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CAPITOL GOSSIP

THE PRESIDENT IMPORT UNED TO CALL AN EXTRA SESSION.

Secretary Carlisle Cleaning Out the Treasury Ring.—Probable Change in the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, MAY 8.—President Cleveland is being importuned to call an immediate extra session of Congress and the presence of ex-Speaker Crisp in town started a rumor that he had so decided. If he has he has not made the decision public. There is little doubt that Mr. Cleveland would call an immediate extra session if he knew that it would promptly repeal the Sherman Silver law, but of that he is not certain, and a refusal to repeat might have a bad effect on the financial situation, which has not been affected by the Wall street excitement during last week. Many democrats express the opinion that it would be proper thing at this time to call an extra session and throw the responsibility of maintaining the government credit upon Congress, but they also express their confidence in the President's ability to do the right thing.

Secretary Carlisle took a long step in the right direction when he demanded the resignation of A. L. Sturtevant, chief of the division of stationery. Sturtevant has been in office 32 years, is rich, a salaried officer of a prosperous safe deposit company and savings bank, and is moreover a ring leader in what is locally known as the "Treasury ring," members of which have for years boasted that no Secretary could get along without them. It has not been two weeks since a local paper printed a list of probable changes in the Treasury, singling out those who belonged to the "Treasury ring" as men whose services it would be impossible for Mr. Carlisle to dispense with and still continue to do business, and even now the same paper says that Mr. Carlisle will upon consideration of the matter request Sturtevant to withdraw his resignation, but all the same he will not. He will probably get rid of every chief who belongs to the ring, just to show them how easy it is to get along without them. He certainly ought to.

"Secretary Lamont," said a New Yorker to your correspondent, "has no intention of remaining in the cabinet. He only accepted a portfolio as a favor to his old friend, the President, and with the express understanding that he would resign as soon as certain work was done in which he was to take part. Exactly what that work is I don't think any body, except Dan and Mr. Cleveland, know; but there are good reasons to suppose that it relates largely to the federal appointments in New York, and as soon as all of those appointments—the prominent ones, I mean—are made, I am under the impression that Secretary Lamont will resign and resume his connection with the Whitney street railway syndicate, where his salary was more than three times what he now receives. Secretary Lamont declines to discuss the probability of his early resignation dismissing inquiries with the statement that he has no present intention of resigning. But there are other things which point to the probability of his doing so. The Secretary of War has less patronage than any other member of the cabinet, but Secretary Lamont has not availed himself even of the little at his disposal, and many believe that it is because he wishes his successor to have the choosing of the officials. Another thing which has been commented upon is that the Lamonts have not given up their residence in New York city, and when Mrs. Lamont was in Washington a short time ago she spoke very indefinitely about her coming here to live again; and only last week she accepted the presidency of a New York social organization, which would not have been tendered to her had it been supposed that she had any immediate intention of removing her residence to Washington.

Why misrepresentation should be so general in Republican newspapers, as to the number of fourth class postmasters appointed, when it is so easy to get the official figures is one of those things that are difficult to understand. The Republican postmasters cannot be "fired out" too fast for the average democrat, and it would therefore when viewed through party glasses be rather creditable than otherwise to Mr. Maxwell had he exceeded the record of Mr. Clarkson in putting in Republicans four years ago, but he has not come up to that record by a long shot, as will be seen from the figures below. During the first two months of the Harrison administration 5,104 fourth class postmasters were appointed, while the number appointed during the first two months of the present administration only reached 3,894, of which 2,685 were made to fill vacancies caused by resignation and death. So you see only 1,209 Republicans have been removed,

against 3,496 democrats removed by Clarkson in the same period. Brother Maxwell may largely increase his speed in making removals without offending any good democrat. The record of Presidential postmasters appointed during the same periods stands Harrison 264, Cleveland 155.

Mothers and Guardians Warned.

