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CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS, DEC. 5.

SPEAKER TOM REED

Grasps the Gavel and Kaps the New
 Congress to Order.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—At high noon
 today the Fifty-first congress assembled.
 As the senate is a continuous body very
 little interest was excited by the formal
 commencement of business in that
 branch of the national legislature, but
 the opening scenes in the house of rep-
 resentatives at a new congress are al-
 ways full of new sights and peculiar in-
 terest to every one, no matter whether
 he has witnessed the assembling of half
 a dozen houses before or it be his first
 experience.

The clerk called the house to order
 sharply at 12
 o'clock and then
 called his roll of
 members-elect ac-
 cording to the cer-
 tificates sent him
 by the state gov-
 ernments. When
 there is a con-
 tested seat he
 gives the votes
 for each candi-
 date and his rea-
 sons for placing
 the member
 named on his roll.
 Oftentimes these
 contests cause dis-
 cussion and delay
 the proceedings.



"TOM" REED.

Immediately after the
 reading of the clerk's roll the election of
 speaker was proceeded with. Mr.
 Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, was nomi-
 nated and received the full vote of the
 Republican members, and ex-Speaker
 Carlisle received the complimentary
 vote of the Democrats.

Mr. Reed was declared elected and
 was escorted to the chair by Messrs.
 McKinley and Carlisle, where he
 grasped the gavel and rapped the house
 to order amid the cheers of his asso-
 ciates. After a brief speech expressive
 of his appreciation of the honor con-
 ferred upon him Speaker Reed pro-
 ceeded to swear in the members whose
 certificates had been accepted.

The Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In the caucus
 of Republican members-elect of the
 house of representatives on Saturday af-
 ternoon the vote for speaker on the first
 ballot stood: Reed, 78; McKinley, 39;
 Cannon, 22; Henderson, 10; Burrows,
 10. The second ballot, which gave Mr.
 Reed a majority and elected him, stood
 thus: Reed, 86; McKinley, 36; Cannon,
 19; Henderson, 15; Burrows, 9. For
 clerk of the house Edward McPherson,
 of Pennsylvania, was nominated by a
 vote of 116 to 50 for Maj. John M. Car-
 son, of Pennsylvania. Ex-Congressman
 Holmes, of Iowa, was nominated for
 sergeant-at-arms, Charles W. Adams,
 of Maryland, was elected doorkeeper
 by a majority of one vote over James A.
 Wheat, of Wisconsin, and then Wheat
 got the consolation stake of postmaster,
 Charles B. Ransdell, of the North Pres-
 byterian church of Washington, was
 nominated for chaplain.

Big Snow Drifts in Indiana.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Nov. 30.—Traffic
 on the roads centering in this city was
 greatly delayed and in the case of the
 Nickel Plate line, entirely suspended by
 the heavy fall of snow. Drifts four
 feet high near Knox, west of this city,
 stopped all trains on the Nickel Plate
 road. Two unimportant wrecks oc-
 curred on the Pennsylvania road. West
 bound freight No. 59 was derailed near
 this city by a broken frog and ten cars
 were piled up in a heap. Freight train
 No. 85, also west bound, was wrecked
 near Elida, O., and several cars were de-
 molished. No one was injured but
 passenger trains were delayed for five
 hours.

Gov. Jackson Withdraws His Proclamation

SALESBURY, Md., Dec. 2.—Acting upon
 the advice of Attorney General Whyte,
 who, by the way, had not been con-
 sulted at all until Saturday, although
 when in the United States senate he had
 the Hog Island dispute in hand, Gov-
 ernor Jackson withdrew his proclama-
 tion which opened the Hog Island
 oyster grounds to the public. Governor
 Lee sent Jackson a telegram inviting
 him to come to Richmond and discuss
 the matter over an oyster stew as the
 governors of the Carolinas used to do.

Jay Gould Heads Off the Bears.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Jay Gould ap-
 peared on Wall street just before noon
 when the decline in stocks was at its
 worst point. He visited some promi-
 nent brokerage houses in Broad street
 and the market quickly turned, with the
 Gould stocks leading, and advanced
 steadily to the close, early losses being
 more than recovered. Money, however,
 was feverish all day and as high as 20
 per cent. was paid for call loans, the
 rate at the close being 10 per cent.

