### FREELAND TRIBUNE.

other people or has he a cotton string in its stead.

The people of Luzerne county have very good reason to feel affronted in the meddlesome and childish interference of Governor Hastings in its disposition of criminals condemned to death. This county is the third in the state in point of population, but it is the first in the state in the record of murders and horrid crimes. We have been terrorized for years by a gang of reckless murderers. The most desperate crowd of them was broken by the trial of Hendricks and his pals, though none of them stretched rope as they descred so richly. They got off with second degree murder. Will Hastings take occasion to pardon out this gang of wild beasts when he is asked?

Punishment for crime is not intended.

the country that needs the force of a few wholesome examples that section is this one. But how can we get any force of example if this kind of womanish ac-tion is kept up? It has been hard enough to get convictions in this country. Convictions began to come only when the people were driven to desperation by the horrible and the increasing record of crime. The executive arm of the law now seems palsied and impotent. The reports from the Middle West, the strategic point in the great battle that

The reports from the Middle West, the strategie point in the great battle that is on in the United States, are growing more interesting every day. Both sides concede that the clios, as a rule, will go for McKinley, while the country districts will be strong for Bryan. In the thickly populated centres of the debatable states the corporations rule with an iron hand, and Bryanites there are being discharged by dozens in Chicago daily because they refuse to cease talking silver, and those who do cease are compelled to wear McKinley buttons, join McKinley's campaign in order to retain their positions.

A few weeks ago the New York bro-

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

as the leading Republicans themselves in private conversation concede Kansas to Bryan. I have a bet with a leading Republican that Bryan's majority will not be less than 20,000, and I offered to increase the bet and he declined. A Republican poll of the State shows that Bryan will carry it by over 20,000." Mr. J. W. Armstrong, of Richmond, Missouri, says Bryan will carry that state by more than 60,000 majority, and there is equally encouraging news from Indiana, Iowa and Illinois.

Washington capitalists have no votes, unless they retain a residence in one of the neighboring states, as some of them do, but they are trying to control the votes of all those who happen to be in their debt, as may be seen by the following letter which was sent to a Virginia voter: "As you are aware, the friends of free silver and gold respectively declare that if their candidates are elected the country will enter upon an era of prosperity. They respectively leclare that if the other side is elected misery and trouble will be the result. As I favor McKinley I believe that within a few days after the election of Bryan all gold in the treasury will be withdrawn, and there will be a terrible panic in money affairs, from which it will take the country many years to emerge. After Bryan's election one of the first things done will be the calling in of all debts by creditors, because they do not wish to be paid 50 cents for each dollar ionned. I hope you will not regard this letter as a threat or an intimation that you should be dafter election what you would do under the same circumstances. I hope you will be able to take up your company will do after election, This letter needs no comment, but it really is a shame that there is no law to ceach and properly punish the men who each and properly punish the men who write such letters.

LIVE QUESTIONS.

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SUPPORT OF THE STATE FROM FRAN-CHISES. The popular idea of the origin of gov-

completely exercise power over the completely exercise as years. spencer says government originated with the desire of the powerful to more completely exercise power over the unorganized—the workers, the producers of wealth. Be that as it may, the present purpose of government is to effect a saving in effort by doing those things that can be better done collectively than individually. And it has been found to work advantageously. That is why a complete waterworks system, for example, is cheaper and healthier than if every family in a city had its own well or hired its own water brought from the nearest creek or river in barrels. As every person in a city uses on the average between five and ten barrels of water a day all the year round, it is very apparent that the charge of \$5 or \$10 a year is a very small sum for this accommodation.

As it is with water, so it is with many other things. Co-operation, in satisfying our necessities and in charging the expense in proportion to the benefits given, is an important function of government. New, how can the money to meet these expenses be raised to the greatest advantage?

It seems to me that the state can best be supported from a tax on corporations, and the municipality from a tax on corporations, and the municipality from a

sets are often scattered; their receipts and expenditures are an unknown quantity. Besides they receive their right to exist from the state, and they are in more or less part under state supervision. They enjoy privileges for which they should return an equivalent, and, as they lay the whole state under contribution to carry on their operations, let the state tax them sufficiently to make the tax an equivalent for the benefits accorded. This is nothing but justice.

The state already does this to some extent. In Michigan specific taxes on corporations form an important part of the income of the commonwealth. In 1894 there were received from this source the following amounts:

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Railroads Insurance companies.	\$944,0 210,2		
Telephone and telegraph companies	87.8	25	1
Express companies River improvement companies	8,6		
Plank road companies		82	
Freight, palace car and sleeping car companies		71	0:

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porations as follows:		
Insurance companies, premiums Insurance companies, capital	\$119,956 12,555	
Transportation companies, earnings.	394, 164	

is always as to California, he said:

"The Democratic and Populist vote combined exceeds the Republican vote in California by 44,000. The most thorough fusion has been perfected by the first two, and while there may be slight defections on the part of so-called soundmoney Democrats, the loss will be too small to alter the result. California will give a decisive majority for Bryan and an emphatic negative to the idea that this country can't ran its own affairs without asking the consent of European governments. I do not know whether he will win or not, but the opposition is hugging a delusion if it thinks Bryan is already beaten."

The sensational statements concerning the payment of money to the officers of the Knights of Labor by the Democratic congressional committee were very quickly disposed of. In connection with the publication of their organ, he K. of L. maintain a printing office. The Democratic congressional committee were very quickly disposed of. In connection with the publication of their organ, he K. of L. maintain a printing office.

