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THE KEYSTONE STATE.

NEWS TOPICS OF LOCAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIANS.

Facts and Fancies Gleaned from Many Sources and Boiled Down to Brief Paragraphs for the Benefit of Busy Readers.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—The Very Rev. Maurice A. Walsh, LL. D., pastor of the St. Paul's Roman Catholic church and vicar general of the arch diocese of Philadelphia, died at his residence at an early hour of Bright's disease of the kidneys and blood poisoning, after an illness of six weeks.

To What Have the Mighty Fallen. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—A golden crown valued at \$70,000, once worn by the Empress Eugenie, is on exhibition in a prominent dry goods store in this city.

Rev. Maurice A. Walsh Dead. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23.—Rev. Maurice A. Walsh, vicar general of the archdiocese of Philadelphia and pastor of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church, died of Bright's disease of the kidneys and blood poisoning.

A Mine Caves In. WILKESBARRE, Nov. 23.—Early this evening the Mineral Spring colliery of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company, located near Miners Mills, was the scene of a disastrous cave in, which has wrought great injury to the mine and will entail heavy losses to the company.

A Convention of Coke Workers. SCOTTSDALE, Nov. 23.—The Knights of Labor of the coke region will hold a convention here on Thanksgiving day. The men will lay off that day and a large attendance is expected.

A Murderer on the Loose. McKESPORT, Nov. 23.—M. C. Stevens, foreman of the paint shop in the carriage works at this place, fatally stabbed William Finton, the bookkeeper, this afternoon.

Both men have heretofore been prominent and peaceful citizens, Finton being a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Decision Reversed. MONTROSE, Nov. 23.—In August, 1888, Judson Tiffany shot and killed Samuel Holum in an altercation on Tiffany's farm in Brooklyn. At the trial in January, 1887, Tiffany set up the plea of "self defense," but the jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree, and he was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

Pennsylvania's Official Returns. HARRISBURG, Nov. 21.—Official returns have been received from all the counties in the state. They show: For Harrison, 526,091; Cleveland, 446,520; Fleck, 29,748; Streeter, 3,865; Total, 997,234. Harrison's plurality, 79,571; Harrison's majority, 54,953.

The Hibbard-Fry Case Settled. BEAVER PA., Nov. 24.—The jury in the Hibbard-Fry breach of promise case has rendered verdict in favor of the defendant.

Fry Gets the Verdict. PITTSBURGH, Nov. 23.—The jury in the Hibbard-Fry breach of promise case, in which Mr. Hibbard asked for \$100,000 damages, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The lovers' plaintiff, when told the verdict, collapsed and exclaimed: "Oh I can't believe it; that man Fry brought up the jury. He is an awful liar. I can't say any more." She will have \$700 to \$1,000 costs to pay. Mr. Fry and his elder daughter will sail for Europe Wednesday. The jurors were practically unanimous as to Fry's innocence, but hesitated all night over returning a verdict for him because they didn't think the widow should pay the costs. Their verdict, however, carries the costs with it.

Fire in a Church. PLAINFIELD, N. J., Nov. 24.—A fire in the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church caused a loss of \$4,000; daily services.

TO FIGHT OR NOT TO FIGHT

The Question Which Agitates Politicians Now.

THE BLACKBURN-RUCKER CASE.

Senator Blackburn in Lexington and Judge Rucker's Second Also Supposed to Be There—Will a Duel Be Arranged?—Interesting Gossip from Indianapolis.

DENVER, Nov. 27.—The latest phase in the Rucker-Blackburn controversy is more indicative of a duel between the two men than anything that has previously been refuted. The rumor was current during the day that Col. John C. Moore, the intimate friend of Judge Rucker, had left for Kentucky, and that he was unquestionably the bearer of a message from Judge Rucker to Senator Blackburn.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 27.—It is reported that Col. J. E. Moore, of Colorado, is in the city, representing Judge A. M. Rucker, and that he bears a challenge in behalf of Rucker to Senator Blackburn.

The authorities have heard of the presence of Col. Moore in the city and will arrest him if found. There is great excitement in the city over the prospects of a duel. There is a lively discussion among the citizens as to whether the senator should meet Rucker on the field, and thus recognize him, under the code, as his equal.

Senator Blackburn came into the city quietly, accompanied by the Hon. J. Stoddard Johnson. They were met at the train by Gen. James F. Robinson, collector of the internal revenue of this district, and Gen. Basil W. Duke, of Louisville. Going at once from the depot to the back part of the Phoenix hotel, they went up the stairs, and taking a room which had been previously ordered by Col. Johnson, shut themselves in.

