



CAPITOL GOSSIP

NEWS OF A WEEK AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

President Elect Cleveland's Cabinet Almost Completed. The Treaty Annexing Hawaii Sent to the Senate.

WASHINGTON, FEB. 20.—A specimen of disgruntled republican statesmanship is now being given the country by the administration in the manner in which it is dallying with the critical financial situation. Instead of taking some decided step towards relief Mr. Harrison and Secretary Foster are simply doing nothing, being perfectly satisfied if they can stave off the crisis until they have turned the government over to the Democrats, thinking thus to escape responsibility for any trouble that may then come. This is worse than cowardly; it is criminal. The people of this country are not idiots; they will know where to place the responsibility should the inaction of this administration result in anything like a financial panic, which heaven forbid.

President elect Cleveland has now announced all of the members of his cabinet except the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Navy. He has not pleased all of the Democrats in Congress—no President ever did, or ever will please all of his party in making up a cabinet, but if the dissatisfaction is any greater than it has been in the dominant party when every cabinet for twenty years past has been announced your correspondent has failed to locate it all. It must be remembered in considering this matter that Mr. Cleveland has introduced something entirely new in politics by announcing the members of his cabinet as fast as they are determined upon, thus giving the opposition a chance to appear much greater than it really is, by reason of its being presented to the public in sections, as it were. The objection to Judge Gresham, which at first appeared to be very formidable, is growing less and less, now that its authors have taken time to think of the Justice of giving the many thousand independent votes that were cast for Mr. Cleveland's representation in the cabinet. There is no opposition to Carlisle as Secretary of the Treasury; Bissell as Postmaster General; Morton as Secretary of Agriculture, or Lamont as Secretary of War, and the little opposition that has been expressed to Hoke Smith for Secretary of the Interior has mostly come from Western men who think a Western man would have been better than a Georgian for that position. And not a single word has been uttered by anybody against the fitness of the gentlemen named for these positions, and after all is not that the principle object aimed at by every president in selecting a cabinet. If Mr. Cleveland will fill the two remaining vacancies with old wheel horses of democracy your correspondent predicts that the cabinet as a whole will be cordially approved by ninety-five per cent of the democratic party.

Vice-President elect Stevenson will be in Washington this week to remain until after the inauguration. One man paid \$500 for one hundred seats in the stand which faces the reviewing stand from which Mr. Cleveland will review the inaugural parade which promises to be the largest ever seen.

The treaty annexing Hawaii, sent to the Senate last week, has been favorably reported. It is probable, but not certain that it will be ratified at this session. The uncertainty arises from the belief of some of the senators on both sides that it should be left for the next session.

Not a single vote was cast against the confirmation of the nomination of Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court. It is understood that democratic Senators were assured the vacancy made by his promotion would not be filled by Mr. Harrison.

Senator Voorhees is strongly in favor of the amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue 3 per cent five-year bonds, up to \$50,000,000, whenever in his judgment it may be desirable to do so, for the purpose of adding to the gold reserve. He thinks that the authority will never need to be exercised, because the mere fact that it exists will give stability and inspire confidence throughout the world in our finances. The Senator says there is no connection between this amendment and the Silver question, notwithstanding the efforts made by some to make it thus appear. The amendment, already adopted by the Senate, will, it is believed, get through the house unless the opposition shall conclude to talk it to death.

The Senate voted down the house amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill prohibiting the payment of expenses incurred for warrants, arrests or prosecutions under the laws relating to the election of Members of

Congress. This matter will come up again when the bill gets in conference, but it is not believed that the democrats will be inclined to fight very stubbornly for the restoration of the amendment, because they believe to a man that the whole system of federal supervision of elections will be wiped out by the next Congress.

There will be no Pension reform at this session. The only result of the Pension discussion was some bad language and an attempt to exchange blows by two members on the floor of the House.

COBURN.

A Little Child of Samuel Ulrich Falls in a Bucket of Scalding Water.

Well here we are again after a long absence; but this time we have come to stay awhile.

A. J. Campbell was at home over Sunday, and remained to help hold the election on Tuesday.

It is rumored that there will be a wedding in our midst in the near future.

