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## A Last Word With Our Voters.

On next Tuesday the local elections will be held all over the State of Pennsylvania. It seems as if they were but of trifling moment yet when we come to consider how important are some of the minor offices to be filled we conclude that the Spring elections mean as much in their way as do those of a national and State ticket in the Fall.

If you have an overseer of the poor to elect, choose only such an one whom you can trust to carefully look after those who are in want in your district and at the same time do it in an economic, business-like way. He will be a Democrat.

For school directors only the best men your district claims should be elected. Upon the children of to-day is founded the government of to-morrow, and if they be not tutored properly what can be expected for the future. Do not vote for men in whom you have not the utmost confidence. Vote for the best men for the guardians of your children. They will be Democrats.

On the election board only such men as will administer the new election laws as they were intended should officiate. Do not defeat the law to give us cleaner elections, but cast your ballot for the men you know to be careful and painstaking in their own private affairs. They will be Democrats.

Lastly vote for every Democrat on your ticket, and persuade your Republican neighbor to do the same. If you do not like any of the candidates your party has placed in the field, do not set your individual judgment up against that of the majority, but fall right into line and make it a procession of victory.

As for the ticket a few words will suffice. If you live in a township, which is not divided into precincts, one X mark made at the right of the word "Democratic," the only place it appears, will make your vote straight. If there is more than one precinct in your township your ticket will be divided into two groups. One for the township officers to be elected, the other for your precinct officers. Then it will require two X marks to vote the straight ticket. Place one in each of the little squares at the right of the word "Democratic" which will appear only twice on such ticket.

If you remember this you will have no trouble, but it is always a good plan to make up one of the sample tickets which the law allows you before voting.

Bellefonte borough is forced to borrow money at exorbitant interest to meet current expenses. Why? Because the present tax collector has not settled his duplicates for 1891. Elect HUGH S. TAYLOR his successor and note the change.

J. C. MEYER and J. MURKELL CUNNINGHAM should receive the support of every citizen who desires to see the highest offices within the gift of the town filled by the best men.

Next Tuesday, February 21st, the Spring elections will be held. Go to the polls all Democrats and encourage the party organization.

HUGH S. TAYLOR is a self made young man. A careful, industrious, responsible citizen. He should be the next tax collector of Bellefonte.

## Hawaii May be Annexed.

Substantial Progress Made Towards an Agreement—A Formal Conclusion of the Matter May be Looked for Some Time Next Week.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—It is stated to-night that the Hawaiian Annexation Commissioners and Secretary Foster have made substantial progress towards an agreement on a basis for bringing the islands within the territory of the United States.

It is believed that at the conference yesterday afternoon most of, if not all, the points under consideration were incorporated in the text of the protocols. These points are more numerous and perplexing than might be imagined at first, and they present several questions which have never before been considered even in the history of this country.

Hawaii has a full-fledged government in existence, and the disposition of the several branches thereof, with their almost infinite ramifications into the life and business of the country, is a problem that requires patience and research for its solving.

The revenues of the country are derived from various sources. There are the customs dues, postal revenues, the tax on real estate and personal property, the levy amounting to one per cent on the assessed valuation without distinction of class; fees for dealers' licenses, rents of government lands and of the wharf and dock privileges of the several ports. These comprise the principal items. How to divide them between the general government and the local government is a difficult question.

What differences were experienced on this point it is believed have been harmonized and a practical conclusion of the conference is looked for early in the week. But the date of the official adjournment will probably depend upon the arrival of the representatives of the deposed Queen Liliuokalani.

The conditions all point to next week as the earliest time when a formal conclusion of the matter by the State Department officials may be looked for.

In case the annexation of the islands be recommended by the Executive, the method of accomplishing it remains to be decided.

The question has been discussed by those most interested, and it is understood that only two modes of procedure are deemed feasible.

One is by treaty which the Senate alone may ratify; the other is by ordinary act of Congress, requiring joint action of Senate and House. It is believed that the former method will be adopted, if favorable action upon the proposition of the Hawaiian Commissioners be determined on.

To make the treaty effective, of course, the House would have to appropriate the necessary money, so that while the ratification of a treaty of annexation by the present Senate is a possibility the execution of the terms of the treaty will be a heritage of the next Congress and administration.

Another meeting of the commissioners and Secretary Foster will be held at the State Department to-morrow.

