

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 16, 1903.

Up to the present the most interesting debate in Congress occurred in the Senate relative to the reception of the great number of petitions which have been sent that body from all parts of the country, demanding that Hon. Reed Smoot, the Mormon Senator from Utah, be expelled from the Senate on the ground that he is an apostle of the Mormon church, and as such was compelled to take an oath of allegiance to his church as the highest civil as well as religious authority in the land. Most of these petitions are printed blanks which have been distributed throughout the country to be signed and sent to Senators. They are signed principally by women's organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the W. C. T. U., and religious organizations. In many cases the phraseology of the petitions is identical, showing that they emanated from the same source. Former Secretary John G. Carlisle is to appear before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, as counsel for the petitioners. When the petitions were presented, Senator Hoar declared that they were out of order, as the question was a judicial one to be decided by the Senate Committee, and that petitioning that committee was as much out of place as petitioning the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator Dubois of Idaho took issue with Senator Hoar and declared that "these various organizations of Christian men and women have a right to petition the Senate and it is their duty to do so. They know what they are doing. They represent the moral thought of the country and should not be discouraged." Most of the public men here disagree with Senator Dubois and believe that instead of representing the moral thought of the country, they represent the narrow bigotry of those who are attacking a religion which is not identical with their own. There is not the slightest chance of forcing Senator Smoot to give up his seat, and many people believe that the mere investigation of his eligibility is an unworthy concession to the united bigotry of the country.

Much comment has been aroused by the publication of that part of the President's regular message to Congress which related to the canal negotiations. It was written before the revolution in Panama and has now been cut out of the message. The President says, "High authorities on international law hold that the canal can be dug as an incident to exercising the power to prevent the obstruction of tariff across the isthmus." After stating that in his judgment it is time to declare that the building of the canal cannot be much longer delayed he continues, "It seems evident that in a matter such as this we should finally decide which is the best route, and if the advantage of this route over any other possible route are sufficiently marked, we should then give notice that we can no longer submit to trifling or insincere dealing on the part of those whom the accident of possession has placed in temporary control of the ground through which the route must pass." He ends by declaring that if the possessors of the territory fail to come to a straightforward agreement with us, "We must forthwith take the matter into our own hands."

Advertise in the Press.

**J. Harris Mussina Fleets With a Terrible Accident.**

Immediately after the noon hour today J. Harris Mussina, of this city, was standing on the end of a coal car, which was on the siding of the P. and E. railroad near the freight depot, when some trainmen who were switching cars near there made a flying switch and sent some cars on the same siding, striking the car upon which Mr. Mussina was standing, knocking him off and throwing him under the car, the wheel of which passed over his right arm, crushing it from the elbow to near the shoulder, cutting of the ends of the third, fourth and little fingers of his left hand and cutting a gash in his head. The ambulance was called and doctors sent for and the unfortunate man was taken to the hospital where the arm was amputated near the shoulder. Mr. Mussina is engaged in the coal business as well as being manager of the opera house and was engaged to day in assisting in unloading a car load of coal when the accident occurred. Mr. Mussina is very well known throughout this city and county and particularly popular and the news of the sad accident quickly spread from one to another, causing expressions of sincere regret on every hand. As we go to press the hospital authorities inform us that Mr. Mussina stood the amputation of the arm very well and is resting quietly.—Thursday's Lock Haven Democrat.

**Star Course.**

The canvass for season tickets for the Star Course entertainment, conducted this year in the interest of the public schools is progressing steadily in the hands of the teachers. The people of Emporium will miss an excellent series of entertainments who do not avail themselves of this opportunity. A large number have purchased season tickets. Have you? If not, we ask that you do so, and encourage a worthy cause. Only \$1.50 is asked for the course of five entertainments, including reserved seat. The seats will be reserved before the course opens for the entire series, which is the most satisfactory way to all.

The opening date is Dec. 2d, when Lulu Tyler Gates Company will appear. Several have expressed surprise that we are able to bring such high class entertainers before our people. It is only by the liberal patronage of the people that it can be done, and on this we rely.

The board will be open at Lloyd's on Saturday morning, Nov. 28th, at eight o'clock for the reserving of seats for course tickets, and at the same hour Tuesday morning, Dec. 1, for single admissions to the first entertainment.

