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MOON'S PHASES. First Quarter 8 8:02, Full Moon 14 12:00, Third Quarter 21 8:58, New Moon 29 9:55.

EDITORIAL. A WORD ON THE TRIAL.

During the trial in progress last week, it was the subject of frequent remark that all classes and conditions of society jostled each other to obtain a vantage point of view, and displayed an eagerness that no word of the testimony should escape their ears.

We cannot of course dissect the motives which prompted this unusual interest, and might unfairly assign them were we to attempt to do so. For those who went with a desire or intention of reaping some benefit by following the methods of procedure, marking the manner of conducting the trial, examining the mental processes involved, or studying the phases of character as portrayed and developed by the witnesses or the prisoner, the lessons learned if in any wise in line with the pursuit of the listener, or as giving a broader more comprehensive view of human nature, or developing any faculty, or preparing for a more realistic study of crime in its phases, so that lessons as to the better methods of counteracting it might be learned, there might have been profit.

All such would have been profit. All such would have been profit. All such would have been profit. All such would have been profit. All such would have been profit.

What possible interest of a laudable nature young ladies could have in listening for hours at a time to a recital of crime is hard to conceive. Such trials when promiscuously attended, must necessarily blunt the sensibilities and harden the hearts of a community. We may rejoice at their infrequency in our county.

NOTICE.—A Bramhall Dan baking oven for sale. 18 square feet of cooking surface. In fine condition. A chance for Hotel proprietors. RICHARD HEMERY.

WASHINGTON LETTER. The Annexation of Hawaii to the United States.

President McKinley Returned from the Nashville Exposition Tuesday — Tariff Debate to be Shortened — Bryan and Republican.

The territory of Hawaii. How does that sound? It is going to be the next addition to Uncle Sam's family. It is now known, although no official statement has been made that a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii will be sent to the Senate in the near future, probably before the close of the present session of Congress.

President McKinley has returned from his trip to the Nashville exposition. Tuesday, and the White House, which has been quite deserted by all but the sight-seers while he has been away will again take on an air of business.

The attempts of some of the Democratic Senators to explain that they are not protectionists, although they have voted for protection for the products of their states, have been more or less ludicrous. Senator McHenry, of La., is the only one of them who has come out squarely for protection, although a number of them have voted for it in particular schedules.

The Democrats took advantage of the agreement of the Republican Senators to shorten the tariff debate as much as possible by not making speeches or taking part in controversies, to make a number of statements concerning the sugar schedule which has been adopted by the Senate, that they must have known were untrue. The only one of their statements that any attention was paid to was that asserting that the new sugar schedule would give the American sugar refiners more protection than the schedule for which it was substituted, and that was only replied to indirectly by Senator Allison, who stated that the new schedule would give the American sugar refiners less protection than the one abandoned, and that it would be shown by indisputable evidence as soon as a statement now being prepared by unprejudiced experts could be completed.

The object of the Democratic Senators in talking to delay progress on the tariff bill is obvious. It is estimated that every day the bill is delayed means a loss to the government of about \$100,000 in duties, and the more that is lost in that way the better prepared will be Democratic stump speakers to charge the new tariff with not producing enough revenue during its first nine months or a year.

It has been denied that Bryanism stood for repudiation, but it cannot be denied that a bill introduced by Representative Bell, of Colo., a populist disciple of Bryan, provides for partial repudiation, pure and simple. His bill provides for scaling the debt of the United States, which is represented by the \$62,315,400 worth of bonds issued by the Cleveland administration in February 1895, by directing the Secretary of the Treasury "to pay not less than one-half of the interest and principal of said bonds in standard silver dollars."

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COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Some Cases — Auditors Appointed — Real Estate Transfers.

Commonwealth vs. Henrietta Driller, assault and battery, true bill. Commonwealth vs. Stephen Drake, indictment, stealing timber, true bill.

Sheriff acknowledged deeds to Emil Shields, land in Shohola, sold as the property of H. Bridge, deceased, con. \$790 and to H. D. Clark for lands in Palmyra, sold for \$325 as the property of Sebastian Newburger, deceased.

