

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Dec. 4, 1899. "Speaker Henderson promises to be just as much of an autocrat as Thomas B. Reed, if one can judge from present indications. If anything he is more dictatorial than the man from Maine ever dreamed of being."

Democrats are rather enjoying the Republican criticism of Mr. McKinley's gold standard bill, alleged to have been prepared by a Republican caucus committee, which was made public several days ago. Although the bill explicitly declares for the single gold standard, and favors the national banks, the ultra gold men object to it because it does not provide for calling in the greenbacks as well.

According to Gen. Leonard Wood, who says he is in Washington solely to confer with the War Department concerning the withdrawal of some of the troops under his command from Cuba—the orders for their withdrawal have been issued—Mr. McKinley has abandoned the idea of appointing a civil governor for Cuba at this time.

Representative Crowley, of Ill., one of the new Democratic members thus sizes up the political situation in his State: "My people favor the nomination of Bryan and the re-affirmation of the Chicago platform, with some additions against trusts and the imperialistic course of the McKinley administration. Col. Bryan has a strong chance of carrying Illinois, if sufficient encouragement is given and a good organization effected."

For the first time in many years two brothers, from different States, are members of the same House. They are Representative Clayton, of Ala., and Representative Clayton, of New York, nephews of ex-Senator Pugh, and both Democrats of the tried and true brand.

Senator Harris, of Kansas, thinks the Democratic party has a grand opportunity before it, of which he said: "It seems to me that if the Democrats would seize upon the opportunities within their grasp they would have an excellent chance of regaining control of the country. First and foremost, let them address themselves to getting up an income tax law that would be held valid by the Supreme Court. Here is something definite, something worth fighting for, and in line with popular sentiment. Social and economic problems are the vital issues, the party that ranges itself on the side of the common people will be the dominant political force in this country."

The members of the Republican Caucus Committee, which claims to have prepared the gold standard bill, which is to be jammed through the House by order of the caucus, without even being referred to a committee, displayed monumental nerve when they stated in their report on the bill, as one of the reasons why it ought to become a law, that silver had steadily declined in price and its production had fluctuated. Everybody knows that both the decline in price and the fluctuation in the production of silver was caused directly by the attitude of party, taken under gold kings of Europe, during the last eight or ten years toward the white metal.

Representative Sutherland, of Ne-

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

braska, says all the Republican talk about not having tried to carry that State and being glad that Col. Bryan was to be elected is the worst kind; that the Republicans of the State tried hard to beat Col. Bryan, and had lots of outside help on the job, and have been sore ever since election because of the poor showing they made. He added that the State would give Col. Bryan an increased majority next year. Mr. Sutherland is one of the few Populist members of this House.

Much regret is felt in Washington over the announcement that the health of Hon. W. L. Wilson, who was the last Democratic Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, and Postmaster General during the last Cleveland Administration, was in a precarious condition. Mr. Wilson, who has since his retirement from public life been President of the Washington and Lee University, at Lexington Va., has been ordered to Arizona, for the winter, by his physician.

The democratic House caucus will be held Saturday afternoon and the republican caucus, Saturday night.

PENNSYLVANIA'S LONG LIST

Of Coming Executions—More Murderers Under Sentence in This State Than at Any Other Time.

More men are under sentence of death in Pennsylvania than at any prior period in her history, and the probability is that 1900 will be the banner year of executions in the nineteenth century. So far Governor Stone has in his possession papers indicating the conviction of fourteen murderers, the date for whose execution he is required to name.

To these must be added the names of Michael Baronoski, Andrew Cross, Anthony Machulas, Joseph Sachinsky, Peter Stenkevich, Andrew Stenkevich and John Stenkevich, of Schuylkill county, who were found guilty of the murder of Joseph Rutkowski. This is the greatest number of men ever found guilty in this State for the murder of a single person, and probably the largest in the United States. If they are made to pay the extreme penalty of the law they will constitute the greatest number ever executed in the State at one time for the same offense.