The storm on Sunday night and Monday, piled the cross roads full of snow, that many are impassable.

The election on Tuesday was not well attended on account of the bad condition of the roads in many places.

Mr. Francis Deibler our enterprising tailor went to his former home in Dauphin county, to vote, and will not return until the end of the week.

A young child of Jacob Steiger died on last Saturday, and was buried at Paradise cemetery on Monday; its age was about eleven months.

Public sales are now the order of the day; they, together with whooping cough, mumps, chicken pox, etc., will tend to lower the percentage of attendance of our public schools for the next month or so.

Harvey Bierly and wife, of Altoona, passed through this place on last Friday, to their former home at Wolf's Store to pay their parents a visit, and on Wednesday they left for Kansas, where they expect to locate and make their future home.

Mrs. G. S. Kerstetter, nee Alexander, moved her household effects to Altoona one day last week, and has joined her husband there, and they have gone to housekeeping. Mr. Kerstetter is employed in the Pennsylvania railroad shops.

Intelligence has reached this place that Mrs. Monroe Kremer, formerly of this place, but late of Bellefonte, died on Sunday last, of that dread disease consumption, at the last named place. She leaves a husband and four small children to mourn their loss, a young child less than a year old preceded her to the great unknown a short time ago.

A sled load of our young ladies and gents went to Rebersburg on last Saturday evening to attend the attraction of the season, The Boston Dip, rendered by the famous Millheim Comedy Company, under the auspices of the Millheim band; but one of the young men was in a predicament, when everything was in readiness his best girl had another fellow. How is it J. F.

Mary, the youngest child of Samuel Ulrich, aged about four years, met with a very serious accident on last Thursday. Mrs. Ulrich was scrubbing the outside porch and had left a bucketful of scalding water stand on the porch and walked away a short distance to get a broom, when the little girl in getting her sled out of the house was walking backward, and fell into the bucket of scalding water, throwing its contents over her body and scalding her arms and legs in a fearful manner.

Pretty, But They Won't Sell.

The Columbian souvenir coin, the splendid \$2,500,000 gift of the United States to the World's Fair, and from which another \$2,500,000 was to be made by doubling the price, has proved a hoodoo. Of the entire issue, valued by the Columbian Exposition directors at \$5,000,000, just \$827,000 worth has been sold up to date, and over \$4,000,000 worth of the pretty pieces is left in kegs in the safety vaults.

Somehow or other they don't seem to take. For that reason the directors are in a hole financially. They must have money if the fair is to open on May 1, and need it badly. Possible failure has been staring them in the face for some time evidently, and heroic action was decided upon some time ago.

His Reasons for Leaving.

The Sharpville Advertiser tells of a minister preaching his farewell sermon who said: "I leave you brethren for three reasons, first, you do not love me, if you did you would pay me my salary; second, you don't love one another, if you did there would be more weddings and less fighting; third, the Lord does not love you; if he did there would be more funerals."

A YOUNG BLIZZARD

SUNDAY NIGHT'S STORM GETS IN ITS WORK.

The Free Snow Storm in Causes Much Inconvenience and Damage.—Church Steeple Blown Down.

Friday morning last the air was bitterly cold, and along with it came a fierce wind. About one o'clock snow began to fall and with the strong wind it was blown around everywhere and into every crevice and crack. The snow fell to a depth of about ten inches and continued until Friday night, when it abated, but with it did not go the high wind. Saturday morning the snow was drifted in many places and in some parts of the locality travel was impeded, owing to the roads drifting shut.

The trains succeeded in getting in on time and the only difficulty experienced was by a freight train on the summit above the station, which point is claimed is the worst place on the line. The freight ran on the siding to allow the passenger to pass and when the engine stuck its nose into a big drift, it stuck fast and was as helpless as a hog on ice. The shovel brigade was called into service and after an hour's hard work and much puffing and snorting, the freight managed to pull through.

Sunday evening last, a violent storm set in very suddenly, shaking buildings and creating alarm among the inhabitants. It was the suddenness of the blast that caused a scare; the drifting snow darkened the air and the woe was told.

