

A BREAK IN CABINET

Postmaster General Smith Tenders Resignation.

PAYNE OF WISCONSIN TO SUCCEED.

Change Regretted by the President, but Mr. Smith Feels That Personal Business Demands His Attention.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Charles Emory Smith of Philadelphia has tendered to the president his formal resignation as postmaster general, to take effect early next month, and Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, vice chairman of the Republican national committee, has accepted the tender of the office, to which he will be nominated immediately after the holiday recess.

This change in the cabinet was formally announced at yesterday's session of the cabinet. All of the members of the cabinet expressed their profound regret, and the president paid a very impressive tribute to the services and personality of the retiring member of his official family.



CHARLES EMORY SMITH.

He had finally accepted Mr. Smith's reasons as decisive.

Mr. Smith first announced to the president the latter part of last month that he had decided to return to his editorial duties. The president at that time urged him to remain.

Mr. Smith has been postmaster general since April 21, 1898, succeeding James A. Gary of Maryland virtually at the outset of the Spanish war.

All of the assistant postmasters general were summoned by Mr. Smith late in the afternoon, and his announcement of the change was a distinct surprise to them.

Henry C. Payne, who succeeds Charles Emory Smith as postmaster general, has been a citizen of Milwaukee for many years and has been prominent in political circles of Wisconsin for over twenty-five years.

Big Storm in Maine.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 17.—This state is suffering from one of the most severe storms in its history, hourly reports telling of disaster that adds thousands of dollars to the aggregate damage.

Will Not Give Up the Cave.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Dec. 18.—Suit has been filed in the Edmondson Circuit court on behalf of W. Scott Miller of Louisville to secure possession of the Mammoth cave property, of which he was recently elected manager at a meeting of the trustees held at Washington.

A Sword For Admiral Wildes.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Rear Admiral Wildes, U. S. N., who commanded the cruiser Boston at the battle of Manila, has the recipient of a handsome sword from his many friends in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce here.

"Polley King" Adams Captured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Al Adams, the polley king, was arrested yesterday afternoon in one of the most sensational gambling house raids ever made in this city.

Schley Case to go Before Congress.

His Friends Will Have Resolutions Introduced Thanking Him for Services and Promoting Him.

The Maryland friends in congress of Rear Admiral Schley have determined to bring his case to the attention of congress and seek there the vindication they claim is due him.

A resolution will be prepared extending to the admiral the thanks of congress for his services in the battle of Santiago and conferring on him the rank, pay and emoluments of a rear admiral on the active list of the navy.

Senator McComas will introduce the resolution in the senate and probably Mr. Mudd a similar one in the house. If deemed expedient an effort will be made to give Admiral Schley the rank of vice admiral.

M. A. Teague, one of Admiral Schley's counsel before the court of inquiry, and who also was a guest at the dinner, said that the admiral would not seek a retrial of the case under any circumstances.

Miles Sides With Dewey.

General Believes Admiral's Judgment Was Sound in Schley Case.

General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States Army, arrived in Cincinnati on Monday, accompanied by Mrs. Miles. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiborg at Clifton.

"I am willing to take the judgment of Admiral Dewey in the matter. He has been a commander of a fleet and as such has known the anxieties and responsibilities which rest on a man under these circumstances.

Feast of the Lights.

Hebrews the world over celebrated Chanuch, or the Feast of the Lights, last week. The event began Friday evening, Dec. 6th, at sunset and it lasted for eight days.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 31, 1901.

McKinley Photographs.

A few photographs of President McKinley making his last address, at Buffalo, the day before he was shot, can be obtained at this office.

Pill-AGE—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills.

10 cents a vial, are planned after the most modern in medical science. They are as great an improvement over the 50 years old strong dose pill formulas as a bicycle is over an ox-cart in travel.

Miss Olive Foulk, aged 18, and Walter Marshall, aged twenty, well known young people of Danville, were married at Binghamton Thursday.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

CONDEMN SUBSIDY AND TRUSTS.

Grangers Also Denounce Secretary of Agriculture—Department Needs an Overhauling.

