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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3rd, 1898.

Secretary Gage is the financial boss of the whole administration outfit. He made a bluff at resigning, if Mr. McKinley was dissatisfied with his advocacy of legislation to clinch the gold standard upon the financial system, and Mr. McKinley at once dropped to the gold of the financial fence, and in his wily Secretary of the Treasury that he didn't want his position and was perfectly satisfied what he had done and was doing. If that doesn't convince the silver republicans in the House, Mr. McKinley has the lurch and surren-dered to the gold standard. It will be plain as your face that they are convinced. All the Democrats were not at Mr. McKinley's side, which pleased with the result. It's worth the Democratic votes. Mr. Bland, of course, was the name of "Silver" and has been considered an admirer as one of the Democrats. As he has won in the House, is dominant over the Democratic outlook. He says the Democrats will sweep the country next year, and that in 1900 free silver will be irresistible. He condensed his reasons for this belief into the following: "The gold standard is too narrow for this magnificent country." Speaking of the republican party, Mr. Bland said: "The Gage bill is strictly in line with the republican policy and with Maj. McKinley's administration. They ought to enact the bill into law."

Senator Bate, of Tenn., was red hot for a few minutes, one day last week, because of what he properly considered discourteous treatment of himself by officials of the Post Office Department, and the matter may be heard from on the floor of the Senate. Senator Bate went to the department and asked to see the papers in the case of Peter Clarke, who was recently nominated for post master at Pulaski, Tenn., and against whom charges have been made. To his surprise he was told he could not see them because he was not a member of the Senate Post Office committee. Representative Cox, who represents the district in which Pulaski is located, also refused a look at the papers in the case. If there is any objection for these refusals it should be brought to the notice of Senators and Representatives who do not enjoy being snubbed by department officials; if there is no law, the official by whose order access was refused to these papers should be held accountable for it in some way. The continuation of the Cleveland and McKinley financial policy bonds of the United States are practically gold bonds, and they are now. Isn't it strange then, that the large bond holders should be in favor of Secretary Gage's scheme to refund the added indebtedness of the country with 2 1/2 per cent. gold bonds, knowing that it would reduce the amount of interest paid by the government to the extent of ten or fifteen millions a year? The fact that these bondholders are willing to give up that much money to get "gold" put upon U. S. currency is significant. It indicates that the bondholders would be satisfied with the perpetuating of the gold standard; also, that they believe, in line with most Democrats, that the laws do not justify the policy of the Treasury Department in deciding that U. S. bonds are payable in gold whenever their holders so desire. Gold bonds will not be authorized by Congress, but the effort to get such legislation may result in good by opening the eyes of many who have heretofore been unable to see the drift of the gold movement.

Of course everybody expects the Spanish minister to try to earn his money by making things appear as possible for his country, and to overbid his part in a state-

ment concerning the contributions for suffering humanity in Cuba, which have been officially asked for from our people by the President of the U. S., which he made public this week. If Spain had not acknowledged its inability to deal with the situation, Americans would not have been asked to contribute; yet, Senator De Lome begins by saying: "It is not true that the Spanish authorities in Cuba are not equal to the situation." In his anxiety to make a good showing for Spain he dashes would-be contributors with ice water by saying that many of the sufferers are such only because of their unwillingness to work. But the galliest sentence in the statement is this: "It should be borne in mind, also, that the Spanish government has remitted all duties on relief supplies sent to Cuba, so that for every dollar of supplies, entering Cuba, Spain adds a considerable percentage, the remitted duties running from 40 per cent. down." The rule of arithmetic by which the remittance of duty on charity donations can figure as additions to the donations may be common in Spain, but it has never been known in American schools.

FEWER FAILURES THAN FOR NUMBER OF YEARS.

Dun Sees Encouragement in the Business of the Year Just Closed.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Failures for the year which closed Friday night have been smaller than in any other year since 1892; in number smaller than in any year except in 1895, and in average liabilities per failure smaller than in any other year during the last twenty-three years. The aggregate of all failures, commercial and banking, was \$180,600,000, of which \$25,800,000 was in banking. In 13,360 commercial failures the amount of liabilities was \$154,800,000, of which \$69,000,000 was in manufacturing and \$73,700,000 in trading, with \$12,100,000 in brokerage and other commercial lines.

A new year opens with conditions radically different from those which prevailed a year ago. Great financial distrust existed then, but has passed away and the monetary situation is no longer a matter of anxiety. More than half a million men in a few states, according to official reports, are employed now who were idle a year ago, and the general advance in wages for those employed has gone far to restore the rates prevailing before the panic.

