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## CAPITOL GOSSIP

NEWS OF A WEEK AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

The Carlisle Tariff Bill. The Repealing of All Federal Election Laws. Senator Wolcott's Humorous Speech.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 23.—"The Carlisle tariff bill." How does that strike you as a popular title for the Democratic tariff bill which is to be passed by the Fifty-third Congress? Unless a number of gentlemen who are in positions to know are wrong in their calculations, Senator Carlisle, whose resignation as Senator will take effect the fourth of next month, is the man who will frame that bill. The great success of the Walker tariff bill, framed by President Polk's Secretary of the Treasury, was, it is said, what induced Mr. Cleveland to follow the same plan and entrust the framing of a tariff bill, which is to be strictly in accord with democratic ideas, to his Sec. of the Treasury. It is not to be understood or inferred that this move is intended to deprive the Ways and Means Committee of the next house of any of its rights. The idea is merely to put into the hands of that committee a complete tariff bill, leaving its members to decide whether it shall be accepted as prepared or be amended before being reported to the House. Whatever one's opinion of this method of preparing the tariff bill may be, it cannot be denied that John G. Carlisle is by experience and ability specially well qualified to frame the Democratic bill. He has for many years been a leading tariff reformer, and his name attached to the bill would of itself make it popular with the rank and file of the Democratic party.

Much curiosity is felt concerning the answer that Sec. Foster will make to Representative Scott's resolution, which has been adopted by the House, calling for information as to the delay in the erection of public buildings for which the money has been appropriated by Congress. Mr. Scott says he is satisfied that the delay has been caused by the lack of money in the Treasury, and the facts are all apparently with him; but it is hardly probable that the wily Secretary of the Treasury will admit that.

Representative Bynum's resolution, which has been adopted by the House calling on the Civil Service Commission to furnish a list of all the men reinstated in the classified service of the Government, under rule 10, since March 4, 1889, together with the date of their dismissal or resignation from the service, the States they were from and the States charged with their appointment, the date of their reinstatement, and the departments in which they were reinstated. Rule 10, referred to in this resolution was gotten up by republicans ostensibly to allow the reinstatement within one year of their dismissal or resignation of ex-soldiers, but if the information called for by the resolution be truthfully given it will be seen that it has been terribly stretched, both as to time and persons. It would be much better to absolutely suspend the Civil Service law so far as it relates to appointments and removals, for the first year of every administration, as proposed by Representative DeArmond's bill, now in the hands of a House committee, than to evade it, as has been done under this administration; besides, it would be much more manly and honorable.

The favorable report to the House on the bill repealing all federal election laws contains some very strong language, but, as the report truthfully says, "these laws are a continued menace to the peace and welfare of the country," and nothing said against them can be too strong. The House will pass this bill, not with any expectation that it can get through the Senate at this session, but to emphasize the position of the Democratic party against these laws.

The republicans of the Senate have apparently adopted a sort of go-as-you-please pace. Two attempts have been made within the last week by means of caucuses, to get them together, but they were both failures. The most of them appear to wish to avoid doing anything, aside from some special bill in which they are interested, and to be unable to interest a sufficient number of their colleagues in any one measure to get it endorsed by a caucus. Having given up the silver question entirely they will this week caucus on the admission of new states. When the results of the last election are considered the republicans are excusable for being slightly demoralized.

Senator Wolcott has been having some fun at the expense of the Postmaster General. He doesn't like the Columbus stamps, and Saturday he made a humorous speech in favor of his joint resolution directing the Postmaster General to stop the sale of them and he raised a laugh by saying that he had a letter from a physician who

said that if the sale of these stamps was stopped the stock on hand might be utilized as chest protectors. He intimated in relation to Mr. Wannamaker's statement that \$1,500,000 profit would be realized from the sale of these stamps to collectors that this Government was too big to go into the chrome business, a business that might do for some little Central American state, that was a few thousand dollars "shy."

Things are now going with a rush at the headquarters of the Inaugural committee, and so great has been the demand for hotel accommodations that good quarters are getting scarce.

Will Destroy Insects.

