

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Dec. 8th, 1902.
Editor Press:

As if to demonstrate its complete approval of the President's message, Congress has immediately gone to work to frame such trust legislation as Mr. Roosevelt has indicated as desirable. As it is deemed wise to embody in the proposed law a tax feature, not particularly for the purpose of raising revenue, but in order that there may be no question as to the constitutionality of the enactment. It has been determined to permit the House Committee on Judiciary to frame and report the law. The committee is already actively engaged, the trust bill of Representative Littlefield of Maine having been taken as a basis and having been favorably reported by the sub-committee to which it was first referred.

Mr. Littlefield's bill in its present shape provides for that publicity which the President has designated as so desirable, by requiring every corporation or similar institution with a capital stock in excess of \$500,000 to make annual returns showing all the important data concerning its business, to the Interstate Commerce Commission. It further provides for a tax of 1 per cent, on all stock issued in excess of what is regarded as actually paid up in cash or its equivalent. While the Interstate Commission will conduct the details of enforcement the Attorney General is instructed to prosecute all cases which the Commission reports as failing to comply with the provisions of the law. Suitable penalties are, of course, provided for infractions. In this connection, the bill of Representative Hepburn which provides for an appropriation of \$500,000 to enable the Attorney General to adequately prosecute such cases against the trusts as he deems it necessary to bring, becomes of the utmost importance.

Most of the Republican leaders of the Senate have signified not only their willingness to further anti-trust legislation in accordance with the President's recommendations, but predict that such a law will be enacted. Senator Hoar has said that he feared the short session would not afford an opportunity to do the subject justice but, if a satisfactory law is passed by the House it is not likely that the Senator from Massachusetts will stand in its way.

Senator Lodge has introduced a bill providing for the reduction of the tariff on imports from the Philippines, from 75 to 25 per cent, of the Dingley rates. This bill is in entire accordance with the views of Secretary Root and Governor Taft and will doubtless become a law. It is further regarded as paving the way for greater liberality with Cuba. Another important measure affecting the Philippines, which Senator Lodge will bring in at an early date, will provide for a gold standard in the islands. Vice-Governor Luke E. Wright, who is in Washington, speaks in glowing terms of American administration in the islands and states that, when the two bills referred to have been enacted, the Philippines will experience an era of prosperity heretofore unknown in the islands.

The only cloud on the Republican sky is furnished by the Omnibus Territorial bill. Senator Beveridge and his committee after looking over the territories, reported the bill with the recommendation that only Oklahoma be admitted to statehood. The New England Senators all oppose the admission of the territories but many of the western Republican sentiment is growing in the South, and with the personal popularity of the President to incite, together with the fact that the Republican party fathered their statehood, it would be easy to make of the three territories steadfast adherents of Republican principles. Senator Quay has by no means given up the fight he has been making in favor of the territories and there promises to be a sharp contest on the floor of the Senate before the matter is disposed of.

From Former Citizen.

Our old friend William Hamilton, formerly of Drifwood, requests us to forward his Passes to Morocco, West Va., where he is located as Treasurer and Supt. of Leatherwood Lumber Company. Mr. Hamilton through his son, G. C. who writes us, wishes to be remembered to all Cameron county friends and promises to pay us a visit in the near future.

G. W. Warner Dead.

The PRESS is pained to inform its readers of the death of HON. GEORGE W. WARNER, aged 75 years, and 28 days at six o'clock this morning. The funeral will be held from his family residence corner of Fourth street and Woodland Avenue, on Saturday, at two o'clock. Masonic rites. Judge Warner has long been one of our respected citizens, coming to this place in 1861. Appropriate remarks in our next issue.

Money Found.

R. C. Dodson found a sum of money, some time ago. The owner can have same by properly describing it and paying for this notice.

Masonic Banquet.

We understand the Masonic bodies of Emporium are preparing to give an elaborate Banquet, Dec. 18th. Upon this occasion the ladies will be "in it," which is eminently right and proper. No doubt it will be a pleasant affair.

Artist and Art Goods.

