

PROSPECT BRIGHT

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK FOR PASSING A FINANCIAL MEASURE.

The Senate Cannot Pass the Voorhees Bill Under the Present Circumstances.—An Opportunity for Great Reform.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Not since the memorable silver debate began in the Senate has the outlook for passing a financial measure that will receive the vote of every democratic Senator been as bright as at this writing. The failure of the attempt to compel the Senate to vote by holding a continuous session, which was a foregone conclusion, has convinced those democratic Senators who were pledged to do their best to secure the passage of the Voorhees bill that unconditional repeal is under present circumstances an impossibility and they are for the first time taking part in conferences held for the purpose of reaching an agreement upon a compromise that can be passed as a distinctively democratic measure, and there are the best of reasons for the prediction that such a measure will this week be passed by the Senate.

President Cleveland is not taking any part in these conferences. He is still firm in his belief that unconditional repeal would be the best thing, but he will not veto any compromise which meets the approval of the democrats in the Senate and House, as any compromise will necessarily include the vicious purchasing clause of the Sherman law, and probably the authority for an issue of bonds to strengthen the gold reserve. The indications are that it will also include the repeal of the tax on State bank currency. Secretary Carlisle is reported to have given his opinion as to a compromise that would be approved by President Cleveland and it includes these propositions.

Laying aside personal opinions and looking at the matter from a strictly political point of view it must at once be apparent to those familiar with public sentiment in the west and south that it will be much better for the democratic party to grant some recognition to that sentiment in financial legislation than to ignore it. Without votes from those sections the party can neither elect a President nor control Congress.

All of the Ohio Republican members of the House have been called home to help McKinley, who for some reason has become very much alarmed at the outlook. Democrats in Congress do not forget that Ohio is under ordinary circumstances a republican state, but their private advice are certainly very favorable of late to the democrats.

The democrats of the House are setting the democratic Senators a good example in keeping together. Notwithstanding the efforts of the republicans to create dissension among the House democrats over the Tucker bill for the repeal of the obnoxious federal election laws, that bill was passed on schedule time and it received the votes of every democrat present, as well as those of the populists. The House then took up the McCrary bill amending the Geary Chinese exclusion act, which would have been passed last week if more members than were expected had not desired to make speeches thereon, causing the taking of a vote to be postponed until this afternoon.

The democratic Congress has one opportunity to bring about a great reform, and at the same time save a very large sum of money, that should not be neglected. It is a fact well known to all who have ever had any considerable business with the Treasury department that there is an unnecessary amount of red tape in its method of dealing with accounts involving the expenditure of money. This is not the fault of individuals but of the absurd system which compels a duplication of all the work done in connection with every account which passes through the offices of five out of the six auditors of the Treasury. To duplicate the work the clerical force is also necessarily duplicated. It is not a good argument to say that this duplication is a necessary safe guard, because the work of the Sixth Auditor's office, which handles all of the post-office accounts, and which has long enjoyed the reputation of being conducted under a thorough business system, is not duplicated, being of itself a final settlement of the accounts upon which it passes. It is probable that the joint Congressional committee now investigating the work and methods of the various departments will recommend that all of the bureaus of the Treasury department which exist merely for the purpose of duplicating the work done in the offices of the first five auditors be abolished. They certainly ought to be abolished. It would mean the dropping of five or six hundred needless employees—the influence represented by their friends, many of them Senators and Representatives, is

what will make the task a difficult one for Congress—and the consequent saving of their salaries, and it would reduce the time required to get an account through the Treasury nearly one half. It would also show the people that democratic economy was being practiced as well as preached.

At last the House is unanimous upon something. It adopted a resolution asking the Attorney General whether the interests of the Government are jeopardized by the passing of the Union Pacific Railway into the hands of receivers.

PUBLIC SCHOOL STATISTICS.

A Year's Showing in the Department in Pennsylvania.

