



## ANNUAL MESSAGE

A LENGTHY AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENT IS BEING PREPARED.

The President Will Recommend the New Tariff Bill.—The Treasury Department is preparing Tariff Estimates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—President Cleveland's message to Congress is unusually long, but the number and importance of the subjects with which it deals made it necessary that it should be. Like all of his utterances it is straightforward and to the point and even the Republicans admit that it is an able presentation of Democratic policy. Tariff reform as embodied in the Wilson bill is commended in language that carries conviction and Congress is earnestly urged to pass the bill at the earliest possible moment in order that the business of the country may be adjusted to the new conditions.

The opening of the regular session of Congress finds the Democrats in much better condition than did the opening of the extra session. A few Democrats representing districts that may be temporarily injured by some of the proposed tariff changes are dissatisfied with the Wilson bill, but as a rule the Democrats take the same view of the bill that was so aptly expressed by Representative Tarsney, of Missouri, who is a member of the Ways and Means committee—"It is not simply a revision of the tariff—it is a reform of the tariff. Time will develop that it contains no element of prejudice or animosity against any particular industry or attack upon the manufacturing industries; on the contrary, it is intended and will speedily result in the rapid growth, development and expansion of our industries upon a broad national basis, and not upon a narrow basis of selfish, personal, local or sectional interests. While taking away from the manufacturer much of the so-called protection found in the schedule of rates on manufactured products, by giving him untaxed raw material essential in his manufactures, we leave to him all that should be required to enable him to compete with the world in the disposition of his products."

The delay caused by the preparation of estimates by the Treasury Department, showing in detail the difference there would be in import duties received by the government under the Wilson bill as compared with those paid under the McKinley law, has revived among Democrats the talk of submitting the Wilson bill to a Democratic caucus before it is reported to the House. It is argued by those who favor this plan that it would be better to have it determined by caucus whether the bill should be amended than to have Democrats try to get amendments adopted on the floor of the House, and that it would also save time in disposing of the bill. The question has not been decided, but, judging from the talk of members, the chances appear to be against the bill being submitted to a caucus before it is reported, and it will not be afterwards, unless there shall be much more Democratic opposition to it than has yet been shown.

If a hint from an official source be founded on fact President Cleveland has succeeded in accomplishing something that will make his administration one of the most distinguished in American history and one of the most popular, in making a new treaty with China, under which the government of China agrees to purchase annually silver produced by American mines to the value of \$50,000,000—about our entire product—and to throw its markets open to our manufacturers. It has been the dream of European statesmen for many years to get the valuable Chinese trade for their respective countries, and if President Cleveland has succeeded he has gained the greatest international commercial triumph of the century, one worth untold wealth to the people of the United States, and one that will soon give us the commercial supremacy of the world.

So much has been said, not only by Republicans but even by some Democrats, about the enormous cost of the special examiners who have been employed for some months to investigate suspected frauds on the pension roll that Secretary Smith's statement on the subject, in his annual report, is decidedly interesting as well as timely. The much talked of special examiners have unearthed actual frauds in Iowa, New Mexico and Virginia alone, which saved the government more money than the entire cost of salary and maintenance of all the special examiners employed by the Pension Bureau, to say nothing of cases elsewhere. So the special examiners are money savers for the government instead of money wasters. Secretary Smith also calls attention to the fact that in making suspensions he has simply followed the policy that has always guided

the Pension Bureau in dealing with similar cases. The report endorses the application of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah for statehood.

### Every Day Jewels—Do you Wear Any?

One need not "eat crow" any more since turkeys are so cheap. Think of a man owning three farms and buying five cents worth of crackers to make his dinner with when a square meal can be had at a hotel for 25 cents and then warming his shins the bigger part of the day at the hotel stove.

Think of the man owning real estate and a good round sum at interest borrowing his poorer neighbor's REPORTER regularly every week, and finding fault with nearly all that's in it.