Past Master Leonard Rhone was on Thursday invested with the jewel and badge by the Ceres of the State Grange in recognition of his service to the Grange of Pennsylvania during eighteen years of service at the head of the order.

The report of the grand legislative committee, composed of Master Hill, Hampton W. Rice, Leonard Rhone, Louis Piollet and William T. Creasy, was the most important document that had been presented at this session of the State Grange.

G. G. Hutchinson, of Huntingdon county, chief clerk in the pure food department, objected to that part of the report scoring the secretary of agriculture, on the ground that it was personal, and said the pure food commissioner was doing the best he could to secure convictions for violations of the law, but was handicapped by the tardy machinery of the courts.

The Prize Money.

We are indebted to the Washington Post for the complete figures of the bounty money in the Santiago and Manila campaigns. As much misstatement has been made, it will be well to give the leading facts here.

Rear Admiral William T. Sampson has drawn from the government in prize money \$25,797.44, and he expects about \$120,000 more when the Maria Teresa case is settled.

Captain F. E. Chadwick, who was with Sampson, has drawn \$14,026.08, and has yet coming to him \$4,321.50, in addition to what he expects from the Maria Teresa. Captain Cook, of the Brooklyn, and Captain Clark, of the Oregon, who were in the fight throughout, have yet received nothing but Cook will get \$2,190.32 and Clark \$1,989.06.

Admiral Dewey for his work at Manila has received in bounty \$9,570, about one-third as much as Sampson and about half as much as Chadwick, who was not only not in the fight at Santiago, but who himself testified that he kept back an expression of congratulation to Schley.

So here we have Schley, the man who fought and won the battle, allotted less than one-seventh as much as has been paid to Sampson and less than one fifth as much as the sum allotted to Chadwick.

It is these figures were not official they would seem impossible. Comment is superfluous. They constitute the most amazing injustice in the record of this government.—Philadelphia Times.

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F. M. Leader's Bargain Store has on its holiday attire. An immense assortment of new goods has just been opened. Toys, dishes, glass-ware, novelties, candies and hundreds of attractive goods are now ready for the Christmas buyers.

Bibles, both large and small at Mercer's Drug & Book Store.

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ORANGEVILLE NEWS.

Merry Xmas. to All. Mr. E. H. Sloan is quite ill at his home on Silver Brook farm.

Mr. George Hite spent two days in Williamsport last week, attending to business matters.

Miss Lillie Everett from Watson town, is visiting her aunt Mrs. A. M. Dewitt, on Mill St.

Two Christmas sermons will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Martyn, on Sunday Dec. 22nd.

A few of the Orangeville people enjoyed a turkey roast at the home of Mrs. Laubach on Saturday last.

Miss Della Harman is visiting her sister in Wilkesbarre. She expects to remain there until after the Holidays.

Ralph Wolfe, who for a time received private instruction in Bloomsburg, is now attending the High School.

Owing to the heavy rainfall on Saturday night, many people were unable to attend church, the roads being under water in several places.

Arrangements are being made for the presentation of a cantata, in Academy Hall, by a company of one hundred and six persons. Watch for the date.

Miss Grace Megargell has gone to Scranton to live with relatives. She will have the advantages of the city schools, which are excellent, and no doubt she will make good use of her opportunities.

The Orangeville Dramatic Club, under the leadership of Mr. Jerome Megargell, expect to present the drama "East Lynn," in the near future. This was the first drama given in the Academy Hall, and we shall be interested to see how the two presentations compare.

Mrs. Gertie Heckman, wife of Albert Heckman, the proprietor of the Heckman House, died suddenly last Saturday morning after a very short illness. She was the oldest daughter of Alfred Kiser, and leaves a husband and four children to mourn their loss.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church on Monday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Tubbs.

Christmas Rush at the Postoffice.

How to Avoid Delays and Possible Delivery to the Dead Letter Office of Christmas Mail.

With the approach of Christmas the postal service is very apt to be unthought of, except as a mere means of transmitting material tokens of good will.

