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EDITORIAL.

BETTERING THE GRADES.

Work on the new road to avoid the hills at the Bauer place in Dingman township is progressing finely under the supervision of Henry Canne. A number of men and teams have been busy this week, and it is now in a passable shape. The part changed is about 700 feet in length and the grade is 14 feet. This very commendable enterprise to begin the work of avoiding the bad hills which are wholly unnecessary and can be shunned or graded down with very little labor and expense. If animals could expostulate with their owners for being compelled to lug heavy loads up those hills the air in some sections would be resonant with horse talk, and their driver could not say them nay. The continuation of such waste of horse flesh, expense of hauling because of reduced loads and general inconvenience seems unwise and foolish and we hope the example which has been set on this end of the road will extend its good influence until a radical change is effected. There is no need for argument in this matter, the good results are too patent and everybody acknowledges the fact, then why not make a trifling sacrifice and all pull together in accomplishing what all concede ought to be done?

TURKEY AND GREECE.

The Greeks appear to be disheartened and demoralized, and the unspeakable Turk with his great advantage in numbers is crushing back the armies of that patriotic little nation. The powers have not intervened they probably foresaw at the beginning what the result would be, and after Turkey subdues Greece and demands her reward, they may conclude she is asking too much, and embrace that as an opportunity to carve her up, snapping and snarling at each other in the meantime as they gobble up the morsels. It will be more than a wonder if in the end they do not come to blows, and very little sympathy would be wasted if they do. If only Greece was strong enough to dictate to them all America would rejoice.

A PIKE COUNTY patron of the Coal Gazette writes that "Hart is in it," just as this journal has said more than once. There is a suggestion that Pike will be heard from in the near future, when the troubled Democrats of this district assemble to straighten out the tangled threads

of rotation, representation, nominations and other local political and diplomatic matters. Carbon and Monroe may yet find more than a match in rocky Pike. The Pike-continian can be a very stubborn man, and his familiarity with the war tactics of bears, catamounts, copperheads, and rattlesnakes enables him to put up a very nasty fight when he considers it time to fight. Keep your optic on Pike, Messieurs Democrats in the other counties of the district.—Coal Gazette.

The streams were literally lined with trout fishermen May 1st, the day the season opened. Many fish were caught but the average was small in size and numbers yet some were well rewarded. Lee Poillon killed 12 pounds of fine fish in the forenoon and several others brought in smaller catches. The rain of Sunday raised the streams and ended the sport for the present. The rise of water in the river also interfered with shad-fishing and gave the toothsome and frisky alosa a brief respite before going the frying pan.

MEMORIAL DAY this year falls on Sunday, and under the law its observance would occur the day before. In other States the rule is the day after. The veterans of the G. A. R. have asked the Legislature to make the same regulation in regard to Pennsylvania so that the celebration may be uniform. There seems to be no reason why this patriotic impulse should not be complied with.

A JOINT meeting of the Commissioners of Monroe and Pike counties was held at Marshall's Creek Tuesday of this week to determine the question of building a new iron bridge across the stream at Bushkill. We understand that it was decided to rebuild and a joint meeting will be held in the near future to award the contract, due notice of the letting of which will be given.

When bilious or costive, eat a Cascaet candy, cathartic, com.

That Schultz Resolution Again.

In a recent issue of the Gazette, "Piko" again rehearses his tirade against the commissioners for passing "a resolution to pay all proper costs and charges in the prosecution of the case as soon as same can be legally done," and reiterates his previous assertion that the resolution was only a delusion and a snare intended for election purposes, passed in bad faith simply to cover the retreat of those officials. He cites, after considerable in the way of reflection on the commissioners as to their avidity to spend the money of the county in payment of their own wasted time, two instances to prove his assertion. First, that a Lackawanna constable who had served summons? (We suppose he means subpoenas,) on witnesses to appear before the grand jury in this case, made out his bill which was "legally attested," and he says "legally pondered over," he is careful not to say that it was ever presented to the commissioners, but he does say in substance, "it has never been paid." We are informed by the clerk to the commissioners that this statement is false in fact, as no such bill has ever been before the board.

