trained sense of smell—so well trained that he can recognize the delicate fragrance of Cameron pocket will know at once what that sign indicates. The instant that fairy fragrance is wafted to his senses, the well informed trapper will know that, somewhere up the wind is Secretary Kermit—and somewhere near Secretary Kermit, is hunter Roosevelt.

Secretary Kermit, in fact, is about the best equipped smoker in East Africa.

Hunter Roosevelt does not smoke at all. But Son Kermit has been a smoker for the last five years, and the Colonel's watchful eye sees no harmful effects from it.

Easter at the Churches.

The subjects selected by most of the Honesdale pastors for their Easter services, and the music in rehearsal for the festival, were announced in recent issues of the Citizen. It is only necessary to put on record such particulars as were omitted.

At the morning service in the Presbyterian church, the pastor chose for his text part of the 20th and 58th verses of the 15th chapter of First Corinthians, and in the evening he preached from the 15th Chapter of Mark, 3d and 4th verses. The music was of unusual excellence, the choir being assisted by a fine orchestra. "Christ the Lord is Risen To-day," was most effectively rendered, the solos being sung by Miss Elsie Krantz and W. E. Jones. Miss Jennie Schoonover was the soloist in "Christ Our Passover"; a male trio, comprising Messrs. Jones, Bodie and Jenkins, gave "Ring the Bells for Easter," and W. E. Jones sang "Hosanna."

The services at the M. E. church on Sunday morning were opened with an organ prelude, after which the following programme was observed: Hymn No. 157; creed; prayer; quartette, "O Sacred Head," scripture reading; Gloria; Scripture reading; anthem, "Now is Christ Risen"; offertory; hymn No. 159; sermon, "Present Day Lessons of the Resurrection"; hymn No. 164; benediction; prelude.

In the evening hymns Nos. 165, 168 and 634; anthem, "The Lord of Life is Risen" and chorus, "There is a Green Hill," were sung.

The churches were all beautifully adorned with plants and flowers.

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Harrisburg Letter.

APRIL 12th.—With the last week of this session of the Legislature at hand, there is promise of more than a little excitement. So many bills remained on the House calendar that it was deemed advisable to hold several sessions late in the week, with a possibility of sitting on Saturday. But the plans did not suit a majority of the members, who hied away to Philadelphia, Pittsburg and wherever else their fancy dictated. Speaker Cox went to Chambersburg on Friday to deliver an address in the Methodist church, leaving Morrison, of Beaver, as speaker pro-tem. Business was moving along smoothly Friday afternoon, the attendance becoming smaller as the day wore on, but no hint came of trouble ahead until Representative Smith, of Crawford, who has been a conspicuous opponent of the emasculated school code, moved to reconsider the vote by which that bill passed second reading a few days before. The friends of the new code were caught napping, or at least most of them were conspicuous by their absence. One thing only could save the code and that was to show that less than a quorum was present to do business. A lot of members, friendly to the code, hurriedly hustled out of the hall, dodging the sergeant-at-arms and his assistants, their one object in life being apparently to get out of reach as soon as possible. The galleries and floors were ordered cleared by the speaker, the doors locked and a roll-call ordered.

Only 75 members answered the roll and the only thing in order under the circumstances was to adjourn, to meet Monday at 2 P. M. The sergeant-at-arms was directed to find all the missing members and have them at the bar of the House at that hour, to answer for being absent without leave while the House was in session. It is not likely that anything serious will follow, but complications have arisen in the meantime that may worry the leaders.

Several score of bills, in which various members of the House were interested, must now be dropped from the calendar finally, the time to work them through being too short. Many of these members had supported the new school code, against their wishes, in order to secure votes for their pet bills. Now that their bills fall by the wayside, they are disposed to even up by killing, not only the school code, but the Governor's road bill, the pension bill, the Judges increase of salary bill, and others that the floor leaders are interested in. In fact there may be a lot of fun before final adjournment is reached on Thursday, and it is even intimated that it may be necessary to prolong the session beyond April 15th, the date originally fixed for adjournment, in order to get all the bills through. How far the leaders shall be successful in bending the House to do their will, in the present temper of the House, is now the question.

Getting down to brass tacks, it would not be such a terrible thing if the school code should fail to pass at this session. The Philadelphia members amended it so thoroughly, to suit their wishes, the Pittsburgers following suit, that the Commission that framed the bill failed to recognize it when it got back into the House. As it stands to-day it is no better than the present system, if as good, and has this disadvantage beside, that to the vast majority of the people of the state, it is absolutely unknown. As a people, we are rather careful that politics do not interfere too much with our school system and management. We take a just pride in our schools and the immense sums of money annually appropriated to keep them up to a high standard must be taken to show that no expense need be spared to educate the children of Pennsylvania as thoroughly as those of any state in the Union.