The PRESS readers are directed to the beautiful adv. of W. G. Bair, our energetic Artist and Art Goods Dealer, published in this issue of the PRESS. Mr. Bair is rapidly forging to the front as an Artist and the excellent work he is turning out for his patrons testifies to the fact. In the Art Department will be found a beautiful line of hand-made leather work, the handi-work of Mrs. Bair, who has received many flattering compliments on her taste. Call early, we advise our readers.

Resigned.

Harry Fahnestock, who has been American Express and ticket agent at the Junction has resigned his position and expects to leave Emporium in the near future, to reside at Chambersburg, Pa. Mr. Fahnestock has been a resident of Emporium for many years and will be missed by many friends and he has plenty of them. He was always at his post of duty and was ever faithful in the discharge of his duties. We understand he will leave as soon as his successor is named by American Express Company. We understand Grant S. Allen will be appointed agent at the Junction.

Exciting Runaway.

Our citizens were considerably excited yesterday over the running away of a horse attached to a sleigh, containing Mrs. Cole and three children. When near the east ward school house the horse took freight, throwing out of the sleigh Mrs. Kelley and two children, and ran up Fifth street to Howard's new mill, above the tannery, where the horse became detached from the sleigh. Of course a large number of people and children followed the horse, knowing that a little babe was lying on the bottom of the sleigh. The child was found by the frantic mother, who followed in a carriage, none the worse for its exciting ride.

The Brockway Jubilee Singers.

The large audience in attendance at the Brockway Jubilee Concert, last Friday night, was a distinct compliment to the singers, as a majority of those present had heard the company here two seasons ago.

The form of entertainment furnished by them, appears to possess a fascination of which the public never tires and the hearty applause that greeted each member, expressed the appreciation of the audience in a most unmistakable manner. They sing and act as only members of their race can.

Their voices, naturally of good quality, have been faithfully cultivated, until singing with them has become a fine art; some of their solo and quartette work would have done credit to vocalists of greater pretentiousness. The camp meeting choruses were given with characteristic fervor and refreshing naturalness. The specialties were done in splendid style. The whistling and bird warbling of Mr. Washington caused wonder and amazement and was the occasion of no little pleasure to the listener. All were sorry when the program of nearly two hours was over.

Chandler, December 20th.

The Hon. Walter M. Chandler, of the New York Bar, will give the third number in the People's Star Course, Saturday evening, Dec. 20th. His subject will be "Humorous Experiences Abroad." This is regarded as the most popular lecture in his extensive repertoire and while replete with flashes of wit and quaint gleams of humor it eloquently describes the places and people visited by him and will be a masterpiece of finished and original oratory.

Lost—Between Mr. Josiah Howard's residence and Mrs. Cavey's millinery store, a small gold watch decorated with blue enamel. Suitable reward will be given for same, if left at the PRESS office.

Legislative Contest.

After due deliberation and at the request of many citizens, Democrats as well as Republicans, the editor of this journal, who was the nominee of the Republican party at the last election for Representative, has decided to contest the legality of the majority—79 votes—returned for Hon. F. X. Blumle, for the legislature. The conduct of the campaign and election is universally condemned even by our opponents. For years, commencing with the defeat of Hon. J. C. Johnson, in 1892, an utter disregard of all law, have been used to defeat the honest choice of the people of this county, resorting to anything disreputable to defeat our candidates, backed by a powerful influence of money and other tactics, purely illegal—throwing Boss Tweed, in his palmist days, clear into the shade. This thing has continued and knowing that in the past it has been allowed to pass over the clique of wrong-doers became frantic in the past campaign and resorted to desperate means to carry out their orders. We do not propose to reveal what was noted during the contest, and since, until the proper time, when all will be made clear and unmistakable that most gigantic plots cannot always go unpunished. The life of this Nation depends upon honest elections and if such are denied the people of this county, where will we drift to? As far as we are personally concerned we shall push this matter to the bitter end, believing that all honest, unprejudiced citizens, who believe in the purity of the ballot and fair play, will support us in our efforts to stamp out the curse that has for years been a stench in the nostrils of all truly honest men. The cry of the "willing tolls," we fully realize upon what dangerous ground they stand, will not deter us.