## To Probe Panama Fraud.

The Congressional Committee Will Meet in New York To-day.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Congressional Committee which is looking to the American end of the Panama Canal enterprise will meet in the Post Office Building to-morrow afternoon. Colonel Fellows, chairman of the committee, announced in Washington on Saturday that unless Messrs. Boyard, Seligman, Appleton and Adams appear before the committee to-morrow he will apply to the House for authority to order their arrest.

Mr. Boyard was not found to-day. Jesse Seligman, seen at his residence, said: "They can't charge us with contempt until we fail to obey the summons. We have not yet received a summons. All that I know about the House Committee investigation is what I have read that the committee was to meet at certain times and places and that we were expected to appear before it. That is not sufficient notice for us. I have heard nothing official about the meeting in the Post Office to-morrow. All I know about is what I have heard from the newspapers. When I get a summons I will go."

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll read the statement of Representative Geary at the committee meeting Saturday that he had been examining the "blotter" and had discovered, as he believed, that \$19,500 instead of \$5000 had been paid to the Colonel as counsel. Colonel Ingersoll says: "I could not tell, without making a close examination of my books, how much I did receive. I don't think, however, it was either of the sums mentioned. I have not any idea of the exact amount."

## School Girls Lured to Ruin.

Warrants Said to Be Out for Several Shamokin Business Men.

SHAMOKIN, February 12.—It is stated that warrants have been issued to-day for the arrest of thirty-five men prominent in business circles here as a consequence of the confession made by a school girl. In accounting to her father for an unusually prolonged absence from home she admitted that she and many other High School pupils had been decoyed by a married woman at Sunbury and in her home introduced to the business men now under shadow of arrest.

The woman implicated by the confession has fled and Northumberland county is convulsed by the scandal.

## Neumann on His Way to Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 13.—Paul Neumann, who came from Honolulu to represent Queen Liliuokalani at Washington, and Prince David and party left yesterday on the 5 P. M. overland train for the East.

## Cleveland's Cabinet.

Greenham, Bissell and Smith Sent Letters of Acceptance—Five Places Now Disposed of—His Will Most Probably on the Next Postmaster General.

LAKESWOOD, N. J., February 12.—President-elect Cleveland was in an unusually good frame of mind to-day. Yesterday's mail brought to the "Little White House" three important letters. The first was a letter from Judge Walter P. Gresham, of Indiana, accepting Mr. Cleveland's offer of the State portfolio; the second was from Wilson S. Bissell, of Buffalo, Mr. Cleveland's former law partner, accepting the position, and the third was from Hoke Smith, of the Atlanta (Ga.) Journal, accepting the Agricultural Department portfolio.

This statement is authoritative and comes from one who has seen the letters in and has had a long talk with Mr. Cleveland.

It was simply a strange coincidence that these three letters reached Mr. Cleveland at one time. Those of Judge Gresham and Mr. Bissell reached Lakeswood on Saturday morning just after Mr. Cleveland left for New York.

Editor Smith's arrived here on Saturday night, and consequently reached Mr. Cleveland's hands at the same time as the other two did. These letters were very brief and to the point; that of Hoke Smith being the shortest. It is quite possible that Bissell and Smith will call in person upon Mr. Cleveland during the present week.

It is not known positively just what portfolio has been tendered and accepted by Mr. Bissell, but it appears to be a settled fact among those who have the confidence of Mr. Cleveland that Mr. Bissell will go into the Post Office Department.

If this be true it must be taken for granted that Isadore Straus, who was tendered this position by Mr. Cleveland has declined it. Both of Mr. Straus' brothers, who are at the Lakeswood Hotel to-night, asked to be excused from an interview, saying at the same time that they did not know anything concerning Isadore's private affairs.

It is a well-known fact that Mr. Cleveland some time ago decided upon leaving his ex-law partner in his Cabinet. When this information got out it was thought that Mr. Bissell would be the Attorney General portofolio. From the best information obtainable to-night it is quite positive that Mr. Cleveland has altered his plans and placed Mr. Bissell in the Post Office Department instead.

Mr. Bissell not only stands high in the legal profession, but he is a sagacious and successful business man with an executive capacity that is remarkable. His acceptance of the honor tendered him by President-elect Cleveland will cause some surprise, for the reason that he has persistently declined to take public office of any kind, and his large law practice and other business interests have engrossed his entire time and attention.

## THE AGRICULTURAL PORTFOLIO.

As regards Hoke Smith it is claimed by those in a position to know that Mr. Cleveland has given him the Agricultural portfolio. Mr. Cleveland has been desirous of recognizing the South in his Cabinet, and it is claimed that the selection of Editor Smith will meet with the approval of the Southerners.

