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EDITORIAL.

THE JONAH MATTER.

Dr. Lyman Abbott in the current issue of "The Outlook" defends his rejection of the historical accuracy of what he calls the "Jonah story". He says the parable of the trees in Judges LX is not treated irreverently because it is seen to be a satire on the political folly of the men of Shechem and that therefore it is not irreverence to see in the story of Jonah and the great fish a satire on the narrowness of certain Judaistic teachers of the second or third century before Christ, and an exposition, in contrast of the "wideness of God's mercy like the wideness of the sea."

Dr. Buckley, editor of the "Christian Advocate" declares that Dr. Abbott's defense is inadequate, and that Jotham had no standing as a prophet, and plainly uttered a satirical fable, while Jonah was recognized elsewhere in the Old Testament, and by Jesus both in Matthew and Luke, as a prophet of high order. Jonah did not wish to go on the mission imposed on him, and was not fully aware that the God of the Hebrews was the God of the whole universe and fancied that he could escape. This miracle was wrought to teach him that the Hebrews God "is the Most High." Dr. George Dana Boardman, of Philadelphia, believes that it is a divine parable, and parables are the highest forms of truth.

Rev. Dr. Thos. A. Hoyt says it is curious to notice how completely Dr. Abbott is in accord with the old and avowed infidel Tom Paine who said one hundred years ago that the Book of Jonah was written as a fable to expose the nonsense and satirize the vicious character of a Bible prophet and a malignant priest. Ingersoll and Abbott both hold up the incident to ridicule and they as well as their infidel allies seem incapable of comprehending the import of the story.

Rev. Samuel Thomas, editor of the Methodist, says, it is an historical fact that we are not supposed to be able to understand any more than we are able to understand all else that has been said and done as it is reported in the Scriptures.

THE BLINDER.

A Chicago paper is very sensibly urging drivers of horses to dispense with blinders. This practice has been long in use, but it is difficult to find a good reason for its continuance. Why a horse should be prevented from seeing what he might know to be harmless, by having these pieces of leather so adjusted that his vision is obscured as to everything except that which lies directly in his path is hard to understand. His ears tell him of noises which he cannot see, and without the reasoning capacity of man, he naturally attempts to get away from them, or by an elevation of his head he catches a glimpse of some object behind him as an umbrella, a carriage top, or it may be a tree, is started and springs forward and a careless, or nervous, or incompetent driver completes the runaway. If the horse was left free to observe objects as he passes along,

he would become accustomed to them, and instead of shying or springing forward would know that he was in no danger. Let a man, a bicycle rider, for instance, have his head so fastened, and blinders adjusted to his eyes so that it would be impossible for him to look around and ascertain the causes of noises, or see objects until he came immediately on them and he would behave worse than a horse.

If blinders were abolished and horses accustomed from breaking to be driven without them there would be fewer runaway or skittish horses, and even after a horse has been broken with blinders they can with but little care be trained to go without them. The fashion of using them has decreased to a considerable extent, but they are still largely in vogue, to the detriment of safety in driving, and perhaps positive injury to the eyesight of the horse. They certainly force him to greater capacity or faith than a man is willing to trust to himself.

CAPITOL REMOVAL.

If those who are agitating the removal of the Capital from Harrisburg really want to benefit the state, the legislature, and humanity generally, we suggest that the Capital be removed to some spot where there are no buildings, we can find such a place in this county, or Monroe, or perhaps in the central part of the state, let the state buy 1000 square acres and provide by law that no buildings shall be erected thereon, except the necessary ones for the meeting of the Legislature, executive offices a laundry, and boarding house for members. Prohibit all kinds of liquor and card playing on the state grounds, and if the sessions are not shorter and if there will not be less scramble for the offices, and if the general morale of that distinguished body the Legislature of Pennsylvania is not greatly improved the Press will miss its guess.

TO ABOLISH CONVICT LABOR.

A sweeping measure to abolish convict labor, accomplished by the use of machinery, will be introduced in the Legislature, at an early date. It will also place all county prisons under state control, and all expenses will be assumed by the state. Five citizens of each county who will serve without pay will be appointed by the Governor as prison inspectors for the county, who will serve for three years, and have control of the prison and prisoners, and shall hire and discharge all employees.

Turkey is in considerable Greece, and probably before the racket ends will be most thoroughly done. King George displays a plucky determination to carry out his purposes, and it appears as if the powers would not seriously interfere.

"Piko" a bottler! well he always was a corker anyway.

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Cost of Deckertown Water Works.

Deckertown's water commissioners reported the cost of the water works to the council on Wednesday night. The report shows the cost to have been \$26,000, and the assured water rents for the next year \$800, with enough applications for trps to at least, if not a larger amount.