A statement alleged to have been made by naturalists is now going the rounds to the effect that the frost has penetrated the earth more deeply during the cold weather this winter than for many years, which will be very destructive to insects and their larvae, and think that the result of this destruction will consequently be great on orchards, vineyards and gardens next summer. An exchange does not believe that this view is correct and says that the idea is a delusive one. Hard winters do not work the destruction of insect tribes as one would naturally suppose. In fact, cold does not affect them at this season. That the cocoon of the tent caterpillar which is left dangling on the end of a limb all winter, subject to every blast that, to rains, snows and freezes for months together. Not one of them is destroyed by the temperature. Every one of them will hatch out in due time. This is only one of the puzzling questions in the insect world. Some seasons noxious insects are so numerous that one looks forward to the following season with apprehension and fear, to be in turn surprised when that season comes along that the same insect tribes that were so destructive twelve months before are scarcely present at all. This is the very common experience of observant orchardists. The thing may not occur in this very emphatic way every time, but it does happen very frequently. Naturalists have so far been unable to discover the reason for this. Extreme cold, which we all know is the enemy of most animal life, fails when applied to the insect world. We must look elsewhere than to the heat and cold for the abundance or dearth of insect life. We sincerely hope the insect pests will be less numerous next summer than they were the past one, but if they are, we must not give the frost the credit for the favorable change.

An Interesting Exhibit.

An interesting foreign exhibit at the World's Fair will be a model of the Island of St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. It is about eight feet by four, built to a scale of six inches to the mile, painted in natural colors, showing the roads, country houses, ships and steamers in the harbor and the pretty town of Charlotte Amalia, with its two old legendary towers of Blackbeard and Bluebeard. It will be set into a table enameled in black, edged with gold, with terra cotta paintings of various spots of interest on the island, the whole being covered with plate glass.

Students Terrorize Pine Grove Mills.

Last Saturday night about two dozen students from the State College went on a racket to Pine Grove Mills. After terrorizing half the town, they invaded the Methodist church, broke up a religious meeting in progress at the time and sent the people home panic-stricken. A suffocating powder was thrown around and some of the worshippers had to be carried home because of the loss of consciousness. None of the students were recognized. The trustees will endeavor to hunt down and punish the perpetrators.

IN KANSAS the Senatorial situation is growing more complicated, and there is no telling how it will end. It is barely possible that two Senators will be elected. There is no prospect that the divided House will get together before that time.

The only hope the Republicans have of electing a Senator is to get votes either from the Democrats or Populists. There are only five Democrats, and they say they never would vote for a Republican. Not one Populist has been found who would at any time vote for a Republican, hence the Republicans feel that they cannot win, but that they can name the man. Of course he will have to be a Democrat.

No Let Up.

The weather predictions received on Wednesday morning for the following twenty-four hours have no encouraging information for our freezing and suffering population. The report sent by the U. S. signal service was "fair weather, cold wave." Unless the predictions are unreliable, we will have no thaw yet for a couple of days.

AARONSBURG.

Threatened With a Water and Coal Famine. Foxes Plenty.

Almost a water and coal famine in this town, but the water prospects have brightened somewhat during the last few days.

Earnest Stover has now killed a dozen foxes this season, and shipped eleven of the skins to a commission merchant in Chicago, who beat him out of about one-half the value of the skins.

William Bricker, of Fremont Indiana, who went from here to that place just after the war, is visiting among old friends and relatives.

Mrs. Vore, of Ohio, who lay sick with pneumonia, at Abs. Mussers, has so far recovered as to be able to start for her home in Ohio.

In some unaccountable way the bridle came off Squire Rote's horse while driving to Coburn to take the train for Bellefonte, and he had a dandy ride from the toll gate to Bracht's livery stable, the horse running at full speed. The old man drew the bridle up against the horse's breast holding on.

George Kister sold his squares to Orlando Hackenbush. Sum to be paid is \$450.

The Reager homestead was sold to Henry Dutwiler for six hundred dollars. Henry will occupy the one-half and rent the other half to Fred Fehl, the present occupant.

A hungry fox came to Emanuel Bower's on last Sunday on the hunt of a dinner and Will Bower saw him and put the dog on him which soon caught him, and Will coming up to them while they were fighting dispatched the fox with a piece of rail.