About Christmastide each year the mail increases to a wonderful extent, a great part of the increase consisting of packages of all sizes, description and weight, from the tiny parcel containing a thimble to the big bundle just within the postal regulations.

In the hurry attending this package posting the address is frequently written almost illegibly, and many a package rests serenely in the Dead Letter Office at Washington, while the sender wonders at its non-arrival and is inclined to place the blame upon the postal authorities.

Sometimes the address is written upon the wrapper, a flimsy paper covering, and coming in contact with heavier matter part of the directions are torn away.

In cases like this much ingenuity is displayed by the postal agents in fixing the package for remailing. When the wrapper is noticeably torn or mutilated a search of the mail bag often discloses the missing portion, which is skillfully placed in its original position and the package sent to its final destination.

In most of the large cities a large number of packages accumulate towards Christmas which cannot be delivered because of the misdirections. A number of clerks are kept busy sorting the parcels and endeavoring to have them reach their destination before the last delivery on Christmas.

The safe guard of registering mail absolutely prevents packages from going astray, especially during the work and confusion incident to the carrying and delivering of such a great increase of mail matter as Yuletide always brings.

You know what Haviland china is. It is not usually kept in stock in country stores, but a beautiful assortment of it, in dinner sets, or in single pieces can be found at L. E. Whary's.

Broken pieces can be replaced at any time. Nothing nicer for a holiday gift.

FROM EAST BENTON.

County Supt. Miller was making his annual visits in our end of Benton township last week.

Winter grain hereabouts looks exceptionally well. It has a good top for winter protection.

The American flag again floats over our school at the Forks. Now hurrah for young America.

There is an old saying that we never have Indian summer until there has been a squaw winter. Then Indian is now in order.

The beautiful white snow that came so unexpectedly one day last week, sneaked away one night as though it were ashamed to stay.

A great many people hereabouts are affected by a kind of grippy epidemic. First you sneeze, then you wheeze, then you hack, then you cough, and some even squeeze.

So many of our young ladies are departing from single bliss. Whether they are decoyed, trapped, or voluntarily step into the matrimonial net, may be of little or no consequence to them, for they get there all the same.

But it is safe to say they are all betrayed with a kiss. And "it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye" than for a man to enter matrimonial bliss, without widow or a miss.

JOHN MCHENRY; THE "OLD HUNTER."

Our attention was recently called to the nimrodical feats of the "Old Hunter," with a request to write an article on the subject.

But before entering upon such a task it is, perhaps, best to consider at some length, the conditions and circumstances surrounding the old pioneer hunter at the time of his birth. Personally, we are not acquainted with any of the facts, but by consulting the history of Columbia and Montour counties we glean the following:

That at the time of his birth all the territory of the great Fishing-creek valley, bounded by Nob and North Mountains, and still further north, no telling how far, was a dense, unbroken forest, and unexplored. There is something enchanting about the woods, but this great forest, so dense and far reaching, was a formidable barrier to the onward march of improvement and civilization.

To remove this forest and to utilize the soil for the benefit of the husbandman, seemed like an effort of dipping the ocean dry with a bucket.

Here, in the year of 1783, single-handed and alone, at or near Stillwater, Daniel McHenry began an attack upon the unbroken forest and cleared up a plot for a home, nearly eight miles distant from any settlement.

The falling trees, crashing from the blows of his axe, echoed and reverberated from the surrounding hills. Hence the loneliness in the solemnity and solitude of night and in the heart of the forest, with no human being as companion, and the only music, the sighing of the gentle zephyrs passing through the branches of the trees, or their rustling among the leaves; and murmuring, gurgling and rippling of the waters of Fishingcreek rolling by, must have been awe-inspiring in the extreme, to the lonely seeker of a forest home.

Here, under conditions and circumstances like these, was born John McHenry, September 13, 1785, the first white child that ever opened its eyes in Columbia county north of Nob Mountain. Truly, he was a child of the forest and raised in the woods.

But the beginning of planting a new home in the forest by Daniel McHenry marked a new era that was destined to revolutionize the old condition, for the seed thus sown in the forest, in the planting of a home, multiplied and bore fruit more than a thousand fold.

