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JOHN G. McHENRY.

Draw Himself From Favorable Consideration.

swept the Sixteenth Congress dis-

at as the right man for governor ...oomsburg Mail, speaking for him says: 'Mr McHenry is not unmindful of the honor which the mere mention of his name in that connection implies. He doesn't feels that his present obligations to the public require him to give his undivided attention to his Congressional duties, and that encouraging a movement which might divert some of his energies into another channel would be something in the nature of recreancy. He has found Legislative work agreeable and adapted himself to it, and feels that he owes his constituents his best efforts." Discussion of the next Democratic candidacy may be premature. But Mr. McHenry can not withdraw himself from favor-

Will Get Better Clothes.

able consideration. Anyway, the

office should seek the man and not

the man the office. Mr. McHenry

has built himself a reputation as a

wide-awake citizen, as a deserving

and conscientious representative,

and as a pushing and popular can-

didate before the people that will keep him in front view."

The tariff committee has announced a further continuance of its hearings. There is no telling cases had developed. As these just what kind of a tariff bill will be presented, much less what kind cautions taken no apprehension is of a bill will be passed after it has been debated and amended, but ed in herds near Columbia and there is strong hope among tariff reformers that there will be large additions to the free list in the way of raw material, such as wool hides, lumber and coal. It is well known that we cannot have the best woolen fabrics made in this Federal expenditures 1878, \$135,000,000, Federal expenditures, 1908, \$638,000,000. country because the finest fleeces of Australia and South America go to the looms of England and Germany and France, while American manufactures, on account of high tariff, are obliged to eke out their scanty supply of wool with cotton and shoddy .- Johnstown Democrat.

The citizens of Montgomery, Lycoming county, want a new bridge increased about 85 per cent. and across the West Branch of the Sus- the national wealth, based on Govquehanna and they are making ernmental statistics, 185 per cent., themselves heard in advocating its whilst the cost of government-not erection by the county. A jury of counting extraordinary expensesviewers have recommended the advanced nearly 400 per cent.
erection of the bridge at a cost of How long can the nation keep \$120,000 and a score of the principal citizens of the town have been tress and inviting disaster? Even at Williamsport this week trying as "a billion-dollar country" have to convince the Grand Jury that we not passed the limit of prudence the bridge ought to be built.

A Minority's Power,

Everybody probably hasheard of the stubborn juryman, who stood out against his eleven colleagues until one by one, they came to his understanding of the case and rendered a manimous verdict, accordwere known, that occurrence is more apt to be the rule than the research finally the county \$1.00 a year exception. And it may be acceptminurity. Not that it is stubborn-All communications shown headdressed tiess alone that wins the battle. THE COLUMBIAN, Bloomsoning, Ps. Quite frequently, perhaps oftener, the minority is right and the ma-

It is not supposed for one lit-tle instant that the minority in the Il use of Representatives can be compared to the stubborn juror, May Head the Next Gubernatorial nor that, under existing circumstances, it could obtain the results. attributed to him. Nevertheless, the Democratic minority in the Philadelphia Record Says He Cannot With- Hotise would do well to keep the comparison in mind against that time when it shall not be a minority. Much can be accomplished The Philadelphia Record says through unity of action on their editorially: "Mindfal of the way part, by fidelity to the principles Representative John G. McHenry they represent; in short, by comporting themselves as though they may, the Rooseveltian program. trict at the late election in despite were not outnumbered by the the Republican tidal wave, his enemy. Congressman Clark, on his ends are pushing his name to the election to the leadership, made clear to his colleagues what might be expected of them during the the state. Mr. McHenry dis- be expected of them during the urages this movement." The forthcoming session. In effect, it spelled "unity," all in capital let-

Let the minority not forget that it represents a great political party. May it and its leaders be found alunderestimate the compliment that ways working in conjunction and is bestowed upon him. But he with perfect harmony for the best interests of the whole people. Pittsburg Post.

Ban on Hides.

Due To Frevalence Of Cattle Plague.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board Monday morning issued a rule that no bides may be shipped out of counties which are under disease, unless the hides have been disinfected under supervision of an agent of the board. Application for an agent to oversee such disinfection or for permits to move cattle. on highways in infected counties, must be made either at Harrisburg or at the branch offices in Lancaster, Danville and Norristown. At the headquarters of the board yesterday morning it was stated that Clinton, Montour, Union, North-umberland and Snyder counties were pretty well cleaned up and that satisfactory progress was being made in all counties but Montgomery and Lancaster, where new cases were easily traced and prefelt. The new cases were discover-Lancaster and the cattle will be killed at once and premises disinfected.

Something to Think About.

These figures are given by Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou, excluding for purposes of comparison interest on the public debt, but including pensions and many public works. They are intended to show the increase in ordinary expendi-

In the thirty years from 1878 to 1908 the population of the country

in current outlay ?- Record.

WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, 1908 While Washington is crowded with important conventions in of the tariff. Importers are hesivacluding an organization called President and the President elect is settled and the Government is are in the city making speeches and while the air is surcharged customs. There is a report this with the discussion of policies of morning that Speaker Cannon and great import to the future of the not to find something to write about, but to know what to select.

Both the President and Mr. Taft were at the meeting of the Conservation Congress at the Belasco Theatre, where only those who held tickets of invitations were ad-Myron I. Low, Vice President, Frank Ikeler, Cashier, mitted. Mr. Taft presided and was introduced as the President-elect. He denied that he was Presidentelect or had any official position. Being a strict constructionist and a lawyer, he knows that the formality of a vote by the Republican electors is necessary before he can be called the President-elect. President Roo-evelt, disclaiming propheey, said that he would venture to say who would be President-elect and referred to himself as the setting sun.