Theodore Hosterman, who was married on the 14th inst., has rented Michael Stover's farm and will take charge of it in the spring.

Jacob Reed's horse fell while coming up the road on Monday, upset the sleigh and spilled the old gent and the other contents of the sleigh out. The horse was unable to get up and Dr. Frank and some other parties happening along just then helped to fix up matters.

Emanuel Brown, a son of Samuel Brown, is visiting his father after an absence of twenty-four years. He resides in Stephenson county, Ill., and expects to take with him Howard Weaver, of Farmers Mills. John Bollinger also expects to go to the same state in the coming month in company with John Rupp.

FARMERS MILLS.

Communion Services Next Sabbath. Other News of Interest.

Sleighting is par excellence. Water is quite low and in some places scarce.

There was an unusual big lot of ice cut and stored about here of late.

Reformed communion at this place on the 29th inst., also preaching on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings previous.

The Leva Ream memorial sermon, by Rev. W. E. Fischer last Sunday, was largely attended.

William Weaver Jr., of Zion, but formerly of this place, joined the benedictines recently, and he and his helpmate were circulating among friends and relatives here.

Several of our farmers got their cattle dehorned recently, which prevents much hooking and goring, but it seems a little tough on the dumb brutes.

The old style shooting and raffling matches for poultry, afforded a good bit of fun recently in this township for the young sports.

Rumor says John A., the fourteen-year old boy who so suddenly disappeared from here over three years ago, was heard from and is doing finely, but fixed no date when to return home.

While Newton Weaver and family, of Williamsport were visiting the farmers parents, a few miles north of this place, their four year old son took sick and died of croup on January 1st, '93. Interment was made at Heckman's cemetery.

David Homan and niece, of Blair county, Pa., Jacob Dunlap, of Illinois, Fred and Wesley Decker and families, of Lemont, S. and E. White and families, of Bellefonte, Hettie Fry, of Milton, and many others were noticed recently visiting friends about here.

No doubt if this severe winter weather continues another week the Democratic caucus meetings called for on January 28th will be but small gatherings.

Seriously Ill.

Grace, the little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford, on Church street, has been dangerously ill for several days. The little one is suffering with catarrh fever.

—Wanted,—a young man to learn the blacksmith trade. Call on or address, Centre Hall Carriage Works, Centre Hall, Pa.

## COURT MELANGE

THE LIST OF CASES UP FOR TRIAL SMALL.

January Court Convened Monday Morning. Cases of a Trivial Nature Good Attendance.

The January session of court convened in session on Monday morning at Bellefonte with Judge Furst on the bench, and flanked by associates Faulkner and Riley. The morning was taken up by petitions, etc., being presented to the court for official action, the roll call of jurors, and other business. All the jurors were present. Col. S. H. Williams was selected foreman of the grand jury, and that body went to work on various bills after receiving the judge's charge.

The attendance was fair and about as usual. No cases of any importance were upon the docket and the session promises to be brief.

The first case up for trial on Monday was that of Commonwealth vs. Jacob Royer, charged with wife desertion. His wife Leah Royer, was the prosecutrix. Royer lives near Tusseyville, and some time ago through troubles in the family, his wife left him and she sued for support. Defendant was ordered to pay the costs but no allowance was granted to the wife unless she returned to her legal husband.

The next cases were several petty assault and battery cases from Phillipsburg. Defendants not putting in appearance, bail money was ordered to be forfeited until defendants appeared in court.

The libel case of L. C. Bullock of Milesburg against E. T. Tuten, of the Bellefonte Republican and W. H. Musser was the next on the list. The trial began on Wednesday morning and took up all the day.

Cridler, the young man under arrest charged with attempting to set fire to a building in Bellefonte, a short time ago, got clear by the grand jury ignoring the bill.

The case of J. R. McClellan vs. Geo. Bradford, for \$48 worth of hay used by Bradford on the Lee farm in Potter twp., which McClellan claimed he purchased at public sale last March.

Road Improvement.