According to the newspapers of Chicago that city is a very bad place at best, but the same authority gives assurance that it will be far worse than usual during the continuance of the Fair. The Protective Association for Women and Children, and kindred organizations, have issued a "Warning to Mothers and Guardians," in which they say:

"We, the members of the societies of Chicago interested in the welfare of women, who are in a position to know the dangers here threatening young, inexperienced, or thoughtless girls, give this warning to mothers and guardians of such young persons who may visit Chicago during the World's Fair. Care should be taken lest the young visitor be exposed to evil influences. The worst as well as the best of man and woman kind will be in Chicago during the next six months. Unfortunately it is true that the worst often are more active than the best. The moralist walks the streets quietly and passively; the procurer, the fast man, and the intriguing woman are aggressive. Like Satan, they are continually 'going about seeking whom they may devour.' There is no doubt that thousands of girls are led astray yearly in Chicago. We are making an effort to prevent so far as possible an appalling increase in the number."

This should be heeded by those to whom it is addressed, and also by girls who expect to visit Chicago this summer, and who may not be fully protected by parents, guardians, relatives or friends. These Associations advise:

(1) If possible, accompany your daughters, but in no case allow them to go unaccompanied under the care of trustworthy persons of mature age and experience; (2) If you have no acquaintances in Chicago, and have not the means of stopping at first-class hotels, be careful in the selection of a boarding house. It will be best to write to "The Women and Children's Protective Agency," Room 828, Opera House Building, Chicago, Ill., which will give the name and address of some respectable person having decent rooms for rent; (3) Women arriving in the night will do well to ask information of the janitress of the ladies' waiting room in the depot and remain under her protection until morning; (4) Girls should avoid making acquaintances—male or female—on the cars, nor should they pay attention to advertisements of "light work and good wages for young girls."

Let all the young damsels who read the REPORTER, heed this warning, if they visit the fair unaccompanied by a friend to protect them.

Plant Nut Trees

There is rough land on almost all our farms where it would pay better to plant nuts, both for timber and for the nuts for market, than anything else. A large farm with these trees set on the roadside, perhaps thirty feet from the centre of the road and twenty-five feet apart, would sell enough nuts every year to pay the taxes and leave a surplus for each picker sufficient to pay for the picking. Just why farmers should neglect to properly care for such trees and suffer loss thereby is strange.

One More Promised.

We are informed that Messrs. Newton S. Bailey and Walter S. Crosswaite, two gentlemen lately connected with the Williamsport Times, are seriously considering the feasibility of resurrecting the deceased Centre County Times at Spring Mills, and putting new blood into the corpse. The county now sports twelve thriving and prosperous papers and there is no possible reason why another cannot find a means of creating for itself a place in the reading public in Centre county.

Deaths in the County.

On Tuesday noon Mrs. Hafer, wife of Dr. A. W. Hafer, of Bellefonte, died at her home after an extended illness with consumption. She leaves a husband and four daughters.

Mrs. Pownell, 82 years of age, died in Boggs township Monday afternoon. She was a sister of Mrs. J. T. Hoover, of Bellefonte, and also has a sister living at Snow Shoe Intersection.

THE BOYER tax bill having been pronounced constitutional by Judge Simonton, will, no doubt, have a tendency to lessen the prospect of the passage of the Niles tax bill, which measure seemed to have been losing ground as it began to be scrutinized more closely.

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OFFICE-SEEKERS TIRE CLEVELAND.

He Says He Wants More Time to Devote to Public Duty.

The following, dated "Executive Mansion, May 8," has been issued by the President for publication:

"It has become apparent after two months' experience that the rules heretofore promulgated regulating interviews with the President have wholly failed in their operation. The time which, under those rules, was set apart for the reception of Senators and Representatives has been almost entirely spent in listening to applications for office, which have been bewildering in volume, perplexing and exhausting in their iteration and impossible of remembrance.

"A due regard for public duty, which must be neglected if present conditions continue, and an observance of the limitations placed upon human endurance oblige me to decline from and after this date all personal interviews with those seeking appointments to office except as I on my own motion may especially invite them. The same considerations make it impossible for me to receive those who merely desire to pay their respects except on the days and during the hours especially designated for that purpose.

"I earnestly request Senators and Representatives to aid me in securing for them uninterrupted interviews by declining to introduce their constituents and friends when visiting the Executive Mansion during the hours designated for their reception. Applicants for office will only prejudice their prospects by repeated importunity and by remaining at Washington to await results."