An old physician once said: "If people fully realized what it meant to themselves to laugh, and then laughed as they should, ninety per cent. of the doctors would have to go out of the business."

The immigration bill if signed by the President may have a good effect on our politics, religion and morals, by shutting out a vast amount of ignorance, which is the mother of superstition.

Over seventy years have elapsed since the first railway in the world was finished. During that time 400,000 miles of railway have been constructed.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Proposition to Erect Several New State Buildings.

A MILLION DOLLAR CAPITOL.

It is believed that soon will be ample for the purpose—the Constitution should not be stretched—the Proposed New Law to Protect the Fish Supply.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Feb. 22.—There seems to be a unanimity of opinion among the members that Governor Hastings plan of erecting several buildings for the legislature and departments is a most wise one. It is generally recognized that there should be five different buildings: One for the department of Internal Affairs; one to provide adequate quarters for the auditor general and state treasurer; a capitol or legislative building; a structure for use of agriculture, education, forestry, banking, insurance and other subdivisions, and the fifth might be used in the nature of a museum to contain battle flags, ornithological and other collections, a representation of the mineral elements of the various counties, and part of which might be used as chambers for supreme and inferior courts and the state boards which are required to meet here. This could be made to harmonize with other buildings by being grouped in architectural effect. The buildings which remain are not fire proof, but are largely constructed of combustible material, and are inadequate to the requirements of the departments now in use, so that it would be economy in the end to construct a number of buildings, and this done in reference to the demands of the state for the next century.

A Million Should Build the Capitol.

The adoption of this plan would enable the state to begin in the early spring to construct a capitol building, and thus have ample time for its completion by the next legislature two years hence. The other buildings could be erected after the capitol building was finished in the order of their greatest necessity. For the capitol building it is thought that it is to be used for no other purpose, and hence a large building is unnecessary, that \$1,000,000 would be ample to expend for that purpose. Despite the opinion given by the Hon. J. C. McCormick, declaring it to be unconstitutional to bond the state to raise funds with which to erect the new buildings, there are some who favor stretching the constitution at the juncture and refer to Jefferson's declaration, that he had stretched the constitution in an emergency until it had cracked, and the people had approved the act, and that if this movement the people will also approve the act.

It would be a great disgrace, however, for the state of Pennsylvania to attempt to adopt measures which violate the constitution in the least. It has too many resources sufficient to construct the new capitol without resorting to violating the constitution to accomplish what is necessary. The agitating of this subject within the last few days has brought the Bill, recently introduced, into great favor, imposing a tax on all real estate in the amount of one cent, and also putting a tax of one mill on each dollar of the actual value of the capital stock, and will be adopted at an early date, and will be subject to taxation. One million each dollar on the value of all personal property. Two per cent upon the gross premium collected by insurance companies, etc. It is thought that this measure will be passed, and if enacted will enable the state to greatly augment its revenues.

To Protect the Fish Supply.

The special features that characterized the session of the house at its last meeting were the introduction of a number of bills, among the most important of which was one to define which are game fish and fish commercially valuable for food, and regulate their catching and encourage their propagation. It also protects the waters from wasteful and improper fishing. This act will wipe out all the existing fish laws of the state. The fish that were formerly taken are salmon, brook, rainbow, California, brown, lake and salmon trout, and all other forms of salmon, of food fishes, black rock, strawberry, striped, calico, grass, green and white bass, blue pike, perch, walleyed pike, pickerel, muscogee, designated as game fish; also shad, white fish, lake herring, sturgeon, basses, as food fish. Henceforth it shall be unlawful to catch with outlines or seines, or fish for any game fish except with rod, hook or line. A resolution which was reported to the committee and unanimously adopted requests the senators and representatives in congress from Pennsylvania to earnestly forward any movement toward the cessation of the conflict in Cuba, and in remembrance of the generous aid and support we received more than a century ago, to urge the light of the people of Cuba by government by act for themselves. This was passed and has since been approved by the governor.

The final passage of bills was reached for the first time prior to adjournment, and the first one ever that has been the first one introduced at this session, which provides that corners shall have the same fee and mileage when they have been called and viewed a body, but decide that no request is necessary, as when an inquest is held.

The Anti-Theater Hat Bill.

The bill prohibiting the wearing of hats, bonnets or other coverings for the head which will obstruct the view of any public entertainment to which an admission fee is charged passed and reading, and is likely to be one of the first to become a law.