Mr. Smith was an out and out Cleveland man during the campaign, while Clark Howell, of the Atlanta Constitution, was a Hill man. Mr. Smith has all along denied the fact that he was a Cabinet possibility and claimed that he had not been in correspondence with Mr. Cleveland.

This may be true so far as the correspondence goes, but there are several persons in Lakeswood to night who say that overtures were made with the Southern editor some months ago and that he was offered the Agricultural portfolio at least two weeks ago.

The acceptance of Gresham, Bissell and Smith now leave but three vacancies in the Cabinet, they being Secretary of the Interior, Attorney General and Secretary of the Navy. It is quite positive that Mr. Cleveland has made no selection for these positions as yet. He will undoubtedly take a few days' rest before starting in upon finishing his Cabinet.

## HOW THE SLATE IS FIGURED NOW.

As the slate now stands it is as follows: SECRETARY OF STATE—WALTER Q. GRESHAM, of Indiana. SECRETARY OF TREASURY—THOMAS CARLISLE, of Kentucky. SECRETARY OF WAR—DANIEL LAMONT, of New York. POSTMASTER GENERAL—WILSON S. BISSELL, of New York. SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE—HOKÉ SMITH, of Georgia.

It is quite probable that Hilary Herbert of Alabama, may capture the Navy portfolio. Mr. Herbert is the chairman of the naval committee in the House, and it is said that Mr. Cleveland has his name under advisement.

## MR. CLEVELAND'S CALLER.

A special train from New York this morning brought Joseph Quincy, of Boston, here. Mr. Quincy went direct to the Cleveland cottage, where he was closeted with the President elect and Dr. Dickinson for several hours. At the conclusion of the interview Mr. Quincy boarded the special and returned to New York.

Mr. Cleveland refused to say what was Mr. Quincy's business here. He said that Mr. Quincy was in New York on business and took the opportunity to run down to Lakeswood for the day. This was the first time this year that a train has been run from Jersey City here on Sunday.

Mr. Quincy will probably return to Washington to make a final effort for the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase act at this session of Congress.

Mr. Quincy declined to say what would be done to get a vote on the silver bill in the House, or to say what prospect there is of any definite action being taken before adjournment. It was evident, however, that he does not consider the silver repeal hopeless at this session.

Among the other visitors to Mr. Cleveland to-day were Ex Minister to Turkey Nathan Straus, Park Commissioner Gray and George T. Parker, who has been Mr. Cleveland's right hand man. Mr. Dickinson returns to the city to-morrow and Mr. Cleveland remains here.

## Dr. Norvin Green Dead.

He Suffered for Some Time from Bowel Complaint—The President of the Western Union Telegraph Company Dies at His Home in Louisville, Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 12.—Dr. Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died at his home in this city at 7.30 o'clock this morning. His death was caused by bowel complaint, from which he had been acutely suffering for one week. He had not been well for several years.

Six weeks ago he sought rest in the seclusion of his Louisville home. One week ago to-day he was taken suddenly ill with diarrhea and failed steadily.

Norvin Green was born in New Albany, Ind., just across the Ohio river from Louisville, April 17, 1818. He received a country school education, was graduated from the University of Louisville with the degree of M. D. in 1840, and married Miss Martha English, of Carroll county, in the following year.

He gained some political influence and in 1853 was appointed disbursing agent for the Custom House then in process of erection here. His interest in the telegraph matters began a year later, when he formed a syndicate to purchase the almost bankrupt People's New Orleans and Cincinnati telegraph lines.

His fine organizing ability was soon shown by the payment of dividends, the first ever declared in the telegraph business. He directed the Western Union deal which merged every American line in that company. Upon the death of President William Orton, Norvin Green was chosen unanimously to succeed him. Ever since that time, 1877, he has continued to fill the position. He leaves a widow and six children. The funeral will take place here Thursday.

## Mr. Blaine's Brief Will.

His Entire Estate Practically Given to His Wife.

AUGUSTA, Me., Feb. 13.—The will of the late Hon. James G. Blaine was presented for probate to-day. It was executed at Washington, D. C., Saturday, January 7, 1893, only 20 days before his death, an indication that only about that time had Mr. Blaine become persuaded that dissolution was imminent.

The will gives practically his entire estate to his wife, Harriet S., in fee simple. Mrs. Blaine is also named as executrix, and it is requested by the testator that no bond be required of her for the performance of her duty as executrix.