Praise for the Kicker.

From Washington News: There is a good deal of pleasure in finding fault, and growling, and kicking, and proving that whatever is wrong. The insipid person who takes everything as it comes with a smile of approval will never set the river on fire or make the world turn backward. The conscientious and artistic kicker is the most valuable man in the world; he is our best friend, although we are prone to regard him as our worst enemy. If it wasn't for him the landlord at our pressed brick boarding house would feed us on fried liver altogether; people would never clean their sidewalks or sprinkle ashes on the ice; laundries would be forever sending us linen towels in place of silk handkerchiefs. But why go into particulars? The kicker regulates the world and makes it the dear sweet place it is; he does his work for pure love of it; perhaps he kicks a little too much occasionally, but his intentions are splendid and he should live to a green old age and have pie just as often as he wants it.

Old Style Postage Stamp.

Such is the disfavor in which the blanket postage stamp is held, notwithstanding it was designed by ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker as a tribute to the memory of Christopher Columbus, that many postmasters have requested the department at Washington to supply their offices exclusively with the old style one and two cent stamps. Business and professional men, as well as the public generally, object to the new stamp as being clumsily large, needing too much tongue service to lick it and occupying too much room on an envelope or paper wrapper. When Wanamaker ordered the stamp he was evidently thinking about selling calico by the yard.

Decoration Day.

Samuel Shannon Post, G. A. R., met in the post room last Saturday to appoint committees to make arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial Day. The day will be appropriately observed by the post, and the services will be held at Centre Hall at five o'clock in the evening. The memorial sermon will be delivered before the post at the Sprucetown M. E. Church by Rev. Minnich. Further particulars will be chronicled in the REPORTER as the committees complete their work. As yet no speaker has been secured to deliver the address.

COMPLAINTS of extortion at the World's Fair are not confined to the item of food. The latest grievance is the roller-chair tariff, six dollars a day being the rental, while the renter is also required to leave a \$4 deposit. At this rate none but high rollers will be able to take a roll in these vehicles.

—Mr. Will Kurtz, from Berlin, Pa., after spending a week with his parents here, and attending to business in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, connected with the Berlin Pulley works, has returned to Somerset county. He tried his old fishing grounds for speckled beauties, but high waters were not favorable for that kind of sport. However, he brought the greatest trout to Centre Hall ever seen here, it measured just 34 inches.

NEW RAILROAD

BELLEFONTE SECURES AN OUTLET BY THE READING.

Three Hundred Men Commenced Work on Tuesday and the Number to Be Increased Next Week.

The new branch road from Bellefonte to Millhall where it will connect with the Beech Creek road, is now under way. Work was begun within the past ten days and the ties are advertised for. Bellefonte people are happy over this fact, and look forward to benefits in freights that a rival line will bring about. The new branch will likely connect with Collins' Buffalo Run road, now running to State College, and which will likely be extended to some point in Huntingdon county, to connect with the B. & O. or some other system not in the interest of the Penna. railroad.

Our neighbors across the mountain are in great glee over this new road, and we are glad they are now to have the long wished for enterprise.

Three hundred men commenced work on Tuesday on the Central Pennsylvania railroad and by next week the number will be increased to a couple of thousand. The road extends from Bellefonte to Mill Hall, where it connects with the Beech Creek. J. I. Higbee, of Watsonstown, has the contract for the grading. J. W. Gephart, superintendent of construction, says the road will be completed within six months. It will be a feeder for the Reading and the only road in competition with the Pennsylvania in this part of the state.

For several years there had been much talk of a railroad being built from Bellefonte through Nittany valley, Sugar valley, to Watsonstown, finding outlet there to the east by connecting with the Reading system. The route had been surveyed and at some points graded, but the project died in its infancy.

The new road will start from the foot of Lamb street, Bellefonte, where it will keep to the old canal embankment until near the toll gate, when it takes an eastward course through Armon's Gap, into Nittany valley, running close to Zion. The town of Hubbersburg will be on the route as will also Hecla. Then comes Snyderdown, Nittany and the junction. It then passes into Clinton county and will touch at Lamar, Clintondale, Mackeyville, Salona, Cedar Springs, and passing through the gap reaches its terminal where it will join the Beech Creek railroad at the Mill Hall station.

