

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, April 6th, 1896.

The party flag has been hoisted over democratic headquarters, in Washington, and the work of the campaign begun. An entire building has been secured, on Fifteenth Street, just above Pennsylvania avenue. It will be occupied as headquarters for the Democratic Congressional Committee, and the National Association of Democratic Clubs, the two having the same secretary Mr. Lawrence Gardner. There will also be room in the building for the National committee, which is to be organized in Washington either a branch or its principal headquarters. Senator Faulkner, the chairman of the Congressional committee, and all the other members are preparing to make a very determined effort to overthrow the present enormous republican majority in the House, and they are perfectly satisfied that there is much more than a fighting chance for success. A careful study of the returns of the '94 elections in all the Congressional districts shows an unusually large number of districts carried by very small majorities by the republicans, and a comparison of the votes in the same districts for '92 will show that this result was brought about in many of them simply by democrats remaining at home. There is very little doubt that a majority of the next House will be democratic, if the full democratic vote can be got out. The Congressional committee will make special efforts in that line, in districts which are naturally democratic. The failure of the republicans of the present House to keep the promises they made on the stump will, it is expected, help the democrats in all districts where the class of voters who never permanently ally themselves with either party hold the balance of power. Many of that class voted with the republican in '94, who may be induced to vote for a democrat this year.

Senator Vilas, who was President Cleveland's first Postmaster General, is especially well qualified to speak on the subject of government mail subsidies. He made the Senate amendment to the Post office appropriation bill, giving \$80,000 additional compensation to the Oceanic Steamship Company for carrying the mails from San Francisco to Hawaii and other points, the text for some interesting remarks, in which he said that the mail subsidy system, which he opposed when he was Postmaster General, had entirely failed to give a more expeditious or better mail service. The supporters of the subsidy defended the amendment on the ground that it was made necessary by the competing subsidized Canadian line of Pacific Steamers.

There is rather a nasty row among the republican members of the House committee on Public Buildings and Grounds over the old question of a site for a new Government Printing Office. While no open charge has been made, it was stated by Representative White, of Ill., that Chairman Millikan had railroaded a bill through the committee which provides for the purchase of a site at a price twice as high as a site just as good could be bought for. On the other hand Chairman Millikan intimates that Mr. White is over friendly to those who are interested in the much talked about Mahone site, which has figured somewhat disreputably in this matter for some years. That much is publicly said. What is privately said is of such a nature that it would not be safe to print unless you had indisputable legal proof to back it up with.

According to the opinion of Mr. Henry E. Queen, a prominent Kentuckian now in Washington, Secretary Carlisle will be the democratic candidate for President. Mr. Queen says of Mr. Carlisle as a candidate: "He would carry Kentucky by at least 40,000 majority, and he would not fail of success in a single southern state. To the Eastern and Middle States democrats he would be particularly acceptable. As far as Kentucky is concerned, there is an end of party dissensions, and henceforth the Blue Grass democrats will be found working in harmony, and the electoral vote of the state will be cast for the democratic nominee, whoever he may be." There will be no political reorganization of the employes of the Senate. This was definitely settled at a conference of representatives of the republican and democratic Senators, and was brought about because the republicans did not want to agree to the demands made by the populists for voting with them to elect the Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms nominated by them early in the session, nor the democrats to make a deal with the populists to vote against them. Under the new arrangement the democratic Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms will be retained, and each Senator, regardless of politics, will be given his pro rata share of the minor positions.

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Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Hicks' April Weather.

Hicks struck the nail on the head last month and as a consequence Hicks stock has gone a-booming. It is therefore worth while to know what the weather wise prophet predicts for April. The month will come in growing warmer, followed about the 6th by rain and hail to the southward, turning to sleet and snow in many sections northward, and a cold wave for the time of the year, will come in from the northwest, extending from the 6th and 10th. As we approach the 12th it will grow quite warm. Another very cold wave, attended by frost, will come with high barometer from the 14th to the 16th. On and touching the 17th and 18th temperature will raise and barometer fall, and heavy and general storms of rain and hail prevail. A wave of high barometric pressure will spread over the country about the 18th, frost in many places will result. From the 22nd to 27th marked storm conditions will predominate. There will be warm weather during the latter part of the month.

Bill to Regulate the Use of the Uniform Flag in Army and Navy.

In the Senate last week Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to regulate the use of a uniform flag in the army and navy, its proportions and the location of the stars in the blue field. The flag proposed is to be used on and after July 4, 1900. The arrangement of the stars is as follows: Three in each corner and a central star, around which shall be entwined a sufficient number of stars so that the total number in the blue field will represent the total number of states. The bill sets out that the twelve stars in the four corners and the one in the centre represent the thirteen original states according to their geographical location on the map, assuming the top of the field to be the north, and the other states are represented in the circle of stars in the order in which they were admitted into the Union, placing the oldest states nearest the centre. The idea carried out in this bill is that of Mr. Alonzo Mather, of Chicago.

