



### THE CENTRE REPORTER

FRED KURTZ, -- EDITOR

Thus far nothing has been done at Harrisburg to benefit the masses.

The prices of foreign wines is to go up in the spring. We don't care, we do not put any down.

It is announced that Senator Peffer, of Kansas, will sit on the republican side of the senate, but that he will not always vote as he sits.

The president has signed the bill refunding the direct tax to the several states that originally paid it, and Pennsylvania will be the richer by over \$1,600,000.

The bill taxing coal companies a cent on each ton of coal mined for the purpose of establishing a fund for disabled miners and miners' widows passed the house, at Harrisburg.

Senator Hearst, Dem., of California, died on Saturday, in Washington, the legislature of California being Republican the vacancy will be filled by a republican.

They tell us Fiedler's Gazette says it will let the editor of the REPORTER alone hereafter. Wise conclusion—we saw from the start of his scheme of vilification that the chap would realize, sooner or later, he was barking up the wrong tree.

Fiedler's Gazette we are informed has raised a flag of truce and asks for a cessation of hostilities with the great and good REPORTER.

Granted. Conditions: Behave yourself and forsake your bad company.

The internal dissension now in progress between the factions of the Evangelical church cannot help being deplored by all friends of Christianity. Such disturbances within the church are calculated to result in much harm to the cause of religion and are not pleasant spectacles to look upon.

Judge Yerkes, of Chester, has had a newspaper fusillade made upon him by bro. Rhone from away up here in Centre. As Judge Yerkes is not able to cope with such heavy weights we would not be surprised if he called a meeting of his church council and have it pass boycott resolutions against our esteemed bro. Leonard for his *brutum fulmen* against the Judge.

The Philad. Times is making a telling fight for the abolition of the Building Commission, which was called into life some 20 years ago by the machine, and which was a help in squelching the city Democracy. If the Times can give the names of the Democratic members of the House who aided the passage of the corrupt Building Commission bill it might be interesting at this day.

Thus far the law makers at Harrisburg have done nothing to lighten the burdens of taxation resting upon the farmer. If this session is wasted without passing some measure of relief it may prove rough sailing for some members to be re-elected next fall. The corporations are receiving too much favorable consideration—beyond what is just and fair—while the toilers are given only the husks.

Notwithstanding the fact that the late Admiral Porter let an estate of over \$300,000 and has for 20 years enjoyed a salary of \$13,000 for doing nothing, his widow is a lady booked for a pension of \$2,500. The feature of our pension system, by special act, is the granting of large pensions of the wealthy widows of deceased officers, who in their lifetimes were the recipients of liberal official incomes.

The Michigan Patrons of Industry adopted resolutions asking the Legislature to enact laws embodying the following principles: The amendment of the Tax law so as to relieve farm property from taxation to the amount of the mortgage thereon; the fixing of the rate of interest at 5 per cent., penalty to be attached for usury, and the petitioning of Congress to pass such law; the repealing of all special railroad charters; providing for a dairy and food commission under a proper board; the taxing of all building and loan and saving associations' property as other assessable property, and the reduction of the legal rate of advertising.

The report of the Committee on Transportation, which was submitted and unanimously adopted, recommended that the railroads of the country be placed under State and national control.

### Our Hat Off.

We feel highly honored that our esteemed senator has referred the question of the constitutionality of the \$3 tax upon foreigners to the editor of the REPORTER. That's what we consider safe steering. We recently had occasion to commend our senator, because, as we were informed by reliable authority, he had posted Gov. Pattison upon the injudiciousness of appointing a certain gentleman of our country to a position.

We dare say the \$3 tax is unconstitutional because that instrument forbids that any scheme of taxation shall originate in the senate, and most first come from the house. Then, again, it conflicts with the spirit of the 1 sec. of the Declaration of Rights; also with art. XIV, sec. 6, which says that public monies are to be paid over to and accounted for by public officers, while the \$3 act makes that tax payable to every Tom, Dick and Harry; it conflicts also with art. 9.

Then, again it conflicts with the constitution of the U. S., which says that that instrument and all treaties made in accordance with it, shall be the supreme law. Now as every treaty we have with foreign nations has an express stipulation that forbids such discrimination against foreigners, the \$3 act violates that.

Then, again, our esteemed senator mistakes when he thinks the bill in question is constitutional because it passed the judiciary committee of lawyers in the senate. Our senator is aware of the fact that the Supreme Court of the state is kept busy one half of its time in declaring unconstitutional acts that have passed the blockhead lawyers upon the judiciary committee.

