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CAPITOL GOSSIP

THE TARIFF BILL GOES TO THE HOUSE THIS WEEK.

President Cleveland Will Send the Hawaiian Documents to the Senate.—Internal Revenue Bill Near Completion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—President Cleveland was no more disturbed by the seeming discourtesy of the Senate in adopting a resolution, asking for copies of all State department documents relating to Hawaii, than he was by the senseless clamor which followed the publication of Secretary Gresham's recommendation on the same subject some weeks ago. Before the resolution was introduced he had given orders that all the documents be copied for the purpose of sending them to Congress with the special message on the subject which he stated in his annual message would shortly be sent in. The message and accompanying documents are all ready and they will go to the Senate this week, and some of those documents will not make pleasant reading for Republicans, either in or out of Congress. They will show a long series of plotting that is entirely opposite to what has always been the recognized foreign policy of the United States.

Your correspondent had a little chat with Chairman Wilson concerning the tariff bill. He said that the bill would be reported to the House this week, probably on Wednesday, and that he had been agreeably surprised at the weakness of the Democratic opposition to the bill. The question of submitting the bill to a Democratic caucus is still an open one. Personally Mr. Wilson is indifferent, being perfectly satisfied to leave it to his Democratic colleagues to decide whether to hold a caucus on the bill or not. He thinks that the permanent benefit which the bill will carry to millions of our people will far outweigh the hardships that it will temporarily impose on thousands, and that in the end it will generally be regarded as one of the best tariff laws ever placed upon our statute books. He looks for minor changes in the bill, both in the House and in the Senate, but not for any changes in its underlying principles—the welfare of the masses rather than that of the favored few.

The internal revenue bill has not been entirely completed, but it probably will be this week. It has been definitely decided to double the tax on cigarettes; to tax playing cards, and to tax inheritances. The income tax is still undecided, but the probability is that the tax on net incomes of corporations, which was first agreed upon by the committee, will remain in the bill, the understanding being that those members of the committee who favor a personal income tax instead will be at liberty to offer that as a substitute for the corporation income tax and leave it to a majority of the House to decide which, if either of them shall remain in the bill. Representative Bryan, of Nebraska, who is recognized as the leader of the Democrats on the Ways and Means committee who favor the personal income tax, has not abandoned hope of winning in the committee. He said on the subject: "The fact that the corporation tax would bear heavily on many people with very limited means, while the individual tax would be collected from the wealthy who escape taxation in many forms, is having its influence. If the tax is levied on individual incomes the rich will then pay their proper proportion which they do not at present and would not under the corporation tax." A compromise has been suggested by which both corporation and individual incomes will be taxed.

The first result of the work of the joint Congressional committee which has for months been investigating the methods of the executive departments of the government will be seen when the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill is reported to the House. That bill will make some radical changes in several of the Departments, all in the interest of economy and a more prompt transaction of public business. Among these changes will be the abolishment of the postal note and of several bureaus of the Post Office department, the work of which is not considered necessary. This is only the beginning of the work of the committee, which has three expert accountants aiding it in locating all unnecessary handling of public accounts and duplication of work. Its intention is to put the government business upon the same basis as that of the railroad or other big private concerns before it gets through, but it is already finding it a hard task as the employees of the useless bureaus appear to have more Congressional friends than any other class of government employees.

Democrats in the House are determined that the bill admitting Utah to

Statehood shall be passed, and if the Republicans persist in filibustering to prevent a vote upon it, as they did last week, it will be made a party question and forced to a vote under an order from the committee on Rules.

The Senate will this week begin the consideration of the election repeal bill. Senator Hill will lead the Democratic forces.

IMPORTANT RAILROAD NEWS.

The Vanderbilts to Have a New Route to Chicago via Beech Creek.

The most important and significant piece of railroad construction in the United States at present is that which will next spring connect New Haven, on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, with Clearfield, on the Beech Creek road.

The Beech Creek road is now operated to Mahaffey, 25 miles beyond Clearfield. There now remains but 25 miles of track to connect the Pittsburg Lake Erie and Beech Creek railroads.

Both roads are owned by the Vanderbilts. When the track is completed it will give the Vanderbilts access to some of the richest coal fields in Pennsylvania. More than that it will give them a new freight and passenger route from Chicago via Pittsburg and Philadelphia to New York.