The dairy and food commission are by no means satisfied with the investigation of their department, growing out of the charges made by Mr. Hoock, of Allegheny, charging \$50,000 pounds of oleomargarine is sold monthly in Pittsburgh, and that certain officers of the department neglect and refuse to prosecute violators of the oleomargarine act, claiming also that certain dealers in this product pay to officers and agents of others for this department one cent per pound for all they are permitted to sell in violation of the oleomargarine act, which was referred to an investigating committee. The officers of this department feel that an investigation should be made to show the importance of this branch, what they have accomplished and expect to realize in the future. They feel they are prepared to show that their entire work has been above suspicion and in the interests of the state, and say if they are given an opportunity to show what they have done, they can convince the investigators that their department is properly conducted.

The investigation of the state treasury by the committee of the legislature, which is headed by Eugene C. Chester, is chairman, has begun work. They have outlined their work to have the investigation pushed rapidly after their tomorrow's meeting. There is not likely to be any delay in this investigation, and the state might as well have been spared the expense. Opposing a Capitol Building Commission. The report that a movement had been started to create a commission to have charge of the erection of the new capitol is still persistently denied. It has had a wholesome effect, however, and has awakened the opposing factions to the necessity of each other's operations. With the Republican forces divided and the Democrats on the alert for political capital there should be no job or scheme allowed to have the construction of the new buildings.

A headquarters has been established in this city of the Pennsylvania branch of the National League of Business Men, which is headed by the members of the legislature who voted for Wannamaker for United States senator, and who claim they are going to number and strength. The visit of Senator Quay in Harrisburg this week, it is believed, is for the purpose of looking after the reform measures he is advocating. From present indications this promises to be the longest session the Pennsylvania legislature has had in many years. There are now over 700 bills to be considered by the committee, and there are likely to be more to follow. Then there are arrangements to be made for the construction of the new building, the regular routine of work to be increased, and a beginning scarcely made in the work of either house. This is the situation after almost two months' time has elapsed. Of course, there has been much to contend with during this session, but unless there is more active and persistent work done during the remainder of the session there cannot be much accomplished.

The first week in March will be presidential inauguration week, and adjournment will be in order, and in that event there will be little accomplished during that week, so that the middle of March will be more and more than half of the session consumed and the greater part of the work remaining to be done.

The Coming Agricultural Congress.

J. C. McCormick, chairman of the committee of arrangements for the great agricultural congress of farmers, under the auspices of the National Grange of the United States, which is to convene in Harrisburg next fall, and which will occupy in all about ten days, is at present making arrangements to entertain all in the most important and interesting conventions of agriculturists ever held in this country. There will be at this meeting representatives from all parts of the country.

State Treasurer Haywood is now engaged in preparing a statement of the state's receipts and expenditures since 1880, and the grand total will be upwards of \$100,000,000. He estimates the net receipts of the present year available for appropriations at \$2,753,322, while the estimated expenditures aggregate \$12,377,344.42 for the general fund, and \$2,575,371.50 sinking fund. This estimate does not include the cost of fitting up the temporary quarters of the legislature and the building of a new capitol.

There is a strong sentiment developing among the members of the legislature in favor of the introduction of a bill requiring interest to be paid on state deposits. Speaker Boyer, who served a term as state treasurer, is in favor of the passage of this measure.

Interest on State Funds.

The Quakers have recently been investigating the governors or state treasurers of the most prominent states in the Union as to whether their states receive interest on deposits, and the system was satisfactory. There have been answers received up to this time from 24 states. Of the 24 states heard from, 14 report receiving interest on the deposits of from 1% to 2% per cent. Six of the number deposited in banks, and like Pennsylvania, received no interest, and four kept their money in the state treasury. The states that report receiving interest claim that their system was satisfactory, except in Wisconsin, where the responsibility is divided between the state treasurer and the bank.

Representative Bolles, of Philadelphia, chairman of the ways and means committee, to which the bill requiring the payment of interest on state funds has just referred, is now very confident that there is no doubt of the passage of this bill, and it is now only a matter of arranging the details of the measure, and if these are satisfactory, it will be scarcely a single vote against it.

The committee appointed at the Philadelphia meeting of the insurance companies, which had insurance on the relations committee and contents, have settled for the insurance. The estimated loss on the building was \$778,000 and the insurance was \$100,000, carried by 11 companies. The estimated loss on the contents was \$22,000 and the insurance carried by 87 companies was \$88,750, including \$2,000 on the old clock. The entire amount will be paid at once.

The introduction of a series of bills that would carry out Governor Hastings' propositions, as contained in his recent annual message, relating to insane hospitals and overworked penal institutions, has been completed this week by the presentation of a bill to relieve the pressure upon the penitentiaries. The executive recommendations already completed which are seen in the recently introduced bills are being the project for a hospital for the criminal insane, the bill having been prepared in accordance with Judge James Gay Gordon's ideas.

