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Civic Reforms.

Municipal reformation is in the air. It is the incentive to action in the municipal elections of most of the larger cities. There is scarcely a municipality whose citizens are not fully convinced that its government is corrupt to the core. New York has led off in correcting her civic abuses, and she was greatly aided in the movement by the dominant party, although that party had to bear the blame for most of the evils that were to be corrected. Philadelphia presents even a worse case of municipal corruption, for the gang who revel in her civic rottenness are a meaner and more sneaking set than those of New York, and they have fortified themselves behind Republican breastworks. It is to be hoped, however, that they will be dislodged from their party entrenchment. But while the municipal crookedness of the cities are being straightened out there are smaller municipalities in the shape of boroughs, that need overhauling. Bellefonte, for example, would be greatly benefited by being LEXOWED. It couldn't be expected that the Legislature would send a committee here for that purpose, but the citizens would promote their own interest by forming themselves into a LEXOW committee at the next election that would overturn the partisan administration that has too long been exhausting the borough resources and piling up a borough debt with nothing substantial to show for it. It is about time that municipal reform should strike Bellefonte.

For Future Use.

The following, which is taken from an editorial in the N. Y. Tribune of the 8th inst. is not published for any particular interest it may have today, but for future use; when our Republican friends will attempt to hold the Democratic party responsible for the interest bearing bonds with which the country is to be cursed and which will be issued, as the Tribune now admits, in pursuance of requirements of Republican enactments that the Democracy "has repeatedly tried to repeal." It is a good thing to keep on the record and will be found of use hereafter. The Tribune says: "The game of play politics has been played by the President as far as it can be and now he has to issue bonds under enactments of a Republican Congress fifteen years ago, which the Democratic party at that time denounced with measureless indecency of language and temper, and which it has repeatedly tried to repeal."

Mr. GARMAN, the candidate for council in the South ward has a record as a councilman that should send him back with a big majority. During his entire term he has never missed a meeting and has been on a continuous look-out for the interests of the taxpayers. He has succeeded in having the water service greatly improved and on that score alone merits everyone's vote. We are sorry to see the Democrats of the South ward divided at this time and hope they will turn in, by election day, and return Mr. GARMAN to council. There is a manifest desire among the voters this spring to change the political complexion of council. So don't let us have it to say that the South ward stood in the way of perfecting the plan.

A Whispered Hope for Broken Promises.

It is now claimed by friends of Governor HASTINGS that the turning down of Colonels SPANGLER and REYNOLDS, of this place, for positions on his staff, which were promised them, was made necessary by the demand for those honors for life long Republicans who claimed them as due for party services. Now the "life-long" part of this business may be all right but when you consider actual, earnest efforts in the interest of "Our Dan" we doubt if any of the aspirants were more loyal than the gentlemen named. There may have been some of these "life-long" fellows, whose efforts were more effective and whose political work brought forth richer fruit for the Republican harvest, but certainly there were none who labored with a better will, or were more rejoiced over the general results, than the two patriots, whose gold laced uniforms have, for the present, been relegated to the restful quiet of their owners ward-robes.

But with the explanation of this seeming turn down comes the whispered information that "It is not for months Nor is it forever," but only until the sore spots, on the political epidemics of those of the long time Republicans who could not be favored, are healed and their disappointment forgotten, when our two friends are to be quietly named for the places they expected and allowed to revel in all the glory and gilt that is supposed to radiate from these much sought for positions.

A House for the County's Poor.

There is so little talk about the question of a county poor house, on which our voters will be called upon to act next Tuesday, that we fear many of you do not look at it as you should. It is one of vital importance to every tax payer in the county and should therefore receive his studied consideration. A question which involves so much of an outlay is one that should be voted upon reasonably, not merely for the sake of voting on it. The WATCHMAN has already furnished you with statistics showing the expense of maintaining county poor homes, as compared with that of keeping the poor by the overseer systems, so if you will refer to the issue of January 18th, you will have a careful digest of the whole question.

The figures show that a county poor home is the cheapest method for keeping the poor, but the same conditions that exist elsewhere might not obtain in this county. Think for yourselves and, above all, vote as you think.

The arrival of the great French line steam-ship, La Gascoigne, in the port of New York, at midnight Monday, caused a sigh of relief to go up from two continents. She had been eight days over-due and her tardiness in reaching port, coming so soon after the awful disaster to the Elbe and coupled with the severe storms that have swept the Atlantic for the past week, caused the greatest alarm among those who had loved ones aboard her. La Gascoigne is one of the fastest boats afloat and among maritime people is considered one of the staunchest, but the fact that she had been so long over-due and strangely enough had not been sighted by any other trans-Atlantic boats was enough to distract even the most hopeful of those who had friends in passage on her.

