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CAPITOL GOSSIP

NEWS OF A WEEK AT THE NATION'S CAPITOL.

Determination of Mr. Cleveland Not to Reappoint Former Officeholders. The Financial Outlook Better.

WASHINGTON, MAR. 13.—President Cleveland has not committed himself on the Hawaiian question. This statement is made upon high and unquestionable authority. The Harrison annexation treaty was withdrawn from the senate because it was objectionable for several reasons. It was carelessly drawn, and some of its most important features were entirely too indefinite to be satisfactory, even if Mr. Cleveland had fully made up his mind, which he hasn't in favor of annexation. What Mr. Cleveland desires is information, and that he is now diligently seeking, through Secretary Gresham, and General Schofield and Admiral Brown, both of whom are familiar from personal observation with Hawaii and its population. It is probable that a Presidential message on this subject will be sent to the senate before that body adjourns, and it is also probable that it will be accompanied by a new treaty, may be of annexation and maybe for the establishment of a protectorate. But whatever is done the sugar planters of Hawaii will not be allowed to cash in their expectations.

While the determination of President Cleveland not to reappoint those who held office under his first administration has been disappointing to individuals, some of whom had by hard work in the campaign earned the right to expect office, there is no doubt about the popularity of the move with the rank and file of the party, the men who have campaign after campaign fought for a losing cause, many of whom are now for the first time applicants for office. They feel that it gives them a better chance at the loaves and fishes, and that it is but carrying out the old democratic idea of opposition to the establishment of a permanent officeholding class. It shows too, that the lesson of the decay of the once powerful republican party has not been lost upon Mr. Cleveland.

Secretary Carlisle finds the financial outlook much more cheerful and encouraging, although not yet satisfactory, than when he first took charge of the national finances. There has been a let up in the demand for gold, and he hopes to escape having to choose between using a part of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve fund or an issue of bonds. At present the free gold is accumulating quite rapidly in the Treasury.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, enjoys the distinction of having secured the appointment of the first postmaster under this administration, a distinction which he also captured under President Cleveland's first administration. Mr. Richardson also has the honor of being one of the few congressmen who has been sent for by the President to consult with him about the appointment of a new government printer, one of the most important positions, from a political point of view, under the administration. Mr. Richardson has been a member of, and chairman, of the house committee on printing for a number of years; hence the value of his advice in selecting a man to boss the government printing.

The caucus committee charged with the duty of reporting to the democratic caucus the membership of the re-organized senate committees has about concluded its work although its report will not be made for a day or two, and it is thought that the following list of chairmen of the most important committees is correct: Appropriations—Cockrell; Commerce—Ransom; Finance—Voorhees; Foreign Relations—Morgan; Inter-state Commerce—Butler; Judiciary—Pugh; Library—Mills; Military Affairs—Walthall; Naval Affairs—McPherson; Patents—Gray; Pensions—Palmer; Post Office and Post-Roads—Colquitt; Printing—Gorman; Privileges and Elections—Vance; Public Buildings and Grounds—West; Rules—Blackburn; Territories—Faulkner, and Indian Depredations—Vilas. It is expected that the re-organization will be perfected this week.

Secretary Smith has already earned the reputation of being one of the hardest workers who ever presided over the Interior Department, and he is at all times accessible to callers. He listens patiently to all they have to say, but as yet he does very little of the talking himself.

A rumor, of the important if true variety, is floating around to the effect that President Cleveland had announced his intention to appoint no newspaper men to office, except in exceptional cases, and that he is particularly opposed to making editors postmasters of small towns.

The last member of the Harrison cabinet bids farewell to Washington

this week, in the person of ex-Attorney General Miller, the one who expected to have remained here as a Justice of the Supreme Court.

Just how long the extra session of the senate will continue is uncertain, but it is the expectation of the Senators with whom I have talked that it will remain in session until about the first of May.

COBURN.

The Finances of the Township in Good Condition.

Luther Guisewite made a business trip to Bellefonte on last Wednesday.

W. W. Rishell our popular hotelier was again granted license last week.

R. J. Snively wears a broad smile on his face and says a little stranger came to their house one day last week. It's a boy.

It is reported that Dr. W. P. Ard, of Woodward, intends moving to this place in the spring. Hope the report is true, as we are in need of such men. What will be Woodward's loss will be our gain.

A quartet of ladies composed of Mrs. Dr. Frank, of Millheim, and Mrs. G. R. Stover, Mrs. John Hoffa and Mrs. W. W. Rishell went to Bellefonte last Wednesday evening and attended the performance given by Kitty Rhoads and her troupe.