**Does This Look Panicky?**

For fear the Independent may feel rather timid about noticing the numerous large orders for American iron and steel from foreign ports, we publish the following from Harrisburg Telegraph of Tuesday: "Within the past week the Pennsylvania Steel Company have received contracts for a \$5,000,000 bridge, a contract for 7,000 tons of steel rails and another for 20,000 tons of steel rails. The orders will be divided between the Steelton and Sparrow's Point plants, most of the rails going to the latter, and together with the orders previously booked insure the prosperity of both Steelton and Sparrow's Point plants during the coming winter."

**Fatal Wreck.**

Last Tuesday morning a serious wreck occurred on B. & S. R. R., near Wharton, whereby engineer M. G. Walters lost his life. The log train ran into a slide, ditching the engine, which rolled down a 16 foot embankment, landing bottom side up in the Sinnamahoning creek, eight feet under water. The body of the engineer was recovered Tuesday evening and will be buried at Binghamton, N. Y., on Friday. Deceased, who resided at Austin, leaves a wife, son and two daughters.

**Transferred to Buffalo.**

Elmer E. Klock, who for many years has been Master Mechanic at Emporium Junction, has been transferred to Buffalo, where he assumes a similar position with Pennsy. Mr. Klock, who is a thorough and valuable man to the railroad interests, is one of Emporium's best citizens, himself and family being active members of Methodist Church. The best wishes of our citizens go with them. Mr. Betingler, of Buffalo, takes Mr. Klock's place at Emporium.

**The One Package Dye**

In red printed wrappers, colors cotton, wool or silk in same bath. Sample 01c, any color. New Peerless, Elmira, N. Y.

**The Last Sad Chapter.**

Our readers will remember that we stopped our press last week to announce the fatal shooting of Harry M. Thomas, son of Ex-Country Treasurer Charles M. Thomas, while the short announcement, written hastily during the excitement, was, in the main, correct. Young Thomas went to the home of his parents about three o'clock, p. m., changed his clothes and informed his mother he was going to shoot a bird for one of his sisters, inquired for his shells, which had been taken from his room by his mother, fearing that some children might get them. Going to his room after his gun, a single barrel shot gun, which stood behind a door, a trunk being in front of it, he is supposed to have reached for the fire arm and pulled it over the trunk, catching the trigger and exploding the load. It was not known that the gun was loaded by the members of the family, neither is it supposed that Harry was aware of that fact. When the report of the gun was heard, his sister Nellie, who was only a few feet from him, screamed to her mother, who ran to the neighbors and phoned for Dr. Smith, who promptly arrived. The fatal shot entered his left side above the heart, he falling with a heavy thud upon the floor. When assistance arrived the fatally injured boy regained consciousness sufficient to ask if he would live. Being informed that it was doubtful, he managed to say that the shooting was accidental, when he again became unconscious and passed away, just twenty minutes from the time of the shooting. Imagine the terrible blow to the mother and sisters, to have one in whom they hoped and prayed might occupy a station in life of honor and responsibility, every inducement having been exerted by kind parents, to be thus tragically taken from them without scarcely a moments warning. To say that Harry Thomas was faultless would be saying that which cannot be applied to any one, especially a young man, full of life, energy and a desire to have all the pleasure in this life. The young man, above the average as to height, and physical make-up, being over six feet in height and as strong as a giant, was a favorite with his companions, who delighted to watch his exhibitions of wonderful strength. Never denied anything by his kind parents, he always had a host of friends among the younger element, about his age—21 years next Saturday. He was born at Driftwood, this county. The sad news rapidly spread throughout the town and numerous kind friends called to render any assistance within their power, the family having long been honored citizens of Emporium and Cameron county. This great affliction falls with terrible force upon the family, especially the indulgent mother—that kindest of parents, the one who always bears the cross of sorrow.

Mr. Thomas, the father, was absent from home, at one of his lumber jobs at Ligonier, Pa., when the accident occurred and a message, or messages, did not reach him until nine o'clock same evening, and then not until a special engine was sent twenty miles into the woods after him. He made all haste to reach home and arrived here Friday evening, when the arrangements were completed for the funeral. The terrible suspense, not having any information, except this message, completely unnerved this gentleman of wonderful nerve.