Democrats of Centre county, do you remember the defeat of last fall; do you remember the defeat we sustained at the spring election in 1894; do you remember how the Republicans gloried in it and how they took courage and made a stronger fight at the following election? Of course you do. Now let us see whether those two defeats have been a lesson to you. You might think that the election next Tuesday doesn't amount to much and those of you, who live in largely Democratic precincts, who intend staying away from the polls, because you imagine your votes will not be needed, will be responsible for any failures our party experiences. Get out, every one of you. Don't give our opponents the slightest ground for hope. Let us reclaim our own.

The fight for council in the West ward seems to have developed on ISAAC MITCHELL'S shoulders. The friends of HILLBISH are tired of their load and are rushing around now pulling votes on the plea that if HILLBISH is not elected Mr. MITCHELL will lose his position as clerk of council. What matters it he does. The people want a change in council and if the rest of the scoundrels are to go ISAAC might as well vacate too. Elect Dr. KIRK in the West ward and put an end to political jobs at the expense of the borough.

The Dodge to Elect Harshberger.

When the tax-payers of this borough get to understand how Mr. HARSHBERGER's campaign for over-seer of the poor is being run they will have their eyes opened to a slick little dodge that has blown the Republican candidate's hopes sky high. But right here we want to prick the bubble. We want to call your attention to the HARSHBERGER steering committee, composed of ex-assistant postmaster G. W. RESS and HARRY SCHREYER who expect to go cahoots in a grocery store by the 1st of April. HARSHBERGER is their man and why?

Possibly, if elected, he will turn the borough orders into their store. And it is even whispered that the candidate is to have an interest in the new grocery.

One thing is certain the Bellefonte tax-payers don't want to buy any grocery stores. So they will preclude even the possibility of such a thing by electing "honest" ROBERT HEPBURN over-seer. He will have no interest in any particular store and will administer the affairs of his office economically.

The bill to reorganize the board of trustees of the State College failed to pass second reading, in the Senate on Wednesday, in consequence of the opposition of Senator GOBIN who represents in that body his own gubernatorial aspirations and a private academy over in the Lebanon valley; Senator BILLY FLINN, of Pittsburg, whose chief work at Harrisburg is to legislate to the financial advantage of FLINN and MAGER, the Pittsburg contractors, and Senator ANDY KAUFFMAN, of Lancaster, who hasn't been there long enough to show exactly who or what he represents—if anything at all. This trio of "statesmen" had influence enough to have the measure "postponed for the present," although their effort to postpone "indefinitely" failed.

There are many reasons why the people of the south and west wards of Bellefonte should elect Mr. McQUISTON Justice of the Peace. He is the best man who is in the field. He is a man of good judgment and honest purposes—an old citizen of the town who deserves this recognition and one who will honorably and satisfactorily fill the position. As to real fitness and merits there is no comparison between him and either of his competitors.

The Democrats of the South ward should try and get together before election day. They should lay aside personal contention and unite to elect our justice and their councilman. Just what they are fighting among themselves for is inunderstandable, but queer political methods seem to obtain among some of them who think the party is only to be used as a means of furthering self.

Oppose New States.

The Republicans Do Not Want Any More at Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Republicans have always posed as advocates of the admission of territories to statehood. But just at present they do not seem at all anxious that the bills passed by the house at the last session admitting Utah, New Mexico and Arizona should become laws. In fact, they are determined those bills shall not become laws at this session, but they want to avoid showing their hands on the question by prolonging the discussion on the appropriation bills as much as possible. But Senator Faulkner, chairman of the committee on territories, means to get the bills up next week and put the Republicans on record. Of course, they will not allow votes to be taken on the bills under any circumstances. But means will be found to force them to show their hands.

Hostilities Begin.

The Mexican Army is Ordered to Advance.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 10.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from the city of Mexico says:

"Telegrams received here yesterday by the commissary department ask for transportation from the frontier for supplies for 5000 men and announces a forward movement by that number of men into the disputed territory. This body of men has been encamped at San Criste-bal, Mexico, for three weeks, ready to jump across the border. Guatemala has a strong guard in the disputed territory and a fight seems sure.

In official circles here it is said that no forward movement has been ordered.