Now to shut off any controversy over our position, we say that the \$3 act is all right, and that it is the state and federal constitutions that are wrong, and these should be changed to conform to the proposed bill. The bill is all right; the constitutions are wrong.

### Two Jobs Killed.

Yesterday was not a good day for jobs in Congress, says the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

At least two were killed. One is the silly Nicaragua Canal bill, coolly proposing that Uncle Sam should spend tens of millions of dollars on a private enterprise, outside our borders.

The country at least for next hundred years, has an abundance of opportunity to spend all the money that can be had on internal improvements, the most familiar being county roads. The National Government should contribute a liberal share toward the fifty millions a year that ought to be spent for this purpose. It is really a part of the national defense.

A very interesting and important improvement is the irrigation of Western barren lands. It is now known, and was advocated in Gen. Grant's first presidential term that irrigation can only be established and carried on with some sort of Government control, and if so done, it will make the wilderness blossom as the rose.

The other job killed was the Shipping Subsidy bill. It died hard. But, as was stated yesterday, the bill was not one in which our business interests were much concerned. The bill was simply a misdirection of effort; no subsidy can do much good that does not begin at home; it is like charity in that regard.

The Postal Subsidy might as well have been killed too. It is a piece of diabolicalness to pay a premium of a dollar or two on every letter written to Latin America. There is no reason whatever why the Government should foster this particular kind of epistolary correspondence. Really it would be quite as justifiable, and, perhaps, more profitable, to pay for all telegrams our people might choose to send to South America.

In sending a case attacking the constitutionality of the McKinley law to the supreme court so as to reach a speedy decision U. S. Judge Blodgett at Chicago expressed the opinion there was a great deal in the point raised against the law. While he affirmed the law he did it formally and expressed the opinion that the appellant firm is probably right. If the supreme court should agree with him there would be an end of the McKinley act. The law is attacked by Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago, on the familiar ground that it was not the measure that was passed by congress, a section voted for by both houses having been dropped from the engrossed bill that was signed by the President. The consequence was that the bill as passed was not signed by the President.

Get the REPORTER on trial for 3 or 5 months, at campaign rates, eight cents per month. Send a sample copy to your friends outside the county, who formerly live here; we put the price at less than cost for a trial trip. Let each reader send us at least one name, with the cash at the above low trial rate.

### CLINTON CO. BRIDGES.

The County Auditors charge up \$16,000 against the Old board of Coms.

The Auditors of Clinton co made their report last week after examining the books of the various departments. The most important item passed upon was the contracts awarded by the commissioners for re-building new piers and abutments for bridges that had been carried away by the memorable June flood of 1889.

In all the contracts awarded for masonry, the famous E. T. Gallagher, figured prominently. He managed to siphon Clinton county out of thousands of dollars by receiving just twice as much as the work was actually worth. The Gazette & Bulletin of Williamsport investigated the matter and exposed the whole affair and caused considerable commotion among the taxpayers of that county.

After a careful examination of the contracts the Auditors filed their report wherein they hold the commissioners responsible for \$16,163 55. They claim as the amount that was stolen from the county treasury by their bridge contractors and that Messrs J. D. Engles, John Gruen and H. B. Klechner will be held responsible for the same.

This will make over \$5,000 for each to refund. Rather a large sum, but it is a warning to other officials.

E. T. Gallagher was at the bottom of all this work and is the same party who did work for Centre county commissioners on the Milesburg and Karthaus bridges, under Henderson's rule, says the Centre Democrat.

### Senator Cameron's Broad Statement.

During the discussion on the bill providing for a new United States mint at Philadelphia, an interesting colloquy took place between Senator Cameron, who had the bill in charge, and Senator Plumb. The latter wanted to be informed as to the propriety of spending two millions of money at Philadelphia, where, he understood, the sentiment was unanimous that there never should be another silver dollar coined. To this Mr. Cameron replied: "The Senator is mistaken about the sentiment. I voice the sentiment of the people of Pennsylvania."

Mr. Plumb, in answer to this, remarked: "All I know about it is what I see in the newspapers, and they are all opposed to the coinage of silver, and, if that be so, I do not see the necessity of having any buildings for the coinage of silver in that city."

Mr. Cameron responded: "The Senator had better take my vote as the indication of the sentiment of the people of Pennsylvania."

The bill was then passed. In this colloquy it will be seen that Senator Cameron boldly asserts that the majority of his constituents favor the free coinage of silver.

### From Harrisburg.

The road law is much more satisfactory since amended, and it has now the appearance of considerable strength in the house. Its friends are hopeful that it will pass, but many of the country members still predict its failure, asserting that the people don't want it.