The educational statistics for the past year have just been completed at the Department of Public Instruction. The most interesting totals, as shown by these tables, are as follows: Number of schools in the State, 24,012; average number of months taught, 8.10; number of male teachers, 8,245; number of female teachers, 17,718; average salary of males per month, \$42.94; average salary of females per month, \$33.04; number of male pupils, 508,858; number of female pupils, 490,549; average number attending school, 722,195; average per cent. of attendance, 84; total amount of taxes levied for school and building, outside of Philadelphia, \$7,776,101.62; total State appropriation, \$4,978,907.50; receipts from taxes and all sources, except State appropriations, exclusive of Philadelphia, \$10,289,298.07; total receipts in State, \$17,413,801.43.

Cost of school houses, purchasing buildings, etc., \$2,269,103.12; teachers' wages, \$8,478,430.69; fuel, fees of collection and all other expenses, \$4,373,426.88; total expenditures, \$15,410,976.99.

He Is a Walker.

E. A. Thomas, who hopes to walk from New York to Chicago and return on railroad ties in 110 days for a purse of \$2,500 offered by the New York Athletic club, arrived at IA tower, one mile west of Kittanning Point on the Pennsylvania railroad, late Monday night. He has yet twenty-one days in which to make the trip and says he can do it in ten. He will arrive in this city this morning, says the Altoona Tribune, of Tuesday morning.

Mr. Thomas started on his long journey from New York on April 17, and Chicago was reached on June 10. Mr. Thomas lost two weeks through illness and thirteen days on account of bad weather. He expects to reach New York in time to win the purse and have several days to spare.

The journey is governed by several conditions, inasmuch as the competitor is not allowed to buy either food, lodging or clothing or beg money, depending entirely on the generosity of sporting people for his living. He is also compelled to travel along the railroad the entire journey.

For Directors and Teachers.

The following extract from a letter from the supt. of public instruction, dated 30th ult., may interest teachers and directors in many districts. "Under the terms of the act making the state appropriation, the state treasurer, and the supt. of public instruction has authority to designate the time when the warrants for school appropriations shall be issued and forwarded to the treasurer of their respective districts. The warrants can be issued, therefore, only at such times and in such aggregate amounts as shall be designated by the state treasurer.

Brevities in Season.

Dauberman's meat market supplies No. 1 sausages right along; the fact that Mike Condo makes them is the best guarantee that they are good.

Farmers are busy husking corn; the crop is not as good as usual.

Rev. John Harpster leaves for India in a few days, to again take up missionary work.

A crossing at Harper & Kramer's store is contemplated for the convenience of post-office patrons. A good idea, and the sooner the better.

Paying a Dividend.

The Sunbury and Lewistown Railway announces a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. That's good. We think our road, the L. & T., should be able to pay its stockholders a divy, as it seems to be doing a paying business.

Ghost in Penna Valley.

The nightly appearance of a ghost near Fiedler has caused great excitement among the timid people in the east end of Penna Valley. A number of the courageous young men have organized a scouting band to watch the supposed apparition.

Lewins, Bellefonte, take the lead in suits for men and boys. Nothing quite so stylish or better made. Call and be convinced.

THE RULE OF MINORITY.

Judge Cooley Writes Strong Words on the Revolution of Washington.

Mr. James Hodges, of Baltimore, has received the following letter from Judge Thomas V. Cooley, of Michigan:—

"The reports of a compromise by which a great deal is to be yielded to the silver interest in order to obtain any legislation whatever in the interest of the country are daily becoming more numerous and persistent, and the indications seem now to be that legislation may be blocked in the Senate at the will of a minority of the members. Why is this? The only reply seems to be that there is no way in which the majority can force a vote. If this is true a revolution has in some manner been effected in the Government—our fathers created, but it is one so changed by one legislative body that a minority in that body may at pleasure defeat any legislative measure. We have no longer, as to that body, representative institutions, and that body, by a minority of its members can control both. I feel humiliated as an American citizen—more than that I feel robbed of liberties that never would have been voluntarily surrendered by the people. The Constitution is violated in one of its most important particulars, and not so far as we can see, for once merely, but in a way that for all time leaves it at the mercy of a few persons."

Animal Intelligence.