The breath of a chronic catarrh patient is often so offensive that he becomes an object of disgust. After a time ulceration sets in, the spongy bones are attacked, and frequently destroyed. A constant source of discomfort is the dripping of the purulent secretions into the throat sometimes producing invertebrate bronchitis, which has been the exciting cause of pulmonary disease. The brilliant results by its use for years past properly designate Ely's Cream Balm as by far the best and only cure.

A lot of new judgment exemption notes, with attorney's commission, and waiving everything, just printed at this office. Sold single, or in books of 25 and 50.

Tires Must all be Four Inches.

Gen. McCormick Shows How Farmers May Get a Rebate on Highway Tax.

Attorney General McCormick gave the department of agriculture an opinion last week on the act passed by the last legislature to encourage the use of wide tires upon wagons on the public highways. The opinion is in answer to a question from Secretary Edge as to whether a farmer residing near a large city, who has placed wide tires upon all his farm wagons except a covered wagon which he uses for hauling market products to the city market, can claim the reduction of the road tax under the law so long as his one wagon has narrow tire.

The attorney general says the evident purpose of this legislation was to prevent as far as possible the use of narrow tires and wagons upon which heavy loads were carried and to encourage the use of wide tires to that end, that the roads should be injured as little as possible. He is of the opinion, however, that a farmer who uses a draft wagon carrying 2,000 pounds or more, has them equipped with four-inch tires and uses no wagon with a narrower tire purpose of carrying 2,000 pounds or more, brings himself within the provisions of this act and is entitled to the rebate of one-fourth of the assessed highway tax.

If a farmer had a covered wagon which he uses for hauling market products to the city markets, presumably with a tire narrower than four inches, loads that wagon with 2,000 pounds or more, General McCormick holds, he is not entitled to the rebate of the tax, even although all his other wagons are equipped with the tires of the required widths. The four inch tire must be used on all wagons of the person claiming the rebate that have carried 2,000 pounds or more.

Suggestions for Fruit Growers.

Dr. B. H. Warren, state economic geologist, estimate that not less than \$5,000,000 a year is lost to the cultivated crops in this state by insects. He says the growing of plums in Pennsylvania is practically a thing of the past, owing to the ravages of the rough and brown-coated curculio and the black-knot, a fungus disease. "Among the numerous voracious and troublesome insect pests which abound throughout this state," added Warren, "there is one known as the bag or basket worm, which promises to be a cause of much trouble next summer to the fruit and ornamental trees in many sections of the state."

"These bag worms can easily be gotten rid of and much injury to fruit crops and shade trees be prevented, if the owners of trees will take the trouble to pull the pendant bags off during the winter, when they are so conspicuous, and burn them. The black-knot is playing hob with the plum and cherry trees in many parts of the state. The proper way of dealing with this enemy of the fruit tree is to cut off the excrescences or knots and burn them. When removed from the tree they should never be thrown on the ground."

What the Shakers of Mount Lebanon know more about than anybody else, is the use of herbs and how to be healthy.

They have studied the power of food. They nearly all live to a ripe old age. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is prepared by the Shakers from herbs and plants with a special tonic power over the stomach.

It helps the stomach digest its food, and digested food is the strength-maker. Strong muscles, strong body, strong brain, all come from properly digested food.

A sick stomach can be cured and digestion made easy by Shaker Digestive Cordial.

It cures the nausea, loss of appetite, pain in the stomach, headache, giddiness, weakness and all the other symptoms of indigestion, certainly and permanently.

Sold by druggists. Trial bottle 10 cents.

The county commissioners of Luzerne County have decided to have the proposed site for a new court house definitely fixed, and with that end in view have appealed the decision of Judge Searles on the Public Square site to the Supreme Court, as stated. The matter will also be taken before the next grand jury and if that body recommends the purchase of a new site and the court approves it, and if the Supreme Court also sustains the opinion of Judge Searles, the commissioners will have the choice of building or purchasing a site. The Supreme Court convenes in April and it is expected that the question of a site will be settled by June.

In a recent lecture Colonel Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, said that the Southern States are forty-three times as rich in mineral wealth as England. The fact that England is now importing pig iron from Alabama shows that the natural advantages of the south are beginning to tell.

AN INVITATION.

It Gives Us Pleasure to Publish the following Announcement.

All women suffering from any form of illness peculiar to their sex are requested to communicate promptly with Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by women only.



A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America. This confidence has induced more than 100,000 women to write Mrs. Pinkham for advice during the last few months.

Think what a volume of experience she has to draw from! No physician living ever treated so many cases of female ill, and from this vast experience surely it is more than possible she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case.

She is glad to have you write or call upon her. You will find her a woman full of sympathy, with a great desire to assist those who are sick. If her medicine is not what you need, she will frankly tell you so, and there are nine chances out of ten that she will tell you exactly what to do for relief. She asks nothing in return except your good will, and her advice has relieved thousands.

Surely, any ailing woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance. Never in the history of medicine has the demand for one particular remedy for female diseases equalled that attained by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never in the history of Mrs. Pinkham's wonderful Compound has the demand for it been so great as it is to-day.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM advertisement with image of a bottle and text describing its benefits for hair.