The iron industry has been greatly encouraged by increased demand during the last few weeks, and while the slight improvement in pig iron at Pittsburg has been maintained, notwithstanding the greatest output ever known, the new contracts for finished products have been unusual for the season. They include 30,000 tons of steel rails to one eastern mill, 12,000 tons structural work for improvements at New York alone, with large operations at Chicago and other cities, and a greatly increased demand for manufacturing materials generally and especially for sheets.

The cotton industry is halted by the question of wages, although a reduction now seems probable. The manufacturers have been buying largely of material for worsted goods and their purchases have stimulated buying by wool manufacturers, so that the wool markets are stronger, though without change in quotations.

Wheat has declined 5/8 of a cent with the Chicago market and corn has meanwhile advanced 3/4 of a cent. The cotton movement continues remarkably heavy, and yet the slight advance last week is maintained.

Failures for the week have been 395 in the United States against 439 last year and twenty-one in Canada against thirty-nine last year.

Terrible Pains

In the Stomach—Dreadful Headaches—Face and Neck Covered With Bolls—Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla—Skin is Now Clear.

"I was covered with bolls all over my face and neck. I had dreadful headaches and pains in my stomach. I took medicines, but was not much benefited, and I procured six bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla. After taking the first bottle I could see an improvement. When I had taken a few more bottles the bolls had all gone, my skin was clear, my appetite returned, and my health was entirely restored. I am thankful I ever found such a blood purifier as Hood's Sarsaparilla. I paid out a good deal of money for useless medicines before taking Hood's Sarsaparilla." W. F. BRICKWORTH, Hurlock, Maryland.

If you decide to try Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy any other.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Be sure to get Hood's. Price \$1, six for \$5.

Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

WHAT IS STATIONERY?

An Unsettled Question as to What is Included Under This Head, Which is to be Paid for by the County for the Use of the Several County Officials.

Some years ago an Act of Assembly was passed which provides that the county shall pay for the stationery used by the Prothonotary, Register and Recorder, and Treasurer. Every year since then there has been a dispute as to what is included by stationery. The commissioners of this and some other counties contend that it means only blank paper, pens and ink, while the officials generally contend that it includes all printed blanks used by them, and postage stamps. The Auditor General has refused to allow bills for postage. In order to test the matter, Prothonotary Nyce of Norristown has brought suit against the commissioners of Montgomery county to recover \$32 for stamps used in his office during the past year.

As there has always been a dispute about the stationery in this county it would be well to make a test case and have the question settled by the court.

STATE NEWS.

A movement is under way in Easton for turning a burying ground in that city into a park.

Paul Koitsch Jr., was arraigned at Lock Haven on Monday for the murder of Edna Crider, aged six.

The Neffsville Fire Insurance Company of Lancaster, with \$1,750,000 insurance in force, had no losses in 1897.

A needle was removed last week from Patrick Gallagher at Mauch Chunk, after being imbedded in his flesh for 20 years.

A stock company will erect an opera house at Sunbury, to cost \$50,000.

A Hazleton boy was last week fined \$5.00 for shooting a cat within the borough limits.

A fire of unknown origin broke out at the Manufacturing Company's plant at Milton, on Thursday last, and destroyed the washer department. The plant was fully insured.

In renewing the 170 liquor licenses in Carbon county this week, Judge Craig warned hotel keepers to discontinue serving free lunch. A. C. Allison of Sunbury, who was serving a term in the Penitentiary at Pottsville, for fraudulently using the mails, but was pardoned by President McKinley, has arrived home.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe. 10c. 4-1-11

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1898, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, all that certain lot or piece of land situate in East Bloomsburg, Columbia county, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone corner of Canal street and lot of Matthias Kindt, and running thence along said lot northwardly one hundred and sixty feet, more or less, to Ridge alley; thence along said alley eastwardly forty feet to lot of M. Kindt at one end of beginning. It being the same premises which George Barreter and Caroline Barreter by deed dated November 19, 1886, and recorded in the office for the recording of deeds, &c., in and for Columbia county, in Deed Book, No. 41, pages 371, &c., granted and conveyed unto Charles C. Kesty, party hereto, on which is erected a two-story

DWELLING HOUSE,

and outbuilding. Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Fannie Eckroth vs. Charles C. Kesty and Thillie E. Kesty, his wife, and to be sold as the property of Charles C. Kesty and Thillie E. Kesty, his wife.

BARKLEY, ATTY. W. W. BLACK, Sheriff.

JURY LIST FOR FEBRUARY.