The forest gradually melted from the blows of axes like the winter's snows melt from the heat of the approaching summer's sun, until thousands upon thousands were happily domiciled—well sheltered, well clad and well fed.

But of the inconveniences and hardships of pioneer life we have not here space to write. Sufficient it is to know that the whole country, once covered by an unbroken forest, now teems with animation and activity, so that the valleys and hills resound with the hum of machinery and the screeching of industrial whistles where once roved and yelled the savage and the wild beast. Thus the forest and nature responded and yielded to the indomitable will of man.

But to return to our subject. John McHenry was brought up in the woods, and he loved the sports and game of the woods. When a boy of thirteen years he shot his first deer, and his last deer he shot seventy years afterwards. In all, he killed upwards of two thousand deer, besides a number of wolves, panthers, bears and smaller game.

Once he had a thrilling experience with a bear, which he had wounded from the contents of one

barrel of his trusty double barreled rifle.

The bear, upon its haunches, approached him in a threatening manner, and showed fight to a finish, when the "Old Hunter" thought to dispatch the brute with the contents of the other barrel. But to his astonishment the gun missed fire and the situation became alarming.

Thereupon he threw aside his rifle and approached his antagonist, and with a few well directed blows from his tomahawk, killed the brute. Thus far our statements are authenticated by historic narratives, but we will add a few instances from trustworthy and reliable sources. In those days flint-locks and muzzle-loaders were wholly in vogue, and we have never learned whether the "Old Hunter" ever used any other.

We heard the story that the "Old Hunter" at one time shot seven deer along a mountain stream above Elk Grove in such rapid succession that he began dressing the last one shot, and the blood stained the water of the stream, so that henceforth it was called "Bloody Run."

The late Hon. James McHenry, of Cambra, used to relate the following story: At one time, as the "Old Hunter" was returning to his cabin after a day's chase, he realized, from unearthly yells, that a panther was pursuing him at a rapid rate. He quickly ran twenty-five paces ahead and then as quickly retraced the twenty-five paces, and then leaped from off his track and ran a line of twenty-five paces at right angles with his original track; took his position with regard to the end of his original track, cocked his gun and awaited developments. At about the same instant the panther rushed by, and on reaching the end of the track reared on its hind feet to look around to see what had become of its prey. Just at that instant the "Old Hunter" planted a bullet into its body, and it dropped a sprawling, lifeless beast.

Our modern nimrods might well envy such a record, and revere and honor the memory of the king of hunters. Truly, the McHenry family have good reason to pride themselves with their illustrious pioneer ancestry from which this numerous family descended in Columbia Co.

The Prevalence of Smallpox.

Smallpox is prevalent in every large city of the United States today, and it is extremely doubtful if there has for the past century been such a wide-spread prevalence of this loathsome disease. The European cities have been full of the disease for many months and ships arriving at home and foreign ports have it among their crews.

A prominent physician, discussing the matter recently said that the trouble was primarily due to the efficiency of vaccination. It had so subdued the disease that the public had fallen into a sense of security that bred indifference and had largely neglected the precautions which safety demands. There will have to be a new and universal starting up of vaccination to get the disease under again. During the long period of neglect the public have lost the keen sense of the danger and of the need of prevention, and it will take a thorough scare such as is now probable to bring them round. Meanwhile just at this juncture, the anti vaccinationists are trying to interfere and prevent the precautions that long experience has shown to be essential to the public safety.

Again there has lately been a reaction against vaccination and the use of anti-toxin on account of a few cases of tetanus, or lockjaw, especially in Camden, New Jersey. Of course, accidents may happen in producing the virus against disease, but investigations show that the lockjaw cases have come from other causes than vaccine matter or anti-toxin serum. There may be truth in the assertion that as the tetanus microbe is dirt product, it got into the air during the long dry spell and found its way into any break in the skin. One thing is sure—a hundred years of vaccination has conquered a dread disease, and all wise people at the present time will bare their arms for the familiar prevention of a fearful plague.—Ex.

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