The latter part of the route will be formed in connection with the Philadelphia & Reading and the Lehigh Valley. It will make a mileage from Chicago via Philadelphia to New York of less than 1,000 miles, almost exactly the present mileage of the Lake Shore & New York Central via Buffalo. By using the more direct and northern lines of the Reading and Lehigh Valley the mileage can be reduced to almost exactly the present mileage of the Pennsylvania between Chicago and New York.

This plan will be carried out in its entirety as early as possible next spring.

WHAT IS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

A Decision of the Courts Defining that Term.

According to the highest authorities and decisions, personal property in Pennsylvania is classed under three heads—property of a purely personal character called "goods and chattels;" property which savors of realty called "chattels real," and evidences of indebtedness, which are called "rights and credits." As it is often difficult to determine whether things found on the premises in case of death are real or personal estate, it is interesting to know just what the courts in this State have decided are personal property. They are:

"Purchase money due on a contract for the sale of land, renewable leases and good will of a place of business, the interest of a lessee in an unexpired term, standing timber bought with the intent of immediate removal, fallen timber, gas fixtures, chandeliers and gas pipes attached to a residence, machinery set up with the understanding that it may be removed, growing crops with reserved to an Orphans' Court sale, the way-going crop of a farm tenant, growing crops on devised lands, vested legacies and distributive shares due the decedent, land devised to be sold without limitation, rents accruing on a perpetual lease for minerals in the land, the periodical interest coming to a widow on a recognition in partition, the income due a tenant for the life of another and arrearages of ground rent."

There are, of course, many other things, but this list will indicate that "personal property" means more than many people think it means, and is rather a broad and comprehensive term.—Philadelphia Times.

Sent to Washington.

The great tree of California at the World's Fair has been presented to the United States department of agriculture and has been sent from Chicago to Washington. At the latter place it will be set up on the south side of the principal building of the department of agriculture. It is twenty-eight feet in diameter and the spiral staircase will be readjusted there as it was at the World's Fair.

Drowned in Sight of Friends.

About noon on Monday Charles C. Walker a married man, twenty-three years old, broke through the ice while skating upon Penn's Creek, in Selinsgrove, Snyder county, and drowned in the presence of his companions.

The Weather.

The weather, the past 4 or 5 days has been fair for winter, and changeable from fair to cloudy. Since Monday it has moderated some and the rays of the sun melted the snow on the roads and ended the sleighing.

Piles of fall and winter goods at Lewins, Bellefonte. All latest styles and lowest prices to be had anywhere. Go and see before all gone.

THE JOHN BULL TRAIN.

The Old Locomotive and Cars on their Way East.

The old "John Bull" locomotive running under its own steam and drawing the two original Camden and Amboy railroad coaches arrived at Altoona Monday, from Chicago, where it had been on exhibition at the World's Fair, and was welcomed with much enthusiasm. The entire progress of the quaint old train over the Pittsburg division was almost as much of an ovation as when it passed over the same section of the line on the way to the fair in April last.

The train will run over the Middle division to Harrisburg on Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning at 6.50 it will leave Harrisburg for Washington via the Northern Central railway. It will arrive at Washington about four p. m. A committee from the national museum, of Washington, will meet the relic at Harrisburg and escort it back to its old quarters in that institution. The run to Washington will be made slowly and stops will be made at principal stations in order that the people may see the train. The old engine is behaving finely on its homeward trip.

NEW SHEEP LAW.

A Case of Interest to Sheep Raisers in the County.

The Puncsutawney Spirit says: James McCracken, of Jefferson county, had his flock of sheep chased by dogs a week ago. Although but two of them were killed Mr. McCracken claimed that the damage to the flock was more than the actual loss of the sheep. The township auditors were inclined to agree with him, but did not care to act solely upon their own judgment. A letter was therefore written to Hon. Frank N. Moore, of Bradford county, author of the new dog and sheep law, and a prominent lawyer in Brookville was also asked to give an opinion in the matter. Mr. Moore replied that the intent of the law was to cover all damages whatsoever from the killing, wounding or frightening of the sheep by dogs. It is well known that pregnant ewes, after being chased by dogs, are very likely to lose their lambs, either by premature births or deformities that cause the lambs to die soon after birth. The damage is therefore a matter for auditors to judge, taking into consideration the number of pregnant ewes chased as well as the number of sheep killed or wounded. The attorney's opinion was to the same effect.