Senator Blackburn's visit was a mystery. Col. Moore's movements, if he has made any, are more completely veiled in darkness, as the combined efforts of all the city reporters and correspondents have come to naught, so far as discovering the whereabouts of the Colorado colonel. A telegram from Louisville was the first intimation received here that Col. Moore would visit Lexington, but if here it is presumed that he is going under an assumed name.

While in the lobby of the Phoenix hotel a policeman engaged in conversation with a stranger who casually dropped the word that he was a resident of Denver. He claimed to know all about Judge Rucker and his second, and was not slow to express his opinion that there would be no fight, as he believed both the western men were chicken hearted and only bluffing. As the policeman's description of the man is similar to the reported appearance of Col. Moore, it is believed that this citizen of Denver was none other than Judge Rucker's second.

The fact that Senator Blackburn is in the care of such men as Col. Stoddard Johnson, Gen. Basil Duke and Gen. Robinson, all of whom are men of well known courage and versed in the code duello, also looks suspicious. Friends of the senator, who claim to be on the inside, say that his visit to this city is only a political character, but his mysterious movements seem to contradict this statement, considering the fact that all of his previous visits to this city have been open and above board. A fear of the law regarding dueling, which is very severe in this state, is probably one of the reasons of so much secrecy, and also accounts for Col. Moore not showing himself in public if he is in the city.

GEN. HARRISON'S VISITORS. Ex-Senator Sewall, of New Jersey, was the most prominent one yesterday. INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 27.—Ex-United States Senator William J. Sewall arrived in Indianapolis, traveling in a special car with Mrs. Sewall and his daughter. He was well as usual, and did not think it proper to pass through without stopping to pay his respects to the president-elect. He left his car at the station and took up quarters at the Bates house for the night. Soon after arriving he went out on Delaware street and called on Gen. Harrison.

He returned in a short time, and his wife and daughter went back to take a dinner with the president-elect. He said that there was no politics in his visit. He is one of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, Kan., and has been there on business connected with the institution. He left New York two weeks ago in his car with his family, and has been traveling ever since. He is now on his way home.

He was asked what he thought of the prospects of New Jersey in the cabinet. He smiled dolorously, as though remembering the figure his state cut in the returns, and said: "It would be nonsense to talk of cabinet places for New Jersey or any other state. The selection of a cabinet is, of all things, the private business of the president, and Gen. Harrison is just the kind of a man who will attend to that business himself, without any volunteer assistance. All this speculation as to who will be in the cabinet is labor wasted, except as it may afford some amusement to Gen. Harrison."

Gen. Sewall spoke particularly of Gen. Harrison's ability to hold his tongue, as contrasted with the singular success with which he talked before election. "Where will you find another man in the country," said Gen. Sewall, "who could talk so much on so many different subjects and not make a mistake?"

The Latest in New York. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—This is positively the latest cabinet concoction in this city: "Thomas C. Platt has met Miller's defection by forming a coalition with Blaine and Quay, agreeing, it is said, in consideration of their support, to have the coveted cabinet berth—secretary of the treasury—to dispense the treasury department patronage in this state as the plumed knight may suggest. Thus Blaine is scheduled to renounce his aspirations in the direction of the cabinet, and Quay to sacrifice Wansmaker, if necessary, and the two to unite in praising Platt to Harrison."

Chairman Quay's Latest. WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Senator Quay, chairman of the Republican National committee, said yesterday that the Republicans would have a majority of nine in the next house. "I do not believe," he added, "that Democratic governors of states will give certificates of election to Democrats simply because they agree in political faith. I shall refuse to believe that any such thing will be done until I see it."

Killed in a Boiler Explosion. CENTREVILLE, Pa., Nov. 27.—By a boiler explosion at Ralston's mill, near here, Lile Cross, George Kelly and Jesse Hall were instantly killed. Lewis Ralston was perhaps fatally wounded. The dead men were all married.

GEN. JOHN NEWTON RESIGNS.

He Has Private Business to Attend To. Talk About His Successor.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Politicians were excited by the resignation of the office of commissioner of public works by Gen. John Newton. The resignation had been expected by them, but they had not been able to determine its possible effect on local affairs. So they were disturbed in mind, and most of them will continue to be worried—the County Democrats by the hope of benefit to be derived only if they were lost. From it, and the Tammany men by the fear of injury to their present bright prospects—until Mayor Hewitt shall have selected a successor.