The Lock Haven Democrat contains a story of a remarkable display of intelligence recently made by a young heifer near Youngdale. It says: A few days ago a cow belonging to John Q. Deise became fastened in a cattle guard in a field along the Beech Creek railroad, about one-fourth mile east of Youngdale. A freight train went down the road and when near the point above mentioned they noticed a heifer standing on the track. The engineer blew the whistle and endeavored to frighten the calf off the track. She stubbornly refused to move and the engineer shut off the steam and succeeded in stopping the train when within a few feet of the animal. Looking around the trainmen spied the cow and her predicament and tearing away a portion of the guard they soon released her. As soon as the cow moved off in the field, the heifer ran down the embankment, made a spring, and jumped clear over the remaining portion of the cattle guard, and was soon with its mother. The trainmen assert that the calf in some manner reached the railroad track and pursued the course she did to have the cow released. They also say that it was a fortunate thing that the freight came first, for had the passenger train, due at that point a short time afterwards, struck the calf while standing squarely on the track, the locomotive and passenger cars might have been precipitated down the embankment.

Entitled to Damages.

As this is the season of the year when every youth who can beg or borrow an old gun, is roving over the country in pursuit of squirrels and other game, it is well that he make a note of the law of trespass. Some persons think that the sign-boards forbidding hunting or trespassing upon private lands are of little account, and that they may be disregarded with impunity. This is a mistake, as the law makes it an act of trespass to go upon cultivated or enclosed lands for any purpose without permission of the owner, even if there is no signboard, and the owner is entitled to recover actual damages for such trespass.

A Blair County Sensation.

Holidaysburg, the county seat of Blair, had a first-class sensation a few days ago. One of the staid old town's most prominent citizens, a leader of a church choir and a well established merchant, has eloped with a young woman and left his wife and four children overwhelmed with grief. The man's name is Leslie Lotz, and the woman in the case was his next door neighbor, Mrs. Crawford. He is supposed to have taken \$10,000 in ready cash along in his flight and further developments are awaited.

Will Discontinue.

The Daily Gazette announces, that it will discontinue with last Tuesday's issue. Sorry for our neighbor, but it was brought about in a large measure by patrons failing to pay up honestly; a newspaper cannot live on wind, hence its patrons should be prompt and pay without waiting to be dunned.

The Cars are Moving.

The fact that there are now only 9,000 idle freight cars standing on the sidings of the P. R. R. to 16,000 a few days ago, shows how railroad traffic is improving.

FOUND GUILTY

YOUNG WILLIAMS THE POSTOFFICE THIEF SENTENCED.

Ex-Governor Beaver Appeared for Him and Many Petitioners.—Only Got a Year to Huntingdon.

A plea of guilty was entered before Judge Buffington in the United States Court on Monday by S. M. Williams, the Tyrone youth whose postoffice embezzlements were described in the REPORTER a few weeks ago. Ex-Governor Beaver appeared as his attorney and presented a petition for clemency signed by nearly all the citizens of Tyrone, and the young man got off with a one-year sentence to the Huntingdon Reformatory.

The secret of young Williams' fall, so far as the court proceedings were concerned, remained a mystery, but a Dispatch reporter was informed by a gentleman from the neighborhood attending court as a witness that there is a woman at the bottom of it.

Williams is only twenty years old and his mistake has aroused universal sympathy in the neighborhood where he lived. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. Mr. Furby, his pastor, was among the petitioners for clemency. Mr. Furby also paid a visit to United States District Attorney Hall last week to invoke his aid in securing a lenient sentence for the young prisoner.

One of the strongest points in the young man's favor was that when he was arrested he had retained the money he had embezzled from the registered letters, about \$1,000, in the identical bills he had taken. It is stated he had been saving it to elope with a young woman, and that the girl jilted him. At any rate, it is certain that some time before his arrest he consulted friends to see if there was any way by which he could return the money without being discovered.

Ex-Governor Beaver became interested in the case through an appeal of the boy's father, who is an old soldier and a comrade of the Governor. In his address to the court he said that, like himself, the young man's father had left part of his body in the field of battle.

The speaker told the Court that the young man's motive was a mystery to all his neighbors. He could explain it he said, but preferred not to do so. He then produced the testimonial to Williams' previous good character. It bore a formidable list of signatures, and earnestly prayed the Court to be lenient.