It would not be a calamity if the automobile road bill should fail to become a law. Beside the \$3,000,000 set aside for this purpose, the Highway Department gets \$5,000,000 in the general appropriation bill. The automobile bill passed the House but was amended in the Senate, so it must come back to the House for concurrence in the amendment, and the members expect to thump it then.

The bill increasing the salaries of the Judges, from the highest to the lowest, would cost the state about \$400,000 a year more than now, and this bill should meet defeat. The Supreme Court judges are raised to \$15,000 a year; the Governor receives \$10,000, the State Treasurer \$8,000 and the Auditor General \$4,000. The Judges have considerable leisure; the three officers named are onto the job twelve months in the year.

Quite recently a bill was introduced in the Legislature to make the salary of the State Highway Commissioner \$10,000, and that of his Deputy \$5,000. The term of Mr. Hunter expires about May 1st, and it was believed that the Governor would not reappoint him, nor his Deputy. E. M. Bigelow, of Pittsburg, was prominently mentioned for the place, though the Governor gave no sign. The increase of salary was supposed to be for Mr. Bigelow, but the Senate spoiled that by killing the bill. The new man may get the job, but it will be at the present salary.

No session of the Legislature, in many years, with such opportunities, and apparent needs, has given the State so little remedial legislation as this one.

N. E. HAUSE.

BANK FAILURE!

Binghamton, Deposit and Callicoon Banks Close.

SUSPENSION OF KNAPP BROTHERS

Binghamton Trust Company in Hands of the State Banking Department—Much Excitement Along the Upper Delaware.

Announcement of the closing of the doors of the Binghamton Trust company and the suspension of business of the Knapp brothers' private banks at Deposit and Callicoon, N. Y., on Friday last, occasioned much surprise and regret among many residents of the North-eastern counties of Pennsylvania, and Sullivan, Delaware and Broome counties in New York, whence most of their deposits were derived. As yet no reason has been given for the failure.

C. J. Knapp, the president of the Binghamton Trust company is the well-known leader and owner of Knapp's military band, which has a national reputation. He was rated as a millionaire, and it is known that he is interested largely in financial institutions in New York state.

The Binghamton Trust company was capitalized at \$300,000 and was supposed to be in a flourishing condition. During the past year the firm has advertised for patronage in the local newspapers offering four per cent. for deposits.

When the crash came it caused quite a panic among the investors, especially in Binghamton and Deposit where the largest business was done. The institution had heavy depositors in Susquehanna and Carbonate, rumor having it that at least \$100,000 of Susquehanna money is tied up by the suspension. There may have been some Honesdale investors, but inquiry fails to reveal any such losses as have been mentioned in the newspapers. The Trust Company was capitalized at \$300,000, and had deposits of over \$3,500,000 in Binghamton and the Deposit and Callicoon branches.

A dispatch from Binghamton dated April 9th, says that shortly before the hour for opening the banks that morning the Binghamton Trust Company posted a notice signed Clark Williams, superintendent of banks, announcing that the Binghamton Trust Company was in the hands of the state banking department. This was quickly followed by the announcement that the Knapp brothers, with private banks at Deposit and Callicoon, had suspended payment. The principal correspondent of the Binghamton Trust Company is said to be the Chase National Bank, of New York. M. W. Hutchins, chief examiner of New York state banks, took charge of the institution.

In a statement given out by the board of directors it was announced that the closing of the Binghamton bank followed the discovery of the insolvency of the Deposit and Callicoon banks. C. J. Knapp, president of the Binghamton bank, is connected with those institutions. They say that with the resources at hand and the liability of the stockholders, they hope to pay all claims in full and reorganize.

The Binghamton Herald says that when James Knapp Reeves now of New York city, but then of Deposit, and Charles P. Knapp, of Deposit, decided to become the publishers of the Outing magazine, they sealed the fate of the only bank in Deposit, the private bank of Knapp Brothers and the only bank of Callicoon, N. Y., also that of Knapp Brothers, and incidentally they decreed, without knowing that they did so, that the Binghamton Trust Company would close its doors on the morning of the ninth day of April, 1909. Up to the time the Deposit concern was established, the magazines were printed by the Herald. But these men felt that the venture was a promising one and invested a large sum of money in a modern plant. From the publication of the "Outing," it was but a step to book work, and then about three years ago, the two newspapers of Deposit, were purchased by the Wickwire Printing and Binding Company, a subsidiary corporation, and combined into one. Troubles with the typographical union interfered with the plans. Deposit anxious to obtain an industry gave loyal support.

The Herald further states that from a small start the plant has grown until it includes sixteen big cylinder presses, six typesetting machines, an electrotyping foundry, an expensive book binding plant and all the necessary materials and fixtures to go with such an establishment. The plant occupies the original pearl button factory, which has been transformed by the touch of gold from a small wooden structure into a substantial and handsome brick factory of a modern and a model kind.