Busch Buys Meyer's Plant.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 11.—Clarence M. Busch, the state printer, has purchased the plant and leased the building of ex-State Printer E. K. Meyers. This will enable Busch to proceed with his contract without intermission. Mr. Busch also assumed the contract for the printing of the Legislative Record, held by Meyers.

The New Solicitor General.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Mr. Holmes Conrad, of Virginia, the new solicitor general who succeeds Mr. Lawrence Maxwell, resigned, took the oath of office to-day and assumed the active duties of his office.

La Gascoigne is Safe.

The Big French Liner Dropped Anchor Just Before Midnight.

QUARANTINE, S. I. Feb. 11.—La Gascoigne is safe. The big French liner, eight days overdue, dropped anchor at the bar just before midnight, all well on board, and a sigh of relief goes up from two continents. The delay was due to a broken piston rod, and to the terrific gales which have swept the north Atlantic for the past week or more, and brought disaster to many a staunch craft. Captain Baudelon and officers and crew of the La Gascoigne brought the ship and passengers through the gales and made port without help.

From the time they have left Havre, on Jan. 26, until yesterday, they spoke no trans-Atlantic steamer and saw only a four masted schooner, the one which reported at St. Pierre, Miquelon, N. S., as having seen a large steamer off the banks apparently in distress last Saturday.

REACHED FIRST BY UNITED PRESS TUG. The United Press tug, with representatives of The Herald and Sun on board, was the first tug to reach La Gascoigne. The disabled steamer had left Fire Island, twenty five miles astern, and was eight miles to the eastward of Sandy Hook light-ship. It was 9:45 p. m. The big liner was limping into port at half speed with two big red lights, signals of distress, at the foremast. The tug lay alongside an hour and the following story of the trip was obtained:

The steamer left Havre, Jan. 26. On the first day out 449 miles were logged, on the second day 407 miles, on the third day, after travelling 380 miles, the piston rod broke and eight hours were spent in making repairs. When they were completed the ship steamed at nine miles an hour, making in sixty-six miles on the 29th. On the 30th, 31st and Feb. 1, 215, 255 and 280 miles a day were made, respectively. On Feb. 2 the piston rod broke down again. The break was more serious this time. Sea anchors were put out and for forty-one hours the ship was hove to making repairs. In the 4th the first severe weather was experienced, and the ship was blown 150 miles out of her course. On the 5th, the repairs having been completed, 103 miles were made.

NOT SEEN BY STEAMERS. The ship was then clear to the northward of the track of trans-Atlantic steamers and was therefore not seen by the many steamers which passed over the regular track. On Feb. 6, 169 miles were made. On the 7th the machinery broke down for the third time. The heavy cyclone struck her on that day and the ship lay hove to with the sea anchors out all day. No headway was made and, owing to the motion of the ship, repairs were difficult. On the next day the chief engineer, who had been at his post day and night, completed the repairs and the ship proceeded 131 miles. On the 9th for the fourth time the machinery broke down and only seventy-four miles were made. On the 10th 150 miles were made, and to-day, to the great rejoicing of all on board, Fire Island was sighted and the ship crept up to her anchorage off the bar.

The United Press tug was received with a cheer by the anxious passengers. They crowded to the rail, yelled and clapped their hands with all the enthusiasm of the French race. The officers refused to allow any one on board and would not come to the rail to talk. The passengers were more obliging. Julius Matrigin, a representative of the firm of Perrin, Freres & Co., Paris and New York, was interviewed over the side of the rail. He said: "We broke down on the third day out. We didn't become alarmed as we didn't know very much about what was the matter. The captain said it was all right, and we had confidence in him. Our first experience with gales was on Feb. 4. We had a terrible blow then and one of our boats was badly damaged."

A Turbulent Session.

Pension Bureaucrats and Congressmen's Clerks Cause It.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The house had a turbulent session to-day over the final passage of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill. Two of the items of the bill reducing the force at the pension office, and providing annual clerks for members of congress, excited warm controversy.

Messrs. Pickler, of South Dakota; Milliken, of Maine; Hainer, of Neb., and Baker, of New Hampshire, protested against the reduction of the pension office force, alleging that it was a covert move to displace old soldiers and widows of soldiers employed there.

Mr. Bingham (Rep., Pa.), a member of the appropriation committee, said the criticisms on the proposed reduction in pensions appropriations was not justified, as it was based on plain business principles. Mr. Bingham said he did not believe the discharge of veterans was contemplated.

