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## The Election Coming.

On Tuesday, February twenty-first, the voters of Centre county will be called upon to make the second trial of voting by the new BAKER system. It will be an occasion of dual interest. First in so far as it will prove how thoroughly our people studied the new measure last Fall and second it will afford the first opportunity of studying its merits in the conduct of municipal elections.

Aside from the interest which every voter should take in knowing the exact working of the BAKER system, in all elections, there should be a heavy poll on the twenty-first because of the importance of offices to be filled. It is very foolish for people to think that because they have nothing to elect but a supervisor, an election board, a constable, an assistant assessor, school directors and councilmen, in boroughs, that there is no use in their going to the polls.

Good men are wanted on the election board because the intent of the BAKER system will be defeated if there are not careful and intelligent officers chosen to carry it out.

We need the best men we can get to make up the school boards in the different Districts throughout the county. On our public school system depends the future of our country and though there should always be an inclination on the part of a Township to elect its most reputable men to direct its schools the question is of double importance now. Since the State has made an additional appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the public schools the various Districts have been somewhat at a loss to know how to expend their share to the best advantage. Some have used it to purchase free text books for the scholars, others have improved the equipment of school rooms, others have extended the length of the school year, in many districts new buildings have been built and in some instances more efficient teachers have been secured at an advanced salary made possible by the State aid. It is absolutely necessary that every District elect only those men to the school board who will take a tentative care in serving the educational interests of the District.

Who will you elect road supervisor? Don't think any one who will take it is good enough for it. The road question is coming to be of far too great importance to have your District in charge of an incompetent and ineffectual man. The question of better public highways is agitating every community and promises to be one of the important matters of discussion before the present Legislature. If a road law should be enacted you will want your most careful men to see that it is carried out.

The offices of constables and assistant assessor are both places which should be filled by capable men. Ones whom you can trust. However insignificant the position its incumbent can still cause serious trouble to the taxpayers who elected him. In a word then make all Township and Borough offices ones of honor and elect only such men as will fill them to the best interest of all.

Vote for J. C. MEYER for Mayor. We must have a good man in the office.

Tax-payers it is time for you to turn down CHARLES COOK for Treasurer. There is such a thing as a man holding an office too long for the good of the people. Try a change and vote for A. C. MINGLE.

Economic councilmen means lower taxes, lower rents, more manufacturing and a thriving town. Vote for the Democratic candidates and note the result.

The whole Democratic borough ticket is to be elected. Vote for J. M. CUNNINGHAM for Assistant Burgess.

Our poor tax is too high. Something is wrong. Turn McCLELLAN down.

## To Preserve Our Game.

A Resolution Looking to the Establishment of a State Natural Park.

HARRISBURG, February 5.—The concurrent resolution offered by Representative King, of Clearfield, looking to the establishment of a State natural park for the protection and preservation of game animals has caused much favorable comment among legislators. The circumstance which led up to preparation and introduction of this resolution was the gradual disappearance of game by the destruction of forests by fire, the conversion annually of thousands of acres of this kind of land into farms, and the manufacture of its products into lumber. As a result of the destruction of their natural haunts game animals are becoming much scarcer every year.

The idea of the author of the resolution, which provides for the appointment of a committee of two Senators and three members of the House to inquire into the advisability of a large game park, is for the State to purchase about 25,000 acres of land located as far as possible from settled communities. No minerals should underlie the park except at so great a depth that they could not be worked at a profit. The land should be covered with a thrifty growth of timber, embracing many varieties, including annuals and evergreens. It should have coursing through it an abundant supply of pure water. The proposed park should be the present home of game and should cover an area about eight miles wide and sixteen long. Representative King thinks a tract of land of these dimensions could be purchased by the State for \$25,000.

## The Lard Market Cornered.

More Than \$1,500,000 Cleared This Season by Two Firms Which Control It.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—More than \$1,500,000 has been cleared this season by two firms which control the lard market. The price made a jump yesterday afternoon from \$11.82 1/2 to \$12 and even a shade higher. It required very little effort to send it soaring. The market is cornered. There are only about 7,000 tierces here, and there are shorts to the extent of twenty times that quantity. It has been well known for a long time that N. K. Fairbank held a controlling interest in the business, but although known to a few it was not so well authenticated that the Cudabays were equally interested with him in the present deal, but such is the case. The Hately Brothers company, which has acted through the deal as the brokers for the Fairbank Cudabay combine, have already presented over \$700,000 realized profit to their principals, and have much more at the credit of the syndicate without taking account of the enormous profits still in sight on outstanding unsettled shorts.