The National League for Good Roads now assembled at Washington, is engaged in a work which should commend the hearty support of the people. In this State in particular the laws relating to the maintenance of public highways are ridiculously inefficient. The work in each road district is done with very little reference to adjoining districts. Any comprehensive scheme of improvement is practically impossible. Scarcely a mile county road can be traversed without meeting holes, ruts, rocks and steep grades, alike incompatible with comfort in driving and destructive to vehicles and horses. The time and money annually expended in work upon the county road, if systematically and efficiently directed would result in admirable roads throughout the State. As it is the effort and expense are practically wasted. Unquestionably the remedy lies in State control of road building and improvement.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters.—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts, and \$1.00 per bottle at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

Once in 3 Years.

All township and borough officers should be elected for a term of 2 or 3 years, and spring elections held only once in 2 or 3 years. It would save an enormous expense, by dispensing with annual local elections and having them occur only once every second or third year.

Judicial Committee.

John G. Love, John H. Orvis, J. C. Meyer, of Centre; Geo. B. Orady, John M. Bailey and K. Lovell, of Huntingdon, compose a committee of this judicial district to revise the rules of court relating to the argument list. They will make their report in due time.

District Chairman.

Capt. Reber, of Bellefonte, is Democratic district chairman for the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Elk and Clarion. A good man in the right place.

JUSTICE L. Q. C. LAMAR DEAD.

The Associate Judge of the United States Supreme Court Died Monday.

Justice Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus Lamar died at Macon, Ga., at 8.50 o'clock Monday evening.

His death was sudden in the extreme, for although he had been ailing for some time, Justice Lamar appeared to be gradually gaining in health. He went there from Washington about a month ago and has been visiting at the residence of W. H. Virgin, in Vineville, a suburb of that city.

That afternoon at about three o'clock Justice Lamar took his overcoat, intending to go to the city; but was met at the door by a friend, Dr. Llewellyn, with whom he returned to the sitting room. At that time and during all the afternoon, he was in good spirits and at dinner at 6.50 he seemed to have a good appetite. Dr. Llewellyn left the house about eight o'clock and a few minutes later the justice was seized with violent pains in the heart and died at the hour mentioned.

Telephone Patents Expiring.

One by one the patents covering telephone rights are expiring. At midnight of the 20th the Blake transmitter, which receives the speech and transmits it over the wire, became the property of the public after many years exclusive control by the Bell Telephone Company.

March 7 of this year will see the end of the main patent on the telephone, that issued to Alexander Graham Bell, and which covered the fundamental patent on the telephone, the transmission of speech electrically over a wire.

At the same time the patent first issued on the receiver will expire though a second patent was granted on this device January 30, 1877, and that has until January 30, of next year to run.

With the expiration of the Bell patent the telephone business is promised many rivals. The Strouger Automatic Telephone Company is one of the companies which promises competition with its automatic switchboard, that is designed to do away with the central office of the present system.

How Mingle Succeeds.

There are various methods employed to bring about success in business. Mingle has relied on but one method. That one—selling good goods at small profits. If he didn't sell good shoes he would be foolish for selling at small profits, because he could never establish a trade. He could sell a customer one pair of shoes, no more. But by selling nothing but reliable goods he has established himself so firmly that the bitterest competition has failed to draw his trade from him in the least. He is selling today more boots, shoes, slippers and rubber goods than ever before, and he is selling to the best people in the county. Everything is marked as low as it could be. When you want shoes don't miss Mingle's shoe store, Bellefonte.

Potatoes Trump.

The five weeks unparalleled cold has reached into many cellars that never had a freeze before and cooked the potato pile. Hundreds of bushels of these succulents have been frozen, and made them scarcer than before. Next spring in price potatoes far above wheat in price and hard to get, as last fall's crop was not an abundant one. Potatoes will be trump and the farmer who has a big pile of them over and sound, will grin at the big money they will bring him in the spring. It's an ill wind, &c.

Pittsburg In Peril.

The Monongahela River has been frozen solid for over two weeks. A thaw is threatened and if the ice breaks up with a rush, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property will be destroyed.

Nearly all the boats are frozen solid and it is impossible to move them to places of safety. There is little coal in the harbor and very little loaded in the upper pools.

There is a gorge thirty feet high at McKeesport. If this should break suddenly the ice would wipe everything along the river to Pittsburg. All the business houses in the lower part of the city are working, moving goods out of the cellars and lower floors.