The auditors of Penn township met on Monday to examine the accounts of the supervisors and overseers of the Poor, and found the finances of the township in good condition, over three hundred dollars being on hand, in favor of the township, a good showing considering the low millage.

Mrs. James E. Harter, while visiting at the home of her father-in-law, Andrew Harter, one day last week, was taken suddenly sick and could not be removed to her home. She is still confined to her bed at the above named place, but is convalescing.

AARONSBURG.

Items of Interest from Our Neighboring Town.

George W. Winklebleck, who has occupied the poor house since last spring will move to his father, who is sick in bed.

Two more boys have turned their faces westward and will make their homes in Illinois, Howard Weaver and Herbert Smull.

Willmer Stover has changed his mind and will not move to Bellefonte for the present, but his wife will again go back into their own house and resume house-keeping.

John W. Forster bought himself a nice little horse at Millinburg, and now it will not be at all strange to see his sister Mazie out driving occasionally with the little sorrel, as it is said to be very gentle.

Billy Stevens has again returned to the old town of Aaronsburg to spend a short vacation. Billy finds each year as he returns, fewer of the old boys who used to attend with him the "snitzens" and quillings in the country. Billy says the proper thing to set before the boys at that time when out sparring was fat-cakes and hard cider, and some of the boys got away with a goodly portion of it. Bundling was very common then.

Will Change the Date.

Senator Sherman's joint resolution, introduced Saturday in the United States senate, to celebrate future presidential inaugurations on April 30 instead of March 4, will commend itself to everyone who stood in the cold at Washington. The first week of March is a most unfortunate date for such a great outdoor ceremonial. At the end of April Washington is usually enjoying beautiful spring weather, and a president-elect could, on that day, stand bareheaded before his cheering countrymen without endangering his life, so valuable to the nation. April 30 was the day on which Washington was inaugurated first president of the United States, and this historical precedent, worthy of commemoration, is probably the basis of Senator Sherman's resolution.

Will Make a Change.

A bill that will make a radical change in the practice of law before those great dignitaries, the justices of the peace, is the bill that gives the right of appeal on sums which are less than that old fashioned figure of \$5.33. This will avoid a great deal of prosecution caused by hungry litigants who sue their friends for fifty cents and one dollar.

—This cold weather makes heavy clothing a necessity for comfort, and the question arises where can it be procured at a low figure and at the same time receive goods that are not shoddy. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, keeps just such a line, and when a purchase is made of him satisfactory returns can be relied upon.

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ST. PATRICK.

A Faithful Account of His Life and How He Became Famous.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the birth of St. Patrick—the patron saint of Ireland.

It is in every way a festival of snakes—whether considered from the ancient fact of St. Patrick's star performance in exterminating them from the green sward of Erin or from the more modern and less deniable circumstances which a faithful and persistent adherence to his dying injunction: "Take a drop of something, boys, for my sake," naturally induces. Some of the facts about the Great Patrick are that he was a Scotchman; that he never would have gone to the Emerald Isle at all if the persuasive arguments of kidnappers, in the role of pirates, hadn't insisted so strenuously; that he discovered the art of distilling liquor, drank whiskey whenever he could get it and lived to the ripe and remarkable age of one hundred and twenty-five years. There are a few self-styled authorities on the subject who recklessly deny that such a personage as St. Patrick ever existed at all—but these offenders of folk-lore and enemies to fanciful imagination are for the most part men who either had their licenses revoked, were defeated in their ambitions for the constabulary or were expelled from Tammany for drinking lemonade.

Now as to the snakes. Every one knows something about snakes, some more than they want to know. But about the snakish miracle of St. Patrick many are in the dark. The facts are these: St. Patrick procured a big bass drum which bore the then unintelligible inscription, "Long live the Tammany Braves!" and proceeded through the thickly-infested districts beating a tremendously loud tattoo. All the snakes came out of their holes and followed him. St. Patrick started for the seashore intending to drown the whole lot, but suddenly in the midst of the operation the head of the drum burst, the snakes in consequence were freed from the charm. Everything would have gone all right for the snakes then, they would have had a fighting show, but an angel with more love for the lasting fame of St. Patrick and the welfare of Ireland than for the snakes interposed, supplied either an entirely new bass drum or a new head for the broken one (antiquarians disagree here) and the serpentine dance went on triumphantly to the sea, where all the snakes were drowned.