Then there's his cousin in stinginess who visits the bar-room expecting out of courtesy to be called up for a drink when any one enters, and his wife at home chopping the wood to cook his next meal.

Think of the man who borrows and never returns, under the notion the person he has borrowed from has forgotten all about it.

Then there's the "good man" who attends services at all churches, paying nothing to any, because he has heard that the Gospel is "free."

Then there's the man who prays loud, long and often, but between prayers he never does as he prays.

Then there's that favorite of the family who has no claims upon you at all, the habitual sponger who manages to quarter himself upon your hospitality upon all occasions and then will charge you a good round price for doing the least favor.

There's the fellow too who continually promises but never lives up to it.

Then's the fellow who wears the nice pin and finer coat than you think he is better than you; but your coat is paid for while he cheated the jeweler and clothier.

There's the ingrate, you have done him 19 favors; but because you give another friend the 20th favor, the fellow who got the 19 gets down you, he thinks he should have all the favors.

### LATE NEWS AND DOINGS.

Senator Dolph, of Oregon, on Tuesday, shot off his mouth at the President on the Hawaiian question. The President is still living and the islands are just as far west of San Francisco as they were before.

In the House, on Tuesday, the bankruptcy bill was under consideration.

The Lehigh strikers are still maintaining their stand and the company is running most of its trains. Both sides declare they are winning.

In the past week there were twenty deaths from grip in Leavenworth, Kas.

At St. Joe station, near Butler, Pa., on Tuesday morning, Harper Whitmer murdered his mother-in-law and sister-in-law.

The grain markets are keeping on a standstill, prices varying but little.

### Digging for Gold.

Mifflin county is all wrought up over the appearance of a mysterious man and woman who are busy digging for a pot of gold which they claim is hidden near the foundation of an old log tenement house, on the farm of Joseph Kyle, ten miles distant from Lewistown. The stranger says he dreamed, three consecutive nights, that a crime had been committed in that house and that the pot of gold which caused it is still there. Mr. Kyle has concluded to let him dig until he is tired, though he is altogether unknown in that community.

### Foot Notes.

Mrs. Casey Tineher, ninety years old, went to Carlisle, Ky., the other day to draw her pension. She walked twelve miles, and seemed no more exhausted than a woman of thirty would have been. She walks to town at least once a week.

James Barnes, of Elizabethtown, Indiana, who teaches school just across the line in Kentucky, walks to and from school every day, a distance of thirteen miles each way.

### Effects of Stopping Suddenly.

If a train moving at a speed of twenty miles an hour, were suddenly stopped, the passengers would experience a shock equal to that of falling from a second-floor window; at thirty miles an hour they might as well fall from a height of three pairs of stairs; and an express train would in point of fact make them fall from a fourth story.

### Colorado Women May Vote.

The Colorado state canvassing board completed its work last week. The report shows that suffrage was carried by 6,347 majority. Governor Walte, in accordance with the above issued a proclamation giving women the right to vote at all elections in that state.

—All the news, the REPORTER.

### WINTER TOURS.

For the Coming Season via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The final arrangements are now made by the Tourist Bureau of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the running of its personally conducted tours for the coming season. First and foremost in point of magnitude and attractiveness comethose to California and Florida. The dates for the former are January 31st and February 22nd. The first date has been selected so that en route to the glorious westernmost State of the Union the Mardi Gras festivities at New Orleans may be enjoyed by the tourists. California will command unusual attention this winter by reason of the Mid-winter Exposition to be held at San Francisco. This exhibition promises almost to rival the late World's Fair in completeness. Many Eastern people have already decided to attend.

Florida, always a popular haven, still justly asserts its claim as the most delightful part of our country in which to pass the inclement months of the year. Five tours will be run there, January 30th, February 13th, February 27th, March 13th, and March 27th, have been chosen as the starting dates. \$50 from New York, \$48 from Philadelphia, and an equally low rate from other points will cover all expenses en route.