The nearest to this was a former trial in Schuylkill county, when five men were found guilty and executed for the murder of Policeman Vost, of Tamaqua, in 1877. Of the murderers to be executed five are in Moyamensing, Robert W. Brown, Samuel Dodson, William Epps, George Heist and George Meeks. Although the execution of unfortunates has been decidedly improved upon during recent years in affording a more human death, Philadelphia officials are confronted with the fact that they have not a scaffold of sufficient capacity to hang four persons. The Sheriff is in a quandary, as he does not wish to have a wholesale hanging. The lack of a scaffold big enough to hang the five men together may prove a means which may prevent all from being executed upon the same day.

If a new scaffold is not erected for the joint execution of the murderers, then the Mauch Chunk structure will be secured, as it has been loaned to different county officials in the State during the past twenty years. In 1876 four men met their death at Mauch Chunk, and it was at this execution that death proved less painful to the unfortunate than at any of those held in the State before that date.

This humanitarian feature was the result of an idea conceived by the late Mayor Edwin Fitch, of Philadelphia, who witnessed the bungling hanging of William Getty, at Easton, after the rope had broken. That death should come in the easiest way possible is a belief shared by spectators, and, of course, the victim feels likewise. Getty was found guilty of the murder of his wife, and as hangings were not as numerous then as now, the officials concluded to conduct the ceremony in an island on the Lehigh River, near where it empties into the Delaware, and grant the public an opportunity of witnessing it.

It was a great day in Northampton's county seat and the people for miles around turned out in large numbers, expecting to see a successful execution, but they were woefully disappointed, as it was a frightful affair. Cutting the rope method of hanging was then in vogue and the rope broke with Getty, who appealed to the Sheriff to stay the proceedings and let him go free. Getty was kept waiting while another rope was secured and he was dragged up and strung to death. Since then the island in the river has been called Getty's Island.

Mayor Fitch concluded to make a special brand of rope that would prevent this unnecessary suffering and humiliation on the part of the executed, and this he did. Since then this brutal feature of executions no longer exists, and in whatever section of the county a hanging occurs, rope is forwarded to the officials without cost.

Murder in the First Degree.

So Says the Jury in the Isaac Birriolo Case.

The case of Isaac Birriolo of Bloomsburg, charged with causing burns on July 5 last from which his wife died on July 12, after being on trial all week at Wellsboro, was given to the jury Friday night.

The evidence on Friday and the proceedings in general were of a very sensational nature. The prisoners two daughters, Bellemont and Angel both testified against him, telling how on several occasions he had attempted to set fire to their mother's clothes. Two physicians testified that Mrs. Birriolo's death was caused by burns, and the dying statement of Mrs. Birriolo, incriminating her husband was also introduced.

Birriolo, was on the stand in his own defense. He was apparently unmoved by the awful charge against him. He denied everything.

The case went to the jury Friday evening, and after deliberating over the evidence for twenty four hours returned with a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The verdict gives general satisfaction. The feeling against the prisoner was very bitter.

Jacobs' Cigars in Controversy.

The J. K. McKee company, of Allegheny City, has entered suit in the court of common pleas against A. Hershey & Bro., of Gordonville. The Messrs. Hershey sold several cases of the Jacobs cigars to the McKee company. After the arrest of Jacobs McKee's cigars were seized and they were obliged to restamp them. They claim that Hershey & Bro., should pay for the restamping and to have the question determined as to who should pay for the stamps this suit is brought.

Gammal Has a Boom.

Cammal, Lycoming Co., has prospects of a boom. A vein of iron ore four feet thick has been discovered. Outcroppings are visible on either side of Pine creek. Almost inexhaustible beds of valuable clay have been discovered within a few miles of the town; traces of silver, lead, copper and coal have been found, and the Central Pennsylvania Oil and Gas company, which is sufficiently encouraged over the prospects of finding oil in that section, to put down a test well there.

What is claimed to be the largest mushroom house in America is being built on the John Wyeth farm, in Westtown township, Chester county. It is of brick, one story, 88x116 feet. It will be equipped with four tiers of beds for the cultivation of mushrooms, giving a total area of 106,650 square feet for the purpose. The spawn to be used will be imported from England, being much cheaper than that produced in this country. The beds are planted twice each year.

The early worm can usually be depended upon to fill the bill.