## Mr. Blaine's Will.

AUGUSTA, Maine, February 7.—Several prominent people at the state house are in a movement to have the legislature give a lot on the state grounds as a burial place for the late ex-Secretary of State, Blaine, who is buried in a memorial stone. There is already one tomb on the grounds, just at the brow of the hill. Mr. Blaine's will will be filed at the meeting of the probate court one week from to-day and a copy will be sent to the press for the morning papers. It is understood that the will is short and gives all the estate unreservedly to Mrs. Blaine, who is made sole executrix. The property is valued at about \$1,000,000. The residence in this city is valued at \$60,000 and it will always remain in the possession of the Blaine family and will not be rented.

## Naval Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The naval appropriation bill, as agreed on by the committee of naval affairs, carries an aggregate amount in round numbers of \$20,607,000. There is no appropriation in the bill for the proposed naval review next May. The estimates for this purpose were sent to the committee on appropriations, which did not act on them, and as there were no estimates before it the naval committee could not consider the matter. The senate therefore, will have to be looked to for the appropriation to carry out the promise implied in our invitation to foreign powers. One new gunboat is authorized.

## Great Alarm at Wheeling.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 7.—The reports from up the river have caused great alarm in the Ohio valley, and in Wheeling in particular. A flood is expected here, and the people in the lower portion of the town are preparing for the worst. At 10 o'clock to-night the state of water was reported at twenty-five feet at Pittsburg. This ordinarily means about thirty-eight feet here, which is above the danger-line.

## All of Pennsylvania's Soldiers Will Attend.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 7.—Adjutant General Greenland will issue, in a few days, an order to the National Guard of Pennsylvania relative to the arrangements that have been made to parade the entire division on the inauguration of President-elect Cleveland.

## Drexel & Co. Will No Longer Back the Reading Railroad.

The Deal Can Look Elsewhere.—The Great Philadelphia Banking Firm Has Done Good Service for McLeod, but this Will Be Continued No Longer.—Without the Aid of the Drexels the Coal Combine Could Not Have Been Formed.—Friendly Relations Strained.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—The Evening Telegraph publishes the following story: For some weeks past an impression has existed in financial circles that the relations between the management of the Reading Railroad company and the banking house of Drexel & Co., have become somewhat strained, and that hereafter the Reading would have to look elsewhere for the financial backing which in the past it has been wont to receive from the Drexels. Recent events have tended to strengthen this belief. It is some years now since the firm Drexel & Co., first became associated in the public mind with interests of the Reading railroad. Since A. A. McLeod succeeded Austin Corbin as president of the Reading in the summer of 1890, and until a comparative recent date the relations between the banking and the railroad companies have been of the most intimate nature. When temporary advances were needed the funds were forthcoming from that source, and when the new terminal in this city was to be built, the Drexels organized a syndicate to furnish the money and float the terminal bonds. When in the course of time the former issues of bonds matured Drexel & Co., negotiated the extension, but the intimacy of their relations with the Reading was not fully disclosed nor entirely recognized by the public until just about one year ago, when it became known that the Reading had leased both the Jersey Central and the Lehigh Valley, and that a great anthracite coal combination had been formed. With whom that idea originated has never been discovered. By some it has been attributed to Pierpont Morgan of the New York house of Drexel, Morgan & Co. Others have credited President McLeod with evolving the scheme, while there are not a few well informed people who believe that John Lowell Welsh, a close friend and business ally of the Drexels, was responsible for its creation.

But the fact remains that the house of Drexel & Co., took an active part in the plans and negotiations which preceded the accomplishment of the deal, and without their aid the coal combination would never have been organized. The knowledge of this fact opened the eyes of the public to the existing intimacy and of the belief that the Drexels were at all intent and purposed the financial backers of the Reading Railroad company. This impression is still withheld, but among those best posted and most watchful of the course of events it has been weakened to such an extent that it may be said to no longer exist.

The intimation that these friendly relations have become strained was the outcome of President McLeod's now well known policy of seeking for new worlds to conquer. His capture of the Boston and Maine railroad was regarded as a move threatening to the Reading Railroad company. The Vanderbilts in the New England states, and as the Vanderbilts' financial representative is none other than Pierpont Morgan, it began to be noised that Drexel & Co., had not been consulted on the subject. The impression was confirmed when the sensational coup of McLeod and his associates secured the Connecticut river line just as it was about to be turned over to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Vanderbilt line, in which Mr. Morgan is heavily interested.