Death of a Revolutionary Soldier's Daughter.

Mrs. Mary Karstetter who died a few days ago in Williamsport, was the daughter of a soldier of the Revolutionary war. The Sugar Valley Journal says Mrs. Karstetter was the youngest daughter of Mr. Ludwig Freely, deceased, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and said to have been at one time a body guard of General George Washington.

—Good sugar syrup 5 cents per pound at C. P. Long & Co.

—Granulated sugar 6 cents per pound. 3 pounds good mixed candy for 25 cents at C. P. Long & Co.

A FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

16 People Killed, 14 Fatally and Many Severely Hurt.

Nine persons killed outright, twenty-two fatally injured, and nearly a hundred more or less seriously hurt is the appalling result of a series of accidents at Alton Junction, at Alton, Ill., on the 21st. An open switch on the Big Four main track was the cause of the disaster. The Southwestern limited ran through the switch into a freight train standing on the siding, and Engineer Wobb Ross, of the limited was instantly killed. The wreck took fire, and while a great crowd was watching the spectacle, an oil tank car exploded with terrific force, enveloping the spectators in a sheet of burning oil. Nine of them were instantly killed and scores of them were frightfully burned, many of whom, at least, will die.

Besides these there are more than two score who sustained injuries of a more or less serious nature, but who will probably recover. All the dead were burned to death by oil.

The scenes in the wards occupied by the injured were even more heartrending, lying on cots swathed in cotton and bandaged until they almost lost semblance to human beings and surrounded by weeping relatives and sorrowing friends. The sufferers formed a picture that brought tears to the eyes of even the physicians. The moaning of the patients were piteous. Seeming to know by intuition who the physicians were near them, they would beg piteously to be relieved from their pain.

The Hoopskirt.

The United States is menaced with another foreign plague—the revival of the crinoline. In London the subject is the cause of a social tempest, and the newspapers teem with protests against the threatening fashion. A "No Crinoline League" has been formed for the purpose of making a systematic and effectual fight against the hoopskirt, and earnest appeals are made to the Princess of Wales to use her influence as leader of the English Four Hundred to arrest and avert the impending evil. The revival of the balloon skirt would be a natural reaction against the "pull back" styles which have been in vogue of recent years. Signs are not wanting that the revulsion is already under way, and that impending revolution in the capricious realm of fashion may break forth at any moment. No more hoopskirts, ladies, they make the distance between you'n's an' us too great.

Strange Story.

Bloomdale, in Ohio, has been the scene of a very strange occurrence. Daniel Mops, living at that place, was 13 months old when his mother died, which occurred about seven years ago. Her body was interred in a cemetery near there. Last September his father died and was also buried in the same cemetery. A short time ago the grandparents of the child had his mother taken up to remove her to the same lot with her husband in the cemetery. On opening the casket their eyes witnessed the same features as well preserved as when placed in the grave. The news was at once sent to the grandmother where the boy resided. She took the little one to the cemetery, where he saw his mother for the first time in his recollection.

A Compliment to the Judges.

In court on the 23, in West Chester, at the suggestion of Colonel F. C. Hooton, seconded by John L. Pinkerton, the bar of Chester county adopted a rule making it a custom of their body to rise to their feet whenever one or both of the Judges shall enter the court room. The matter was referred to Judges Waddell and Hemphill and they offered no objections. The Reporter would not be surprised to learn next that some other bar has adopted a rule that the audience in a court room stand on their heads and the lawyers creep under the table when the judge enters, and remain thus until "his honor" is seated.

Almost Frozen Up.

There is still no let up in the cold, though we have had a few slight thaws but in substance it amounted to 'little. Much trouble has been caused by the frost, which is over three feet in the ground, freezing up the water pipes, and in some parts of the town people must carry the water half a square. The spell has caused much trouble. A heavy thaw is what is wanted and t cannot come too soon.

Children Burned to Death.

On Saturday night, farmer Albert Glass, of Taylor township, Blair county, departed for town leaving his son, aged five, and his daughter, aged seven, alone in the house. The lamp exploded and the burning oil falling on the children burned them to a cinder.

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