The first violent shock, about 8.15, carried the steeple of the Evangelical church with it; the entire steeple from the belfry up went crashing into the street between the church and Mingle's, fortunately it blew southeasterly and missed the Mingle house, which would have been badly damaged; it fell diagonally across the road, and was a complete wreck, being crushed into kindling wood. The belfry end of the steeple struck the edge of the church roof, tearing away a part of the shingle work and cornice.

Rev. Davis was having service in the church at the time, but the howling of the storm almost drowned the racket caused by the falling steeple, so that few knew what was the matter, and what danger they escaped by the steeple not lodging square upon the roof. Rev. Davis went on with his sermon, and let the storm howl outside. No doubt if the audience had known what had happened a panic in the church would have followed. Owing to the unfavorable weather, there were no horses present, which are usually tied along where the steeple lodged, or there would have been some dead horses and smashed vehicles.

The steeple turned a complete somersault in its fall, the large end landing farthest from the church.

This is the second church steeple blown down by the storm in our town. Some ten years ago the high steeple upon the Lutheran church was carried down by a Sabbath afternoon storm, and completely wrecked.

The same blast that took off the Evangelical steeple blew down the smoke stack at Luses' planing mill, and did slight damage to the picnic ground buildings.

The storm still continued, though somewhat abated Tuesday, but that evening began a snow fall which measured eight inches. The wind raised and the snow being light, drifted it, and made the roads impassable. The trains on the railroad found great difficulty in getting through Wednesday morning and they came in way behind schedule. The high wind continued all day Wednesday, drifting up the roads and piling the snow so deep on the railroad tracks that when the mail east struck the big drift on the summit above the station, it stuck and had to be shoveled out. It was so near to the station, but yet so far, and they could not get through.

The train was lodged in the drift until near six o'clock, when by aid of shovels and an extra engine, the train was pulled through. The wind still continued high and filled up the cuts again Wednesday night, and the early Thursday morning train lodged in the same drift and managed to stick for about an hour and a half.

Local freight train west from Sunbury which arrived at Centre Hall at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon did not get out until nine o'clock this a. m., the delay being caused by the locomotive breaking down while butting snow drifts. An extra engine was sent from Sunbury, but about one-half mile east of the Old Fort it also stuck in the deep snow, and had to be shoveled out before they could proceed.

The high wind has abated at this writing and a calm prevails. No further trouble is anticipated, unless from a fresh snow fall, for which there are indications.

THE READING'S CRISIS.

The Panic Sends the Company Into the Hands of Receivers.

Unable longer to withstand the tide of adversity against which for weeks it has been struggling, the Reading railroad on Monday again passed into the hands of receivers. The surrender was rendered inevitable by the demands of holders of the floating debt and by the panic of sellers on the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges. The application for a receivership was made in the United States District Court of Philadelphia by a friendly security owner—Hon. Thomas C. Platt of New York. The application was concurred in by John G. Johnson, chief counsel for the company, and A. A. McCleod, president of the Reading, E. P. Wilbur, ex-president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and Judge E. N. Paason, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, were appointed joint receivers.

On the Stock Exchanges of New York and Philadelphia on Monday, the "Reading panic" continued with unprecedented excitement, and the sales of the stock were the largest ever recorded in a single day in the history of the stock exchange. In the first half hour over 500,000 shares, worth at par \$25,000,000, changed hands at a net decline of 61 points, and hardly less than 2,000 and 3,000 share lots were sold at a time, and the price often fell a full point between the sales. As the entire capital stock of the Reading Company is \$20,000 shares, more than the entire capital stock changed owners. The company controls 1,173 miles of railroad, 194,000 acres of coal mines, 153 miles of canal, three iron furnaces, 748 locomotives, 747 passenger cars, 34,113 freight cars, 10 steam colliers, 5 tugs and 187 coal barges, besides other valuable property.

The great coal combination of 1892 is now broken probably beyond repair. The receivers announce that the interest due next month on the Lehigh Valley stock will not be paid. That company, leased to the Reading one year ago, now reverts to its own stockholders again, and it is probable that the \$3,000,000 in Reading third preference bonds pledged to the Lehigh Valley as a guarantee that the terms of the lease would be carried out are forfeited to the latter stockholders.