It is now no longer a secret that the Reading and the Vanderbilts are fighting a battle royal in the New England states and it is not doubted that Mr. Morgan is an active participant upon the Vanderbilt side.

## Pat Sheedy Talks.

Thinks That Corbett Is Not Likely to Meet Mitchell.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 7.—Pat Sheedy the well known sporting man and backer of pugilists, is on his way to the City of Mexico. When approached to-day with regard to his recent tilt with Corbett, Sheedy said he did not care to discuss the matter but said: "One thing I will state, there is nothing personal in anything I have said about Corbett, for Corbett, as a gentleman and fighter, I have great respect.

## Murdered Because They Were White.

INDIAN RIDGE, February 7.—Police-Men Bear That—Runs—The Woods brought in this morning one of Two-Strike's sons who is one of the murderers of the Humphrey Camp cowboys. He is slowly dying of his wounds. He confessed that it was agreed among the Indians to go to the camp and kill the cow boys. The dying Indian says the men were killed because they were white. The bodies of the victims were brought here to-day.

## Forged an \$20,000 Check.

NEW YORK, February 7.—G. M. Nesbit, who made several confessions that he forged the \$20,000 check on the Merchants' National bank, which James Sturgis attempted to negotiate in Albany, pleaded guilty before Judge Cowling in the general sessions to-day. His counsel asked for the privilege to plead. It is expected that Nesbit will then plead guilty to the charge.

## The Electoral Vote Counted.

Immense Crowds Were Present at the Formal Ceremonies. Precedents Were Observed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Immense crowds were drawn to the capitol to-day by the formal ceremonies incident to the official counting of the electoral vote. The bright sunshine and bracing breeze which marked the day were boldly claimed as "Cleveland weather," and were sharply contrasted with the dismal atmospheric surroundings which have so unfortunately accompanied nearly every one of Mr. Harrison's public appearances. Inauguration visitors are already flocking into the city, as stands on the streets on the line of the proposed procession are in course of construction, so to-day was made the occasion of the first public demonstration, and it was a most successful one in point of numbers and enthusiasm, though there was little in the actual proceedings to call out any excitement.

Vice President Morton some days ago appointed as teller on behalf of the senate for the important ceremony Mr. Hale, of Maine, and Mr. Blackburn, of Kentucky. At the last electoral count the tellers for the senate were Mr. Manderson, of Nebraska, the present president pro tem. of the senate, and Mr. Harris, of Tennessee, the Democratic Nestor of that body. Speaker Crisp appointed Judge Chipman of Michigan, and Henry Cabot Lodge (senator-elect from Massachusetts) as the house tellers. Four years ago the corresponding officials were Mr. Ermentrout, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Baker, of New York.

After the last certificate had been read and the results looked up, the vice president made the customary announcement. He said:

## STATUS OF THE VOTE.

"The status of the vote for president of the United States as delivered to the president of the senate is as follows: The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for president is 444, of which a majority is 223. Grover Cleveland, of the state of New York, has received 277 votes; Benjamin Harrison, of the state of Indiana, has received 145 votes; James B. Weaver, of the state of Iowa, has received 22 votes.

"The status of the vote for vice president as delivered to the president of the senate is as follows: The whole number of the electors appointed to vote for vice president of the United States is 444 of which a majority is 223. Adlai E. Stevenson, of the state of Illinois, has received 277 votes; White-law Reid, of the state of New York, has received 145 votes, and James G. Field, of the state of Virginia, has received 22 votes. This announcement of the status of the vote by the president of the senate is by law a sufficient declaration that Grover Cleveland, of New York is elected president and Adlai E. Stevenson is elected vice president, each for the term beginning March 4, 1893, and will be entered, together with a list of the votes, on the journals of the senate and house."

## Many People Perished.

Hundreds of People Destitute and Many Homes Destroyed by Australia's Great Flood.—Brisbane in Queensland, is Completely Isolated by the Floods, and the Water is Thirty Feet Deep in the Principal Streets of the Town.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., February 7.—The city of Brisbane, in Queensland, continues to be completely isolated by the floods. In the region about Wide Bay, Queensland, hundreds of houses have been demolished by the rushing waters and thousands of people have taken refuge in the hills, with out shelter and destitute of nearly all necessities. At Brisbane business is completely suspended.