Again "Piko" says witnesses were brought here from Shohola in the same case, "bills legally made out and attested and presented to the 'check drawers' and a strong appeal made for payment," and that the county still owes these witnesses their fees. We have the same authority for saying that this statement is false in toto. No such bills have been presented. The real animus of the article is disclosed, however, in the next arrangement. "Piko" went to New York with the Sheriff as a deputy to aid in bringing Schultz here, who had written he was anxious to come, and when the bill was presented he figured in it not at \$3.50 but at \$4.00 per diem for four days. This the "check drawers" thought rather steep considering the fact that he never could earn more than common wages at home, and by the advice of their attorney they declined to donate any such amount for his junket. This is the real "colored gent" in "Piko's" woodpile of suspensions.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Legislature Will Probably Adjourn the Middle of June.

OPPOSING CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Probabilities That the Measure Will Be So Changed as to Make It Ineffective.—The Defeat of the Pool Selling Bill—Recent Reform Measures. (Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, May 4.—Notwithstanding the frequent recesses and junkets of the legislature, an effort will be made to force final adjournment about the middle of June. It is probable that a compromise date will be agreed upon, as the disposition of work suffers in proportion to the rise of temperature. Hereafter, it is thought, the members of the legislature will be more likely to seek the shelter of the trees in Capitol park during proxy debates, but the destruction of the capitol and the removal to a new building will make it necessary for the members to stick to their posts, notwithstanding the heat and discomforts that they are sure to suffer. The experience of other years seems to have no effect in pushing the work of the legislature during the winter months.

There has been a good deal of political hawking and filling over the reform bills, but the Republican party is pledged. At the opening of the session it was announced that these bills would be hurried to final passage, but three months had passed away before any serious consideration was given them. Those who are lined up as opponents of Senator Quay charge that he was responsible for the failure to redeem the party's pledges. He came to Harrisburg to confer with his lieutenants in the senate and house, and it was then given out, with more or less show of authority, that certain of these bills would be abandoned because it was impossible to get them passed during the session. Quay men in the legislature to vote for them. Just when the anti-Quayites were about to take advantage of the situation and force the bills through a conference, the session was called to a close under the circumstances, and it has been decided to push the bills to final passage as rapidly as possible when the session next opens. It is believed that the more important measures will pass in practically the original form.

Opposing the Civil Service Bill.

There is much hostility among the practical politicians towards the civil service bill, and the prospect now is that this measure will be abandoned before it reaches the floor. The political assessment bill will be modified so as to not affect the giving of contributions for legitimate campaign expenses, but to cover on all occasions the wearing of a service uniform, and the result has been dissatisfaction among the guardsmen. They feel that they suffer by comparison with troops of other states. During the recent years of the administration of the present governor was adjudged general, and he was instrumental in having passed a bill appropriating \$75,000 for a dress uniform. Being to the failure of the bill, the legislature was necessary for Governor Beaver to veto the bill, and nothing has since been done officially in the way of supplying a uniform for ceremonial occasions.

The Question of State Revenues.

The question of revenue for the state is one that is giving the financiers in the legislature much serious concern. Up to this time the only bill that has been agreed upon and which is being pushed along, is the Elkin bill, taxing direct inheritances over \$5,000 at the rate of 2 per cent. It is estimated by the friends of this measure that it will bring into the treasury about \$2,000,000, but Representative Ward Bliss, of Delaware county, contends that it will not produce more than \$600,000. He is the author of several revenue bills, among them one to tax beer, and insists that the legislature will have to do something more in the way of raising revenue before adjournment. There is pronounced opposition to any suggestion that beer be taxed, and there are those who say that the objection is the result of campaign deals with the liquor element. Whether that be true or not, it is very evident that no liquor legislation of any importance will get through this session. Under present conditions at the state treasury the deficiency of revenue is at least \$2,000,000, and many worthy charities in the state will have to be cut off without a shilling unless more revenue is provided for this purpose.

A resolution has passed the legislature calling upon the governor to designate May 15 as a legal holiday, and he has agreed to do so. This is the day on which the Washington monument in Philadelphia will be unveiled with imposing ceremonies.

More attention has been given to politics and to factional differences at this session of the legislature than at any previous sitting for many years. Starting with a bitter contest over the election of a United States senator, the bitterness of factions has increased rather than diminished, and unless the pending harmony schemes are successful the outlook for Republican disruption during the approaching state campaign is first class. There are hints that Senator Quay is more than willing to make terms with the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia leaders of the opposition. It is intimated that even now negotiations are pending looking to a new deal in state politics.