Captain C. J. W. Jones, postmaster of Tyrone, was put on the stand and testified to Williams' good character previous to committing the thefts and to his competency as a clerk.

Ex-Governor Beaver then asked that the youth be sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory instead of to the penitentiary.

Judge Buffington, in sentencing the young prisoner to a year at Huntingdon, spoke very kindly to him and earnestly expressed the hope that at regaining his liberty he would be able to become a useful citizen and to re-establish himself in the good opinion of society. Williams, who is a slight, pale youth, but still rather handsome, was very composed during most of the time that the Judge was addressing him, but a few tears trickled down his face at the encouraging words of the grave man on the bench.

It is expected that by means of good conduct the prisoner will not have to serve more than six months of his sentence. Ex-Governor Beaver believes that an acquittal might have been secured on the ground of insanity, there being many persons to testify to the young man's queer actions. Such a defense would, however, the Governor thinks, have injured him more in after life than a sentence to Huntingdon.

Offer a \$10 Prize.

The Bellefonte Board of Trade solicit competition in the preparation of a letter proclaiming Bellefontes' natural advantages and resources, and will pay the winner \$10 for the best preparation. The article selected will be used as a circular and sent abroad with hopes that it will boom the town.

100 Years Old.

One hundred years ago the survey of the town of Milesburg was made by Col. Samuel Miles, of Philadelphia. This fact is worth commemorating and the enterprising people of that town should not let opportunity pass by unnoticed.—Centre Democrat.

Would Prove a Bonanza.

Since an insect has made its appearance that kills off the potato bugs, the newspapers fraternity would now like to see some kind of a remedy to be used in killing off delinquent newspaper patrons.

—REPORTER only \$1.50 per year

CLOSING DAYS.

Last Low Rate Excursion via Pennsylvania Railroad.

This is the last month of the great Columbian Exposition, an American exhibition which eclipses the efforts of all nations, past and present—and Saturday, the 21st, marks the end of the popular low-rate coach excursions of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to the World's Fair City. The extensive patronage bestowed on all previous trips of this character and the universal verdict of former participants that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company carries by far the greatest number and the best class of people, thoroughly attest the genuine worth of the facilities to be enjoyed on this route. These facts coupled with the fortunate and entire immunity from accident of any kind thus far, and the completeness and dispatch with which this traffic has been handled, place the Standard Railroad in the enviable position which it proudly claims—of being the best, safest, and quickest route to the West.

All who can do so are advised to visit this stupendous show, as it is highly improbable that another of its immense magnitude will be seen by the people of this generation, and the enormous multitude of wonderful and awe-inspiring sights collected there must be seen to be appreciated.

The remarkable rate of \$18 from New York and \$17 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and correspondingly low rates from other points on the vast system, will apply for the last time on the date above mentioned. The excursion will start from New York at 9.00 and Philadelphia at 11.30 a. m. A section will leave Washington at 10.15 and Baltimore at 11.10 a. m., connecting with the regular sections at Harrisburg. Tickets will also be sold from principal intermediate stations, passengers from stations not located on the main line taking regular trains to nearest point of connection with the special.

Readable Brieflets.

Friday's rain was some help to the waters all around the state.

Our townsman, E. M. Huyett, has put a nice lot of storthorn cattle on the farm near Linden Hall, just fresh from Ohio. Pure stock, all.

We are sorry to say that our valued friend, John Odenkirk, is not improving from his illness.

Subscribers to whom we will shortly send bills will greatly oblige by early remittance. Kindly remember this.

The balmy autumn reminds one of the old indian summer periods.

Apples are being run to cider at Mr. Shook's press at the station, by thousands of gallons.

A Fair Experience.

Peter Dreyer, a Lewistown barber, who visited the World's Fair with his family, upon his arrival at Chicago entered a place to procure a cup of tea for his little daughter who was feeling unwell, and found himself among a lot of roughs who asked the enormous price of \$4.50 for the beverage. Upon refusal to pay he was roughly handled and finally compromised by paying \$2.75 if they would let him off, telling them that it was all he had about him. A belt about his person contained several hundred dollars.

Clinton County.

George Spangler was arrested on Saturday for dynamiting fish on Bald Eagle creek.