## An Ice Gorge Caused Trouble.

WILLIAMSPORT, February 7.—Traffic on the Philadelphia and Erie is suspended to-night between Lock Haven and Renova owing to a big ice gorge at Farrandville. The situation for the time to-night was serious, owing to the ice from up the river coming in contact with the gorge at Lock Haven. The ice at the latter place started out at 10:30. The Philadelphia and Erie tracks are covered with water and ice near Ferney. A force of men will go to work to-morrow to reopen the lines.

## Indians Killing Buffalo.

HELENA, Mont., February 5.—It is reported that Indians are leaving the reservation in Wyoming to hunt in the Yellowstone national park and are slaughtering buffalo, elk and deer in great quantities for the skins. Heavy snows and cold weather makes game easy to approach and the Indians are taking advantage of it. Their depredations in the park and destruction of game causes much indignation among the whites, who take great interest in the Yellowstone park.

## The Hawaiian Question.

Matters in Abeyance Pending Further News From Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The Hawaiian Annexation Commissioners and Dr. Mott Smith, the Hawaiian Minister, had another interview this morning with Secretary Foster at the State Department. As was the case with the previous two interviews, this was entirely informal, being confined to an interchange of un-official views upon the subject of annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States.

Nothing was said about the time when the Commissioners shall be received by President Harrison and thus formally recognized, and the determination of this date will depend upon the nature of the advice from Honolulu which are expected to reach San Francisco to-morrow on the Oceanic steamship Australia.

After the commissioners had retired Secretary Foster remained in consultation with Assistant Secretary Adze and Solicitor of Claims Partridge, until he was late for the meeting of the Cabinet. There was no change in the situation of Hawaiian affairs as far as the Cabinet is concerned that was made manifest at the meeting to-day.

## Mrs. W. C. Whitney Dead.

The Wife of the Ex-Secretary of the Navy Expires in New York.—Her Death Due to Heart Disease.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5th.—Mrs. Whitney, the wife of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney, died of heart trouble at 3 o'clock this morning, at the residence of her husband, No. 2 West Fifty-seventh street.

For years Mrs. Whitney has evinced symptoms of heart trouble. Slight attacks of illness from this cause frequently startled her and occasioned her family grave anxiety.

Mrs. Flora Payne Whitney was the daughter of Ex-United States Senator Henry B. Payne, of Cleveland, Ohio. She was born in Cleveland about forty-six years ago and there her earliest days were spent. Her brother, Colonel Oliver H. Payne, was very fond of his sister Flora, and upon the birth of her first child, Henry Payne Whitney, he made her a present of \$1,000,000 worth of the stocks and bonds of the corporations in which he was interested. Then anxious to be near his sister, he made her home his home.

Mrs. Whitney began her education at private schools in Cleveland, and after leaving there she devoted considerable time to the various arts, under the guidance of competent tutors. She mastered the subjects rapidly to which she attracted her attention and her intellect was one of which any American woman might be proud.

## Rockafellow's Bank Falls.

A Wilkesbarre Institution Closes Its Doors Wednesday Morning—Caused by a \$7,000 Draft.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 8.—The failure of F. V. Rockafellow & Co's bank here to-day was caused by a draft from Philadelphia deposited in the Wyoming National bank, of this city, for some \$7,000 against Rockafellow & Co. The draft was dishonored this morning and the bank closed its doors at once. Early in the morning, it is said, a mortgage was entered up against F. V. Rockafellow in favor of Thomas H. Thornton, of this city, for \$20,000 to secure the People's and the Second National banks for money due from F. V. Rockafellow & Co. The mortgage is on his residence on North Ayer street, which is worth many thousands of dollars. Apart from Mr. Rockafellow's interest in the bank this represents the only available assets. Among the hundreds of depositors are many of the leading business men of the town and several hundred people whose savings for years are in the broken bank. The heaviest depositors, however, expressed confidence that the bank will eventually weather the storm, but among the smaller patrons, many of whom have labored by former failures, this confidence is entirely gone.

## To Amend the Sherman Silver Laws.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house banking committee to-day directed Chairman Bacon to report favorably a bill to amend the Sherman silver laws, so as to put the coin notes issued under it on the same footing as greenbacks in bank and clearing house settlements. It provides for the exchange of these notes for certificates, which the banks may count a part of their legal reserve. The proposed change will make no difference except to the banks.