**THE FUNERAL.**

The funeral on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, was one of the largest attended in years. The family residence East Allegany Avenue, was crowded with relatives and friends and hundreds of our citizens viewed the remains, reclining upon a beautiful couch casket, amidst a profusion of flowers, roses, palms and ferns, offerings of family, societies and friends. The religious services were conducted jointly by Revs. McCaslin, Metzler and Robertson. The music was rendered in the usual quiet. Owing to the large gathering it was nearly 3:30 before the silent cortage wended its way to that "Silent City" from whence no traveler returns. The Emporium Fire Department composed of three companies, attended in a body, the deceased having for years been an active member of the Citizens Hose, the latter organization acting as floral bearers. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, (of which the deceased was a member and carried an insurance of \$1,350 in favor of his mother), were given the position of honor in the formation also acted as pall bearers. The passage of the long procession was a very impressive scene and when the funeral reached Newton Cemetery the rear had not crossed the railroad. The services at the grave were short and conducted by the same clergymen, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal churches. The attendance at the Cemetery was unusually large.

The following relatives and friends were in attendance at the funeral: W. H. Thomas and wife, Bradford, Pa.; Mrs. D. W. Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Swartwood, Miss Myrtle Lloyd, Sinnamahoning; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Douglas, Olean, N. Y.; Miss Bessie Hineman, Colegrove, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Burnell, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Cole, Stanards, N. Y.

**Turkey for Widows.**

THE PRESS is pleased to announce that the committee having in charge the distribution of turkeys to the widows of Emporium have arranged to make the presentation this year for Thanksgiving. It is desired that every name be mailed, or delivered, at the PRESS office not later than next Tuesday, that all may be served. Please be prompt.

**Thanksgiving Service.**

Thanksgiving services will be held in Emmanuel Church, at 10:00 a. m., Thanksgiving, by the Rector.

**Lacey-Jordan.**

Geo. Lacey and Miss Lizzie Jordan, two sensible young people, quietly visited Rev. Father Downey Tuesday morning and joined hands for life. Congratulations and best wishes.

**Baptist Church.**

Rev. M. B. Twitchell, of Danville, Pa., will preach in the Baptist Church next Sunday, morning and evening Nov. 22nd. A cordial welcome extended to all.

**Rummage Sale.**

The Woman's Relief Corps expect to conduct a rummage sale in the vacant store room in Larrabee's block, to commence about second week in December. Remember the date and give a helping hand.

**Returns From Extended Trip.**

Mr. Fred Julian, who landed at San Francisco on the 10th on his return from the Philippines, is now en route for Emporium and is expected to reach Emporium on Thanksgiving day.

**The Way to Keep Prosperity.**

Indianapolis "Journal." "Uncle Joe" Cannon declares that the country's prosperity is on a solid basis, and the people are of the same opinion. The way to keep it there is to keep Republican policies in force.

**Rummage Sale.**

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will continue their Rummage Sale, Thursday and Friday of this week, Nov. 19th and 20th, in the vacant room opposite R. C. Dodson's drug store.

All who have anything to contribute will kindly send it to the room mentioned.

**New Long Distant Connection.**

It will be seen by ordinance passed by the Borough Council that Emporium is liable to have a new long distance 'phone connection in the near future. The proposed line will give direct western connection, as well as eastern and northern points. Geo. Metzger's exchange will handle the business.

**Bowling Match.**

Last Saturday evening, St. Marys and Emporium bowlers contested for championship in three games. Quite a large number of spectators witnessed the games. The score stood 46 pins in favor of St. Marys, who carried two out of three games. A return match is planned at St. Marys in the near future. Emporium bowlers, as a whole, disappointed our people and did not play as they can.

**Chapter of Accidents.**

**ARM BROKEN.**

William Gibbs' little daughter, residing on Clear Creek, last Sunday had the misfortune to fall, breaking her right arm in two places, below the elbow. The sufferer was brought to Dr. Bardwell's office for treatment.

**ANKLE BROKEN.**

Last Saturday, Chas. Odene, of West Fifth street, employed in Howard mill, stepped off a porch breaking his right ankle. Dr. Hellman reduced the fracture.