PENNYROYAL PILLS advertisement with image of a bottle and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

HINDERCOGS advertisement with image of a bottle and text describing its benefits for various ailments.

READING RAILROAD SYSTEM

In effect May 12, 1895.

TRAINS LEAVE BLOOMSBURG

For New York, Philadelphia, Reading, Pottsville, Tamaqua, weekdays 11.35 a. m., 12.30 p. m., 3.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m. For Williamsport, weekdays 7.35 a. m., 8.35 a. m., 11.55 a. m., 12.30 p. m., 3.30 p. m., 6.30 p. m.

TRAINS FOR BLOOMSBURG

Leave New York via Philadelphia 8.00 a. m., and via Easton 9.10 a. m. Leave Philadelphia 10.30 a. m. Leave Pottsville 1.30 p. m. Leave Tamaqua 1.30 p. m. Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.10 a. m., 3.30 p. m.

FOR ATLANTIC CITY

Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street Wharf and South Street wharf for Atlantic City. WEEK-DAYS-Express, 9.00 a. m., (Saturday only) 8.00 a. m., Accommodation, 8.00 a. m., 4.30 p. m.

Table with columns for SOUTH, H. & S. R. R., and NORTH, listing arrival and departure times for various stations.

Advertisement for Pennyroyal Pills, including an image of a woman's face and text describing the product.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect May 19, '95

Table showing train schedules for Scranton & Elm Pitston, including arrival and departure times.

Table showing train schedules for Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth Ferry, Nanticoke, Mowhock, Wapwallopen, and Nesquehanna.

Table showing train schedules for Pottsville, Hazleton, Tomioka, Fern Glen, Rock Glen, and Nesquehanna.

Table showing train schedules for Nesquehanna, Catwissa, Catwissa, Iversdale, and Sunbury.

Table showing train schedules for Sunbury, Lewisburg, Milton, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Renovo, and Kane.

Table showing train schedules for Sunbury, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia.

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Connections at Rupert with Philadelphia, Reading Railroad for Tamaqua, Tamaqua, Williamsport, Sunbury, Pottsville, etc. A Northumberland with P. & A. E. R. R. at Harrisburg, Lock Haven, Emporium, Warsaw, Corry and Erie.

Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association.

Edward B. Harper, Founder. Frederick A. Burnham, President. FIFTEEN YEARS COMPLETED.

ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORT.

The Largest and Strongest Natural Premium Life Insurance Companies in the World.

\$69,000,000 of New Business in 1895. \$305,666,000 of Business in Force. \$4,084,072 of Death Claims paid in 1895. \$25,000,000 of Death Claims paid since Business begun.

1895 SHOWS AN INCREASE IN GROSS ASSETS, AN INCREASE IN NET SURPLUS, AN INCREASE IN INCOME, AN INCREASE IN BUSINESS IN FORCE, OVER 105,800 MEMBERS INTERESTED.

The Annual Meeting of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association was held in the Association's Building, corner Broadway & Duane St., New York City, on Wednesday, January 22nd, and was attended by a large and representative gathering of policy holders who listened with keen interest to the masterly Annual Report of President Burnham.

Many policy holders evidently regarded this as a favorable opportunity to meet face to face the new chief executive officer of the Association, President Frederick A. Burnham, the man whose grasp of life insurance, whose keen executive ability and strong individuality have enabled him to take up the work laid down in death by the founder of the institution, the late Edward B. Harper, and make of the administration of his office of President, not an echo or copy of that of his predecessor, but a piece of finished work, characteristic of a man of independent views, and worthy to follow the work which had carried the Association to a position never attained in the same length of time by any life insurance organization in the world. It is rare, indeed, that a great institution like this passes, without check to its prosperity, through a change in the executive chief, for it is rare indeed that a chief like the late Mr. Harper finds so able a successor as President Burnham.

The record of the year 1895 speaks for itself, and shows the following gratifying results. The GROSS ASSETS have increased during the year from \$5,536,115.99 to \$5,661,707.82.

The NET SURPLUS over liabilities shows a NET GAIN for the year of \$306,329.43, and now amounts to \$3,582,509.32. The INCOME from all sources shows a gain for the year of \$631,541.97, and amounts to \$5,575,281.56.

DEATH CLAIMS to the amount of \$4,084,074.92 were paid during the year, an increase over the previous year of \$1,013,560.91.

The BUSINESS IN FORCE shows a gain for the year of \$15,293,265, and now amounts to \$308,659,371.

Counting three hundred working days in the year the daily average income for 1895 is \$18,584.27; the daily average payments for death claims, \$13,652.25, and the daily average gain in business in force within a fraction of \$51,000.

Persons desiring insurance, an agency, or any other information concerning the MUTUAL RESERVE FUND LIFE ASSOCIATION may apply to E. D. LUDWIG, Supt., 53 Downing Block, ERIE, PA.

SALVATION OIL advertisement with large stylized text and description of its benefits for various ailments.

W. F. HALLSTAD, Gen. Mgr. Scranton, Pa. SUBSCRIBE FOR THE COLUMBIAN