The anti-discrimination bill is much talked about. The rural representatives seem more interested in it than the road bill, but little is said yet in conversation about ballot reform, and the friends of constitutional ballot reform who are impatient are becoming somewhat impatient of delay. It is known that chairman Kerr, Chauncey F. Black and the leading Knights of Labor are anxious for action, and during the past week it was said that Chairman Andrews and Collector Martin had declared they would throw no obstacle in the way of a constitutional convention. It is expected that an early move will be made to make the ballot reform bills a special order.

### From Washington.

Congress adjourned Wednesday. It is gossip at the Capitol now that the president in discussing the congressional outlook said that there did not appear to be any necessity for an extra session of congress, and that he has no intention of calling the senate together as there is nothing requiring its attention. It is understood President Harrison contemplates a gunning trip soon after adjournment.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of William R. Leeds to be United States marshal for the Eastern district of Pennsylvania, vacancy of A. H. Dill, dead.

The president has signed the bill providing for a new mint building in Philadelphia, also the act amending the laws in regard to immigration of aliens, the act granting a pension to the widow of Rear Admiral Porter, the act to provide for ocean mail steamships between the United States and foreign ports and to promote commerce, and an act granting a pension to the widow of General Kilpatrick.

### The Pennsylvania Railroad.

The forty-fourth annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is presented elsewhere in this issue of The Post. Everybody knows in a general way that the Pennsylvania railroad is one of the leading corporations of its class in this or any other country, but it is difficult for the average layman to comprehend its growth and magnitude. These are shown by the facts that, at the completion of its forty-four years, it was composed of 120 corporations, which with few exceptions, were in fair condition and earning very reasonable returns on the capital invested; that the system represented 7,915 miles of railroads and canals, with a share and bonded capital of more than \$700,000,000; and that the year 1890, it earned more than \$133,000,000 gross to secure which enormous revenues it moved over 137,000,000 tons of freight and 84,000,000 passengers.

These are figures to command consideration, indeed, as they prove that the interests of the various systems unified into one powerful corporation are so closely interwoven with those of the communities through which they pass that their prosperity may safely be taken as an index of the condition of the various sections of the country which they serve.

### Life of General Sherman.

No literary announcement of the year is of greater interest to the general public than that of a comprehensive Life of General Sherman, which is about to be published and sold through agents by the noted house of Hubbard Brothers, of Philadelphia. Admirable biographies of Grant and Sheridan, complete to the time of their death, are already familiar to the public, but a life of the third great commander, to finish the series, has been lacking. The various biographies of Sherman hitherto published have necessarily been incomplete: and even his own memoirs, written in 1875, said almost nothing of his intensely interesting early life, and not a word, of course, of the more than twenty years of social activity and fraternity with old comrades since the war.

The work which is now to be issued will splendidly supply the widely felt demand for a history of the great strategic commander. It is being written by Willis Fletcher Johnson, whose ability as a historian is familiar to the reading public of America through his former unusually popular works, which have had millions of readers, and sales of their vast editions enriched an army of book agents; he is aided by Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, a man of fine literary attainments, who knew Sherman better than any other of his comrades now living, and ranked next but one to him in the army. That this history of Sherman, the last of the great Generals, will surpass all others in popularity is not to be doubted. It will doubtless be the best life of the great chief published, and we predict for it wonderful popularity.

### Happy Hoosiers.

Wm. Timmons, Postmaster of Idaville, Ind., writes: Electric Bitters has done more for me than all other medicines combined, for that bad feeling arising from Kidney and Liver trouble." John Leslie, farmer and stockman, of same place says: "Find Electric Bitters to be the best Kidney and Liver medicine made me feel like a new man." J. W. Gardner, hardware merchant, same town says: Electric Bitters is just the thing for a man who is all run down and don't care whether he lives or dies; he found new strength, good appetite and felt just like he had a new lease on life. Only 50c a bottle, at J. D. Murray's drug store.

### Gas vs Electricity.

The citizens of that staid old burg, Lewistown, are enjoying a fierce war which is being waged by the lighting institutions, the electric and gas. The electric light was introduced a few weeks ago and began in roads upon the finances of the gas company, which resulted in a reduction of rates, and each company try under bid the other. Lighting has become very cheap in Lewistown, and no doubt the citizens hope it will continue.

### Centre Hall Select School.

The spring term of the Centre Hall select school, to continue ten weeks, will begin on April 13, next. All the higher branches and languages will be taught. Special classes will be formed for those preparing to teach.

Boarding can be had at reasonable rates.