Old Point Comfort appeals strongly to those not caring to journey further from home, and on December 20th this historic spot will be visited by a special tour. Last come the tours to Washington, D. C., on December 14th and 28th, January 18th, February 8th, March 1st and 22nd, April 12th and May 3rd and 24th.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's guarantee that thorough and satisfactory methods will be pursued in conducting these trips needs no additional testimonial.

### Not All Glory for the Landlord.

"Talk about its all being fun and revenue in the hotel business, there is no such soft snaf about it as the outside critic looking in would seem to imagine," said a country landlord to an eager listener the other day. "The hotel man who attends to his business properly is up at all hours of the night to accommodate belated travelers and is annoyed eternally by cranks, tramps and persistent customers who beg him to violate the law for their special pleasure and whose hanging on after lawful hours is a continual menace to the license. He is worried with torments from within and fusillades from without. It is his business to minister to the comfort of his guests, oversee the sale of the "vile stuff," keep in mind the whole run of the machine and between times "carry the water."

### Altoona Shops Start Fall.

It will be cheering news for many Centre county families that have representatives in the Altoona shops, to learn that while for the past three months the hands have been working only five days a week and nine hours a day, have given notice to all the employes to report for duty last Monday morning. Hereafter the whole force will work ten hours a day, six days a week.

### Union County Deaths.

In Lewisburg, on the 30th of Nov., Paul G. Bellman, aged 25 years, near Salem church, on Nov. 12th, Mrs. Abba Slear, aged 77 years. In Mifflinburg, on the 28th of Nov., Sarah H., wife of Hon. J. W. Simonton, aged 51 years. In Philadelphia, on the 27th of Nov., Wilson I. Linn, formerly of Lewisburg, aged about 64 years. He was a brother of John B. Linn, of Bellefonte.

### AN EFFORT TO CHANGE RULES.

If certain senators make good their promises there will be a decided and earnest effort at the approaching regular session to amend the rules of the senate so as to in a measure prevent resort to dilatory tactics and to provide for a closing of debate.

### Skates and Sleds.

With the freeze-up on Monday morning came a host of sleds and skates which the boys hunted up, to try the ice on our streets. It was early, but the Centre Hall boys have learned to take advantage of every opportunity afforded to skate, as they are few and far between.

### The 4th Snow

The 4th snow of the season fell on Saturday, and measured about 2 1/2 inches; next day, Sunday, there was rain, with cold and clear on Monday, and the first sleighs running.

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—REPORTER only \$1.50 per year

## A FATAL SHOT

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF A COLLEGE STUDENT.

Will Bowersox Killed by the Accidental Discharge of a Pistol, While Attending School at New Berlin.

On last Thursday evening's train west, was the corpse of Wilber, a son of Frank Bowersox, of Rock Springs, this county, who had been attending school at New Berlin.

Young Bowersox, it appears, had borrowed a revolver from his roommate, Marsh Musser, who also hails from near Rock Springs, Bowersox alleging he wanted the pistol to shoot mark with. This was on Wednesday morning, 29 ult.

During the afternoon, while Bowersox was in his room in the college building two pistol shots were heard in his room and a number of students at once rushed thither and found Bowersox lying upon the floor, near a window which had been raised. He was unconscious and expired in about 40 minutes, from the effects of bullet that had entered his abdomen. As there were two shots and only the one wound on his body, it is plain that it was a case of accidental shooting and especially since the ball took effect in a spot where it is not likely where one would shoot himself when intending to commit suicide. It is conjectured the first shot was thro the window at a mark while the second was an accidental discharge which sent the ball into the young man's abdomen.

It was a sad Thanksgiving for the family of our old friend Bowersox, who a number of years ago resided in Penn. pt. and was well known in the lower end of the valley. The unfortunate young man's age was near 21 years.

### Only Under a New Name.

A NEW disease has broken out in Europe, it is of an infectious type of influenza. Attacks are almost as sudden as a stroke of paralysis. There comes rather severe pain thro the body and prostration is often so great that the sufferer is unable to stand. It is usually without catarrh, and the seat of inflammation is in the eyes and throat; the lungs also become involved, unless great care is taken.