Throughout Nittany valley the road passes through valuable ore lands, and the handling of ore will be a valuable adjunct in the freight.

The company was organized last month with the election of W. K. Ross, president; S. H. Hicks, vice president; W. J. McHugh, secretary and treasurer. All these men are Philadelphians. The board of directors comprise the above gentlemen and Charles O. Kruger and William McLaughlin, of Philadelphia; C. M. Clement, of Sunbury, and J. I. Higbee, of Watsonstown.

It was decided to build this branch, to be known as the "Central Railroad of Pennsylvania," providing Bellefonte people subscribe at least \$75,000 for the construction, to show that they were interested and would patronize it when built. None of the money is to be paid until the road is constructed and they are to receive 1st mortgage bonds bearing 6 per cent. for their investment. This very liberal proposition was accepted and the full amount of the \$75,000,00 guarantee has been subscribed.

The length of the road from Bellefonte to Mill Hall will be about 27 miles making it the same distance as over the Pennsylvania.

The road has been a project long wanted by Bellefonte, with only one outlet for freight and the excessive rates charged, several of her industries have been compelled to suspend operations. The town will now have a boom, and there is anticipated a revival in business.

JUDGE SIMONTON, in the Dauphin county court, decided that the Boyer Revenue law in taxing the capital stock of corporations at 5 mills and other property at 4 mills does not violate the constitutional requirement for uniformity. A tax upon corporate capital stock as a distinct form of property is a permissible classification; and the corporations which paid a 4 mill tax, and refused to pay the additional mill, will now be compelled to make good the deficiency. Judge Simonton has also decided that the Boyer law does not conflict with any provision of the Federal Constitution. This confirmation of the constitutionality of the Tax law as it stands ought to have some weight with the Legislature in procuring a postponement of new revenue legislation. It is best to first give a trial to the law we have, before supplanting it with a new law.

COUNTY TREASURER GRAMLEY'S CASE.

The Judgment of the Court Affirmed by the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court of this State last week affirmed the judgment of the Centre county court in the case of James J. Gramley, treasurer of Centre county, a feigned issue to test his right as to certain moneys which passed through his hands. The opinion of the court is:

"In providing compensation for certain services of the County Treasurer, there appeared to be a casual omission in not specifically authorizing payments of commissions to the outgoing Treasurer on moneys received by him, but not paid out to the parties entitled thereto during his term of office; and, also, in not allowing commissions to the incoming Treasurer for services in disbursing said money paid over to him by his predecessor in office. It was necessary to bridge over the hiatus thus existing in each of these cases respectively; and we are not prepared to say that the mode in which it was accomplished by the court below was not as nearly correct as any that could have been adopted.

"As to the item of \$71.83 commissions of one per cent. on the \$7182.32 State tax or personal property for the year 1890, paid the Commonwealth, the court was clearly right in holding that he was not entitled thereto. The sum on which the commission was claimed was a past debt due by the county to the Commonwealth, and in paying that debt with the county funds, defendant was serving his employer, and of course his services were fully compensated by his salary.

"The question presented by the several assignments of error, together with the rulings of the learned Judge thereon, and his reasons for directing a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$5,321.30, and afterwards entering judgment thereon for that sum, sufficiently appear in his charge. Further comment is unnecessary.

A Grand Electric Illumination.

The electric illumination of the World's Fair was the crowning glory of opening day. The first touch of magic given to the great scene was a fringe of incandescent lights which surmounted the columns of the peristyl, running from music hall to the casino. This was followed a moment later by stripes of light which sprang to life on all parts of the administration building. The entire structure was gilded with seams of light running around the top of the pavilions and to the dome. The effect was one of surpassing beauty and was greeted with great applause. Inside the administration building the scene was one of dazzling splendor, the structure from the rotunda to the peak of the splendid dome being a dream of glittering loveliness. Eight bronze columns, from each of which branched 50 lights, gave forth a flood of splendor from the ground floor. A row of lights surmounted the gallery, two stories above and before the effect of this display could be lost a similar circle at the base of the great dome burst into radiance. The scene, while one of intense brilliancy had withal remarkably soft effect.