Calls the Silver Convention a Farce.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 3.—Hon. W. H.
 West, of Bellefontaine, who headed
 Ohio's delegation to the national silver
 convention at St. Louis today submitted
 his report of that event to Governor
 Foraker. The report characterizes the
 convention as a farce so far as being
 conducive to any general benefit, and
 states that the entire affair was manipu-
 lated as a machine in the interest of a
 ring or combination.

Republicans to Attack Spain.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—A dispatch to The
 Times from its correspondent at Lisbon
 says that both the governments of Spain
 and Portugal have received reliable in-
 formation of the intention of the Repub-
 lican element to make an attack upon
 Spain with Portugal as their base of
 operations. Precautions, deemed ample,
 have been taken by both governments
 against an emene.

—What the Philad. Branch does not
 have in the line of ready-made clothing
 is not worth having. The spring stock
 now on the counters is immense and
 goes ahead of anything you ever saw
 Lewins is King for low prices.

—Lewins now has his counters
 stocked with the best lot of ready-made
 clothing yet brought to Centre county
 and at the most astonishing low prices.
 Lewins always leads—he never follows.
 You never heard a customer complain of
 any article of clothing purchased of hon-
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We take pleasure in calling your attention to the
 unusually full and complete stock of

FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING!

For Men, Boys, and Children, now ready for your inspection
 at the

PHILAD. BRANCH,

Bellefonte, Pa. The success of our former selections in
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 exercised this year.

We offer for sale everything in our line at reasonable
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Spring and Fall Overcoats from	\$3.00 to \$18.00
" Blue Beaver Union "	8.00
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Storm Overcoats, all wool.....	8.00
" " "	10.00
" " "	5.00
" " "	4.00
Suits from.....	4.50 to 5.00
Fine Riverside and Corkscrew.....	16.00
" " " "	12.00
Corkscrews.....	10.00
Children's Suits, all prices	1.75 to 7.00
Pantaloons from.....	.75 to 4.00

REMEMBER, all our Boys' and Men's Clothing is
 made by the best tailors and the best trimmings used, patch-
 es with each suit.

Merchant Tailoring a specialty. Our prices are as low
 as the lowest. Perfect fits in all clothing guaranteed or
 the money refunded. No misrepresentations. Call and
 be convinced.

SAMUEL LEWINS,

Allegheney Street,

Bellefonte, Pa.

BURNED IN A BAKERY.

Six Persons Lose Their Lives in
 a Philadelphia Fire.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN THE VICTIMS

The Egress Was Cut Off Before All the
 Sleeping Inmates Were Alarmed—Sev-
 eral Jump from Windows and Suffer
 Serious Injury—Origin of the Fire Un-
 explained.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Not since the
 Randolph mill fire several years ago has
 the district of Schuylkill been visited
 by such a calamity as that which befell
 it yesterday when the Vienna bakery
 of Gustav Gross, northeast corner of
 Second and Huntingdon streets, was
 burned and six persons lost their lives.
 The building was occupied by two fam-
 ilies, and this is the record wrought by
 the flames and the smoke:

Dead.
 Mrs. Annie Bittner, aged 32 years.
 George Bittner, aged 9 months.
 Ida Bittner, aged 6 years.
 Bruno Gross, aged 3 years.
 Gustav Gross, aged 11 years.
 Mattie Gross, aged 2 1/2 years.

Injured.
 Mrs. Minnie Gross, aged 23 years, badly
 burned on the face, hands and lower limbs.
 Joseph Bittner, aged 14 years, badly burned;
 also severely injured about the back.
 John Elzahn, a journeyman baker, burned
 on face and limbs, and also injured about the
 body.

The Origin a Mystery.

The origin of the fire is a mystery.
 Whether it originated from spontaneous
 combustion or from the heater setting
 fire to the wood-work of the cellar ceil-
 ing has not been ascertained. The
 bakery is a three story brick with brown
 stone trimmings. That portion of it
 fronting on Huntingdon street is occu-
 pied as a store by Baker Gross. Be-
 neath this is a cellar, while directly
 back of it is the bakery containing the
 ovens.