Defeat of the Pool Selling Bill. Among the bills which went down during the last week was one legalizing the sale of pools upon race tracks of agricultural societies. It was strongly supported by prominent farmers of the state, and at one time its passage looked promising, but Governor Hastings threw out a hint that the bill would fall under the veto as it had ever reached him. This seemed to foretell its fate. The Sports bill to discontinue the pub-

lication of The Legislative Record has passed second reading, and seems to have a chance of getting through. For years the Record has been standing joke in the legislature. Properly published it would be a useful public document, but as the proceeding are never placed upon the desks of the legislators, the Record might just as well be published at the close of the session, or not at all.

Mr. Woodruff, of Philadelphia, has introduced a bill allowing judges of the United States circuit court to commit juvenile criminals to reformatories. It is understood to have the sanction of Attorney General McKenna and Judge Butler, of the United States district court at Philadelphia. There is considerable prison legislation on the calendars of both houses, and an effort will be made to pass certain bills which have for their purpose the relieving of the overcrowded penal institutions of the state through a system of parole.

Some important changes to the pharmacy law are proposed in bills which have for their purpose the relieving of the overworked and overburdened pharmacians registered under the act of 1881 to carry on the drug business. The pharmacist, though they may compound and sell their own prescriptions and patent medicines.

The governor has approved the Farr bill to protect the American flag from insult and degradation. This bill had the support of all the patriotic societies of the state. It provides that any person who shall wilfully and maliciously damage or destroy any flag of the United States, or any private or public building, or use the flag for advertising any business or trade, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall pay a fine not exceeding \$500 and imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

Prison For Female Convicts. One of the prison reform bills, prepared by Francis J. Turpin, of Harrisburg, a member of the state board of charities, provides that female convicts from all the counties in the state, sentenced to endure punishment by imprisonment, be confined in a reformatory, to be imprisoned in the Western penitentiary.

Owing to the illness of Speaker Boyer, who has been threatened with pneumonia, his committee on the bill to investigate the \$50,000 insurance scandal has not yet been appointed. It is suspected that this investigation will be allowed to fade from memory, but the charge is so specific that it is difficult to see how they can be ignored. The main charge is that \$50,000 was demanded by a coterie of persons to clear from the records of the legislature a scandalous transaction.

Governor Hastings has reappointed Insurance Commissioner Lambert and the senate has confirmed that popular official. His term expires on May 1. When Colonel Lambert was appointed in 1895 he was commissioned for the unexpired term of George B. Luper, so that he will have served at the end of his new commission over five years.

This week the program prepared by Professor Warren Powers Laird, the architectural adviser of the capitol building commission, will be in the hands of the architects who desire to enter the open competition for plans for the new capitol. This competition will be conducted with the greatest care, so that there shall be no favoritism shown to any of the competitors. Six distinguished architects have been der that the very best talent in the country shall be represented. These six architects will be paid from \$500 to \$1,000 each for expenses.

Senator Grady, a member of the senate committee which has been investigating the municipal affairs of Philadelphia, has declined to sign the report of the committee. This report has been revised again, revised again, and is still unsatisfactory to one or two of the members. Senator Grady says the report is too voluminous.

Mr. Rosack's charges of bribery towards the dealer in the Philadelphia, have not been sustained by the investigation, and the report will probably exonerate Frank M. Moore, the special agent at Pittsburgh of the dairy and food commission.

Opposition to Trolley Extension. No session of the house was held on Friday, and the reason given was that owing to the number of special committees traveling through the state there might not be a quorum. It leaked out that the real reason was a scheme to prevent the introduction of a resolution to give the Young bill to enable trolley companies to branch out into the country a special order. The courts having decided that the objection of a single owner of abutting property could stop a trolley company from laying its tracks on a rural highway, this bill is intended to enable the companies to go ahead and let those opposed appeal to the courts for appointment of viewers to fix damages.

Up to this week the number of bills introduced in the house was 978; house bills reported from house committees, 542; senate bills reported from house committees, 117; total bills reported in the house, 697; house bills passed and sent to the senate for concurrence, 121; house bills passed finally, 22; senate bills passed finally by the house, 14; senate bills remaining in the house, 174.

Representative Jafferis, of Chester county, has introduced a bill in the house to do away with hanging. It provides that in all cases where a person is found guilty of murder in the first degree the jury may qualify the verdict by adding thereto "without capital punishment," and whenever the jury shall return a verdict as aforesaid, the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for life.