Souvenirs That Didn't Pay.

Contrary to the expectations of the World's Fair commissioners the souvenir Columbian coins did not prove to be extraordinarily popular. There is a general sentiment for souvenirs of some great event, but the commissioners overestimated that sentiment when they supposed that the people were willing to buy 5,000,000 coins at one dollar apiece when their face value was only half that amount and their bullion value considerably less. It is not surprising that many of these coins were never taken from the United States treasury, that many have been returned for redemption, and that steps are being taken looking towards their recoinage.

See the World's Fair for Fifteen Cents.

Upon receipt of your address and fifteen cents in postage stamps, we will mail you prepaid our Souvenir Portfolio of the World's Columbian Exposition, the regular price is fifty cents, but as we want you to have one, we make the price nominal. You will find it a work of art and a thing to be prized. It contains full page views of the great buildings, with descriptions of same, and is executed in highest style of art. If not satisfied with it, after you get it, we will refund the stamps and let you keep the book. Address H. E. BUCKLEN & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Holiday Item.

The holidays are near, hence we trust not one of our subscribers over a year in arrears, will fail to do the fair thing by sending amount due before 1894 sets in. This all can do, and it will be a great favor which we shall appreciate.

Rumors of a New Railroad.

It is rumored that a railroad is to be built from Howard to Hubersburg, where it will connect with the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. The distance between the two points is about five miles.

Grip at Lock Haven.

The grip is becoming epidemic in Lock Haven. Upwards of a dozen deaths have occurred and the majority of them have been of aged people.

Poultry wanted for the holidays, at C. P. Long & Co's.

Mens suspenders were 25 cents, now 10 cents, at C. P. Long & Co's.

COURT NEWS

THE TRIBUNAL OF JUSTICE STILL SITTING.

The Third Week of Court Began Monday Morning.—Cases Disposed of and Continued.

The first case up for trial last Wednesday afternoon was that of James and Lot Kimpfort vs. M. G. Brown, plaintiffs offer to amend the record, when defendant plead surprise and the case was continued at costs to plaintiffs.

Lot W. Kimpfort vs. M. G. Brown. Plea trespass, consumed the balance of the afternoon, and was continued until Thursday morning, and consumed the greater part of the day. This case was brought to recover triple damages for timber cut by the defendant on plaintiffs land in Harris township. The jury retired at 4.30 p. m. and returned a verdict for the defendant in the sum of \$97.97.

John C. Motz vs. Harvey Bishop. Plea, trespass. Harry Keller for the plaintiff and John G. Love for defendant. This is an action to recover damages for the burning of the stable, shingle shed, and saw mill of the plaintiff in the spring of 1891; ignited by live sparks from defendant's "dinky" locomotive engine. Court adjourned till Friday morning at nine o'clock.

Friday morning. The case of J. C. Motz vs. Harvey continued until three o'clock, when it was submitted to the jury, who returned a verdict for plaintiff in the sum of \$100.

Judge Furst made an order for a special term of court, beginning on Monday, the 15th of January.

Foster Fannon by his next friend Robert Brennan vs. D. R. Thomas, plea, replevin. This action is brought to recover an iron gray horse, known as "Gray Hawk." This suit grew out of a horse trade in the spring of 1891. Court adjourned till Saturday morning.

Saturday morning. Foster Fannon vs. D. R. Thomas continued. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$160.

The State hospital for the insane at Danville, vs. overseers of the poor of Bellefonte borough. Plea assumpsit. This action is brought for the maintenance of insane persons sent to the institution by the Poor Overseers of Bellefonte. Verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$843.84 subject to the points of law reserved by the court.

All jurors were discharged and court adjourned until afternoon, to hear petitions and arguments.

All cases for the second week of court not already reported, were disposed of as follows: J. H. Neidigh use of Rev. Isaac Krider vs. John T. McCormick, administrator of Benjamin Corl, plea, debt. Continued under terms of settlement.

The Frey Sheckler Co., a corporation organized under the laws of Ohio, having its principal office at Bucyrus, Ohio, vs. Julia D. Kitz, executrix of Wm. R. Miller, dec'd, trading and doing business as the estate of Wm. R. Miller, continued.

Carrie V. Wilson vs. Harry McAuley. Transferred to No. 3 of next week's list.