Gen. Newton, and have appointed the period during which that successor, in his opinion, should serve as commissioner of public works. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—D. Lowber Smith, the present deputy commissioner, has been appointed commissioner of public works, vice Gen. Newton. The appointment was tendered John Bogart, the state engineer, but he declined.

THE LIFE SAVING STATIONS. Good Work During the Year—Many Lives and Much Property Saved. WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—General Superintendent Kimball, of the life saving service, in his annual report for the last fiscal year, ended June 30, 1888, reports 222 life saving stations in operation at the close of the year, 170 being upon the Atlantic, 44 on the lakes, 7 on the Pacific and 1 at the Falls of the Ohio, Louisville, Ky. The number of disasters to documented vessels within the scope of station operations during the year was 411. There were on board these vessels 3,653 persons, of whom only 13 were lost. The number of shipwrecked people who received succor at life saving stations was 743. The estimated value of the vessels and cargoes involved in these disasters was \$9,535,285, and of this amount \$7,776,405 was saved.

The number of vessels totally lost was 71. In addition to the documented vessels lost there were during the year 123 casualties to smaller craft such as sail boats, row boats, etc., on which were 297 persons, 3 of whom were lost. Thirty-seven other persons, who had fallen from wharves and piers, were also saved by life saving crews. Four hundred and ninety-two vessels, when stranded, were during the year worked off and piloted out of dangerous places, besides the 220 vessels in danger of stranding were warned off by signals and saved from partial or total loss.

TELESCOPED AND BURNED. A Terrible Accident to Two Express Trains in Colorado. DENVER, Nov. 27.—The Rock Island company uses the Rio Grande track between Colorado Springs and Denver. The Salt Lake express from Denver, on the Rio Grande road, left Palmer's Lane eight minutes late, and was running down the "Divide," thirty miles an hour, when, on turning a sharp curve a mile south of Husted, the engine saw the Rock Island express coming not more than 100 feet away.

There was just time for the engineers and firemen of both trains to jump before the trains collided with a terrific crash, telescoping several cars and smashing them into a shapeless mass. The stove in the Rio Grande baggage car set fire to the train, and three cars were consumed. The escape of the passengers from death seems marvellous.

Two trainmen, W. H. Phillips, express messenger, and J. H. Milan, baggage master, both of Rock Island, were killed. Several trainmen were injured. The fault is attributed to the train dispatcher. It is said that the conductor of the Rock Island train received orders at Colorado Springs giving him right of way to Denver, and that the conductor of the Rio Grande train received orders at Burnham giving him right of way to Colorado Springs.

Teemer No Longer Champion Oarsman. WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—John Teemer is no longer champion oarsman of America, and his hope of soon holding the championship is crushed. Saturday's race was a revelation and a surprise to all save the enthusiastic backers of O'Connor, the Canadian, who was the champion. Teemer, the heretofore invincible, was not in it at all. O'Connor took the lead with the first five strokes, and increased it almost at will. Teemer spurred bravely coming home from the turn, but it availed him nothing. He was fairly and completely run down, and was out of work for the party, and I do not despair of its ultimate success. Yours truly, A. G. TRUMAN.

Government Finances. WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—United States Treasurer Hyatt, in his annual report on the operations during the year and condition of the treasury at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, reports the net revenue of the government for the year \$779,566,074, and the net expenditures \$792,924,901, the surplus receipts available for the support of the public debt being \$111,541,173, an increase of \$7,870,175 over the year before. As compared with 1887 the revenues were \$7,867,797 greater and the expenditures \$7,375 less.

Sackville and Chamberlain Sailed. NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Lord Sackville, his two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain arrived from Washington on the 5:45 Pennsylvania railroad train. The two families occupied separate cars, and did not meet before or after alighting. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain were driven to the Breckers house, while Lord Sackville and family went directly aboard the Steamer La Bourgoigne, whence the ex-minister afterward proceeded alone to attend a private dinner party. All left on the La Bourgoigne to-day for Havre.

Mrs. Cleveland's "Marguerite." WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Mrs. Cleveland made a visit to the Lamont home on I street, for a look at the little girl whose advent made the general private secretary again a father a few days ago. Mrs. Cleveland is to be godmother to the little stranger, and has already selected the name of "Marguerite," a great favorite of hers.

THE HEAVY SENTENCE IMPOSED BY RECORDER HACKETT ON FORGER BEDDELL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—James E. Bedell, the confidential clerk of the firm of Shipman, Barlowe, Laroque & Choate, who pleaded guilty some time ago to embezzling nearly \$400,000 from the firm, was brought into the court of general sessions, part III, before Recorder Smyth for sentence. He was very pale and seemed on the eve of completely breaking down.