As to the story of the one snake which evinced in the eyes of St. Patrick a more than ordinary stock of venomousness and disobedience which he took back with him for worse treatment than the rest, and the exploits of his world-famed billy goat "Puck" are facts of history less momentous, but scrupulously authentic.

Taken all in all there are few, in fact there are none outside the ranks of Tammany aldermen who have ever had so many strong trump cards in their hands as our friend Patrick.

The miracle of turning snow balls into fuel for a blazing bonfire and the consequent salvation from freezing to death of a baker's dozen of good Irishmen who were with him, his turning the insipid fruits and products of the soil into good whiskey, how he fasted for forty days on Mt. Conaehangeli, his clean knock-out of the devil there, must ever form a record of conquests and achievements such as only a modern spiritual medium, a weather prophet or a hotel clerk could hazard to emulate, or a Tammany brave fully appreciate.

As to his birth there is one fact upon which all Irishmen agree—that he was born. This memorable event occurred according to some March 8th, according to others March 9th—but all dispute was silenced by adding the two dates together, fixing his birthday beyond peradventure on the 17th—fully prepared for his illustrious career forty years afterward.

BIRTH OF ST. PATRICK.

On the eighth day of March it was, some people say, that Saint Patrick at midnight he first saw the day; And others declare 'twas the ninth he was born; And 'twas all a mistake between midnight and noon; For mistakes will occur in a hurry and shock And some bled 'd the baby—and some bled 'd the clock— 'Til with all their cross-questions sure no one could know If the child was too fast—or the clock was too slow. Now the first facton fight in ovid Ireland, they say Was all on account of St. Patrick's birth day; Some fought for the eighth—for the ninth more would die, And who would't see right, sure they black'd his eye! At last both the factons so positive grew, That each kept a birthday, so Pat them had two, Till Father Malocky, who showed them their said, "No one could have two birthdays, but a twin." Says he, "Bays, don't be fightin' for eight or for nine, Don't be always dividin'—but sometimes combine; Combine eight with nine, and seventeen is the mark, So let that be his birthday." "Amen" says the clerk. "If it wasn't a twin, sure our hist'ry will show That, at least, he's worth any two saints that we know!"

Then they all got blind drunk—which completed their bliss, And we keep up the practice from that day to this.

—ANONYMOUS.

Nothing remains of our beloved ancestor save the benefits and the memory of his cherished needs—and his jaw bone containing a few teeth which are not false.

The jaw bone is carefully preserved in the family of a peasant living near Belfast to whom it was given with injunctions never to part with it. The poor man has often had his conscience severely strained by dime museum proprietors and curiosity shops but he has held out faithfully—preferring poverty and the jawbone to affluence without it. The jawbone is credited with marvellous powers for healing the sick, determining the guilt or innocence of suspected criminals. At the lowest estimate this bone must be considerably over a thousand years old, but still doing good service—for other people.

SIGMA.

A GREAT ECCLESIASTICAL BODY.

Central Pennsylvania Conference Meeting at Bellefonte.

On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in Bellefonte. This conference was struck off the Baltimore conference in 1868, and takes in the territory from Potter and Tioga counties on the north to the state line on the south, and from St. Mary's, Elk county, on the west to Harrisburg on the east. In this territory there are 211 appointments, divided into five divisions, as follows: Williamsport district, with forty-eight appointments; Danville district, with forty-five appointments; Harrisburg district, with forty appointments; Juniata district, with thirty-three appointments, and Altoona district, with forty-five appointments.

MEMBERSHIP.

According to the reports as presented a year ago the Altoona district took the lead in point of membership, it having 11,041 full members. Harrisburg came next, with 10,294 members; Danville stood third, with 10,007 members; Williamsport district occupied fourth place, with 9,344 members, and Juniata, the smallest district, had 8,376 members.

VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

The church property of the various districts are thus quoted: Altoona district has 121 churches valued at \$488,500 and thirty-one parsonages worth \$78,400. Harrisburg district, eighty-eight churches valued at \$614,500 and twenty-five parsonages worth \$65,600. Juniata district, 129 churches valued at \$254,150 and twenty-eight parsonages worth \$40,000. Williamsport district, ninety-nine churches valued at \$570,255 and thirty-eight parsonages worth \$89,150. These figures foot up totals of 541 churches valued at \$2,397,995 and 152 parsonages worth \$362,000.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday schools according to the last report were as follows: Altoona district, 138 schools, 1,902 officers and teachers and 14,826 scholars. Danville district, 115 schools, 1,740 officers and teachers and 14,347 scholars. Harrisburg district, 147 schools, 1,734 officers and teachers and 13,043 scholars. Juniata district, 125 schools, 1,531 officers and teachers and 10,907 scholars. Williamsport district, 117 schools, 1,729 officers and teachers and 12,656 scholars. Making a total of 574 schools, 8,636 officers and teachers and 65,779 scholars.