**STEPPED INTO HOLE.**

Last Wednesday, David Henneger, while working on a car at Howard mill, stepped into a hole in the floor, breaking a bone in his left ankle. Dr. Hellman is attending him.

**FOOT CUT.**

Harry Edwards, of Portage, severely cut his left foot, last Sunday, while chopping wood. Dr. H. W. Good was called and dressed the injury.

The PRESS expected Hockley to point out those soup houses predicted in last week's Independent, but instead gets off some more of his usual "Gumption Cuts" sayings and hashes over old chestnuts.

Everybody reads the PRESS.

**SUCCESSFUL SURPRISE**

**Henry Auchu, the Lumberman and Business Man Surprised, Royally Entertains His Friends.**

It is an old saying that "surprise parties seldom surprise" did not hold good in the pleasant occasion that took place at the large and spacious residence of Mr. Henry Auchu, West Fourth street, last Monday evening, upon the occasion of the 60th anniversary of that public spirited citizen, Mr. Auchu, who is a very busy man always, though he would remain "mum" when the great day approached but little did he imagine that his good wife and pleasant family had been quietly planning to surprise him. A few friends were let into the "plot" to catch this wily gentleman. Accordingly County Commissioner A. F. Vogt invited Mr. Auchu to become his guest at the Business Men's Club until the train for the east, Mr. Vogt pretending to take that train for New York. At 9:30 the 'phone called Mr. Vogt, who discovered he had forgotten his railroad transportation, invited the victim to accompany him home after his ticket, when lo! and behold his wife evidently had been called across the street to Mr. Auchu's. In they walked, when the astonished lumberman discovered his spacious parlor was comfortably filled with about thirty gentlemen friends, all of whom were enjoying themselves at King Pedro. Around tables were seated the following: Mr. Josiah Howard, Judge Geo. A. Walker, Mr. B. W. Green, Rev. Father Downey, Mr. W. H. Howard, Mr. Chas. Seger, Mr. R. Warner, Dr. H. W. Good, Mr. I. K. Hockley, Mr. R. Seger, Mr. A. C. Bum, Mr. Jos. J. Lingle, Mr. A. F. Vogt, Mr. Geo. J. LaBar, Mr. E. W. Gaskill, Mr. Joshua Bair, Mr. W. G. Bair, Mr. Eugene Goodyear, Mr. A. Boutah, Mr. Theo. Richie, Mr. Jas. L. Norie, Mr. Harry Hilliard, Mr. Fred Auchu, Mr. D. Couture, Mr. A. E. Niver and ye editor. It is needless to add that the little Frenchman accepted the situation gracefully, admitting that he had for once been trapped. Being of a very hospitable disposition nothing was too good for his friends, he promptly brought out his best cigars—Henry always keeps some of the best of everything—and vied with his good natured wife in entertaining their guests. So pleasantly did the time fly that even such old stagers as Judge Walker, B. W. Green, Geo. J. LaBar and A. C. Blum, who always are particular to be in their little cots early, were surprised to see the lateness of the hour—midnight—and commenced to look for some one to make a break. At this point in the game, the break were politely invited to move their card tables to the rooms on the opposite side of the house. Of course many, like ourselves, did not know what this meant but in course of time we scented the delicious aroma of coffee and—celery. To cut a long story short the large party were invited to lay aside their cards and return from whence they came, where one of the most elaborate dinners, in courses, was served. In addition to the deliciously prepared meal, the table elaborately decorated in the centre with a monster cake, (as large as a good sized cheese), called the birth-day cake, illuminated with sixty small wax tapers, added more beauty to the scene and if possible, aided the small eaters at the northern end of the board. Seated at the head of the table, surrounded by his friends, the host was the happiest person in the parlor, unless it was the prime mover and originator of the successful and happy event—Mrs. Auchu. Cigars having been passed Mr. Josiah Howard, called the guests to order and in a few remarks, on behalf of the friends present, presented Mr. Auchu a handsome carved oak leather rocker, with the best wishes for many happy anniversaries. This handsome piece of furniture, the best that Mr. LaBar could purchase, is a beauty. In addition to the above, Mr. A. F. Vogt gave a solid gold Knights of Columbus emblem; Mr. Boutain Eugene Couture, D. Couture and Fred Auchu a cut glass flower vase and Mr. B. W. Green a silver match safe. The officials of the Emporium and Rich Valley R.R., of which Mr. Auchu is President, sent by express, sixty pieces of bright and shining coin, securely sealed in a bag. Mr. Howard again called for order and invited Mr. Green, to toast the popular host. Mr. Green who is the best after dinner orator in this section, had a subject close to his heart and echoed the sentiments of every person around the banquet board when he dwelt upon the business and social integrity of Mr. Auchu, and the great esteem in which he is held in the county; his