This is the third receivership which the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company has gone through. It is one of the oldest railroad companies, not only in the United States, but in the World, for its charter is within six weeks of being sixty years old, and it was running through trains between Philadelphia and Pottsville in 1842. The company could have celebrated last year the semi-centennial of the opening of its main line half a generation before the Pennsylvania had a line across the Alleghenies to the Ohio river.

Lightning Observed.

During Sunday night's fierce snow storm lightning was observed by a number of persons who were outdoors. Up in Wilkesbarre at the same time amid the storm and blinding snow there was sharp lightning and heavy thunder. The weather seems to get mixed just like folks do sometimes.

Defies Competition.

The REPORTER office has been crowded with job work for the past few months. The work turned out defies competition for excellence. We have a first class job department where plain and fancy work is turned out upon short notice.

The Cabinet Completed.

The two final appointments to Cleveland's cabinet have been made. Geo. A. Jenks of Jefferson county, this state gets the attorney generalship, and Geo. W. Russell, of Mass., will be Secretary of the navy.

A Big Blow.

Washington's birthday, 22nd, was a regular old blow from before daylight until after dark. All roads are closed by snow drifts, and travel of all kinds is impeded.

THE LATE Justice Lamar was well acquainted with Miss Susan B. Anthony. One day he introduced her to some friend of his in the following fashion. "Let me introduce Miss Susan B. Anthony; you will find her society pleasant and will find her a perfect gentleman."

In trying Bull's-Head Flavoring Extracts in your cakes and pastries, you will perceive that it is the most highly concentrated article, and goes the farthest. Price 10 cents.

There is not now a reported case of diphtheria in Tyrone and very little other sickness. This speaks well for the sanitary condition of the town.

MECHANIC ARTS

NOTABLES PRESENT AT THE DEDICATION OF STATE COLLEGE.

The New Building Dedicated With Impressive Ceremonies.—Gov. Pattison and Staff Present.

Yesterday, February 22, will be long remembered at State College, on account of the dedication of the new Mechanic Arts building, to the advancement of the science of mechanical engineering. The edifice is the most complete of its kind in this county, and puts the State College among the foremost institutions of learning in the land. The number of visitors was very large, and among them some distinguished scholars and statesmen. The following ceremonies took place in the College chapel at 2 p. m., under the following programme:

Presentation of the building to the board of trustees, Gen. James A. Beaver, chairman of building committee; Acceptance of the building on behalf of the College, Col. Francis A. Jordan, president of the board; Addresses—"The State and Higher Education," Governor R. E. Pattison, "The Educational Benefits of Scientific and Technical Training," Gen. Francis A. Walker, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; "Education in its relations to Our Government," Hon. John W. Noble, secretary of the Interior; "The practical Spirit in Modern Education," Dr. J. G. Schurman, president of Cornell University; prayer and benediction, Rev. W. A. Houck, of the Bellefonte M. E. church.

The addresses without exception, were masterpieces, and listened to with the most profound attention by a packed audience, amid the silence that riveted attention affords.

The College will soon be the pride of our state as an educational institution and it is advancing rapidly to the front of American Colleges.

Dr. Atherton has been untiring in his labors to make this institution what it is, and to attain for it greatness. He is assisted by an able faculty. Now it is a success and its career is onward. It has lived down opposition and misrepresentation, and all are now proud to call themselves its friends.

In the evening a hop was given by the class of '93, Stopper and Fisk's orchestra, of Williamsport furnishing the music both during dedication ceremonies and the assembly. Over 1000 invitations were issued to the reception, and it was largely attended.

Many notables and men of prominence in private and public life were present, and added interest to the occasion. Gov. Pattison and staff; Secretary of the Interior Noble, and others contributed to make up the representative gathering.

On Tuesday.

Altoona elected a Democratic Mayor. Pittsburg also elected a Democratic Mayor and other city officers. Harrisburg, Chester, Carlisle, and Lebanon elected Democratic Mayors.

An Honor Appreciated.

The REPORTER staff had a special invitation to the dedicatory exercises at State College on 22nd, an honor that is appreciated.