GENERAL NOTES.

There are at present 191 ministers in active service. Besides these are forty-four who are on the supernumerary and superannuated list.

The Reading in Bad Shape.

The Ledger says: "It is undeniable that the judgment of the financial community upon the disclosures of the Reading receivers' report is unfavorable. The finances are shown to be in a deplorable condition and it is evident that the Reading stoppage came from its own insolvency. That the receivers must resort to an issue of certificates is inevitable. They are now paying little more than the current wages, but their obligations will before long exceed the current income, especially as the Lehigh Valley lease is to be maintained with modifications."

NOW THAT the state needs very little money why not exempt the farmer's horses and cattle from taxation? What legislator will make himself a reputation by championing such a move? Give the agriculturist relief, the state treasury is now in such a shape to permit a cutting down of taxes.

"Papa, I could hardly get John home with the whip." "My son tell the groom to give the horse some Bull's-Head Horse and Cattle Powder in his feed. He is suffering from loss of vital energy. Here is 25 cents for a package."

WHERE THEY GO

APPOINTMENTS MADE AT CONFERENCE.

The Following Appointments Were Made at the Session of Evangelical Conference Held at Milton.

At the closing session of the Evangelical conference in session at Milton last week, Wrightsville and York circuits were taken from York district and added to Carlisle district. Buffalo circuit was taken from Lewisburg district and added to Centre district. Hughesville was taken from Lewisburg district and added to Williamsport district. Appointments were made as follows:

YORK DISTRICT.

H. W. Buck, P. E. Baltimore Memorial, S. P. Remer. Baltimore Grace, I. C. Yeakel. Baltimore Branch, L. S. Reichard. Hebbville, W. W. Rhoads. Jarrettsville, E. Fulcomer. Shrewsbury, J. P. Buchner. Glen Rock, G. W. Currin. Logansville, E. D. Keen. York, Queen, J. Shambach. York, King, U. F. Swengel. York, cir., A. S. Baumgardner. East Prospect, George Josephs. Bryansville, I. M. Bear. Red Lion, J. M. Price. Millersville, N. Young. Wrightsville, D. M. Metzger. Graylerville, F. F. Mayer. Dorsey, M. F. Crouch. Sparrow's Point.

H. B. Hartzler, Bible Teacher and Chaplain of Northfield, Mass., and J. M. Ettinger, editor of the Evangelical members of York Trinity Quarterly Conference.

H. S. Greninger, member of Hebbville Quarterly Conference.

CARLISLE DISTRICT.

W. E. Detwiler, P. E. Carlisle, J. C. Reeser. Cumberland, J. L. Sechrist and J. H. Furner. Dillsburg, L. E. Crumbling. Bendersville, P. W. Group. Lewisberry, D. P. Shaeffer. Big Spring, L. K. Harris. Leesburg, S. L. Kessler. Hagerstown Circuit, C. F. Garret. Perry, H. T. Searle. Newport and Marysville, B. Hengst. Liverpool, J. H. Welch. Fishing Creek Valley, W. C. Bierly. Juniata, G. L. Maize. Hanover, J. D. Stover. S. W. Seibert, member of Newport and Marysville quarterly conference. B. F. Hall, member of the Fishing Creek Valley quarterly conference. H. W. Bender, member of Cumberland Quarterly Conference.

CENTRE DISTRICT.

J. Hartzler, P. E. Lewistown, W. B. Cox. Patterson, W. N. Wallis. McClure, P. C. Weidenmyer. Middleburg, S. Smith and M. A. Kenney. Port Trevorton, S. E. Davis. New Berlin, J. G. M. Swengel. Millmont, E. W. Koontz. Centre, C. F. Finkbinder. Spring Mills, J. H. Hertz. Brush Valley, D. K. Kepner. Sugar Valley, P. F. Gerret. Nittany Valley, J. L. Lohr, and J. L. Gardner. Centre Hall, C. H. Goodling. Bellefonte, G. F. Zehner. Milesburg, S. Aurand. Professor A. E. Gobble, D. D., member of New Berlin quarterly conference. H. B. Barshinger, member of Nittany Valley quarterly conference. N. Doebler, member of Middle Creek quarterly conference.