The President's message to Coning to his judgment. If the truth gress is looked upon in the light of a valedictory, though it would be a rash man who would say that this is the last appearance of President Roosevelt in the way of a message. It is quite probable that he will send Congress two or three more valedictories before the fourth of March. Members of Congress, it is said, are much stirred up over this valedictory in which the President was not eulogistic, or as they think, even respectful to the legislative branch. The message is the most remarkable of the many that the President has sent to Congress and the paragraph which I will venture to quote, is sure to be very widely discussed and will probably be the basis of important legislation during the months or years that the President is in the Antipodes and the executive office is in the hands of the man chosen to carry out, as far as a President

"The danger to American democracy lies not in the least in the concentration of administrative power in responsible and accountable hands. It lies in having the power insufficiently concentrated, so that no one can be held responsible to the people for its use. Concentrated power is palpable, visible, responsible, easily reached, quickly held to account. Power scattered through many administrators, many legislators, many men who work behind and through legislators and administrators, is impalthe common people. It is not in purchase his election by the corquarantine for the foot-and-mouth ercises it in sight of the people, the fact that large sums of money and who is from time to time com- had been advanced to liquor dealercise to the people.'

talk over the alleged irreconcilable of the act, and the question whethdifference between Speaker Can- er a candidate could turn over non, the sardonic ruler of the money for election purposes to per-House of Representatives, and sons not required under the act to Judge Taft, the President to be, file an account, and thereby escape although it will not come up for. ner of disbursing the money. mally until the special session is called, is nevertheless a subject of to uphold the constitutionality of very serious consideration. And the act of March 5, 1906, it has well it may be, for the revenues of the power to order a re-hearing of the nation are falling off at the the Bechtel case on its merits. rate of eleven millions of dollars a LAW ATTACKED IN OTHER APPEAL. month and at the end of the fiscal ey of at least a hundred million of raised before the Superior Court in dollars. Internal Revenue, which the appeal from the Monroe A small tax on bank checks, paign for treating voters to cigars, matches, high-heeled shoes and merry widow hats, will easily re-

it may lose through a smaller consumption of whiskey. But to return to the tariff difference between Speaker Cannon and Mr. Taft. One reason for the falling off of the revenues is the unsettled condition ting to bring goods into this coun-'Congress' and while both the try until the tariff on importations losing a great deal from decreased Mr. Taft have bad an interview that lasted nearly two hours, at the residence of Miss Macel Boardman, where the Taft's are guests during their stay in Washington. The cariff was the subject discussed and it is said that a mutually satisfactory understanding was established between them. Miss Boardman, it will be remembered, is the lady who accompanied the Tafts two years ago on their trip to the Philippines and to China, at the same time that the President's daughter (now Mrs. Longworth) made the tour of the world.

Corrupt Practice Act Under Fire.

The constitutionality of the Corrupt Practices Act of 1906 has been brought squarely before the superfor Court in the arguments of ex-Attorney General W. U. Hensel, counsel for Judge Harry O. Bechtel of Schuylkill County, and of Cyrus G. Derr, who represented citizens of that county who are enleavoring to have Judge Bechtel's election set aside on the ground that funds provided by him were used to corrupt the voters. The argument was an appeal from the Schnylkill County Court, which held that the election of Judge Bechtel was entirely regular and dismissed the p-titioners, placing the costs on them.

In endeavoring to have the appeal quashed, ex-Attorney General Hensel argued that the Corrupt Practices Act, passed by the Legislature on March 5, 1906, was without constitutional warrant, as in the call for the special session of the Legislature, issued by Governor Pennypacker, there was no provision for the regulation of elecion expenses as set forth in this act. Although, in addition to Mr. Hensel, Judge Betchel was repre sented by a strong array of counsel from Schnylkill county, including his father, ex Judge Oliver P. Bechtel, County Solicitor A W. Schalk, ex-Congressman James B. Reilly, of Pottsville, and James J. Bell and Martin M. Burke, of Shenandoah, the appellee rested his entire case on the constitutionality of the act.

CONTENTION OF THE CITIZENS.

Cyrus G. Derr, of Reading, who made the chief argument for the appellants, took broader grounds. pable, is unseen, is irresponsible. He said it would be preposterous to cannot be reached, cannot be held set aside the act of 1906 on the to account. Democracy is in peril technically raised by Judge Bechwherever the administration of pol-itical power is scattered among a would be virtually to say that it variety of men who work in secret was constitutional for a caudidate whose very names are unknown to seeking the high office of Judge to peril from any man who derives ruption and bribery of voters. He authority from the people, who ex- held that the evidence established pelled to give an account of its ex- ers in Schuylkill county by Judge Bechtel before the election, regard ing which no proper account had There has been much serious been filed according to the terms on the subject of the tariff which, responsibility for this agent's man-

Should the Superior Court decide

month and at the end of the fiscal year is expected to show a deficienhas been largely derived from taxes | County Court in the matter of the on spiritous liquors, has notably nomination expense account of Euand even astonishingly decreased gene Kinney, State Representativein the las, year, owing it is said to elect. His account was referred the temperance wave which is to the auditor, who found it correct sweeping the country. 'Tis true and was sustained by the Court betis glorious; and glorious tis tis low. In appealing to the Superior true! And the country might well Court, the Petitioners asked for a afford to lose a hundred millions of ruling on the question: Are expendollars a month, in such a cause. ditures by candidates during a causcoup the Government for any tax Kinney cases under advisement.

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