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OBITUARY.

Joseph Krieger died at his home at Lackawaxen, on Friday morning last, of a complication of diseases, aged 52 years. He had been a resident of Lackawaxen for twenty-five years and was a mason contractor on the Delaware division of the Erie Railroad. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son. He was a son-in-law of Michael Woch, of Lackawaxen. Interment in St. Mary's cemetery of that village on Monday.

Harry L. Dilemuth died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dilemuth, who occupy the Henry Webb farm near Bethany. Deceased was 19 years of age and for the past year had suffered from lung trouble. For the past two weeks his condition had been regarded as serious, and death relieved his sufferings on Sunday. Besides his parents he is survived by several sisters and brothers. The funeral will be held this Wednesday afternoon, with services at the Methodist church, Bethany, Rev. W. B. Signor officiating, and interment will be made in the cemetery of the village.

Mrs. George S. Kimble died at her home in Ellenville, N. Y., on Tuesday, April 13, 1909, in her 68th year. She was a daughter of Henry Edwards, a manufacturer of Palmyra township, Pike county, Pa., and was married to Mr. Kimble, who was in his boyhood a resident of Honesdale, in July, 1874. They had two children, one deceased. The survivor is Edward B. Kimble, superintendent of the Ulster Paper Works. Mrs. Kimble has been an invalid for years. About four years ago she submitted to a very serious operation, for a cancerous trouble, and has been in a critical condition many times since. Her husband died on the 14th day of March, at which time an extended obituary notice appeared in The Citizen.

After a brave resistance for many years E. F. Wheeler, a veteran of the civil war, made a final surrender to the arch enemy of all flesh at his home in Beach Lake, Friday, April 9, 1909, at the advanced age of nearly 82 years. He was born in Deposit, N. Y., April 26, 1827, where he lived with his parents, Royal and Delaney Wheeler, until he was about fifteen years of age, when the family moved to Hancock, N. Y. In October, 1861, enlisted in Co. A, 56th Penna. Vol. Inf., and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. For two years he fought bravely, taking part in many important engagements. At the time of his enlistment Mr. Wheeler was a man of unusual strength and endurance, but after two years of hard service was honorably discharged because of physical disability. He had sacrificed his health upon the altar of his country, for he was never again a well man. When a young man he enlisted in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and united with the Presbyterian church in Hancock, N. Y., in which communion he remained until the time of his death. He studied to show himself approved of God; a workman that needed not to be ashamed. His delight was in the law of the Lord. It is said in the Word that such are blessed; that they shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, which brought forth its fruit in its season. It is also promised that his leaf shall not wither. Mr. Wheeler was twice married. In 1853 to Margaret C. LaBar, and, in 1880, to Emma J. Griffin, who has faithfully cared for him during his many years of sickness. Besides his widow, six children survive him, five of the first union and one of the latter. They are: Judson M. Wheeler of New York; C. D. Wheeler and Mrs. Angie E. Lord, of Matamoras, Pa.; Mrs. Annie P. Lord, of Port Jervis, N. Y.; Mrs. Nettie L. Davey, of Beach Lake, Pa., and Eddie J. Wheeler, who lives with his mother in Beach Lake. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon from the Beach Lake M. E. church, Rev. J. A. Tutbill in charge. Interment in Beach Lake cemetery. (Port Jervis papers please copy).

A writer in Popular Science Monthly suggests that the 77,000,000 acres of swamp land in this country could be converted from a nuisance and a menace into an asset by turning them into land and water, gridiron fashion. Now they are mainly stagnant water and mud.

If everybody sends his opinions on tariff revision to his representative and senator it will take those gentlemen all summer to get a working composite of what their constituents want.

Agreement to accept Webster or some other one authority as to the proper number of "p's" in "kidnap" and "kidnaping" would be a welcome spelling reform.

In view of the bad breaks of the weather bureau, Roosevelt's snub of science in the matter of dangers in Africa's climate seems just right.

Local Automobile Notes.

The following new automobiles will appear on our streets the coming season:

J. T. Brady will run a 20-horse power Pope Tribune; William Seitz, a Middleby; Judge Purdy, a Winton; Martin Allen, a Locomobile; Frank Steinman, a Ford; Charles Smith, a Cadillac; Frank Sherwood, a Ford; Wm. G. Blakney, a Ford; W. F. Suydam, an Elmore; and E. Darwin Penwarden, a Thomas-Detroit.

Fred Krantz, agent for the Pope Tribune, has been instructing J. F. Brady how to handle his new machine.

Charles Gibbs is agent for the Middleby, and expects to place an order for a new machine in the near future.

Chas. McMullen, agent for the Jackson, is hot on the trail of a prospective buyer.

There is some talk of forming an Automobile Club in town, there being about thirty machines in this borough and vicinity.



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