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The Legislature and State Survey. The Intelligencer is in receipt of the new preliminary geological map of the state of West Virginia, just published under the direction of the State Geological Survey, together with the report of the commission and letter and estimates of State Geologist Dr. L. C. White, laid before the present legislature, as required by the act of 1897, establishing the survey.

The report of the commission and the matters recommended by Dr. White should be read and carefully considered by every member of the legislature, for it is of the greatest importance to the state and its future, and the work of the survey, which has been needed for years, having begun in a systematic manner, should have the liberal support of the legislature. For that body to ignore the matter would be to neglect an imperative duty.

Before referring to the nature of the recommendation by the state geologist, it may be well to state that Dr. White has consented to take charge of the work of the survey in co-operation with the government survey, and to direct it at a great financial sacrifice to himself, since the salary of the state geologist is merely nominal. The annual report of the state geologist and economic survey commission, referred to above as just published, is made to the legislature, and is doubtless on the desk of every member of the house of delegates and the state senate. It is, therefore, unnecessary to review it here. The Intelligencer trusts that each member will carefully read it, particularly that part of it prepared by Dr. White giving the estimate of annual appropriations necessary to carry out the great and valuable work of the commission in co-operation with the United States geological survey, the national organization to undertake the work if the state will share in it.

Dr. White quotes Topographer Herbert M. Wilson, of the United States geological survey, as to how the citizens of West Virginia would share in the work. He says that, according to the plan in other states, but a limited number of men will be sent from Washington, the larger number being employed in the regions where the work is in progress. Ten or a dozen of the experienced topographers of the United States will act as chiefs of parties, while all other surveyors, level men, transit men, rod men, assistants and helpers will be employed in the locality in which the work is done. Thus the local engineers of West Virginia will find employment, the salaries of all employees being paid by the federal government; the money will naturally be expended within the state. The money appropriated by the state will go in payment for the subsistence of parties and supplies.

Dr. White estimates the annual appropriations necessary to carry out the requirements of the act establishing the state survey, if the co-operation with the national survey is inaugurated by the present legislature, at \$30,000. A topographic survey of the state will be of untold advantage, and West Virginia should not be behind her sister states in this particular. Ten thousand dollars of this sum will be for co-operation with the United States survey, in the preparation of a complete topographic map of the state. We trust the legislature will act upon this matter without delay, for it is a rare opportunity to accomplish what has been needed for years, and that, too, with the assistance of the federal government, and at a remarkably low cost.

Not Correct Representatives. A fair indication of the fact that senators, and particularly the two Republican senators who voted against the peace treaty, did not represent the sentiment of their constituencies is found in the actions of the Massachusetts and Maine legislatures when the news was received of the ratification. Shortly after the vote was taken Monday a message was read in the Maine legislature announcing the result. Senator Hale, of Maine, was one of the two Republicans who had voted against the treaty. When the message announcing its adoption was read in both branches of the legislature the members broke into vociferous cheering, and a resolution was passed instructing the speaker of the house to express to President McKinley the gratification of that body at the result.

In the Massachusetts legislature a resolution declaring against expansion was rejected by a vote of 121 to 54, although the author accompanied it with a eulogy of Senator Hoar, of that state, who had also voted against the treaty. While no one doubts the sincerity of these two senators in their views on

the question at issue, the manifestations above noted signified that in casting their votes they did not represent the sentiments existing in their state.

Agoncillo's Flight. Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo in Washington, whose flight to Canada was almost simultaneous with the news of the uprising of the insurgents at Manila, an act which was very suspicious to say the least, gave as an excuse for his remarkable conduct that, owing to the American censorship over the cable at Manila, he was obliged to go to Montreal to do his work, as he found it impossible to get messages at Washington. In view of this explanation Agoncillo betrays himself as lacking in either shrewdness, logic or truthfulness. If the Americans censor the cable at Manila, Agoncillo should know, and of course did know, that removal from Washington to any other country would not give him any better advantage. The cable being in the hands of the United States authorities at Manila, how could he expect to receive from or send to Manila a dispatch he did not want our government to know about from Montreal, or even London, or Paris, or Berlin, or Constantinople, or any other point on earth, without the knowledge of our authorities at Manila?

So flimsy an excuse can have but one meaning. It is proof conclusive that the reason Agoncillo gives has not one element of truth in it, but that he escaped across the Canadian border to avoid arrest. His only purpose in remaining in Washington until almost the last moment before the news of the attack at Manila, which he evidently knew was to occur, was to use as much time as possible to work among the opponents of the peace treaty.

The Washington Star declares that Agoncillo knew enough, or was well enough advised to know, "that the moment his people attacked the American position at Manila, they became enemies of the United States, whether subjects of Spain or not, and that he, as their representative, became a foe and liable to arrest as a spy." It has been long suspected that Agoncillo has been virtually acting as a spy ever since he came to the United States. The Star has the following:

In view of the bloody denouement of Saturday night, it is plain to most minds that he has been working all these weeks for no other purpose than to place the American government in a predicament. Senator Morgan was reported in the news columns of yesterday's Star to the effect that he had information that Agoncillo had actually advised Aguinaldo to precipitate hostilities before the vote on the treaty. This suggestion squares with the publication of ten days or more ago concerning an intercepted cablegram. It is likewise strengthened by the fact that the American lines at Manila were at every point ready for the assault when it did come, showing that the government probably had information of this advice from Agoncillo to his chief.