Estate of Julius Schaefer, deceased, J. H. Van Ethen appointed auditor. Estate of Mary Martens, deceased, H. T. Baker appointed auditor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. Westfall, Amalia Estella Melnyk and husband to Charles H. Gilman, dated May 18th, lot 437, con. \$1,540, ent'd June 2.

Matamoras. Christian Potry, et. ux., to Philip Schumacker and wife, dated May 21st, lots 58, 59, 74 and 105, con. \$400, ent'd June 2.

Greene. Catharine Meyer, et. al., to Wilhelm P. Meyer, dated May 1, 117 acres, con. \$750, ent'd June 4th. Milford Borough. William Anglo, et. ux., to L. Harvey Meyer, dated March 30th, lot 748, con. \$100, ent'd June 4th.

Dingman. Linford West, et. ux., to Jacob Klier, dated June 1st, 2 1/2 acres, con. \$80, ent'd June 5th. Lackawaxen. C. R. Biddis, treasurer, to A. G. Rowland, dated June 14, 1896, 50 acres, con. \$19, ent'd June 11th.

Assignment of above to Warren H. Rutan, con. \$1, ent'd same day. Milford Borough. M. M. Van Ethen, et. ux., et. al., to C. S. Van Ethen, dated April 17, part of lots 275 and 288, con. \$400, ent'd June 12th. Shohola. H. I. Courtright, sheriff, to Emil Shields, dated June 14th, 55 acres, con. \$760, ent'd June 14th. Palmyra. H. I. Courtright, sheriff, to Henry D. Clark, dated June 14th, 150 acres, con. \$325, ent'd June 14th.

Lackawaxen. Terrence Farley, et. ux., to Geo. W. Bronson, dated December 21, 1895, 100 acres, con. \$1, ent'd June 16th. Six people will be accommodated in a commodious house in the suburbs of Port Jervis, N. Y. one-half mile from depot. Ample porches, hot and cold water, all modern conveniences. Large shady grounds. Terms very moderate. For full particulars address or call on W. B., 16 Holbrook street, Port Jervis.

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More Railroad Talk.

The Port Jervis Union says that articles of incorporation have been filed at Albany for a road a mile long from Port Jervis to Matamoras with a capital of \$50,000. The directors named known here are L. Mouthonnet and W. K. Ridgway. It also states that P. R. Deyo, a director, and W. V. Hilliard, promoter, were in that town recently and conferred with Superintendent Derr regarding the location of the road and point of connection with the Erie, and that it may extend down the valley.

From the Stroudsburg Times we learn that the several matters at variance between Friedberger and the receivers of the D. V. E. R. W. have been adjusted, and that Simon will now for the consideration of \$1,000 and the assumption of all liabilities by the receivers turn over to them the franchises of the steam charter held by him. Now be careful gentlemen, please, we don't want a head on collision between the Hilliard and Friedberger roads here at Milford. Get on different tracks and pass, only do pass.

Something new, a spring tooth harrow with wheels, Syracuse plows and "Planet Jr." cultivators at W. & G. Mitchell's.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Under this head we will insert communications on current and political topics, without being responsible for the sentiments expressed, and invite such discussion as may be proper and of general interest to the people.—EDITOR PEEKS.

EDMUND B. PIKE CO., PA., June 15, 1897.

J. H. VAN ETTEN, EDITOR PEEKS.—

DEAR SIR:—Is there a law prohibiting shooting on Sunday? If so why is it not enforced who is the official charged with putting down this nuisance? When harmless water birds appear on this lake the full-lads begin (Sunday or any day) soon there will be a bird left here; such vandals should be reprimanded and punished. Yours, L. N.

(The act of 3 June 1878. Section 17 provides "There shall be no hunting or shooting or fishing on the first day of the week called Sunday, and any person offending against the provisions of this section shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-five dollars.") Any citizen can make the complaint.

(The Pike county game act forbids the killing of any innoxious birds and makes the offense a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment and the general law enlarges the number of birds which shall not be killed, and makes the penalty \$10.—Ed. PEEKS.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Senator Quay Will Aid the Revenue Seeking Legislators.

THE QUESTION OF ADJOURNMENT.

The session may be extended beyond the date agreed upon in order to provide for the charitable institutions.—The Taxation of Aliens.