H. C. ROTHROCK, Principal.

### Have Their Eyes on Him

According to the Bellefonte News the railroad authorities now have a man under surveillance, it is believed, placed the stone in the frog of the switch at Milesburg, thereby causing the death of Edward Cassel. And that paper adds: If the man is caught hanging would be entirely too mild a punishment for him.

### Jury List for April Term.

GRAND JURORS—FOURTH MONDAY IN APRIL.

- G. B. Johnston Bellefonte.
- Joe Castleburg Huston.
- George Trostler Harris.
- G. W. Steele Huston.
- J. A. McCord Rush.
- W. F. Hall Howard.
- Joseph Marble College.
- Ed. Poorman Snow shoe.
- Joe. Eckenroth Benner.
- S. Flinberger Eergusson.
- E. Miller Miles.
- H. B. Pontius Bellefonte.
- Wm. Omer, Sr., Spring.
- W. B. Mingle Centre Hall.
- J. A. Detrick Miles.
- John Maher Rush.
- J. L. McCafferty Bellefonte.
- W. O. Rearch Penn.
- Adam Rowersox Haines.
- George Hevlyr Boggs.
- Thomas Rowers Liberty.
- W. S. Miller Miles.
- Samuel Homan Gregg.
- William Miller Taylor.

TRAVERSE JURORS—FOURTH MONDAY IN APRIL.

- J. L. Curtin Bellefonte.
- Robert Voria, Bellefonte.
- J. A. Fiedler Bellefonte.
- John Dunlap Bellefonte.
- J. F. Sebring Halfmoon.
- Wm. Van Ties.
- Henry Barley Spring.
- Jacob Dutweiler Penn.
- Harry E. Walker Boggs.
- George Cronmiller College.
- Alexander Adams Worth.
- Henry Dutweiler Miles.
- M. B. Hysong Philipsburg.
- Cal. Zimmerman Milesburg.
- M. F. Hoy Burnside.
- Philip S. Hines Union.
- H. G. Miller Haines.
- A. T. Boggs Milesburg.
- Wm. Houser College.
- Henry Fishburn Benner.
- W. C. Lingle Philipsburg.
- Calvin Grove College.
- Ed. German Bellefonte.
- L. T. Eddy Milesburg.
- K. B. Haines Liberty.
- J. H. Miller Purgason.
- S. C. Hunter Bellefonte.
- J. D. Wagner Worth.
- H. M. Kephart Unionville.
- James H. Potter Bellefonte.
- Wm. F. Humes Bellefonte.
- Oscar Adams Milesburg.
- W. B. Rankin Bellefonte.
- Beauchamp Small Miles.
- J. A. Whitman Spring.
- Edwin Tyson Philipsburg.
- Austin Moore Union.
- Chas. Armstrong Spring.
- Wm. Packer Liberty.
- F. H. Meyer Harris.
- James Henderson Marion.
- John Wolf Miles.
- John D. Keen Penn.
- Frank Brown Snow Shoe.
- George Catright.
- John B. Resides Rush.
- Daniel Hall Unionville.
- William Billet Spring.

TRAVERSE JURORS—FIRST MONDAY IN MAY.

- Stephan Best Gregg.
- J. E. Way Paton.
- Wm. Corway Marion.
- Lewis Hassinger Millheim.
- James Holloway Harris.
- A. V. Daugherty Burnside.
- W. F. Camp Centre Hall.
- John A. Grenoble Gregg.
- Samuel Rasthurn Boggs.
- D. M. Bilger Rush.
- John Dabern Potter.
- Dan'l Heckman Benner.
- Austin Linn Rush.
- George Reaser Snow Shoe.
- Thomas Williams College.
- Robert Condo Harris.
- Milton Nyman Boggs.
- Howard Bowman Gregg.
- Allison Irwin Marion.
- Matt B. Conway Burnside.
- Jerry Sweeney Spring.
- Ham Otto Bellefonte.
- Wm. Harper Bellefonte.
- M. R. Adams Philipsburg.
- H. P. Kessinger Walker.
- Aaron Farr Union.
- A. L. Fiegel Philipsburg.
- L. T. Munson Bellefonte.
- J. B. Howe Philipsburg.
- Cyrus S. Meyer Haines.
- Daniel Kline Benner.
- Emma I. Wetzel Haines.
- Oscar Stone Harris.
- T. M. Barnhart Spring.
- T. B. Everett Penn.
- H. B. Herring Gregg.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for March contains two striking articles of exploration and adventure—Mr. Mountney Jephson's account of one of the most exciting periods of the Emin Pasha Relief Expedition, and Mr. M. B. Kerr's description of the latest attempt to reach the summit of Mount St. Elias in Alaska. The former is illustrated with sketches by Frederic Villiers, made under Mr. Jephson's personal direction, and the latter from photographs made by the Expedition. The number is also notable for its fiction, containing four short stories, by Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson, Richard Harding Davis, Duncan Campbell Scott, and W. H. Woods—all of them writers whose first short stories have appeared in this magazine. E. S. Nadal (so long one of the secretaries of the United States Legislation in London), from abundant knowledge writes of "London and American Clubs." His article is richly illustrated, as is also the novel paper on "The Ornamentation of Ponds and Lakes," by Samuel Parsons, Jr., Superintendent of the New York Parks.