The following petition was hurriedly circulated and the law requiring but twenty names, we did not take the time to call upon more than required, yet we could have had, and were offered, the names of scores of our citizens. For the benefit of the political editor of the Independent will note that the gentlemen whose names appear are reputable citizens, American citizens and tax-payers, who did not have to call in "the willing tolls" from outside of this county to be told what do. The people "will note this contest with interest," we assure you, and will size up to the occasion. Remember Lincoln's motto about fooling the people. There will be no more of it in this county, for we have the guaranteed support of substantial citizens, men who do not carry a dark lantern and bear, in indelible ink, the curse of the dollar mark on their foreheads. They will stand with us.

Relying upon the integrity of our law-loving, and law-abiding citizens in our efforts to secure clean, honest elections for Cameron county, I remain,
Very Respectfully,
HENRY H. MULLIN.

In recontested election of Francis Xavier Blumle. In the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron County, Pa.

PETITION.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Cameron County, Penn'a.

The petition of the undersigned, citizens and electors of the said County, respectfully represents: That at the general election held in said County on the fourth day of November, 1902, for the choice of Member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania in and for said County and other officers, County and State, the candidates for the said office of Member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the House of Pennsylvania, voted for by the electors of said County were said Francis Xavier Blumle and Henry H. Mullin, both of whom were duly nominated. That by the returns of the said election computed and certified according to law in November, 1902, the said Francis Xavier Blumle was declared to have received eight hundred and twenty-one (821) votes, and the said Henry H. Mullin seven hundred and forty-two (742) votes for said office, the said Francis Xavier Blumle having a majority according to such returns and computation, of seventy-nine (79) votes over the said Henry H. Mullin. That the said election of the said Francis Xavier Blumle to the said office was undue and illegal, and the return thereof not correct, for the following reasons:

That in the election precinct of Shippen Township in said County the said Francis Xavier Blumle and his friends and agents openly and secretly bribed electors to vote for him, the said Blumle, by money, offers of money, intoxicating liquors and other inducements, and thus induced many persons, to-wit, fifty or more, to vote, who did vote, for him the said Blumle. And in said Shippen precinct sent or caused to be sent his agents from Elk County or other places who offered money and intoxicating liquors to electors to induce them to vote for him, the said Blumle.

That in each of the election precincts of Grove, Lumber and Gibson Townships in said County, the said Blumle and his friends and agents bribed electors to vote, and who did vote for him, the said Blumle, by offers and use of money, intoxicating liquors and other inducements, to-wit, bribed twenty or more electors in each of said precincts of Lumber, Grove and Gibson, who voted at said election for said Blumle.

That in each of said and foregoing Townships and precincts many persons who were not qualified electors by reason of non-residence, non-payment of taxes according to law, non-registration, aliens and otherwise not qualified to vote, were permitted to vote and did vote for the said Blumle for the said office and were counted for him.

That in several of the said precincts, including the Townships of Shippen and Lumber, in the said County, for some weeks preceding said election, the partisans and agents of said Blumle, advertised and held so-called Pic Nics at which they distributed lunches and large quantities of intoxicating liquors to induce persons to vote for said Blumle, which Pic-Nics were held on the Sabbath Day.

That in other ways numerous illegal votes were obtained and cast for the said Blumle at the said election in other precincts in the said County.

Wherefore in fact the said Henry H. Mullin had a majority of the legal votes over the said Francis Xavier Blumle for the said office of Member of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, and was duly elected thereto.

The petitioners, therefore, contesting the election of the said Francis Xavier Blumle as Member of the House of Representatives as aforesaid, respectfully pray that their petition and complaint may be heard and determined by the Court, and such order and decree made and entered therein as may be deemed lawful and just, according to the provisions of the Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth governing contested elections.