## A Record Lowered.

NINNEAPOLIS, Minn., February 3.—John S. Johnson to-day lowered the record for five-mile amateur skating, making the distance in 15.20 4.5. Donoghue's record for the same distance is 14.38 3.4. Johnson leaves to-morrow for New York to take part in the amateur competition.

## A MODERN VALENTINE.

I've written it, love, with a stiff steel pen;  
For the goose, I understand,  
Are so learned, now, that their quills, I trust,  
Must supply their own demand.

I've secured it, love, by the aid of glue,  
Instead of a strand of hair,  
Which I cannot obtain, for I see, with pain,  
I have really nose to spare.

Send it to you by the postman, love;  
For Cupid, I grieve to hear,  
Is afraid of the cold, and has grown so old  
That he doesn't go out this year.

But the message is ever the same my love,  
While the stars the course fulfill,  
Though to me and to you it may seem quite new,  
'Tis the old, old story still.

## Pattison Visits Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, February 5.—Governor Robert E. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, and his staff arrived here last night by special cars over the Lehigh Valley Railroad and were quartered at the Prospect House. The party did the sights and had merry sport on the ice bridge and mountain. They coasted and slid down the latter to their heart's content, and many a spill did the crowd of stately colonels make in their wild racing down the steep incline. The Governor left to-day for Harrisburg.

## Loss of Life Very Heavy.

BRISBANE, Feb. 8.—The water is still falling. The ruin and desolation revealed as the flood abates is beyond anything caused by the last great flood in 1890. Every hour brings news of villages submerged, houses wrecked, lives lost and bridges swept away. The loss of life has been very heavy, but no approximate estimate of the number drowned is yet possible.

## Tracks Clear of Ice.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., February 8.—By Herculean efforts the ice-covered tracks of the Philadelphia and Erie railroad were opened to traffic this forenoon. The ice is gorged now at Linden, seven miles west of this city, but no further danger exists. East of this city the river is clear.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Ex-county Recorder John F. Harter is suffering with inflammation of his eyes.

Mrs. Judge Mayer, of Lock Haven, whose condition has been so critical for the past week, is slightly improved.

Mr. Edward Hume is renewing his youth from the way he jumped out of his overturning sleigh Wednesday afternoon. His horse refused to go by the engine at the station and was trying to dance a polka mazurka around the telephone pole when Mr. Hume and his companion—some fair lady—decided it was time for them to get out, and it didn't take them long to do it either. Finally the horse was led across the track and although it took two men to hold it while Mr. Hume and his friend got in, he took up the lines and started up town with the exultant air of a professional jockey.

AN EVENING WITH THE COUNCILMEN.—Council met on Monday evening to transact its business for the latter part of January and a very stormy time was witnessed. Members Garman, Bauer, and Jamison from the South ward, Long-acre and Dart from the North and Hill-bish from the West were present when the meeting was called to order.

A discussion arose over the signing of the bill for January street lights, presented by the Edison Electric Company, and by the time the councilmen had cooled down it was known that a number of lights have not burned for a whole night at a time during the month, and that the caducous lights on the streets are not up to the 2000 candle power standard. These facts together with a month's charge for a small lamp on the pike at the end of Beaver street, which has only been up two weeks, made the Street committee mad and it refused to sign the bill.

The Finance committee reported the treasury in good condition. Street Commissioner Shaughnessy turned in \$4 25 as collections for cleaning up pavements which owners had neglected.

Council refused payment on a bill presented by Thomas Taylor for work in fixing a bursted water pipe which was flooding Penn street. The amount was \$10.02, but as Mr. Taylor was not authorized to do the work his bill was turned down. A number of frozen pipes were reported by the Water committee.

It was generally supposed that council was to arrange for the lifting of the borough bonds which fall due April 1st, at the Monday night meeting, but nothing was done further than the hearing of several offers to loan money. None of which were at a less than 4 per cent. rate. The borough solicitor failed to present an ordinance for the placing of the new bonds and establishing a sinking fund as directed and council advised the Finance committee to get it done by another attorney. Just what was the cause of Mr. Dale's failure to comply with council's request is not known. However it seems strange that an attorney, who is supposed to represent a town, should leave business of such import go unnoticed.

Mr. Dale has later declared that he was not ordered to draw up the ordinance in question.

After refusing to act on a motion to purchase new uniforms for the police council adjourned.