

Farewell.

Business separations occur in which the same feeling of sadness is shown as that of separation of near friends. Having been connected with this paper for more than thirteen years in one of the most pleasant co-partnerships, I feel reluctant to give up, but unfortunate circumstances over which I had no control impelled me to take the step. My association dates back to shortly after arriving of age, and embraces the best part of my life. I have formed many sincere friends, whose memory I will long cherish, and to whom I owe much for their kind acts. In State and National issues I have labored with a willing hand and earnest heart for the success of democracy, and although often reprimanded for being too sanguine of success, I pressed forward to help win the victories, and had I the means to consummate the desire, Columbia County would have reached the three thousand majority, I have long persisted in claiming ought to be given to the democratic standard bearers. Since circumstances necessitate my withdrawal there certainly could be no more desirable opportunity than at the present, when we find ourselves in possession of both State and National Government.

To my many friends, I bespeak that they continue this earnest support to my successor, and long time partner in business, Geo. E. Elwell.

With a deep sense of obligation to those who have long been patrons and friends, I bid a kind farewell and hope to be able to repay them for their kindness, for wherever my lot shall fall, memory will recall the pleasant associations.

J. K. BITTENBENDER.

An Announcement.

On October 1st, 1879, I formed a partnership with Mr. J. K. Bittenbender, for the publication of THE COLUMBIAN. Nearly thirteen years and a half have passed away, and during all that time we have been in perfect personal and political accord. On February 20th, 1893, I purchased his entire interest in the office, and have assumed the sole ownership and management of the paper. It is with great reluctance on my part that the partnership is dissolved. Mr. Bittenbender is a practical printer, a graduate of the Normal School, and consequently capable of filling the editorial chair, and is a first class mechanic. For the present I am glad to announce that he will remain here and assist in the office. During all the time of his connection with this paper he has worked most assiduously for the Democratic party. In Presidential and gubernatorial campaigns he has made personal sacrifices for the benefit of the party, and has been heard upon the platform at public meetings in many of the townships of this county.

The change in the ownership of this paper will make no difference so far as the business is concerned. Those subscribers who have paid in advance will receive the paper for the full time paid for, and all contracts for advertising will be fully carried out, the same as if no change in the ownership had occurred.

For nearly nineteen years I have devoted my best efforts to the publication of a clean, reliable Democratic and family newspaper. Those efforts will in no way be relaxed, and there are in contemplation numerous improvements, by which it is hoped that all of our old friends will be retained, and many new ones secured.

With grateful acknowledgments of past favors, I respect-

fully solicit a continuance of the liberal patronage which the public has heretofore bestowed upon this office.

GEO. E. ELWELL.

The bill to legalize the sale of Sunday newspapers has been negatively reported.

The Senate passed a bill last week providing for the publication in quarterly report of the agricultural department a history of birds and animals of Pennsylvania.

A bill introduced by representative Farr of Lackawanna county, appropriating \$2,000,000 to the several school districts of the county to be used exclusively for the purchase of text books and furnishing them free of cost to the pupils has passed second reading.

A bill has been introduced into the legislature, that ought to become a law. It provides that members of town council should be allowed one dollar for every meeting they attend, providing they do not exceed two a month. There is no reason why men should serve the public in such places without receiving some compensation, and one dollar a meeting is little enough for any person that is capable of performing the duties of the office.

Judge Gresham will be the father of the new Cabinet in matter of years. He is in his sixty-second year. J. Sterling Morton will, however, be a close second, as he is just turning sixty. Hoke Smith, who is only thirty-eight, will be the baby of the Cabinet. Carlisle is not far behind Gresham and Morton, while Lamont, Bissel, Herbert and Olney are all under fifty. The average of Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet is considerably under that of the Harrison Cabinet. Comparatively speaking, Mr. Cleveland has selected a Cabinet of young men. Hoke Smith is probably the youngest man to hold a Cabinet position since the days of Alexander Hamilton. The combined weight of the Cabinet is 1,600, or an average of 200 pounds each. Mr. Cleveland will bring the total up to over 1,800 pounds, so the new administration will commence business with nearly a ton of material as a foundation.

Extravagance and Economy.

A foolish discussion is that one about the relative extravagance of the Fifty-first and the Fifty-second Congress. The measure of extravagance or economy is not the sum expended, but its relation to the means of payment and the degree of usefulness or necessity in the objects of expenditure.

It is possible for one Congress by ordaining certain expenditures and making no sufficient appropriation to meet them, to throw the apparent responsibility of the cost upon the Congress following. This was what was done to an unusual extent by the Reed Congress.