The debate was diverted into financial channels by Mr. Coombs (Dem., New York) and Mr. Van Voorhes (Rep., New York), who indulged in hot criticisms and personalities. The opposition to the pension item was not effective, however, and the effort to secure annual clerks, for members was finally defeated—yeas 96, nays 162. The bill was then passed and the house adjourned.

Pennsylvania Loses \$16,000.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 11.—The loss to the state by the burning of the printing establishment of Clarence M. Busch is about \$16,000.

—Read the WATCHMAN.

Income Tax Changes.

The Time for Making Returns Will Be Extended Six Weeks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The senate committee on finance to-day authorized a favorable report on the house concurrent resolutions extending the time for making returns under the income tax law from March 1 to April 15, with the following addition:

"Be it further resolved, That in computing incomes under this act, the amounts necessarily paid for fire insurance premium and for ordinary repairs upon any real estate shall be deducted from the rents accrued or received from such real estate.

"And also resolved, That in computing incomes under said act the amounts received as dividends upon the stock of any corporation, company, or association shall not be included, in case such dividends are also liable to the tax of 2 per cent upon the net profits of said corporation, etc., although such tax may not have been actually paid by said corporation, etc., at the time of making returns.

"Be it further resolved, That no taxpayer shall be required to answer any interrogatories unless specifically provided for in said act."

Brooklyn Strike Off.

Old Men go Back Where Places Are Open for Them.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 12.—As a result of a conference held this afternoon between President Lewis and the board of directors of the Brooklyn City Railroad, and ex-Assemblyman John Graham, and Police Justice Tighe, the trolley strike in Brooklyn, which was begun on January 14 last, will be called off to-morrow. Mr. Graham said the men withdrew all demands, except that the strikers be returned to their old places. President Lewis promised to take the men back, one by one, but no new men will be discharged to make room for the old.

Judge Brown, of the supreme court granted an order this afternoon compelling Justice Watson of the Even street police court, to show cause why he should not be removed from office. The charge against Justice Watson is that he failed in his duty in the cases of persons brought before him charged with attacking street railways and cars.

Between midnight and daylight this morning union men and their friends made an attack on three trolley cars on different lines. No arrests were made.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

CHANGE OF FIRM.—H. B. Waite, successor to J. S. Waite & Co., opened the carriage shops on Feb. 6th and has made J. S. Waite & Co. his agents to transact the business. We are gratified to learn that this place of business will go on, for these people have certainly done a straightforward business and have very much improved their property and we ask for them the patronage of the people, as the farmers of Centre county would certainly miss the men who have always been promptly on hand to look after their machinery.

A MILITARY BALL.—Thursday night, February 21st, Co. B. 5th, Reg. N. G. P. the crack soldier boys of this place, will entertain the public with a ball in their Armory. The Regimental drum corps and orchestra will come down from Altoona to furnish the music and what, with such music, the grand dance hall, and a supper that will be served, more could one want for a delightful night. Tickets are only 50 cents and you should all attend. Everything will be conducted in the most orderly way and a large crowd will doubtless attend.

CHANGE OF TIME ON THE BEECH CREEK.—On Monday, February 4th, the Beech Creek railroad put into effect a new time card. The train which formerly left Williamsport, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., now leaves at 4:35, arriving at Lock Haven, at 5:35, Mill Hall, 5:40, Philipsburg, 8:05, Clearfield, 8:30 and Mahaffey, 10:00 p. m. The train which formerly left Mahaffey, at 5:30 a. m., now leaves at 7:00 a. m., arriving at Clearfield, at 8:35, Philipsburg, 9:45, Mill Hall, 11:20, Lock Haven, 11:26 a. m., and Williamsport, 12:25 p. m.

The excellent through sleeping car arrangement between the Clearfield region and Philadelphia, via Beech Creek route, is continued under the new schedule.

Copies of the new time tables can be secured from all Beech Creek railroad ticket agents.

JAMES YOUNG IN HAMLET.—The following extracts from notices in reputable papers seem to insure manager Garman's guarantee that the production of Hamlet at the opera house, Friday evening, Feb. 22nd, by James Young and company will be one of the highest class renditions of tragedy ever presented to a Bellefonte audience.

Among the fashionable audience present were Gov.-elect Oates and Gov. Jones, both gentlemen were enthusiastic in their praise of the young actor's work.—Montgomery Advertiser, Nov. 22, 1894.

He is undoubtedly a genius, and must some day become a great actor if he continues in the course he has marked out for himself. In appearance, young, handsome and sympathetic, he is an ideal Prince Hamlet.—Piscayuna, Dec. 27th, 1894.