The will is witnessed by W. W. Johnson, Elizabeth Price and Elizabeth McKewen, presumably Mr. Blaine's physician and nurses. Some surprise has been expressed that with his extensive financial interests and his knowledge of affairs, Mr. Blaine, despite his long continued illness, should have delayed to so late a day the making of a testamentary disposition of his estate.

Mr. Blaine's children—Mrs. Darnoch, Miss Harriet and James G., Jr., are bequeathed \$50 apiece, and three of his grandchildren—Emmons Blaine, Blaine Copping and Corwin Copping, are—\$25 each. No provision is made for James G. Blaine 3d, son of James G., Jr.

## Officially Announced.

No More Doubt About Four Members of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet.

LAKESWOOD, N. J., Feb. 14.—Mr. Cleveland officially announced the names of four members of his cabinet through the United Press this evening. They are: Walter Q. Gresham, of Indiana, secretary of state; John G. Carlisle, of Kentucky, secretary of the treasury; Daniel S. Lamont, of New York, secretary of war, and Wilson S. Bissell, of Buffalo, postmaster general. On making this announcement Mr. Cleveland said: "There is no need of any mystery in regard to the cabinet and it is useless to speculate and indulge in guess work. I shall make no secret of the matter but shall announce the names of the gentlemen selected to fill the positions as fast as I receive their permission to make the matter public."

## Rockafellow's Broken Bank.

The Liabilities Will Reach \$32,000, With Assets of Only \$20,000.

WILKESBARRE, February 14.—There was no little excitement here to-night among the seven hundred depositors of the broken bank of F. V. Rockafellow & Co. when it became known that the total liabilities will reach \$32,000, while the entire assets will scarcely foot up \$20,000. It looks now as though the wreck was a complete one and that the depositors will be lucky if they receive over eight per cent of their money.

Attorney E. P. Darling during his life was a member of the firm for many years and up to the time of his death. It is claimed that his estate, which is a large one, may become involved before the matter is fully settled.

## Corbett Ready for a Match.

His Check for Ten Thousand Dollars Now Ready.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 13.—Thomas J. Corbett wrote his personal check for \$10,000 for a fight with either Mitchell or Jackson. Mr. Brady will leave for New York with this check to-day and make an effort to get it on the fight with Mitchell in December. If he should fail in this, terms will be made with Peter Jackson for a fight for \$10,000 a side. Corbett offers to bet \$25,000 to \$50,000 that he will whip either the Englishman or the colored champion.

## His Record Cleared.

Roland Pa. Feb. 7th, 1893.

Please publish the enclosed "clipping" taken from the Press of Pittsburg, Lt. Ed. Nixon had many friends in this county and the vindication spread abroad, it was a long time coming and it will do him no good as he is in his grave but his friends will be glad to know that his character as a good soldier is cleared.

The committee on military affairs has reported favorably the bill introduced by Congressman Hopkins revoking the order dismissing Lieut. Edwin S. Nixon of Company E, Seventh Pennsylvania cavalry, and to correct the records of the department to show the removal of the order of dismissal against Dixon. This report brings to the surface a somewhat interesting story of the experiences of Lieut. Nixon.

He had charge in 1864 of block houses Nos. 3, 4 and 5, near Columbia, Tenn., and surrendered to the confederates without firing a gun, also surrendering his command and 116 men, and the records of the department say he endeavored to induce the officers and men guarding other blockhouses of the same kind to surrender. This event led to the dismissal of Nixon by Assistant Adjutant General Townsend, under direction of the president. Col. William B. Sipes, of the Seventh Pennsylvania cavalry, commanding the post at Columbia, in his report charges Nixon with having "acted cowardly and treacherously in surrendering his blockhouses; and he had no excuse whatever for doing, as he was well supplied with ammunition and rations, and his blockhouses were entirely defensible, his garrisons brave and willing to fight to the last." The committee, however, suggests that Col. Sipes evidently based his conclusions on the report of Lieut. Kramer, of the Sixty-eighth New York regiment, who was not present, and seems to have made his report without official information. Nixon's friends claim that if anybody is to blame it is Col. Sipes, who failed to send him re-enforcements, and ammunition in spite of the fact that his men numbered only about 100 and were many of them convalescing soldiers, while the force surrounding his blockhouse numbered nearly 3,000 under Gen. Forrest. The committee decided to report favorably on the bill removing from the records of the war department the charges upon which he was dismissed and say: "From the above statement of facts gathered from war records and the affidavits of men who were present at the time, and from the statement of Lieut. Nixon, who is now deceased, being killed in a railroad accident in 1890, and from the further fact, according to the records in the war department, your committee finds that Lieut. Nixon and his men were taken prisoners, held by the confederates as prisoners of war, and were exchanged as such April 8, 1865, during which time, contrary to all law or justice, Lieut. Nixon was dishonorably discharged from the service without any opportunity to be heard in person, or by anyone in his behalf, and then, notwithstanding the fact that he was dismissed from the United States service, the war department exchanged a confederate prisoner for him."