It passed a dependent pension act that required an increase of nearly \$100,000,000 in the appropriation by the Congress following; it passed the sugar bounty act, which cost nothing in its own term, but \$20,000,000 in that of the next Congress, and so on through a list that will aggregate at least \$155,000,000.

This money had to be appropriated by the Congress that has just expired since the Senate and the President would not consent to the repeal of any of the acts requiring it. Thus at least this much of the appropriation of the Fifty-second Congress is really chargeable to the Fifty-first.

The actual appropriation by the Fifty-second Congress were some \$38,000,000 more than those of the Congress preceding. But the appropriations over which this latest Congress had actual control—those that had not been obligatory by the former Congress—will show a reduction of nearly \$163,000,000.

The Reed Billion-dollar Congress is thus still far in the lead.—Times.

Now your blood should be purified. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, the best spring medicine and blood purifier.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, March 13, 1893.

President Cleveland has not committed himself on the Hawaiian question. This statement is made upon high and unquestionable authority. The Harrison annexation treaty was withdrawn from the Senate because it was objectionable for several reasons. It was carelessly drawn, and some of its most important features were entirely too indefinite to be satisfactory, even if Mr. Cleveland had fully made up his mind, which he hasn't in favor of annexation. What Mr. Cleveland desires is information, and that he is now diligently seeking, through Secretary Gresham, and General Schofield and Admiral Brown, both of whom are familiar from personal observation with Hawaii and its population. It is probable that a Presidential message on this subject will be sent to the Senate before that body adjourns, and it is also probable that it will be accompanied by a new treaty, may be of annexation and may be for the establishment of a protectorate. But whatever is done the sugar planters of Hawaii will not be allowed to cash in their expectations.

While the determination of President Cleveland not to re-appoint those who held office under his first administration has been disappointing to individuals, some of whom had by hard work in the campaign earned the right to expect office, there is no doubt about the popularity of the move with the rank and file of the party, the men who have campaign after campaign fought for a losing cause, many of whom are now for the first time applicants for office. They feel that it gives them a better chance at the loaves and fishes, and that it is but carrying out the old, old democratic idea of opposition to the establishment of a permanent office holding class. It shows too, that the lesson of the decay of the once powerful republican party has not been lost on Mr. Cleveland.

Secretary Carlisle finds the financial outlook much more cheerful and encouraging, although not yet satisfactory, than when he first took charge of the National finances. There has been a let up in the demand for gold, and he hopes to escape having to choose between using a part of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve fund or an issue of bonds. At present the free gold is accumulating quite rapidly in the Treasury.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, enjoys the distinction of having secured the appointment of the first postmaster under this administration, a distinction which he also captured under President Cleveland's first administration. Mr. Richardson also has the honor of being one of the few who has been sent for by the President to consult with him about the appointment of a new government printer, one of the most important positions, from a political point of view, under the administration. Mr. Richardson has been a member of, and chairman, of the House committee on Printing for a number of years; hence the value of his advice in selecting a man to boss the government printing.

The caucus committee charged with the duty of reporting to the democratic caucus the membership of the re-organized Senate committees has about concluded its work although its report will not be made for a day or two, and it is thought that the following list of chairmen of the most important committees is correct: Appropriations—Cockrell; Commerce—Ransom; Finance—Vorhees; Foreign Relations—Morgan; Inter-state Commerce—Butler; Judiciary—Pugh; Library—Mills; Military Affairs—Walthall; Naval Affairs—McPherson; Patents—Gray; Pensions—Palmer; Post Office and Post Roads—Colquitt; Printing—Gorman; Privileges and Elections—Vance; Public Buildings and Grounds—Vest; Rules—Blackburn; Territories—Faulkner, and Indian Depredations—Vilas. It is expected that the re organization will be perfected this week.

Secretary Smith has already earned the reputation of being one of the hardest workers who ever presided over the Interior Department, and he is at all times accessible to callers. He listens patiently to all they have to say, but as yet he does very little talking himself.

A rumor, of the important if true variety, is floating around to the effect that President Cleveland has announced his intention to appoint no newspaper men to office, except in exceptional cases, and that he is particularly opposed to making editors postmasters of small towns.

The last member of the Harrison cabinet bids farewell to Washington this week, in the person of ex-Attorney General Miller, the one who expected to have remained here as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Just how long the extra session of the Senate will continue is uncertain, but it is the expectation of the Senators with whom I have talked that it will remain in session until about the first of May.