H. H. MULLIN, Harry Hemphill, H. H. Cloyes, Fred Julian, E. J. Smith, O. Prondfoot, Warren Moore, P. M. Hanes, A. R. Berfield, O. G. Thompson, S. D. McCoolle, B. L. Spence, E. E. Mulliner, Franklin Housler, John D. Swope, Henry Edgcomb, Charles T. Logan, Frank E. Richardson, M. J. B. Brooks, C. H. Van Ness, V. K. Corbett, H. B. Mutersbaugh.

H. H. MULLIN, Harry Hemphill, H. H. Cloyes, John D. Swope, Henry Edgcomb, five of the petitioners above named, having been duly sworn according to law, on oath severally believe the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true; that according to the best of their knowledge and belief the election of the said Francis Xavier Blumle to the office of Member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, in and for said county of Cameron, was undue and illegal, and the return thereof not correct, and that the petition to contest the same is made in good faith.

Sworn and subscribed to before me for Dec. 3, 1902, H. H. MULLIN, HARRY HEMPHILL, JOHN D. SWOPE, HENRY EDGCOMB, M. M. LARRABEE, J. P.

Mitchell's Successor Probably Selected.

Special Dispatch to The North American. HARRISBURG, December 8.—A delegation of Lebanon lawyers called on Governor Stone today and urged him to appoint ex-Representative Thomas H. Capp, of Lebanon, to the vacancy in the Superior Court created by the retirement of Judge John I. Mitchell, of Wellsboro, under the Judges pension act. Capp has received no encouragement from Stone, and the prospects are that he will not be appointed.

The new Judge is believed to have been agreed on at the Conference held between Stone and Senator Quay at Washington on Saturday, and the appointment will be announced soon. Stone's purpose of consulting Quay was to make sure that his appointee will be nominated for the full term of ten years by the next Republican State convention before making a final selection.

The latest name to be mentioned is that of B. W. Green, of Emporium, an old schoolmate of Governor Stone.

Gas Supply Fails.

For two or three winters our people have suffered from lack of gas for heating purposes and suffer no little inconvenience. On Sunday and Monday, in various sections of our town, it was impossible to keep warm and wood stoves were brought into use. Those depending on gas for light were in the dark. From present appearances Emporium will be obliged to go back to oil, wood and coal or encourage some other gas line to come here. Emporium has heard so many times that "another well is being attached"—that old chestnut will not work. We are up against the stubborn fact—saw wood or freeze to death.

Broken Leg.

James Carter, a stranger in this section, while working on Frank Craven's log job, at camp No. 18, had the misfortune to break his left leg, last Monday, while skidding logs. The injured man was brought to Emporium and sent to Williamsport Hospital on afternoon train, by C. B. Howard Company.

Coming Attraction.

Guy Bro's Minstrels, Dec. 17th.

Turkeys for Widows.

The PRESS is pleased to announce that arrangements have been made to present every widow residing within the Borough limits of Emporium, with a Turkey for Christmas. It is hoped every widow, rich or poor, will send or have their names at the Press office as soon as possible not later than Dec. 22d. A nice Turkey will be presented each lady in time for Christmas. Send in the names.

Mine Horror.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 9.—By an explosion of gas in South Wilkesbarre mine of the Lehigh & Wilkesbarre Coal Company today a number of men are reported to have been killed. Rescuing parties are now in the mine.

Later—it is feared the explosion was worse than at first reported. The list of dead is now placed at 17. The number of men burned will reach eight.

There is considerable excitement at the colliery. The relatives and friends of the entombed men have gathered in large numbers and are anxiously awaiting news from below.

The South Wilkesbarre mine is one of the most gaseous in the anthracite region. Extra precautions always have been taken to guard against explosion.

It is said the explosion was caused by a miner who dropped a stick of dynamite. The explosion set off a pocket of gas.

Fire damp has greatly impeded the work of the rescuers.

Big Tannery Fire.

The Eagle Valley tannery at Ridgeway was destroyed by fire, early Sunday morning, caused by explosion of natural gas in the engine room. The loss on building is estimated at \$75,000, and that on the stock of leather and hides at \$250,000 to \$300,000. The loss is said to be well covered by insurance.