It's Easy To Take Thin, pale, anemic girls need a fatty food to enrich their blood, give color to their cheeks and restore their health and strength. It is safe to say that they nearly all reject fat with their food.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE COD LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME & SODA is exactly what they require; it not only gives them the important element (cod-liver oil) in a palatable and easily digested form, but also the hypophosphites which are so valuable in nervous disorders that usually accompany anemia.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is a fatty food that is more easily digested than any other form of fat. A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health. You can get it in this way. We have known persons to gain a pound a day while taking it.

WOOD'S PILLS. For the torpid liver, and cure biliousness, sick headache, jaundice, nausea, indigestion, etc. They are invaluable to prevent a cold or break up a fever. Mild, gentle, certain, they are worthy your confidence.

Dr. Humphreys' Specifics act directly upon the disease, without exciting disorder in other parts of the system. They Cure the Sick. 1-Fevers, Congestions, Inflammations. 2-Worms, Worm Fever, Worm Colic. 3-Teething, Colic, Crying, Wakefulness. 4-Diarrhea, of Children or Adults. 5-Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis. 6-Neuralgia, Toothache, Faceache. 7-Headache, Sick Headache, Vertigo. 8-Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Weak Stomach. 9-Suppressed or Painful Periods. 10-Whites, Too Profuse Periods. 11-Croup, Laryngitis, Hoarseness. 12-Salt Rheum, Erysipelas, Eruptions. 13-Rheumatism, Rheumatic Pains. 14-Malaria, Chills, Fever and Ague. 15-Catarrh, Influenza, Cold in the Head. 16-Whooping-Cough. 17-Kidney Diseases. 18-Nervous Debility. 19-Urinary Weakness, Wetting Bed. 20-Grip, Hay Fever.

NERVITA PILLS. Restore Vitality, Lost Vigor and Manhood. Cure Impotency, Night Emissions and wasting diseases, all effects of self-abuse, or excess and indiscretion. A nerve tonic and blood builder. Brings the pink glow to pale cheeks and restores the fire of youth.

LIVERITA THE UP-TO-DATE LITTLE LIVER PILL CURES Biliousness, Constipation, Dyspepsia, Sick-Headache and Liver Complaint. SUGAR COATED. Sold by all druggists or sent by mail.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE COLUMBIAN

RAILROAD TIME TABLE LACKAWANNA RAILROAD. BLOOMSBURG DIVISION.

Table with columns for stations, arrival times, and departure times for Lackawanna Railroad Bloomsburg Division. Includes stations like Northumberland, Danville, Catawissa, etc.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect Nov. 10, '99

Large table with columns for stations, arrival times, and departure times for Pennsylvania Railroad. Includes stations like Scranton, Pottsville, Harrisburg, etc.

Fine PHOTO GRAPHS and CRAYONS at R. B. GROTZ, Bloomsburg. The best and the cheapest.

Shadow and Light BANQUET WAX CANDLES. Blend most softly and play most effectively over a festive scene when thrown by waxen candles. The light that heightens beauty's charm, that gives the finished touch to the drawing room or dining room, is the mellow glow of BANQUET WAX CANDLES.

BEST FOR THE BOWELS. If you haven't a regular, healthy movement of the bowels every day, you run risk of being kept from doing your best. Cascarets regulate the liver.

Cascarets CANDY CATHARTIC. REGULATE THE LIVER. Pleasant, Palatable, Potent, Taste Good, Do Good. Never Sickens, Weakens, or Grips, the Stomach.

TID-BITS FOR MA' HONEY! and tender little juicelets for the children, are all right, but papa and "the boys" want a good, big, juicy steak, roast or chop when business or school duties are over, and we can cater to them all. Our stock of prime meats is unexcelled for quality, and we send them home in fine shape.

Philadelphia & Reading Railway. Engines Burn Hard Coal—No Smoke. In effect July 1, 1898. TRAINS LEAVE BLOOMSBURG.

Quick Communication Facilitates Business. Use the LOCAL TELEPHONE and Communicate.

CENTRAL PENNA. TELEPHONE & SUPPLY CO. JOHN KENYON, Manager.

PATENTS. Caveats and Trade Marks obtained, and all Patent Business conducted for MODERATE FEES. OTHER OFFICES OPPOSITE THE U. S. PATENT OFFICE.

STOP SMOKING. It costs you whether you continue the nerve-wrecking tobacco habit, or you quit. Quit now for the sake of your health.