GRAND JURORS. Beaver—Peter Knight. Benton Twp.—C. E. Albertson. Briarcreek—Lloyd Knorr. Bloom—Frank Cavane, John B. Gruber, John Tracy. Conyngham—Michael Whynn. Greenwood—L. J. Buck, Jos. Heacock. Jackson—J. F. Derr, Jasper Fritz, J. B. Richie. Main—Lloyd Kennedy. Montour—Arthur Roberts. Mt. Pleasant—Jos. Patterson. Orange—W. A. Lemon, A. B. Herring. Pine—Benj. Gardner, Wesley Baker, Benj. Applegate. Scott—H. E. Hippensteel. Sugarloaf—H. J. Hess, Frank Getz, E. J. Drum.

TRAVESSE JURORS—FIRST WEEK. Beaver—H. L. Miller. Benton—G. B. Crossley, Chas. F. Mann. Benton Twp.—W. W. Hess. Berwick—O. H. Barnard, Jas. W. Evans, L. J. Fuller. Bloom—John Armstrong, Chas. A. Cox, Henry Hower, A. H. Kitchen, Matthew McReynolds, Geo. G. Sloan. Briarcreek—J. P. Freas. Catawissa—D. E. Billig, Stephen Baldy, W. R. Long, W. H. Pfahler. Catawissa Twp.—James Keefer. Centralia—Morton Hanley, David E. Keller, C. G. Murphy. Centre—Sam Harman. Conyngham—Henry Whitaker. Fishingcreek—Jacob Hummel, G. W. Hess, Clarence Vost. Franklin—Daniel Drum. Greenwood—Lloyd Yeager. Jackson—J. W. Knause. Main—Lloyd Dalious. Orange—Jeremiah Comstock, J. P. Houck, D. F. Moran. Scott—Phillip Fritz, Wm. Hummel

SEE THE

BIG REDUCTION IN MERCHANT TAILORING,

FOR 10 DAYS.

\$16.00 SUITS NOW \$13.00,

Made to your measure at

TOWNSEND'S, MERCHANT TAILOR.

CLEARANCE SALE!

The firm of Pursel & Harman has been dissolved, and I must reduce my stock. There is only one way to do it. I take account of stock January 15th, and from now, Jan. 1st, until Jan. 15th, I will sell all goods at prices that you cannot help but see where you can save money. All the departments are included in this sale. Anywhere you go in this big store, you will find the department you wish to make your purchase in, in touch with this great Clearance Sale.

OUR DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

is just bulging out with rare bargains, and now of all times you will find it to your advantage to buy goods of this description here.

BLANKETS

go in for a large share in this sale. You know what kind we sell; the best the market affords. You can't match our prices anywhere.

OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT

Has rare and choice bargains awaiting you. Every kind we keep and sell, and every kind goes in for its share in this sale.

MUSLINS

10 yds. of Hill Muslin, 50c. Unbleached Muslin, equal to Appleton A, at 4c. Best quality of unbleached Muslin, 20 yds. for \$1.00. LANCASTER GINGHAMS, staples, 4 1/2 c. yd.

COATS AND SHOES

You will find to greatly interest you. If prices do interest you, here is the one chance for a long time to come.

CHINA, LAMPS AND SILVERWARE at a reduction of 20 per cent. Don't miss this great chance.

ARBUCKLE'S and LEVERING'S COFFEE, 10c a lb. CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEE, loose, at 12 1/2 c a lb. PRUNES, the kind you buy for 8c. elsewhere, at 5c a lb.

F. P. PURSEL.

Not Mere...

Foot Covers...

but easy, comfortable, stylish shoes.

SHOES THAT ARE CORRECT

That's what up-to-date men want. That's what we sell. We don't draw heavily on pocket books either. Fitting our specialty, and we assure perfect comfort to every pair. We carry the largest stock of boots, shoes and rubbers in county, and all new and fresh and bright. Every size, shape, and prices not too high—nor too low.



AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re-estate of Mary Driesbeck, late of Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, Pa., decd. The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to distribute the balance in the hands of the administrator of said estate, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, the 23rd day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all persons having claims against the said estate will appear and prove the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund. 1-9-11 W. A. EVERT, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Exceptions to acknowledgment of deed by B. W. Jury, Cosmopolitan Building Loan Association vs. Emma Seyhard et al. In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County. The undersigned auditor, appointed Court to pass upon said exceptions and distribution of the fund arising from the sale of the premises, will meet the interested parties on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; at which place all parties interested are required to present their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in on the said fund. CHARLES G. BARKLEY, Auditor. 1-4-98 31.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Cole, deceased. The undersigned auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, to make distribution of the funds in the hands of the administrator, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto, will sit at his office in the town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all persons are required to present their claims against the estate of said deceased or be debarred from coming in for a share thereof. 1-6-98 W. A. EVERT, Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elias McHenry, late of Benton Borough, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Elias McHenry, late of Benton Borough, Columbia County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to M. T. McHenry, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same to present the same without delay. M. T. McHenry, Executor. 1-6-98

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