The disease is not so dangerous or prolonged as the more familiar "grip," but more infectious. It is almost like measles in this respect.

Speaking of new diseases reminds us of a remark made by an eminent physician a short time ago that there were no "new diseases," they were only old diseases under a new name.

### Can Make Money.

The W. D. Boyce Co., of Chicago, want a good hustling boy or girl in every town in the United States and Canada to sell their famous weekly illustrated papers, the *Saturday Blade* and the *Chicago Ledger*. They are to be sold on the streets, in shops, stores, etc. Thousands of boys are now making money doing this, as it is an easy matter after once fairly started. No expense to begin. Send name to the above address, and receive instructions and stationary.

### New Style Money Order.

Notification of the change in the form of postoffice money orders has just been sent out by the postoffice department, it is reported. This introduces into the order the name of the payee, and makes the order negotiable like a bank check. The new forms will be sent out to all postoffices as rapidly as the old ones which they now have are used up.

### Sold to a Wrecking Company.

The Pennsylvania Building, enjoyed so much by weary pilgrims at the World's Fair, was sold recently to a big wrecking company in Chicago for \$3,500, or \$1,000 more than was offered by the Naval school. The furniture in the building was brought to Harrisburg where it was sold at auction.

### Night Sessions of Court.

Judge Furst announced on Monday that in order to get through with the long list of cases up for trial it would be necessary to hold night sessions. Law suits do not seem to be on the wane in Centre county.

When on a visit to Iowa, Mr. K. Dalton, of Luray, Russell county, Kansas, called at the laboratory of Chamberlain & Co., Des Moines, to show them his six year old boy, whose life had been saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it having cured him of a very severe attack of croup. Mr. Dalton is certain that it saved his boy's life and is enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy. For sale by J. D. Murray, Druggist.

—Notice.—Have you followed the crowd to the new store on the hill.—C. P. Long & Co., Spring Mills.

### OPPOSE HASTINGS.

Conference in the Interest of Stone, of Warren.

A conference of prominent Pennsylvania Republicans, ominous to the candidacy of General D. Hastings for governor, was held at the Hotel Lafayette, in Philadelphia on Monday. There were present ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Charles W. Stone, of Warren county; Colonel William A. Stone, congressman from Allegheny county; Lieutenant-Governor Louis Watres, of Lackawanna; General J. P. S. Gobin, of Lebanon, and others.

The efforts of the conference were to bring all the elements unfavorable to Hastings into line for Charles W. Stone, of Warren. Mayor Stuart, it is said, was invited to attend the meeting but he did not put in an appearance. Watres is credited with withdrawing as soon as he became fully informed of the purpose of the gathering. Col. Stone, of Allegheny, it is stated, also declined entering into any agreement, and General Gobin would not commit himself, and held the matter under consideration. The conference, therefore, was to all appearances a failure, so far as uniting all who are opposed to Hastings was concerned. But Stone, of Warren, will continue to work in his own interest along this line.

It was to a large extent, an anti-Quay conference. Stone does not want to be loaded down with any such malodorous reputation for dictatorship as killed off Delamater. So he is willing to "go it alone."

### CAUGHT IN A BEAR TRAP.

The Thrilling Experience of Roland Stevenson, of Nittany Valley.

Roland Stevenson, of Nittany Valley, had an experience while hunting for deer in the Baker Run valley a few days ago which he will not soon forget. He was accompanied by several friends and while passing through the woods Mr. Stevenson stepped into the jaws of a big bear trap. His foot touched the contrivance that held the jaws of the trap open, and quick as a wink they closed upon his ankle. The jaws of the trap were fitted with long steel prongs which fortunately passed on either side of Mr. Stevenson's ankle. The strong springs of the trap held his foot and leg as firmly as if in a vise, and the efforts of two men with a big lever were required to extricate him from his unpleasant predicament. His ankle is considerably bruised by pressure of the jaws of the trap, but no bones were broken. The trap was so nicely covered over with leaves that had a man been looking for it he would not have been likely to find it.