The breaking up of the winter is the signal for the breaking up of the system. Nature is opening up the pores and throwing off refuse. De Witt's Sarsaparilla is of unquestionable assistance in this operation. W. S. Rishton, Druggist. 10-14-17r.

Pennsylvania Postmasters.

Between the 20th and 29th of March the commissions of the following Postmasters will expire: Berwick, Columbia county, salary \$1,500; Clarion, Clarion county, \$1,700; Minerville, Schuylkill county, \$1,200; New Castle, Lawrence county, \$2,500; Scranton, Lackawanna county, \$3,200; Stroudsburg, Monroe county, \$1,700 and Watonsontown, Northumberland county, \$1,500.

On April 1st the following will expire: Apollo, Armstrong county, \$1,500; Emporium, Cameron county, \$1,800; Latrobe, Westmoreland county, \$1,800; Lock Haven, Clinton county, \$2,300, and Meyersdale, Somerset county, \$1,400.

After this there will be some rest for the Post Master General as no more vacancies will occur until the 20th of December, at which time the following thirty eight commissions will expire:

Among these thirty-eight are ten first-class offices in the following cities: Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Carlisle, Chester, Erie, Lancaster, Shenandoah, Phoenixville, South Bethlehem and Towanda. The other twenty-eight offices, which rank in the second and third class are as follows: Bangor, Bloomsburg, Bristol, Bryn Mawr, Dunmore, Emlenton, Greenville, Hawley, Houtzdale, La Plume, Lehighton, Lewistown, Manheim, Mauch Chunk, Mifflinburg, Mifflintown, Montrose, Sharpburg, Mt. Carmel, Olyphant, Osceola Mills, Parkersburg, Pottsville, Ridgway, Royers' Ford, St Mary's, Smethport and Susquehanna.

Pennsylvania People Benefited.

MRS. CARRIE BOUTON GAINED IN FLESH 68 LBS. TO 121 1-2 LBS. BY THE USE OF A SIMPLE REMEDY.

MEN AND WOMEN INTERESTED.

"It is astonishing," said one of our physicians the other evening, "how many of the ordinary diseases people suffer from come from the one cause—excess of uric acid in the blood. To discover a medicine that would dissolve this acid has puzzled thousands of the best men of the medical profession, until Dr. David Kennedy, of Rondout, N. Y., produced what is known the world over as Dr. Kennedy's

A Father's Gratitude

Impels Him to Tell How His Son Was Saved

White Swelling and Scrofula Perfectly Cured.



Son of John L. McMurray of Ravenswood, W. Va.

"I do not write this at the request of any one, but because I feel it a duty to humanity, so that others afflicted as my boy was may know where to find relief. "When my son was seven years old he began to complain of soreness in his right leg. A white swelling soon appeared just below the knee joint, and extended from the knee to the ankle. At the same time he was taken with an attack of fever, which was broken up, but the leg became very badly swollen, causing him great suffering, and the muscles so contracted that his leg was drawn up at right angles. He was unable to walk, could not even bear to be handled, and I thought him a

Confirmed Cripple.

"After a time we had the swelling lanced, midway between the knee and the ankle, and it would discharge over a pint of pus at times. I decided to take him to Cincinnati to have the leg operated upon, expecting he would lose it. But he had become so poor and weak that I thought I would let him gather some strength, if possible, and bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and began giving it to him. This medicine soon woke up his appetite,

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

and he ate more heartily than for a long time. At this time the sore was discharging freely, and soon pieces of bone began to come out. I have in my office one piece of bone 3-4 inches long by nearly half an inch broad, which came out of the sore. We continued giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla. The discharge from the sore decreased, the swelling went down, the leg straightened out, and soon he had perfect use of his leg. He now runs everywhere, as lively as any boy, and apparently

As Well as Ever.

It was about six months from the time that we began giving him Hood's Sarsaparilla till we considered him perfectly cured." JOHN L. McMURRAY, Notary Public, Ravenswood, W. Va.

Hood's Pills cure Nausea, Sick Headache, Indigestion, Bileousness. Sold by all druggists.

Favorite Remedy. The great value we place in Favorite Remedy comes from the fact that it is the only medicine that will effectually dissolve this acid thus curing rheumatism, dyspepsia, kidney, liver and urinary troubles, and the sicknesses women suffer from. These and many more troubles all come from the one cause, as I said before, this dead dealing uric acid."