J. F. Megargle, J. H. Steel and C. D. Jones vs. James Ruth, E. M. Huyett, and J. E. Calbaugh, plea trespass, continued.

L. T. Munson trading as Munson Glass Co. vs. Robert McCalmont, Jane R. McCalmont and Rose Shortlidge, trading as McCalmont & Co., Plea, trespass, continued.

Jacob Garbrick vs. David Harter, plea, trespass, continued.

Jas. Higgins vs. Chas. A. Meek and M. F. Nagle, trading as Meek and Nagle, plea assumpsit, settled.

W. E. Church vs. Julia D. Kitz, executrix of the last will and testament of W. R. Miller, dec'd, plea assumpsit, continued.

Alfred Jones and W. E. Landon, trading as Jones and Landon now for the use of Alfred Jones vs. the Pennsylvania State College, plea assumpsit, continued.

Phillip Collins vs. the Bellefonte Central R. R. Co., plea replevin, continued.

Conrad Immel vs. J. W. Beecher and C. K. Sober who survive W. Zimmerman late trading and doing business as Zimmerman, Beecher and Sober, plea assumpsit, continued.

Wm. F. Peters vs. Willis Weaver, and L. C. Bullock, plea replevin, continued.

Wm. C. Sheesley vs. J. R. Wolf, plea assumpsit, continued.

Benjamin F. Nearhood vs. Jonathan Auman, plea assumpsit, continued.

Elizabeth D. Kunes vs. John B. Shaw, Emma Shaw, and Robert Shaw plea, ejectment, continued.

Monday morning court convened at 9.30 with Hon. John B. McPherson of Lebanon, specially presiding as President Judge, and Associates Riley and Faulkner on the bench.

The first case called was George W. Jackson vs. Nittany Valley R. R. Co., plea, trespass. This action is brought to recover damages for land taken by the defendants on which plaintiff has an ore land lease, for the purpose of putting down their tracks. This case occupied Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday morning was given to the jury, who returned a verdict for the defendants.

Lyman Korman vs. A. G. Morris, plea, trespass. This action is brought to recover damages for loss of eye sight, caused by a premature explosion of a blast in defendant's stone quarry, near Bellefonte, on July 15, 1891. This case was on trial all day Wednesday.

LAWYER SHOTS LAWYER.

New Bloomfield has a Sensation.—A Woman in the Case.

A shooting affair took place at New Bloomfield, Pa., in which a pretty woman is mixed up, on Saturday, and resulted in the serious wounding of District Attorney-elect Luke Baker, by J. W. Shull, a local lawyer and ex-district attorney. Jealousy for Mrs. Shull is alleged to be the reason for the affair.

Mr. Baker is a young lawyer and unmarried. He studied law with ex-Senator C. H. Smiley, whose office is just across the street from Shull's residence and office. The latter is the fortunate possessor of an interesting wife. It appears Mr. Shull thought that Baker was too lavish in his attentions upon his wife and remonstrated. Then, always having been friends, they became the bitterest enemies, and often, it is averred, the two lawyers would quarrel.

On Saturday morning as young Baker walked by the Shull residence the front door was open. He then threw several stones in the hallway, it is said. The angry husband darted out a minute later. He had a revolver in his hand. Baker ran up an alley and escaped. He went into his boarding house, which stands to the rear of Shull's home. Hoisting an upper-story window, Baker hurled a stone, it is alleged, at his antagonist, who stood in the street below.

Shull then raised his revolver and began to shoot, and fired six shots in quick succession. One bullet struck the district attorney-elect in the right wrist and plowed a little furrow up his arm. The ball was taken out at the elbow. Another bullet hit him in the right hip and caused a serious wound. The surgeon found the lead, and says the wounds are not necessarily fatal, although the attorney is suffering a good deal. Shull has been arrested.

May Buy the Large Krupp Gun.

Agents for Krupp, the German gun manufacturer, came to Washington this week to negotiate the sale of the big gun that was on exhibition at the World's Fair. Army officers say that it is the most deadly instrument in the world. The Krupps are willing to sell it to our government for the cost of casting and transportation to this country, without reference to transportation to and from Chicago.