### Both Desired Death from Grief.

The body of Charles Gordon, twenty-five years old, who disappeared last Saturday night, was discovered Monday night in the river under a bridge, at Huntingdon. Gordon had been drinking, and it is supposed that he went to sleep on the bridge and rolled off. When his eighteen year old brother William saw his brother's corpse on the river bank he suddenly exclaimed, "I had better go too," and plunged into the water. He was rescued with great difficulty. His sister also tried to kill herself when the body was brought home.

### Met With Success.

A hunting party from Cooper township, Clearfield county, who have been located at the headwaters of Trout Run during the past month, report having killed four deer, three bears, six wild cats, ten foxes and twenty-three pheasants, besides porcupines and rabbits too numerous to mention.

### Deaths in Mifflin County.

W. W. Fear, of Lewistown, aged 56; Mrs. Maria Wagner, of the same town, aged 48; Shem K. Yoder, of Barryville, aged 50; Mrs. Mary Yoder, of Lewistown, aged 57; and Jacob Zerby, of Allentown, aged 65.

### Making a Skating Pond.

The croquet grounds adjoining Bushman's store, on Church street, will be turned into a skating pond by the boys, by running water over it. It is not very large but will give enough room to cut a few curlques or a six footer to easily measure his length.

### Town Being Deserted.

Lloydsville, on the old Bell's Gap railroad, is almost deserted. Dozens of buildings, which a few years ago were occupied as residences, are now deserted, and with windows gone and floors torn up makes a dilapidated and desolate looking scene at this season of the year.

—Syrup worth 10c. per qt. sold at 4c at C. P. Long & Co., Spring Mills.

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

### THEY FAVOR THE WILSON BILL.

Philadelphia Manufacturers and Business Men Pronounce it a Wise Measure.

Interviews with many manufacturers and business men in Philadelphia confirm the favorable opinion of the Wilson tariff bill, expressed by such leaders of industry as Presidents Luther S. Bent, of the Pennsylvania steel company, and Charles J. Hurrab, of the Midvale steel company, William M. Ayres, the large manufacturer, and others.

"A very wise measure," Charles W. Potts, the senior members of the firm of W. F. Potts, Son & Co., dealers in tin plates and metals, and a member of the Union league, pronounced the Wilson bill. "It has some inequalities, but they could almost all be remedied by making duties specific instead of ad valorem. Take as an illustration tin plate. Under the McKinley bill the duty was twenty-two cents per pound specific, while the Wilson bill makes it forty per cent. ad valorem. That would make it, on the common grades, less than one cent a pound, but it would increase the duty on the higher grades."

William T. Gummy, of Gummy, Sperry & Co., metal and tin plate importers, said he took no stock in the cries that the Wilson bill would ruin everything. "It will do no such thing," he said, emphatically.

Henry J. Maris, senior partner of John M. Maris & Co., a Republican and protectionist, is heartily in favor of the Wilson bill, the passage of which he thinks will greatly improve business. Mr. Maris is a wholesale dealer in druggists' sundries. "Glass manufacturers have told me that they would not object if all duty were taken off glass," said Mr. Maris. "While in Nuremberg last summer I saw American pressed glassware in the windows. If the Pittsburgh manufacturers can now sell glass in Germany, where is the necessity of protection."

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The custom house returns indicate a falling off in revenues from that source for the current fiscal year of \$50,000,000. This deficiency must be made good, especially as the \$100,000,000 handed over to Harrison by Cleveland in 1889 has also gone where the woodbine twined. The McKinley law cut off \$60,000,000 in sugar taxes and added \$10,000,000 in sugar subsidies. Here in one clip is a depletion of the revenues by \$70,000,000 by this most disastrous law. The Democrats have the ship of state in dock in a desperately wrecked condition, but they will bring her out all right.

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