Who Will Get Left.

The applications for license this year being considerably more numerous than in late years, the question is, Who is going to get left.

Little Building.

There was little building done in our county this winter; the cold weather, no doubt, was the main cause, in addition to a prevailing business depression.

Abandoned.

There is not a stage line in our county at this time. Twenty-five years back that was the only mode of public conveyance. We now reach all points by rail. So much for progress.

Gov. MCKINLEY'S liabilities in going security for Walker amounts to \$95,000 and breaks him up. His wife has agreed to turn over all her own property to help pay the bail money.

Bull's-Head Horse and Cattle Powder is a sure prevention of hog cholera, and cures cough, measles and swelled necks. Price 25 cents per package of one pound. At all dealers.

Rockafellow's bank up in Wilkesbarre which broke two weeks ago, had one thousand depositors, and these get about five cents on the dollar. Rockafellow of Standard oil fame might step in here and make up the missing 95 cents, for the sake of his namesake.

THE NEXT United States Senate is now assured for the Democrats, the North Dakota senator settles it.

FARMS SELL LOW.

Centre county farms are not selling at encouraging figures by any means—in fact it is almost impossible to sell real estate. Farming being so unremunerative in the past decade, accounts for this. The agriculturist is a double sufferer in this, viz: he does not get a paying price for his wheat, and his acres have lost 60 per cent. in value if he wants to sell. The double blow is what knocks farming and gives our farmers the blues. His farm that he paid \$100 per acre for, he now gets \$40, at best \$50. Wheat that commonly brought him \$1 to \$1.15 only brings 70 to 85 on an average.

There is no other pursuit that presents so discouraging an outlook as farming, it is by far the most depressed of all interests.

Frog Skin Grafted on a Woman.

Mrs. J. Gilman Adams, who was badly burned at a tenement house fire a few weeks ago, has since been at the Anna Jaques hospital, in Connecticut. Skin grafting was tried. The wound was so large that it was impossible to obtain human skin enough for the purpose, so frogs were used, and from them the skin was taken and grafted on the hand. Nearly 300 grafts were put on. The frogs were chloroformed before the skin was taken from them. The operation was performed by Dr. Frederick Tigh, who feels much gratified at the prospect of a full recovery.

Favorably Impressed.

The distinguished visitors in attendance upon the dedication at State College on 22nd, were very favorably impressed with that institution. We are proud of it as a Centre county, and it reflects honor upon the commonwealth.

THE REPORTER stood up for it in its dark days, believing that the future would have a bright sky for it. It got there.

What Next?

Last week's sensations were: The war in Kansas.

The row in congress, and, An attempt to poison a Democratic assemblyman in Wyoming in order to gain a vote for United States Senator for the other party.

Lost a Horse.

Benjamin Gentzel, of near Bellefonte, lost a valuable horse a few days ago. The animal became ill suddenly from colic. Sorry for Ben.

Sold Cheap.

The Locke's Mill properties were sold at public sale on last Saturday to Erastus Sigler, of near Kelley, for \$3,000. Certainly very cheap.

Swept Away.

Several bridges over the upper waters of Penns creek were taken away last week by the flood and ice.

Will Leave Town.

A number of families talk of moving from town to the coming spring. That don't look booming.

Badly Blocked.

The by-roads in many sections are badly blocked with snow drifts.

Gen. Beauregard Dead.

General Beauregard died at his home at New Orleans, at 10.30 Monday evening.

THAT Pennsylvania nuisance, the Legislative Record, got its first blow from auditor general Gregg, who had the bills for the work cut down on account of violation of contract.

THE READING'S bust up is the present sensation. It's a big thing. Some lost big, others will make big.

HICKS made a pretty good guess for February's weather. Now let us see how far he gets off the track for March.

A RULE that don't work both ways: You can slide down a mountain, but you can't slide up.

The majority in our state legislature do not favor the re-enactment of a fence law.

Kansas, once noted for Ingall now now has a great deal of bad gall.

HAWAII properly pronounced sounds something like How-aw-you.

The College visitors were greatly delayed by the storm on Tuesday, some trains only got there at midnight.

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