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The attempt to tax personal property is to regard it as a private affair in which the public are official property is to regard it as a private affair in which the public are fished to the sum total of human happiness, and this benefit cannot be confined to a narrow circle, but must spread over a large territory. Its nontaxation wil

A horde of howling spell binders is following Bryan on his triumphant four through the country. They are endeady oring to dispel the enthusiasm his visit creates in the various towns and cities, but they find every audience they meat just loaded with questions. A few of Bryan's centre shots generally send the orators from the stage in confusion, and this has occurred so often that Republican meetings are now conducted with strict rules to speakers to answer no inquiries and engage in no joint debates.

Chairman Given, of the Assistant Republican party of this state, is out for all he can get in this campaign. As though it were not hard enough on the poor corporations to pay assessments to every Republican committee, from the national to the township, along comes.

Mr. Glew with a demand to "whack upon" "Traction companies, covering large territories, Sa,000 each," is all this Gold Democrat wants from them.

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ments, and as agricultural land practiments, and as agricultural land practically has no value outside of the work of reclaiming and improving it, the agriculturist has everything to gain and nothing to lose from a change in the tax system now in vogue to one based on the theory of a land value tax for municipal purposes and a corporation tax for those expenses necessary to the successful and economical carrying on of the state government.

JUDSON GRENELL.

### DRIFTON ITEMS.

E. J. Edwards, the superintendent of the store department, and wife celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Thursday evening. The affair was held in the hotel, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. All those who were present at the ceremony a year ago and a number of other guests attended. DePierro's orchestra played the opening march, and at 12 o'clock all partook of a sumptous supper.

The Fearnots base ball club would fike to have a "go" at Lehighton before the season is out. The contest a few weeks ago was stopped by rain, and our boys are not satisfied.

James Kessell has resigned his position as butcher to accept a similar one

sion as butcher to accept a similar one with Thomas Oberrender in Freeland. Miss Bridget McGeehan returned on friday to Philadelphia after spending we months with her parents.

Miss Rose Boyle, formerly of Lans-ord but now of Philadelphia, is visiting

friends in this section.

Dr. Geo. S. Wentz. Jr., and Patrick
McTague were at Wilkesbarre on business on Thursday.

James McDermott is wearing a broad

James McDermott is wearing a broad smile over the arrival of a young lady at his home.

Miss Mamie McElwee, of Harleigh,

An explosion of mine gas occurred at Middle Creek colliery, Schuylkill county, Middle Creek colliery, Schuylkill county, on Thursday night, and five men were seriously burned and otherwise injured. Two of them died after reaching their homes at Blackwood, about two miles from the colliery. The dead are James Newton, Sr., and his son-in-law, John Cosgrove, Both are married and have families. Charles Schoffstall and James Norton, also of Blackwood, are severely burned, and may die. Edward Donmoyer, of Tremont, sustained a fractured collar bone and arm. The men were

moyer, of Tremont, sustained a fractured collar bone and arm. The men were employed driving a gangway.

A leader of gas had been struck, which burst out into the gangway. The volume was so dense that the gas forced into one of the safety lamps used by the men and communicated with the flame and ignited, causing a terrific evolusion. and ignited, causing a terrific explosion The five men in the gangway were toss addition to the burns. The colliers is owned by the Reading Company. James Newton, one of the victims, was for several years a resident of Jeddo.

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Time table in effect December 15, 1805.

Trains leave Drifton for Jeddo, Eckley, Hazle Brook, Stockton. Beaver Mendow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 520, 600 am, 415 p m, daily except Sunday; and 7 03 a m, 238 p m, Sunday.

parons, Stockton, Beaver Meadow Road, Roan and Hazleton Junction at 520, 600 am, 415 p. m, daily except Sunday; and 763 am, 238 p. m, Sunday, save Drifton for Harwood, Cranberry, Tomhicken and Deringer at 530 a. m, p. m, daily except Sunday; and 763 am, 238 p. m, Sunday, Trains leave Drifton for Oncida Junction, Brawcod Road, Humboldt Road, Oncida and Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Oncida and Granberry, Tomhicken and Deringer at 635 am, daily except Sunday; and 763 m, 238 p. m, Sunday, Trains leave Hazleton Junction for Harwood, Granberry, Tomhicken and Deringer at 635 am, daily except Sunday; and 853 am, 422 p. m. Trains leave Hazleton Junction for Oncida Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Junction, Harwood Road, Humboldt Road, Junction, Harwood, Hazleton Junction, Hom, Junction, Harwood, Hazleton Junction, Hom, Beaver Meadow Road, Stockton, Itazle Brook, Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 225, 540 p. m, daily except Sunday; and 373 am, 307 p. m. Strains leave Sheppton for Oneida, Humboldt Road, Maryood Road, Junction, Roan, Haryood Road, Junction, Roan, Haryood Road, Junction, Roan, Haryood Road, Junction, Roan, Haryood Road, Junction, Roan, Ray experience Sunday; and 373 am, 307 p. m. Strains leave Sheppton for Oneida, Humboldt Road, Haryood Road, Hondad Junction, Roan, Road, Road, Haryood Road, Hondad Junction, Roan, Road, Road, Haryood Road, Hondad Junction, Roan, Road, Road, Hondad, Junction, Roan, Road, Road, Road, Ro

Eckley, Jeddo and Drifton at 225, 9-40 p m, daily except Sunday; and 93 n m, 9-07 p m, Sunday.

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Wilkesbarre, Subouty, harrison west.
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