This tannery is in the Elk Tanning company's district which is identified with the United States Leather company.

George W. Childs, who is president of the Elk Tanning company, was in the south, but upon being informed of the fire left for Ridgeway at once. A large number of employes will be thrown out of work, but rebuilding will be commenced soon. The bark stacked in the yards was not burned.

People Attention.

To Whom it May Concern:—I will be at home from Dec. 20th until Jan. 4th for the purpose of practicing dentistry. I am coming prepared to make twenty sets of teeth and no more at \$6.00 per set. This will certainly be your last opportunity at this figure. The work in this line I have done in the past, speaks for itself. Dely any one, qualified to judge, to produce better material, or find fault with the workmanship.

I am doing the work at this price, and at this time, because I have the material and wish to turn it into cash, for as a student I need the money to complete my dental course at University of Buffalo.

You will be wise to take advantage of the situation. Ask your neighbors; I have worked for them. Many have made engagements; so come early or you will be too late.

Respectfully,
42-2t E. D. NEWTON.

Early Advertisers.

Our merchants are "up to snuff" this year and start early with their Christmas announcements. In this issue appear well displayed advertisements of the following wide-awake merchants: H. A. Zapp & Co., with an attractive full page announcement; J. H. Day and H. C. Olmsted, each with a half page; Hon. L. Taggart, one column; John Cruice half column; Thos. Trotter, half col.

The PRESS will be prepared to accommodate a few more advertisements during the next two issues. Our issue for Dec. 24th—one day earlier than usual—will be a beauty and all should get their copy in early.

Debt Jubilee.

The jubilee in the Methodist church last Thursday evening was a magnificent success. 200 people were present. A good literary program was rendered and a luncheon was served in the parlors of the church.

Almost \$1500 have been raised in the last three months and was used to pay notes, bonds and other claims against the church, so that the trustees are absolutely free from claims upon them. The notes, mortgage, etc., were burned while the congregation sang "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."—Austlin Autograph.

Handsome Residence.

The Climax Powder Company, of this place, recently purchased the L. M. next to T. P. More's residence, Sixth street, and have torn down the same, intending to erect a handsome twenty room house, 125,000 feet, to cost when completed about \$15,000. The handsome structure will be occupied as a home for the clerks employed in their offices at this place.

WEATHER REPORT.
(Forecast by Ft. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Snow flurries.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Rain or snow.

Christmas! Christmas!



Old Reliable Drug Store

STOCK IS SIMPLY IMMENSE.

To fully enumerate is simply impossible but in part we have

- China Ware by the car load.
- Dolls by the hundred.
- Book up-to-date.
- Books Juvenile.
- Book of Standard poets.
- Baby carriages by the dozen.
- Games of every kind.
- Mechanical to tickle the boys.
- Leather goods for the ladies.
- Leather goods for the gentlemen.
- Leather goods for the children.
- Comb and Brush sets. A great variety.
- Christmas tree ornaments for all.
- Mirrors in frames of gold.
- Mirrors in frames of wood.
- Mirrors round.
- Mirrors square.
- Mirrors oblong.
- Mirrors Triplicate.
- Shooting galleries for the boys.
- Tool chests for the boys.
- Black board for boys and girls.
- Artistic pictures with frames of gold.
- Artistic pictures in frames of wood.
- Artistic pictures in frames of metal.
- Stationery both fancy and plain.
- Stationery in box, tablets or bulk.

- Brushes for the hair.
- Brushes for the clothes.
- Brushes for the bath.
- Brushes for the nails.
- Brushes for the teeth.
- Brushes for the complexion.
- Brushes Shaving.
- Perfumes none superior.
- Toilet articles in great variety.
- Rocking Horses for the little ones.
- Vases, wall—come and see.
- Odor Sprayers of new designs.
- Water Sets of glass, very fine.
- Books—new, by Mrs. E. M. Newton, soon.

Furniture sets to please the little ones.

In fact we have almost everything except high prices, and if you want that you can get it almost any store except here. Don't make the mistake to purchase your holiday goods until you have looked our stock over.

L. TAGGART.