A bill has passed finally making Feb. 12 (Lincoln's birthday) a legal holiday.

It has been practically decided that the Republican state convention will be held in Harrisburg during the week of August 11.

Old Erie Official Dead. Elmira, N. Y., May 5.—H. Develissen Pratt, who from 1884 until 1878 was connected with the Erie Railway, first as Susquehanna division superintendent and later as general manager, died here, aged 78 years.

Ohio Town Badly Burned. Columbus, O., May 5.—Fire at Caldwell, Noble county, has destroyed \$50,000 worth of property in the center of the noble portion. Insurance \$50,000.

Hints to Farmers.

OUTWORMS EARLY DESTROYED.—I

plowed 12 acres of corn in April, in early May it was literally covered over with webs which at first I took to be spider, but on closer examination proved to be cutworms. These were destroyed by the harrow and drag, commencing at 10 o'clock when ground was dry. Hot sun, with dry ground and vigorous use of the harrow to make a good dust, forms a thorough remedy for cutworms if used when they make their appearance on the small webs. Going to the west side of it a few mornings later I could see it was partially webbed again, when the former operation was repeated. There were very few of my neighbors who did not replant their corn some even the third time, but I lost only a few plants. This remedy for cutworms has never failed with me. (David W. Fox, Westmoreland Co., Pa.)

TO PACK EGGS IN SALT.—Use "course line," cover the bottom of tub first with three inches salt. On this place the eggs, large end down, far enough apart so they will not touch each other or side of tub. Then cover this layer entirely with salt, follow by another layer of eggs, and so on until tub is full. Keep in a cool dry place. [J. G. Buffington.]

TO PREVENT POTATO SCAB.—Soak the seed for 1½ hours in 15 gallons of water, to which is added 2 oz of corrosive sublimate (a deadly poison) previously dissolved in hot water in an earthen basin. If the solution is stronger or the tubers are left in it much longer, it may kill the eyes. A less dangerous substance, indeed one that is non-poisonous and harmless, is formalin, 8 oz of which dissolved in 15 gallons of water should soak the seed two hours. Formalin is sold at drug stores, but some of them charge a fancy price. Formalin can be had at 50 cents per 1-pound bottle of the Knickerbocker Co. of 17 Park Place, New York city, N. Y. In larger quantities it will be somewhat cheaper, thus making a very cheap mixture. Either solution kills all germs of scab on the seed potatoes.

WIDE TIRES.—There is no question but that at certain times in the year the use of wide tires would injure the roads less than narrow ones; but if wide tires are to become our maintainers of good roads, it must be through their general adoption, which we don't look for soon. Probably the only way to

imposition of heavy fines upon users of narrow tires, and we doubt whether the farmers themselves would look with favor upon such a coercive measure, or whether it could be enforced.

An application of 300 pounds of sulphur per acre, in the furrows with the seed, had no effect whatever in preventing potato scab in a field soil at the Massachusetts station.

United States butter cows produce an estimated annual average of 130 pounds butter per cow. This is not much more than half the yield that should be produced, and what are we going to do about it?

Fifty hens on the farm, properly handled, will pay better the year through than 200 in the same place or roost. Quality rather than quantity should be the rule.

Cutting off large limbs is best done by first sawing a little on the under side, so that when the limbs fall it will not split the wood nor peel the bark down the trunk. The limb should be cut off close to the trunk. Now is a good time to trim.

A plot of ground on which a brush heap has been burned is an excellent place to start plants for late cabbage, as the weeds are not liable to bother much here and the ashes, mixed with the soil, cause the plants to grow vigorously and strongly, providing that they have room for best development, the plants standing about an inch and a half apart.

Some folks would labor on a ravine where ye couldn't raise nothin', b' gosh, but blisters on yo'r hands.—Grandpa Wilkins.

Some farmers think that money alone should be counted to determine whether a thing pays or not. This is a great mistake. Fruit pays even if we do not sell a dollar's worth. It keeps down doctor bills in the family.

Every hen on the farm should clear at least \$1.50 a year. How is she to do it? The secret is—hatch her early, so she can commence to lay early. If she lays early she will sit early the next spring. She can thus hatch several broods in the season, and those chicks—the surplus—along with the winter eggs, will easily bring the profit up to \$1.50 or more, after all cost of feed has been deducted.

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