Have you been to A. C. Mingle's shoe store in the Brockerhoff house block? Never miss going there when at Bellefonte, he always has something new and offers none but genuine goods which he warrants. For low prices in boots and shoes Mingle's is the place.

### Adjourned.

Washington, March 4.—The house adjourned at 12 o'clock with a wild hurrah on the floor and in the galleries.

The speaker got the last word, and used it in telling the house that he believed history would reserve a very brilliant page upon which to record the doings of this congress. He was listened to in silence; but when he stepped from the chair the democrats burst out with a loud cheer and boisterous demonstrations of joy. The republicans joined in the cheering perhaps in a different spirit.

Some one struck the air, and the whole house burst out with "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching." The democrats then sang "Home Again." Then followed "American." The tumult of sound was something tremendous. Ladies crowded through the doors until the space behind the seats was filled, and some of them joined in the air.

There was a pause in the singing, and suddenly the correspondents in the press gallery burst forth with the doxology in full voice. The members on the floor responded with cheers, handclapping, and waving hats, handkerchiefs, papers or whatever they found handy.

There was another pause of a moment and Cowles, of North Carolina, raised himself on his tiptoes and shouted, "We thank God for the defeat of the Lodge bill," and immediately again started the doxology, in which republicans and democrats alike joined. This episode occupied more than ten minutes after the gavel had fallen.

Mr. Burrows of Michigan, having taken the chair at this point, Mr. McKinley of Ohio, offered the following resolution, "That the thanks of this house are presented to the Hon. Thomas B. Reed for the able, impartial and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations and performed the arduous and important duty of the chair."

Mr. Mills demanded the yeas and nays. The resolution was agreed by a strict party vote—yeas 152; nays, 116. On the announcement of the vote there was an outburst of applause from the Republican side, which was redoubled when Mr. Mills inquired whether this was part of the funeral services.

### A Good Idea.

It has been reported through this section that the large hotel building at Spring Mills, erected by I. J. Grenoble, will be reconstructed for the purpose of converting it into an Academic institution.

The building is well located for such an institution and has been standing empty for several years it never being much of a financial success as a hotel.

### She Got The Boodle.

The West Newton Hamilton Times states that a Hungarian died at Port Royal recently, and left \$1,900 in money, the savings of several years' hard labor. When his wife was spoken to about burying him, she said: "Me no bury him; him no good now; him dead!" She took the cash and left for Hungary. The dead man's friends raised a collection and had his remains interred.

### Storage will be Charged.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has given notice to merchants that on and after March 1st warehouse storage will be collected on all goods left by consignees in the warehouse over 48 hours from the time of notice to consignee. Demurrage will be collected on all car loads left on siding over 48 hours after notice has been given.

### Western Tickets.

To those contemplating a trip to the west, we would wish to state that the agent at Centre Hall has been supplied with a complete stock of tickets to all points west, and at very low rates.

—Prof. Eiters is visiting schools on this side and leaves a favorable impression.

—Subscribe for the REPORTER—a trial trip of 3 to 5 months, only 8 cents per month, less than cost.

—Prof. Hosterman, of Penn Hall, advertises the opening of an academy, at Potters Mills, the coming spring.

—Prof. Rothrock advertises the spring term for the Centre Hall select school, to open April 10.

—A severe storm set in on Wednesday morning which made a plaything of the 2 or 3 inches of snow that fell in the few previous days.

—Chief Burgess Bushman has now an assistant, who will be able in a few years to fulfil the arduous duties of the office. It's a boy.

—The Philad. Branch is thoroughly reliable, and Lewins has in stock a line of clothing that leads in quality and low prices. Satisfaction always given.

—A good warm boot or shoe is needed by all during this winter weather. A. C. Mingle, Bellefonte, keeps a complete stock and at low prices. Gum boots, shoes, etc., a specialty.

X Dukes vs Esner's case