LEWISBURG DISTRICT.

A. H. Irvine, P. E. Lewisburg, E. Grumbling. Buffalo, J. D. Shortess. Milton, M. F. Fosselman. Washingtonville, I. M. Pines. Hughesville, H. A. Stoke. Muncy Valley, W. J. Campbell. Dushore, H. T. Minsker. Danville, S. S. Mumey. Bloomsburg, J. Womeldorf. Light Street, D. A. Artman. Waller, W. Minsker. Columbia, C. D. Moor. Berwick, A. Stapleton. Nescock, J. A. Dunlap. Nanticoke, C. L. Sones. Ransome, E. E. Shaffer. Tankhannock cir., B. F. Keller. Tankhannock, W. H. Hoch. Scranton, Zion, J. W. Messinger. Scranton, Trinity, J. G. Whitmire. West Clifford, to be supplied. Zion's Grove, L. Dill. Luzerne, to be supplied. L. E. Spangler, secretary of Y. M. C. A., of Milton, Pa., and member of Milton quarterly conference. A. L. Reeser, G. Hunter and E. Swengle, Members of Lewisburg quarterly conference.

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.

M. J. Carothers, P. E. Lock Haven Mission, H. A. Benfer. Lock Haven Circuit, H. A. Basom. Jersey Shore, J. M. King.

Lycoming, W. H. Stover. Williamsport Circuit, J. F. Shultz. Williamsport—Newberry Mission, W. H. Lilly. Williamsport—St. Paul, M. I. Jamison.

Williamsport—Bennett Street, H. A. Hollenbach. South Williamsport Mission—G. L. Burson. Liberty, W. E. Brillhart. East Point, J. B. Fox. Grover, J. W. Thompson. Wayland, S. E. Koontz. White Deer, H. W. Gross. Seneca, to be supplied. E. Kohr, member of Newberry quarterly conference; A. Krause, D. W. Miller, members of Bennett street quarterly conference; Reuben Young, member of Jersey Shore quarterly conference.

Chief Burgesses Cannot Preside.

Judge Paxson, of the Supreme court, of Pennsylvania, recently filed a decision relative of the right of the Chief Burgesses of boroughs to preside over the borough councils. As it affects the business of borough councils all over the state it is a decision of much importance.

It is a question decided for the first time by the Supreme court, and the decision is that the chief burgess of all boroughs incorporated under the general borough law have no right to preside at any meeting of borough councils, unless they are members of such bodies. The question has frequently been decided by the lower courts, and while one or two have been made in accordance with this decision of the Supreme Court, there are a great number of decisions conflicting with it, and Judge Clayton, of Delaware county as late as December 3, 1892, decided that Chief Burgesses had power to preside over the councils. Of course, this decision of the Supreme court settles the question.

A Monument To Senator Maclay.

A bill was introduced yesterday by Representative Focht, of Union, making an appropriation of \$5,000 for the erection of a monument to the memory of William Maclay, the first United States senator from Pennsylvania. Senator Maclay was one of the most distinguished of the early public men and his remains now lie in a neglected plot on a farm that formerly belonged to him in Buffalo valley, six miles west of Lewisburg.

In the latter part of the last century Senator Maclay, with an Indian as his guide, explored the upper waters of the Susquehanna river, the expedition being a most perilous one as the Indians were very hostile on account of depredation committed by the French, who the year previous had traversed the country from Canada when they came down the river to take Fort Augusta at Sunbury.

The Women in Control.

A special from Washington says there is considerable excitement among World's Fair people in Washington over a development. By a remarkable and unexplainable mistake in writing the official draft of the World's Fair appropriation the women's board is given absolute control of the \$570,000 for the World's Fair premiums and rewards, and also it would seem the entire power to appoint all the Jurors, male and female, and the power to grant all rewards and premiums at the World's Fair is by this draft given to women. The error came by the clerk inserting the words, lady managers, in the wrong space.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell as well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. J. D. Murray, Druggist.

A Road for Millheim.

Why don't the Millheim business men make a move for an electric road to Coburn if the steam road does not materialize? With a water power such as Penns creek offers, just below Coburn, to furnish the power to generate electricity cheaply, we think the project is entirely feasible. Herein lie the seeds of a fine boom for Millheim.

—If in need of a heavy storm ulster go to Lewins, at Bellefonte, and take a peep at his stock. You will certainly find something that will be of service and worth to you, and at such low prices that are astonishing. He has a fine stock of such articles.

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