Harrisburg, June 15.—Senator Quay is coming here this week to help the legislators out of the revenue dilemma. He conferred with prominent members of the senate and house at the residence of Senator Penrose in Philadelphia on Friday night, and will continue his visit here this week with the legislators out of the revenue dilemma. He conferred with prominent members of the senate and house at the residence of Senator Penrose in Philadelphia on Friday night, and will continue his visit here this week with the legislators out of the revenue dilemma.

When it was decided by the legislature to adjourn finally on July 1, and it became apparent that the revenue was insufficient to meet the ordinary demands of the state government and the various state and charitable institutions, the lawmakers were flooded with telegrams and letters from their indignant constituents demanding that hospitals and homes for the poor and friendless would not be left penniless. The first recourse to the legislature was put through to a tax on the house, having been offered in the senate by Senator Meredith as a bluff to make the house work. Speaker Meyer was present in the senate at the time, and returning to the house, he had that body speedily concur in the action of the senate. Up to that time it was the general opinion that the legislature would remain in session until July 1, and that the revenue would be sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the state government and penal and reforming institutions, and would be dropped, alarmed the charitable institutions throughout the state to such a degree that a general protest went up, and the agreement to extend the session a week or two beyond the first of July was the result. It is believed now that the revenue measures will be put through without delay, and all appropriations will be scaled down so as to come within the estimated receipts of the state.

Reconomy Must be the Rule. Governor Hastings, in his message to the legislature in January, clearly set forth the condition of the revenues, and warned the lawmakers that it was necessary to exercise the greatest economy in order to prevent embarrassment of the state treasury. This statement has been verified by recent figures, and, responding to a resolution of the senate calling upon the governor to suggest suitable subjects for taxation, he said that the present was no time to increase the burdens of the people; it is rather a time to lessen their burdens by reducing the expenditures. He concluded his communication in these words: "It is believed when almost all industries are suffering, when trade is stagnant, and when willing labor can find no employment, economy in the expenditure of public money should be the first object of the legislature. The proposition to prolong the session beyond the 1st of July is contingent upon the inability of the senate and house to complete their labors by that time. Some of the members of the senate still believe that it will be possible to get through with the important work, and adjourn finally on that date.

No appropriation bills have yet been reported from the committees, and in view of the fact that there must be scaled down to come within the revenues, the labors of these committees will be very arduous. The majority in the legislature realize that an adjournment without the passage of revenue and appropriation bills will result disastrously for the party in power and seriously handicap the Republicans in the campaign this year.

State Treasurer Haywood has generally assumed the responsibility of paying the state employees until the general appropriation bill is passed and signed. The fiscal year of the commonwealth ended on May 31, and as there was no appropriation, the salaries of state officers and clerks will have to depend upon the good offices of the state treasurer until the legislature passes the general appropriation bill.

The Taxation of Aliens. An important bill, approved by the governor, provides for the payment of taxes by aliens. It requires that all corporations, associations, companies, firms or individuals employing persons who are not citizens of the United States shall, upon the receipt of a written notice from the tax collector of the district, deduct from the wages of such employee a sum sufficient to pay the respective amounts of taxes assessed against each, and pay it to the collectors of the districts in which said aliens are employed. Another bill is almost through the legislature providing for the return of alien paupers to the state or country from which they came.

The legislative insurance scandal is still a lively matter of interest. Another meeting of the investigating committee was held a few days ago, but the most important witness was not present, and it was decided to adjourn until this afternoon. Frank H. Leachard, of New York, is the missing witness. He is said to be the person who knows all about the alleged proposition of certain senators to defeat the child insurance bill for \$20,000.

Governor Hastings has approved the bill to prevent the wearing of any badge or button of any labor or fraternal organization without the right to do so by membership. The act provides that any person doing so shall be subject to a fine of \$100.

According to the statistics of the state's accounting officers, it will be necessary to raise about \$4,000,000 in addition to the present revenues to wipe out the deficiency and take care of the ordinary demands upon the treasury. A bill which is being watched by those who appreciate its dangerous character is one permitting the damaging of the Delaware river. Such a bill has passed the legislature of New Jersey and been approved by Governor Griggs. If the lawmakers of this state pass this bill it is the purpose of certain capitalists to build a dam across the Delaware river at Trenton, for the purpose of furnishing power for a great electric plant.