To Fight the Standard Oil Trust.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 24.—The consolidation of the United States Pipe Line company, the Producers and Refiners' Pipe Line company, the Peoples' Oil company, limited, and the Pure Oil company of Jersey City means that the independent oil producers of Pennsylvania will now fight under the name of the Pure Oil company. They have organized trust on the same basis and aim as the Standard Oil company, and the fight to be waged against the monopoly will now begin in earnest.

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LICENSE APPLICATIONS SHERIFF'S SALE.

The following applications for licenses having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Pike county will be presented to the next term of said court on Monday, March 15, 1897:

- HOTELS. Lehigh Township—Remond W. Hiltaker, Martin L. Bach. Lackawanna Township—Emanuel A. Beck, S. Buehner, Gustaf S. Weland, F. W. Kolber, August Rehnstahl, John Doer. Delaware Township—Francis Meyer, Philip E. Fultner, Randall Van Gordon. Westfall Township—Christiana Mueller, John F. Englehart, James Frick, Ann Millard, Ann Miller, Maurer S. Quinn. Schuylkill Township—John V. Yag, Jr., Adolph Fuller, L. Walter Sammis. Porter Township—Frank M. Van Why. Palmyra Township—Milford Borough—George A. Frick, John C. Beck, Marie Frederika Beck, Frank Crisman, Dingman Township—Anna Schanno. BOTTLER. Milford Borough—C. P. Mott. JOHN C. WESTBROOK, Clerk of the Court, Milford, Pa., Feb. 20, 1897.

WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENT

The following appraisement set apart for the widow has been filed with the Clerk of the Orphan's Court and will be presented to the court for approval on the 15th day of March next: Estate of Charles Reiffstadt, deceased. Appraisement of real estate set apart to widow \$200. J. N. C. WESTBROOK, Clerk, Milford, Pa., Feb. 16, 1897.

Improvements.

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Executrix Notice.

Letters of administration with the will annexed upon the estate of Henry Asher, late of Lackawanna township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate will present them and those indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment to: Isabella Asher, Executrix, etc. Lackawanna, Feb. 2, 1897.

REGISTER'S NOTICE

The following accounts have been filed in the Register's Office of Pike county and the same will be presented to the Orphan's Court of said county for confirmation and allowance on the FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH NEXT. Estate of Julius Schussler, deceased. Account of Christiana Mueller, administratrix of the estate of Frank Mueller, deceased, who was administrator of the estate of Julius Schussler, deceased. Estate of Mary Martens, deceased. First and partial account of William Mitchell, executor, etc. Estate of John H. Meyer, Christian D. Meyers and Frederick Meyer. Account of John E. Olmsted, administrator. J. N. C. WESTBROOK, Register, Register's Office, Feb. 15, 1897.

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John A. Kipp, Attorney-at-Law, OFFICE, opposite Court House, MILFORD, PIKE CO., PA.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

MILFORD. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Milford; Sabbath services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school immediately after the morning service. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome will be extended to all. Those not attached to other churches are especially invited. REV. THOMAS NICHOLS, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, Milford; Services Sunday at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 2:30 P. M. Week-day services, Wednesday 7:30 P. M., celebration of Holy Communion weekly, Thursday 7:30 A. M. Seats free. All welcome. B. S. LASSITER, Rector.

M. E. CHURCH, Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 2 P. M. Epworth league at 6:45 P. M. Weekly prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all. Prayer meeting on Fridays at 7:30 P. M. An earnest invitation is extended to anyone who may desire to worship with us. REV. W. R. NEFF, Pastor.

MATAMORAS. EPWORTH M. E. CHURCH, Matamoras, Pa. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sabbath school at 2:30 P. M. Meeting Monday evening at 7:30. Class meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone welcome. REV. F. G. CURTIS, Pastor.

HOPE EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Matamoras, Pa. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. Junior C. E. before and C. E. prayer meeting after the evening services. Mid-week prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Seats free. A cordial welcome to all. Come. REV. J. A. WELAND, Pastor.

Secret Societies.

MILFORD LODGE No. 344, F. & A. M.; Lodge meets Wednesdays on or before Full Moon at the Sawkill House, Milford, Pa. N. Emery, Jr., Secretary, Milford. Godfrey Wolcott, W. M., Milford, Pa. VAN DER MARK LODGE, No. 288, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. Brown's Building. Geo. Dauman, Jr., Sec'y. D. H. Hornbeck, N. G.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby notified that throwing or burning papers or refuse of any kind in the streets of the Borough is prohibited. By order of the town council, J. C. CHAMBERLAIN, President, pro tem. Attest, D. H. HORNBECK, Sec'y, Milford, May 5, 1896.

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