WEATHER REPORT.  
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)  
FRIDAY, Fair.  
SATURDAY, Fair.  
SUNDAY, Fair.

loyalty and patriotism to every trust—home, country and friends.

Mr. Henry Auchu, although overwhelmed with the kind expressions of fellowship from his friends and the handsome testimonials of kind regard, returned his thanks profusely, regretting his inability to respond in fitting manner, being completely overwhelmed and supremely happy.

After more Pedro, plenty of cigars and a jolly pleasant visit the guests departed for home at a very late morning hour, in good order and pleased with this one of the most enjoyable occasions in the history of Emporium, noted for its hospitable entertainments. The PRESS extends its best wishes to Mr. Henry Auchu and his elegant family, with the earnest hope that all may be spared to celebrate many more such joyous heart-cheer re-unions.

**A Thoughtful Address.**

The Rev. A. J. Nook, Rector of St. James' Church, Titusville, Pa., delivered a thoughtful address in Emmanuel Church on Monday evening. His subject was a "Criticism of the Spirit of Modern Education," and in substance it was a plea for the recognition of the claims of a more liberal and complete culture than the speaker discerns in our present strenuous, self-reliant American life. Strenuousness, self-reliance and honesty are virtues that we cannot do without, and these are possessed by the American people in a larger degree than by any other nation. But it is a mistake, the speaker argued, to think that our civilization contains all the desirable elements of life. The reaction against the Puritan regime in the seventeenth century was a proof of the failure of a one-sided ideal of life permanently to satisfy humanity. Our American life is far indeed from being so bare and repellent as was the Puritanism of the seventeenth century; nevertheless, when compared with life in its fullness, our present civilization falls short of completeness.

**BRIEF MENTION.**

Use the 'phone when you wish to send us items of news.

The Pennsylvania hay crop this year is estimated to have been worth \$40,000,000.

FOR SALE—Cooking stove good as new; gas, coal or wood. Inquire at PRESS office. 39-1t.

Good goods and low prices is our hobby. Give us a call, we guarantee satisfaction. N. Seger.

N. Seger is now offering clothing at astonishingly low prices. If you need anything in this line call and see him.

WANTED—Boys for Emmanuel church choir. Apply at Parish room Monday and Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. Salary paid.

The best is the only kind of clothing N. Seger handles. The goods are here for your inspection—cannot be bought elsewhere for the same money.

All Smokers smoke the "W. H. Mayer" hand made cigar, the best five cent cigar on the market. Be sure you ask for it. 24-tf.

"The Desperate Chance" Company decided to jump Emporium and now Tom Norris can't use that check left over from the last desperate chance for a seat.

**Hot Springs, Ark.**

Sunday, November 8th, the Iron Mountain Route will inaugurate its solid through fast train service between St. Louis and Hot Springs, Ark., via Benton. This train will leave St. Louis daily at 8:20 p. m., arriving at Hot Springs at 8:20 a. m., the following day. Elegant new day coaches and Pullman sleeping cars equipped with electric lights and fans. Write for illustrated book of this famous resort, sent free on application to Jno. R. James, Central Passenger Agent, Pittsburg, Pa. 39-3t.

**Estrayed.**

About four months ago, a red-brown Jersey-Guernsey cow estrayed from the premises of the undersigned near Emporium Junction. A reward of \$5.00 will be paid for return of the animal. JOHN BAUER. 39-2t.

**Card of Thanks.**

To the kind friends, Emporium Fire Department, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, we wish to tender our sincere thanks for their many kind acts and expressions of sympathy during our late sad bereavement. C. M. THOMAS AND FAMILY.