This valuation is said to be about \$225,000, including turret and all other mountings. In order to secure the gun a bill appropriating the necessary amount for its purchase will have to be passed by both Houses of Congress. Before the gun is accepted it will have to be inspected by the Board of Ordnance and fortifications of the Army. The gun has already been thoroughly tested, but the owners express a willingness to have as many rounds fired as may be desired, at their expense. Each shot costs about \$1,500. There has been some talk of locating the gun in New York Harbor should it be purchased.

How to Keep Frost Out.

Most modern cellars are largely built above ground, and though the wall be thoroughly baked, this made soil freezes through much more quickly, exposed to wind as it is, than that which has not been disturbed. But frost will rarely get into a cellar if on the inside wall a space is partitioned off a foot, or even less, wide, and extending down as far as the wall is exposed outside. This box should be filled with sawdust or some other non-conductor of heat. Such a protection excludes frost in winter better than the piles of badly smelling manure that are often employed for this purpose.

—Headquarters for holiday goods and fine presents at C. P. Long & Co's.—Found, by C. P. Long & Co's, 648 handkerchiefs which can be bought now from 2j cents up.

ARTICLES LOST AT THE FAIR.

Women the Boss Losers—Has any Centre Co. Lady Lost Anything?

If any of our lady readers who visited the World's Fair lost any article on the exposition grounds there are chances of her regaining it, if it has been found.

From the character of the articles found and left at the bureau for lost packages, it would seem the women come in far ahead for loosing articles.

The lost and found department at the Exposition has collected a motley variety of curiosities. There have been an average of two hundred articles lost each day of the Exposition and only one-half of these have been returned. One would suppose that umbrellas would constitute a larger part of this collection, but women's handbags take the lead, and these bags contain almost everything, from a piece of chewing gum to rolls of bills and railroad tickets, but unfortunately no name or address by which the owner can be identified. Visitors have not neglected to leave umbrellas, as about two thousand still remain unaccounted for. The number of wraps that have been found would supply a good sized second hand clothing establishment, and in variety of cut and cost of material they would give points to any clothing establishment in the country. Most of the wraps are women's wear, but men have not been any too careful in forgetting their overcoats. Quite a number of watches have been reported as lost, but the number reported found has been small. Many lunches have strayed away, which is a surprise, as one would naturally suppose that such a package would be closely watched. One of the first curiosities added to the collection was a clothes wringer. A little later a policeman lost his billy and a Columbian guard his sword. Evidently the guard was too much mortified to confess his loss, but as his number was on it, it was returned to him. The Woman's building has led all buildings in the number of lost articles and the Art Gallery has been a close second to it. Now that the exposition is closed, this collection of articles will be classified and arranged and a full list published, so that people who have lost articles may have opportunity to reclaim them, but unless this is done within a certain time, an auction room will take possession of everything.

Dewey's Hints to Young Men.

Chancy M. Dewey is a philosopher as well as a wit. Nothing could be better than this definition of the material ambitions with which a young man should begin his career. Writing in Donahoe's Magazine on young men in politics, Mr. Dewey says: "Every young man should start out in life with three definite objects—first to secure an honest living; second, to secure an income large and permanent enough to support a family, and third to lay up something for old age and the care of the helpless ones whom he may leave behind when he dies."

Any young man whose ideas as to what he is here for are at all hazy, will do well to cut this out and commit it to memory.

Both Legs Cut Off.

Jesse R. McCrum, aged twenty-one, an extra brakeman in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Huntingdon, was the victim of a terrible accident last Tuesday night. He was working with one of the shifting crews, and at the Broad Top cut he was jolted from a train in motion and fell to the tracks. The wheels of the front truck of a car passed over him and cut off both his legs, the left about two inches below the knee, and the right about five inches below the knee.

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New Discovery know its value, and those who have not, have now the opportunity to try it free. Call on the advertised Druggist and get a Trial Bottle Free. Send your name and address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills Free, as well as a copy of Guide to Health and Household Instructor, Free. All of which is guaranteed to do you good and cost you nothing. J. D. Murray's Druggist.

Died at Flemington.

Saturday afternoon Mary Deviney died at Flemington in her 94th year. Over seven years ago she fell and broke her leg which accident rendered her helpless.

Has Been Leased.

The Beech Creek railroad has been leased by the New York central for a period of ninety-nine years.

—The second lot of 18,000 pounds of salt will be sold cheap the next ten days, at C. P. Long & Co's.

—Headquarters for neck-wear; silk mufflers and silk handkerchiefs for gifts, at C. P. Long & Co's.