## Additional Locals.

—There are fifty-six applications for license awaiting disposal by our courts.

—Major Wm. F. Reynolds is on the sick list, but at the present writing is somewhat better.

—Sunday will be Missionary day in the Methodist church. Professor Gill of the State College will preach morning and evening.

—The Broad street, Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania railroad company is a much used place. 630 trains daily arrive and depart and twenty million passengers went through it last year. An average of sixty thousand per day.

—Mr. Frank Nagney, the young Bishop street furniture dealer who has just closed out his business preparatory to moving to Athens, Pa. married Miss Ella Shank last evening at 6 o'clock. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home on South Allegheny street.

—The teachers of Potter, Gregg, Penn, Haines and Miles townships will hold a local teachers' institute at Spring Mills, on Friday and Saturday, February 24th and 25th. Rev. D. M. Wolf will have charge and the sessions will be held in the Academy building.

—A very pleasant party was given at the home of W. H. Williams, near Port Matilda, on Tuesday evening. Games and dancing were indulged in until refreshments were served. All those who were fortunate enough to have been present had an enjoyable time.

GRANGE FESTIVAL—Benner Grange, of Buffalo Run, will hold a festival in its hall, on Friday and Saturday evenings February 24th and 25th. Oysters, chicken and waffles, ice cream, cake, confections and everything toothsome will be served. Friends of the Grange are cordially invited to attend.

—George J. Eldred Esq., aged 75 years, one of Clinton county's prominent citizens died at his home, in Mackeyville, Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness. He represented his county two terms in the State Legislature and figured prominently in local politics. He will be buried in the Cedar Hill cemetery this, Friday, afternoon.

—The invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Hilda Baum to Mr. Nathan Reisman, which is to take place Tuesday the 28th, at Evanson, Ind., where the bride-elect has been staying with an aunt for some time. Miss Hilda, bright and attractive, is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Baum, who leave next Tuesday to be present at the ceremony. Miss Jennie Fauble will accompany them as she is to be maid of honor for the fair bride.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—Issued during the past week—Taken from the docket. Percy Blackford, of Bellefonte, and Ida M. Bowmaster, of Union twp. Miles Wrye and Emma Meese, both of Halfmoon. David J. Knepp, of Bellefonte, and Maggie J. Frazier, of Spring twp. Wm. H. Pletcher, of Howard, and Mattie L. Miller, of Beech Creek.

—One by one the State College boys are stepping to the front. Mr. Jacob Struble, of Zion, who graduated in '89, has the contract to connect electrically the switches and signals at the new Reading Station in Philadelphia. The importance of the position is apparent to any one and we are justly proud of the young man who is able to fill it. Mr. Waldron, of the same class, who was recently married to a young lady from Virginia, is assisting Mr. Struble.

## Huntingdon Reformatory.

Report of the Jury Which was Instructed to Investigate It.

HUNTINGDON, February 15.—The Grand jury directed by Judge Furst yesterday to make an investigation into the management of the Huntingdon Industrial reformatory, and particularly as to the means afforded for their physical, intellectual and moral instruction, reported to the court to-day. The report shows that of the 374 inmates in the reformatory 191 are actually at work in the various departments, including the tin, carpenter, blacksmith, tailor and shoe shops, brick yard laundry, shirt factory, and printing office. Eighty-nine were found unemployed. In the school department each boy receives one hour a day of actual tuition, and is supposed to study two hours in his cell at night. Opportunities are given the most proficient to study the higher branches. The common school branches are generally taught. The library contains 2,000 volumes and each boy is allowed one book a week. Such magazines and papers as the management approve of are also furnished the inmates. Chaplain Forges holds Sunday school every Sunday, the attendance being voluntary. On Sunday afternoon public services are held, at which every inmate is required to be present. Masses and confessions for the Roman Catholic inmates are held. Each cell contains a Bible and a hymn book. Private religious instruction is given as the opportunity affords. The Grand jury express their confidence in the management of the institution, and that they make the best possible use of the facilities at their command.

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