THE FREE TEXT BOOK BILL PASSED FINALLY BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

The Senate passed the Farr Free Text Book bill on Tuesday on third reading, and it now goes to the governor. The bill received a large vote, much to the surprise of its opponents and friends alike. Ross, of Bucks, and Mitchell, of Bradford, were the only senators who voted against it.

The bill provides that the books now in the hands of the pupils shall not be discarded for new books, which will prevent extravagance. The measure embodies the Philadelphia system, which has been in practice for 75 years and which is commended by educators throughout the country. The measure is to be followed with an appropriation of \$500,000, which will be in addition to the \$10,000,000 to the public schools the next ten years. The bill is unquestionably one of the most important that has passed this Legislature.

These bills passed finally: House bill to establish a State medical council; Senate bill to require the Commonwealth to pay jurors; House bill to enable borough councils to establish boards of health; House bill to authorize the election of a chief Burgess for three years in boroughs; bill to require pawnbrokers to make daily reports of the articles received by them.

The Senate concurred in the House resolution to adjourn June 1.

Great Advantages.

You will not make a mistake by calling at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, for clothing for men, boys and children. They will give you greater satisfaction for your money than any other dealer. Unusual bargains will be given. Give them a trial.

GOT AWAY WITH A "CROOK"

A Green Goods Man Checkmated by An Illiterate Woodsman.

A Clearfield countryman tells the Journal a good one of how one of their uneducated citizens beat a beat from the greatest city of the land. From one of his neighbors he had received as a gift a large amount of "green goods" and placed it in a cupboard as a "charge to keep." A few days after this he received one of the very glossy letters from a dealer in New York. He replied by first mail stating that he would like to buy some "green goods" but could not go to the expense of going to New York and offered to meet the "crook" at a secluded spot on the Susquehanna river, five miles from Woodland, at a fixed time, the Clearfield county man agreeing to defray one-half the expenses. The meeting was agreed to, and the Yankee was on time, having driven a livery rig from Woodland. The Clearfield citizen had put a suitable amount of his "cupboard money" in his old worn wallet and wrinkled it enough to give it the appearance of age. When he reached the place he let on to be very nervous and told the "crook" that he had been followed by a government detective and the "swap" must be made quick. This scared the New Yorker, and he produced his goods, counted out the \$3,000, and the mountaineer to give color to the proceeding, wanted to "Jew" him and said he only had \$250 good money. The "crook" demanded full \$300 and \$25 additional as his share of the expenses. The Clearfield man in his nervousness yielded, hastily drew his moss covered wallet and deliberately counted the seller out \$25 bogus money, took the \$3,000 and beat a hasty retreat from the government detective, while the "Yank" stealthily made for his buggy and drove rapidly toward the railroad. When once on board the cars he made the discovery that his was "greener" than what he sold. He was out his expenses and two days time. This is the only case on record where one of these sharks has been beaten at his own game, and Girard township furnishes the victor.

The Luck of Murderer Lee.

When Anderson Lee, who was arrested in Pittsburgh last week, confessed to Superintendent Roger O'Mara and Detective McTigue that he had murdered his fellow laborer, Charles Carter, at Beech Creek, Clearfield county, he did it on the spur of the moment, and immediately afterward said he had killed Carter in self defense, and would make a long legal fight if necessary to prove the fact. The two men, who were employed as laborers building the tunnel on the Beech Creek railroad, loved Annie Winn, one of the inmates of their boarding house, and in their jealousy quarreled over her affections. Lee was armed, and drawing his revolver fired three times and his rival fell dead in his tracks. This was on the night of February 20 last.

When Lee went back to Clearfield county in charge of detectives he felt that he would have to make a fight for his life. But affairs seem to have gone his way, and he will be accorded the remarkable privilege of choosing a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary in preference to a hangman's noose.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by J. D. Murray.

The promptness and certainty of its cures have made Chamberlain's Cough Remedy famous. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and is the most effective remedy known for these diseases. Mr. C. B. Main, of Union City, Pa., says: "I have a great sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I warrant every bottle and have never heard of one failing to give entire satisfaction." 50 cent bottles for sale by J. D. Murray.

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