Perhaps there has been no one person in Wyoming Co., Pa., that has suffered more than Mrs. Carrie Bouton, formerly of Schottville, but now of Harvey's Lake, Luzerne Co. Mrs. Bouton, in relating her restoration to health, said: "From a growing girl I suffered from female trouble or weakness peculiar to my sex. Several physicians prescribed for me but I found no relief. I was reduced in flesh down to 68 pounds. By accident I heard of Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and determined to try it, and to my great joy I began to realize that I had found a medicine that was doing me good. I think I had used five bottles when I found that I weighed 121 1/2 pounds and was better in health than I ever was before.

Inquiry among Mrs. Bouton's neighbors shows that she states nothing but the facts in regard to her case. Many other instances of the kind are widely talked of in Scottsville, Tunkhannock, Wilkesbarre and other places where Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy has effected many cures after physicians had given up hope.

"But," says one of our prominent druggists, "Favorite Remedy is equally efficacious in other diseases, as talks with people I have sold Favorite Remedy to affirm. To my knowledge right in our town Favorite Remedy has cured people suffering from rheumatism, dyspepsia, kidney, liver and urinary troubles."

Since the publication in one of the New York medical journals of the case of Mr. E. P. Tayer, of East Nassau, N. Y., Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy has been increasing in sale. Mr. Tayer had suffered for fifteen years with inflammatory rheumatism. His case was practically abandoned by his physicians. Favorite Remedy was brought to his notice and in less than three months after its use he was a well man.

In commenting on this case Dr. W. H. Morse, of New York City, says: "The great good in Favorite Remedy lies in its power to dissolve this deadly uric acid. In cases of dyspepsia, eczema, scrofula or any urinary diseases I have never known it to fail, when taken according to directions. Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is not only used by physicians now but can be found on sale by every medicine dealer.—Wilkesbarre (Pa.) Record.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF BLOOM POOR DISTRICT.

Table with columns for Balance in hand of the Treasurer, Cash received on Bloom Duplicate, Cash received on Sarsaparilla Duplicate, etc. Total balance 6984 97.

EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 9, 1893.

Table with columns for Fuel and Light, Clothing and Shoes, Dry Goods, Printing, etc. Total Current Expenses 3770 34.

INSANE IN STATE HOSPITAL.

Table listing names and weeks of patients in the State Hospital, including George Fox, Jesse Kelly, L. Z. Kaller, etc.

OUT DOOR RELIEF.

Table listing names and amounts of outdoor relief, including Jennie Hess, Mrs. Wm. Jevons, Mrs. Hannah Stauffer, etc.

We the undersigned Auditors of the townships comprising the Bloom Poor Dist. met at the Ains House on the second Monday of January, 1893 that being the 9th day of the month, and the accounts of the Treasurer and Directors from Jan. 11th, 1892 to Jan. 9th, 1893, and the vouchers for the same and find them correct as set forth above.

Wm. BOGART, Auditors. E. M. EVERETT, C. M. LAUBACH.

PRODUCTS RAISED ON FARM.

Table listing agricultural products and their values, including 234 Bushels Wheat, 209 Bushels Oats, 16 Bushels Rye, etc.

VALUE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE BLOOM POOR DISTRICT.

Table showing balance due on duplicates, Bloom, 1892, \$2345 96; Scott 1892, 1881 31; etc.

Less Estimated Exonerations and Commissions.

Table listing various assets and their values, including Farms and Buildings, Horses, Cattle, etc.

No. Paupers remaining in Aims House last report.

Table showing the number of paupers in various categories, including No. Discharged during year, No. persons in Poor House, etc.

Are These Names Good Enough?

Amelle Rives, Hamilton Garland, Fredine K. Crawford, Paul Lindau, Edgar K. Jerome, Cattle Mendes, Julian Hawthorne, Anatole France, etc., etc. These names are few from a long list of distinguished writers of fiction who are under agreement to write for 'Towns Topics' (Weekly) and 'Tales from Town Topics' (Quarterly). Each week's issue of Towns Topics will contain a short story and one or two chapters of a novel from one of these great authors.

Towns Topics, the now world-famed quarterly, will hereafter contain in each number, in addition to the many excellent things culled from past years' issues of Towns Topics, a complete original novel. To secure the best, a prize of \$1,000 is offered. No one who enjoys the highest class of fiction, and would be in constant contact with all that pertains to good society, can afford to be without Towns Topics every week. There is so much interesting reading in it and the 'Tales' that a club subscription to both will supply any family with abundant reading of the most entertaining character all the year.