Mrs. Freeze, an aged lady living at Tylersville, died on Friday and was buried on Sunday.

Catharine Greninger, widow of John Greninger, dec'd., died Sunday evening at her home near Logan Mills, aged about 69 years.—Sugar Valley Journal.

Preaches in Bellefonte.

Rev. Boal, who had been announced to preach in the Centre Hall Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning, recalls that appointment, as at that time he will fill the pulpit of Rev. Dr. Laurie, at Bellefonte.

Suggestions Wanted.

There is \$6.49 of the Clara Price Monument Fund left after paying all expenses. The committee wish suggestions as to what should be done with the balance. Address Committee Clara Price Monument, Karthaus, Pa.

The Best Paper.

The CENTRE REPORTER is decidedly the best family newspaper published in Centre county. Every family should subscribe for it.—Loganton Journal.

No worthier or more competent gentleman ever was placed upon a ticket for Register, than George W. Rumberger; he deserves to be complimented by a unanimous election.

ADJOINING COUNTIES.

Interesting Items Briefly Paragraphed for our Readers.

New Methodist church will shortly be erected at Patton and Spangler. Lawrence township, Clearfield county, employs twenty-two teachers in her public school.

W. B. Hile, of Lumber City, Clearfield county, has a raspberry bush that gives him two good crops every season.

The Blair county courts appointed M. Laporte, of Tyrone, and A. W. Sims, of Rockhill Furnace, Pa., receivers of the Juniata Mining and Manufacturing Co.

Six years ago there was not a railroad in Dean township, Cambria county. There are now four and the survey being made for a fifth.

Representative J. C. Quiggle, of Clinton county, having been appointed consul at Collingswood, Canada, has resigned as a member of the legislature.

The Clearfield county, Union of Christian Endeavor will meet at Clearfield on Friday, November 17th. Meetings will be held in the Lutheran and Presbyterian churches.

Incensed at being ejected from the house on the lands claimed by Hon. A. C. Hopkins, at Falls Creek one family set fire to the dwelling on Friday and it was destroyed.

George Getty, of Selinsgrove, age 67, lately became the father of a son, which brings the number of his children up to twenty-five. Mrs. Getty is considerably younger than her husband.

On Monday morning at about five o'clock William Riffler, aged 104 years, died at the Cambria county almshouse. He was born in the summer of 1789. Nothing is known of his past, excepting that for years he has been an inmate of the institution wherein he died.

On Wednesday morning two children of Mr. John Miller, of Houtzdale, one a girl of two years, the other a boy aged four, were playing a short distance from the house. The boy started a fire, and by some means his little sister's clothes ignited therefrom. She was so terribly burned that death ensued about five o'clock.

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At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church, Lewistown, recently a committee was appointed to solicit funds and if \$5,000 can be secured the inside of the church will be remodeled, it being the desire to put in a new floor, new seats, remove the organ loft to the front of the building, make a back entrance, and make some other changes.

RAILROAD FATALITIES.

Two Men Struck by Fast Trains on the Pennsylvania and Killed.

Tuesday was a marked morning for railroad fatalities at Huntingdon. Augustus Raymond, of Huntingdon, who was prominently identified with Hancock's veterans during the rebellion, was struck by the Pacific express this morning. He was decapitated and his body horribly mangled.

William Doyle, aged sixteen, of Mount Union, had his left leg cut off while attempting to get on a fast train, and died soon after his admittance to the hospital.

Guaranteed Cure.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with a Cough, Cold or any Lung, Throat or Chest trouble, and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer did we not know that Dr. King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Large size 50c. and \$1.00.

The great cost of modern warfare has a pointed illustration in what it cost Uncle Sam the other day for some playful target shooting with his big guns and projectiles in a test of 11-inch armor plate at Sandy Hook. The sport lasted several hours, and 8 and 10-inch projectiles were sent through the 11-inch plate as though it were of wood. Every shot at the 11-inch plate cost \$4,188, and at the 9-inch plate, \$2,162. Other shots cost from \$1,200 apiece down to \$700. It is not the sacredness of human life that keeps the nations of Europe ready for war and timid about engaging in it, but the money cost.

—All the news, the REPORTER.