Undoubtedly he is the most natural actor on the American stage today, and although comparatively unknown on account of his extreme youth, he will not remain long in obscurity, now that he has made a beginning. He is the most ideal Hamlet that we have ever seen and we say this without solicitation and without the knowledge of Mr. Young, or his manager in the fact that we have often seen Booth and thought him without an equal.—Daily Herald, Mobile, Ala., Dec. 22nd, 1894.

NEW TIME CARD ON C. R. R. OF PA.—On Monday February 18th, a new time table will go into effect on the Central R. R. of Penna. No changes are to be made in the early morning or late evening trains. Train No. 3 that on the present card leaves Bellefonte at 11:20 a. m., will not depart until 4:05 p. m., reaching Mill Hall, at 5:20 p. m., making close connection with Beech Creek west bound train. Returning train No. 4 is scheduled to leave Mill Hall at 5:40 p. m., reaching Bellefonte at 6:50 p. m.

HAD HIS ARM CRUSHED.—At an early hour Monday morning, William Daley, a freight conductor on the Central railroad of Pa. had his right arm frightfully crushed while making a coupling at the junction of the Central and Nittany Valley R. R. tracks about a mile east of town. The flesh on his fore arm, from the wrist to the elbow, was laid open exposing the muscles and making an ugly wound. The unfortunate man was brought to his home in this place, where Dr. Geo. F. Harris, dressed his injuries. It required fifteen stitches to close the gap, but fortunately no bones were crushed and it is thought amputation will not be necessary.

MARRIED A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.—Mr. and Mrs. George L. Goodhart, of Centre Hill, celebrated the silver anniversary of their wedding on Monday night, January 11th. Though the roads were still badly drifted with snow about sixty guests found their way to the comfortable farm home of the county commissioner, and had a pleasant time during the evening. A sled load of politicians were driven over from here and returned about 2 a. m., thoroughly delighted with the manner in which they were entertained by Mr. Goodhart and his estimable family.

CRUSE'S BIG CANDLE.—The monster candle in Cruse's cigar store window in the Bush House was lighted at noon Monday and is slowly burning down. The candle was just 4ft. long and 4in. in diameter. It took it nearly twelve hours to burn the crown off and will likely burn more than a month before it goes out. When the young tobaccoists lighted it first the pesky thing smoked so much that they feared it would blacken the interior decorations of the store, but after a while it settled down to business and is burning now with a little fuss as an old time tallow dip.

THE BLIZZARD HERE.—It will seem like hauling coals to New Castle for the WATCHMAN to start to tell its readers about the blizzard that struck us last week. All of the Centre countians have had a taste of it and the piles of snow that block the country roads everywhere tell the tale of the awful storm. Right on schedule time, it struck Bellefonte last Thursday evening and it "blew and snowed and blew" until we began to think we would never get out. Country roads were snowed shut, the Bellefonte Central train, with two engines attached, ran into a snow bank at Fillmore on Friday morning and before the train could back out the track filled up behind it and the crew finally had to draw the fires in the engines and abandon the train. It was actually entirely embedded in snow for the drifts were piled clear over the top of the train when a rescuing party reached it Sunday. The passengers staid at Kephart's until Sunday night when they were brought back here on an engine. Among them were two ladies who had been on their way to the Christian Endeavor convention at State College. They didn't get there though. The road was not opened up until Tuesday and a train did reach State College from Thursday night until Tuesday morning.

The C. R. R. of Pa. was snowed up until Monday, but would have gotten through sooner had the weather not been too bitter for men to do effective work.

The road to Montandon was not finally opened until Wednesday night when the first train got through. Out at Pleasant Gap there was a drift thirty feet high on the tracks.

There were many funny incidents connected with the storm, among them being numerous upsats, and the frantic efforts of people to keep warm all of which would fill a volume so we will leave every community to enjoy its own fun.

A horse owned by W. P. Bubb, at Newberry, froze to death before the owner could dig it out of a drift. It stalled while pulling a load of coal on Saturday.

While three freight engines were trying to plow through a deep snow drift near Retort, on the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad, on Friday the two engines in the rear stopped the leader off the track and it fell over on its side. Engineer Jas. A. Miller sustained a dislocated shoulder, fireman Wm. Rodgers, of Tyrone, had both legs broken below the knee and Wm. Smith, of Vail, a brakeman who was on the engine, had a strained hip and was cut about the head.