Recorder Smyth said to the prisoner, who stood at the bar, nervously twisting a piece of paper in his hand: "Bedell, I have given great consideration to the various communications which you have sent me from time to time. I have received a letter written in your behalf by a clergyman of whose character and judgment I have the highest opinion. I have given all the facts in the case due consideration, too. You are an educated man, of unguilted ability, but you have been found guilty of forgery, perjury, and larceny. There is this to be said in your behalf: you made a full confession of your guilt and added to the best of your ability and power your degraded employers by appearing as a witness for them in several suits they had. But this community has recently been startled by crimes similar to yours, and it is time that those who are disposed to follow in your footsteps should learn that they are running a great risk in doing so. The object of the punishment that I shall sentence you to is mainly to deter others from committing similar crimes. I sentence you to twenty-five years and four months' imprisonment at hard labor in the state's prison."

GEN. PALMER LEAVES THE G. A. R. Too Much Politics in It, He Says—Some Reasons Given. CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—The news of Gen. Palmer's withdrawal from the Grand Army of the Republic was something of a surprise to most of the members here. The commander of Stephenson post, No. 39, announced at a meeting Thursday night that Comrade John Mealey Palmer had asked for and received an honorable discharge from the order.

Gen. Palmer, who was the candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket in the recent election, was first department commander for the state of Illinois, and was ex-officio commander in chief for the United States. It is said that he bases his withdrawal upon an alleged violation of the constitution and ritual charging that the order has been perverted to political purposes.

The general's statement is most emphatically denied by Grand Army men here, and Col. James A. Elyon, department commander of the state of Illinois, and H. P. Thompson, past adjutant general of the department of Illinois, say that there would probably have been trouble at the next annual encampment regard to the defeated candidate's standing in the association, and that he would either have resigned then or have been required to do so. His recent action, they say, has settled the whole affair.

Blown Out of Existence. TITUSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 27.—C. W. Haggerty hauled 1,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine to the Van Vleck barn, near here, where it mysteriously exploded. There was nothing but two big holes in the ground left to indicate where the magazine and team stood. Haggerty was blown clean out of existence, and no trace of him could be found, while a few bits of horsehair was all that remained of the team. Haggerty leaves a family of seven. The financial loss is several thousand dollars.

Ohio Official Vote. CINCINNATI, Nov. 26.—The following is the official vote for presidential electors in Ohio: Total vote, 811,811. A. L. Mattox leads the Republican list with 416,054. Irving Duncan heads the Democratic with 394,453. Mattox's plurality is 19,201 short of the 20,000 upon which so many wagers were made. John W. Rosebough, candidate for elector at large on the prohibition ticket, received 24,336, while the highest candidate on the Union Labor ticket received 3,496.

Gave Up the Church for His Wife. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—At the trial of Rev. Howard Hadden by the Episcopal church, the sentence imposed was that he should either abandon his wife or withdraw from the church. He has decided to do the latter, and has sent a letter to Bishop Whitaker severing relations with the Episcopal church. The clergyman violated a canon of the Episcopal church in remarrying when the woman from whom he had been divorced was still living.

She Wins Two Suits. NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 27.—Pretty Mrs. Hilsley, of Scotch Plains, N. J., has just been granted a divorce, and thereby wins a new outfit of clothing. When her suit was first invited a merchant of Scotch Plains offered to wager he would be the prize she would be reconciled to her husband before Christmas. This bet Mrs. Hilsley accepted. She said last night that she had already made out the list of articles she needed.

Great Afflictions. CONCORD, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Within the past six weeks John Hawkins, the leading florist of this city, has lost by a malignant type of typhoid fever a son, who was his business partner, his wife, his eldest daughter and another son. A daughter and son are probably fatally ill with the same disease at the City hospital, and a daughter-in-law is convalescing at the same place.

Off on a Long Trip. NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The great six day walking match started off under the most favorable circumstances, the large crowd in attendance reminding one of the days when Rowell was champion, and the enthusiasm being fully as great. Nearly 10,000 people were in attendance. The pedestrians were started by the Marquis of Queensberry in the capacity of referee.

His Honey Talks. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Jack McLaughlin has deposited \$1,000 with the Police Gazette as a forfeit for a fight with Jim Carney for \$5,000 a side. The Police Gazette bet and the lightweight championship of the world; the fight to take place in America six months after signing the article. A formal challenge as above was called to Carney.

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