It may be that this government will not bother its head about the actions of Agoncillo; there is satisfaction in the manner in which it is dealing with his chief, who has shown his treachery and deserves no quarter.

A Just Correction. The Ohio press which, through some sort of misinformation, has been placing Congressman Dovenor in the light of having been opposed to the provision in the rivers and harbors bill for a dam below Marietta, centering all his efforts for the one below Wheeling, should apologize to the West Virginia congressman in view of the real facts, which will be found in our Washington dispatches. General Grosvenor and others are able to bear testimony that both dams were included in the captain's efforts as a member of the committee, and have given him credit therefor.

The fact is that it was greatly to the advantage of the work and furthered the movement for the improvement of the river to obtain at one time both dams, and it was a matter of common knowledge that Captain Dovenor was working for both and succeeded on that line. Our Ohio friends at Marietta were just a bit previous in the demonstration they made, referred to in the dispatch.

The Martinsburg Statesman (miscellaneous) solemnly inquires: "The last legislature authorized a commission to revise the constitution and to report amendments. The people paid the bills, but what became of the report of the commission? What have the people got for their money?" The Statesman should read the newspapers and keep posted about the legislative proceedings. The report of the commission was made early in the session and has been pending for several days. The dispatches from Charleston constantly refer to it, and when the Statesman wakes up it will be able to discover that the commission has rendered a good account of itself. Only yesterday the report of the commission passed the senate and it now goes to the house.

The effort to abolish the preparatory department of the State University being made in the legislature is being vigorously opposed by those who know the real value of that institution. Without that department the work of the university would be utterly handicapped. Senator East and others who are fighting the bill will probably be successful, for their arguments appeal to the good sense and the practical minds of the members who understand the purpose of a preparatory department.

Our friend, the Register, cannot see but one side of a question. It was revolutionary, according to that paper, for the Republican senate to make a fair investigation of a contest and decide in favor of the Democrat who had remained suspended under a resolution adopted jointly by the Democratic house and the Republican senate, but it is the height of patriotism for the house majority to unseat a Republican and seat a Democrat in a case included in the self same joint action.

The New York Tribune is right when it declares that the people who tried to talk the treaty to death only succeeded in talking to death a couple of score of poor boys from American homes in front of Manila.

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this region of country, nor is it best to be over-confident. Let us hope that the thaw will be gradual and not sudden, as on some occasions of the past, and yet we may be prepared and should be so long as the conditions remain as they are.

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

The contrast between the course pursued by the Republican senate, and that followed by the present Democratic house, could not be greater, more typical or more significant. Further comment is unnecessary, except to call attention to the prediction made by the Republican press, of the state on the outcome of these contested seats. Republican papers asserted all along that Kidd would be seated if it were shown by recount and investigation he was elected, and they also asserted that justice in any form was going to be denied Brohard, whose election is generally conceded, because it suits the mysterious purpose of the recently crowned leader of the new and yellow Democracy to have the Democratic majority increased at any cost. These predictions have come true.—Parkersburg State Journal.

It is a rare gift to be able to say just the proper thing at the right time. For instance, our friend, J. A. Williamson, of Great Bend, missed a good opportunity the other day. The preacher was around making his pastoral calls when he visited the Williamson house. After discussing the weather, the crops, and looking at the poultry, it was deemed prudent to have a brief religious sermon. Mrs. Williamson provided the room with the first Bible she found, which in this instance proved to be deficient a back and had some of the leaves disarranged. The expounder of the truth remarked to Brother Williamson that he was glad to note the evidence of continuous usage of the Word of Life. Mr. Williamson was somewhat abashed by this and to clear himself of any suspicion of destroying books, remarked, "Oh, Brother, my wife is one of the worst women to tear everything to pieces you ever saw."—Ravenswood News.

A woman named Fink, from Pennsylvania, has been conducting a protracted meeting at the Wilson school house, about three and one-half miles southeast of this place, for about three weeks, with wonderful success. She claims that she belongs to the only true church which when one secures her kind of religion he can never fall from grace, but is in fact sanctified. She will not receive any one into the church until he not only forsakes his sins, but asks the forgiveness of all persons against whom he ever committed wrong.—Kenova Reporter.

Captain David Pugh, a leading resident of Hampshire county, died Monday night at his residence, near Hook's Mill, from old age. He was ninety-three years of age and survived by a wife, who was a Miss Gaylin, of Baltimore, and four children—Mrs. Edward Reese, of Roanoke, Va.; Misses Marie, Florence and Anne Pugh. For many years he held various offices in the county, and served a term in the West Virginia legislature. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Virginia, held prior to the war, and has always retained the quill pen with which the ordinance of secession was signed.—Romney Times.