The fire was discovered by George
 Funk, the journeyman. He was mix-
 ing a batch of dough, when clouds of
 smoke began pouring into the apart-
 ment where he was working. Baker
 Gross had but a few moments before
 gone up to take a half hour's sleep.
 When Funk observed the place on fire,
 it is said, he lost no time in running up
 stairs and notifying his employer.

The Stairway Ablaze.

Baker Gross, to make sure his jour-
 neyman was not mistaken, descended to
 the cellar and found the front part
 burning. Hastily he climbed the stair-
 way to alarm those sleeping up stairs,
 but when he reached the first floor he
 found, to his horror, the flames had
 preceded him. A half dozen steps
 were already partly burned, while the
 smoke was so dense that it was utterly
 impossible to ascend them. Almost
 frantic with terror, Baker Gross rushed
 out of doors upon the street, as the only
 stairway in the building would not per-
 mit him to rescue his family.

A Horrible Scene.

When the engines arrived on the
 scene of conflagration the firemen were
 met with a sight they will long remem-
 ber. Standing at the open upper win-
 dows were men, women and children;
 and, as the flames poured out of the
 lower windows and illuminated the
 neighborhood, they added horror to the
 scene as the blanched faces of those
 above were plainly seen. Mrs. Gross
 had been awakened by the smoke in her
 bedroom, and, hastily picking up her
 infant daughter Mattie, she also ap-
 peared at the window with the child in
 her arms. The shouts of the firemen to
 wait a moment longer until the ladders
 could be raised she heeded, but when
 the flames began licking about her feet
 she became panic stricken. Her cloth-
 ing took fire, next her face was singed,
 and, a moment later she leaped from a
 second story window to the pavement
 below.

Leaping from Windows.

The woman fell with a sickening thud
 and a score of people who had been at-
 tracted to the fire rushed to her side.
 Although seriously burned and injured
 Mrs. Gross still held her babe tightly
 clasped in her grasp. She and the child
 were removed to a neighbor's house.
 The next person to leap from the burn-
 ing building was Joseph Bittner, a
 weaver, whose family occupied the third
 floor. He had also been badly burned,
 and when picked up his back was nearly
 broken in his attempt to escape from the
 burning furnace. John Elzahn was
 also severely burned and hurt on the
 head and body in jumping from one of
 the upper stories.

Those rescued were kindly looked after
 by the neighbors who, besides giving
 them shelter, gave them clothing, as all
 their own had them burned.

From Wilkesbarre to Williamsport.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Nov. 29.—Details
 have about been completed for the con-
 struction of a railroad between this city
 and Williamsport to form a connecting
 line between the great lines of the east
 and the west. The road will be about
 seventy-five miles long and will shorten
 the distance between this city and Will-
 iamspport by about thirty miles and will
 bring Williamsport closer to New York
 by about an hour and a half. It will
 be known as the Wilkesbarre and Will-
 iamspport railroad. The capital is
 \$1,600,000. There is sound financial
 backing behind the enterprise.

A Giant Pair of Shoes.

LITIZ, Pa., Dec. 2.—Joel Hipport, a
 shoemaker, three miles north of this
 place, has just finished a pair of shoes
 14 inches long, 5 1/2 inches wide and
 weighing over seven pounds. The
 shoes were made for a German tramp,
 who is a veritable giant in size.

Reading's October Statement.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—The state-
 ment of the Reading railroad for Octo-
 ber shows a decrease of \$103,471 in pro-
 fit of operating expenses as compared
 with October, 1888, namely, \$60,688
 against \$1,054,159.

Facts for all.

In spite of all competition the Philad.
 Branch clothing store, remains headquar-
 ters for actual bargains in ready made
 clothing, for men and boys. Lewins in-
 troduced cheap clothing in Centre county,
 and has kept it at that all the time; he
 kept honest goods, no trash, and, as a
 rule, always sold from 25 to 30 per cent
 below any other clothing store in this
 part of the state.

—If you wish to have a good over-
 coat, \$4 to \$8 less than can be bought
 elsewhere, then go to Samuel Lewins
 he has them and warrants them. He
 will tell you all about it.