The senate has defeated the Clarence bill defining local mutual savings banks, building and loan associations. This measure was intended to open the way for an attack upon all building and loan associations not purely local affairs, but the influence against it was sufficient to knock it out.

There is a proposition to tax oleomargarine for the purpose of raising more revenue, but there will be a big fight in the legislature before such a bill can get through. Already an organization of manufacturers of butter in the house to oppose any bill of this kind. Representative Young, of Tioga county, is the leader of the new movement. A steering committee has been appointed, comprising leading members of the house, without regard to party or faction. It is contended by the opponents of such a tax that a law of this kind would legalize the sale of oleomargarine, and be in the interests of the manufacturers of butter, and butter. It is argued that the revenue derived by the commonwealth from this source will very materially relieve the depleted condition of the state finances, and that no harm can come through such a license tax on an industry of the state. Professor Hamilton takes the opposite view. He says the late census gives the number of dairy cattle in Pennsylvania at 827,254, and the amount of butter manufactured from these dairy cows in that year at 78,809,011 pounds. The amount of cheese is given at 439,960 pounds, and the milk produced at 595,956,482 gallons. If the rate of increase has been as great from 1889 to 1897 as it was between 1879 and 1889 a fair estimate of the number of cows at the present time in Pennsylvania is about 1,100,000 and the number of pounds of butter manufactured about 30,000,000 pounds, and the milk produced about 437,538,249 gallons. These cows are distributed among 211,412 farmers' families, consisting of 1,060,028 persons, or one-fifth of the entire population of the state. He says the income of butter alone to Pennsylvania last year amounted to between \$16,000,000 and \$18,000,000, and the milk product at 8 cents a gallon amounted to \$25,000,000. It is also argued that the low price of oleomargarine would ruin the dairy business, and that the legalizing of the sale of oleomargarine would result in a great loss of revenue in the end. It is almost certain that the oleomargarine proposition will fail.

Hamilton Road Bill Hangs Fire. The Hamilton road bill is still hanging in the air, and whether it will ever become a law at this session is doubtful. Only the influence of the state administration has put the bill in its advanced position, and the farmers are opposed to it, and their representatives in the legislature have adopted all parliamentary tactics to defeat the measure. Falling in their efforts, a proviso was inserted by the house requiring the improvement of \$1,000,000 before the new law goes into effect. When it reached the senate this amount was cut in half, returning to the house for concurrence. The senate body refused to accept the senate amendment and asked for a committee of conference. This has been appointed, and it remains now to be seen whether the committee will be able to put together such a compromise as to make it acceptable to both bodies.

The codification of the fish laws and the repeal of many acts which interfered with the propagation of fish in the streams of the state will have the effect of improving the sport of fishermen, but would have been much more effective if the legislature had not inserted many things which the state fish commission did not desire inserted. A bill is going through the legislature imposing a tax of \$1 on bicycles and pleasure carriages and \$3 on traction engines. Several rural members object to the tax on pleasure carriages and traction engines, but they have no objection to the wheelmen paying the freight.

Representative Focht, of Union county, thinks that the only way out of the revenue snarl is to pass the bill adding one mill to all present subjects of taxation. This will be violently opposed by the corporations. Before the end of the week the ruins of the old state capitol will have disappeared. The contract for its reconstruction to complete this work, but he has made such rapid progress that those who predicted he would lose money are now seeing their mistake. BRACAPOLK.

Death of an ex-Officer. New York, June 15.—Benjamin Fairchild, father of former Congressman Benjamin L. Fairchild, died at his home in Peñon. Mr. Fairchild was a southerner by birth and an officer in the United States treasury department at Washington under the administrations of Presidents Lincoln and Grant. He was 82 years of age and is survived by two sons.

Invalids Commit Suicide. Worcester, Mass., June 15.—Eldon B. Watkins, aged 45 years, committed suicide by taking a solution of cyanide of potassium. He was janitor of Sons of Veterans hall, and was found by two chamberlains that order to the hall shortly after he had drunk the poison. He died on the way to the hospital. The cause of the suicide is ascribed to ill health.

Sudden Death of a Veteran. Saratoga, June 15.—John Reed, aged 52 years, of Hallett's Spa, dropped dead at Rock City Falls. He was a veteran of the late war. Coroner Vranney is investigating the case.

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