Another Jefferson county boy is getting to the front. Mr. Harry Swan, formerly of Charles Town, more recently living in New York, has accepted the position of secretary to General Ludlow, military governor of Havana, at a salary of \$2,500 a year.—Shepherdstown Register.

The fraud perpetrated on the ballots of Taylor county by the Democratic schemers has proved a miserable abortion. We are of the opinion that another crime of that character will never be attempted in our county, but the lesson will not be in vain and every caution will hereafter be taken that the ballots are entirely safe from the hands of the despoiler and his purple pencil.—Gratton Sentinel.

Protestant Episcopal Confessional. Chicago Tribune: The ritualistic war raging in the Church of England finds an echo in the parish of the Church of the Holy Cross, in Jersey City, N. J. The present rector, the Rev. Augustine Elmendorf, introduced various "high church" ceremonials without objection, but the announcement that the confessional was to be instituted has inspired a rebellious spirit in a portion of the congregation. Several members have resigned, it is said, and others express their intention of doing so. The same chasm between high church and low church that exists in England has taken root in the Protestant Episcopal church of this country. It exists in a marked degree here in Chicago. But the Church of England as a state church is open to attack from people of all creeds and denominations. The so-called "Roman practices" in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States do not concern the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and the Baptists. In England it is different.

All in the Family. Says The Buffalo News: "A doctor who sings in one of the big church choirs of this city is about to be married to another of the singers. The other day he received the following unique note from the director with regard to the event: 'Dear Doctor: The members of the choir are arranging to give Miss X a little gift in view of her approaching marriage. Should you desire to participate I should be pleased to receive your subscription. The limit of each subscription is \$1. Yours, Hubbard.' The doctor replied: 'Dear Hubbard, I enclose the limit. I wish I could have raised you. I have never subscribed to a more worthy object. My pleasure is heightened by the knowledge that it will be all in the family.'"

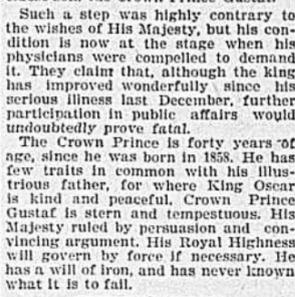
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King Oscar II. has retired from the throne of Sweden, owing to ill health, and has provisionally placed the reins of the government in the hands of his eldest son, the Crown Prince Gustaf.

Such a step was highly contrary to the wishes of His Majesty, but his condition is now at the stage when his physicians were compelled to demand it. They claim that, although the king has improved wonderfully since his serious illness last December, further participation in public affairs would undoubtedly prove fatal. The Crown Prince is forty years of age, since he was born in 1858. He has few traits in common with his illustrious father, for where King Oscar is kind and peaceful, Crown Prince Gustaf is stern and tempestuous. His Majesty ruled by persuasion and convincing argument. His Royal Highness will govern by force if necessary. He has a will of iron, and has never known what it is to fall.



WHY?

Why should well water ever be unhealthful? Why isn't a quack physician a skin doctor? Why doesn't a tall man live longer than a short one? Why isn't a combination of whiskey and water a mixed evil? Why does old age tear down the circus hills stuck by youth? Why does a prohibitionist kick when he finds water in the milk? Why doesn't the man who is hunting trouble shoot folly as it flies? Why is silence golden when silver will shut a man's mouth just as effectively? Why isn't the patient in danger as long as the doctor continues to visit him? Why does the average man prefer to win a dollar on a horse race to earning five by honest labor?—Chicago News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Every girl likes a man to think she is full of moods. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first invite to dinner. It takes a woman to invent a way of going to the devil respectably. A girl's ideal of a tressau is to have real lace and two dozen of everything. When a woman tries to explain how she came to a conclusion it reminds you of a tadpole explaining why its tail fell off.—New York Press.

Sick, but Happy.

"How's your wife this morning?" "She's very happy, indeed." "I understood she was suffering with the grip." "She has it, but she isn't suffering. You see she bought a fifty-cent bottle of medicine for forty-eight cents some time ago, and she was beginning to despair of ever having a chance to use it."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Here it is Marie!

Will you kindly publish the poem entitled "That Old Sweetheart of Mine"? I think it is by James Whitcomb Riley. MARIE SCOTT. In the evening shadows dreaming over an album all alone. Nursing on remembered faces of the friends that I have known. There I turn the leaves of memory, till in fanciful design, I behold the smiling features of an old sweetheart of mine. And the lamp light seems to glimmer with a flicker of surprise. As I turn it low to rest me of its brightness in my eyes. For to dream the old dreams over is a luxury divine. When my transient fancy wanders with that old sweetheart of mine, A face of dreamy beauty, a form of airy grace, Is floating o'er my vision like perfume from a vase of roses. I thrill beneath the glances of azure eyes divine. As once more I hear the voice of that old sweetheart of mine.

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