

CAPITOL GOSSIP

WILL NOT CALL THE CAUCUS TILL AFTER THE CHRISTMAS RECESS.

The Republicans of the House Will Not Vote With Democrats Who Oppose any Section of the Wilson Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Representative Holman, chairman of the Democratic caucus has, after consulting with his Democratic colleagues decided not to call the caucus which it has been determined to hold to consider the Wilson bill, until after the Christmas recess. There are several reasons, all good, for this decision. Many Democrats have already gone home to spend Christmas and if the caucus had been held this week it would consequently have been sparsely attended. Besides, those who spend their holiday at home will get an opportunity to learn just how the Wilson bill has been received by their constituents which will enable them to lay before the caucus any objections which may exist. It is in fact very fortunate that the bill has been delayed. It will enable the Democrats to do what has never been done before—consult the people about the details of a tariff bill.

The Republicans of the house have announced with a great flourish of trumpets that they will vote with Democrats who oppose any section of the Wilson bill to amend the measure. A more unnecessary announcement was never made. It was, of course, made solely for the purpose of misleading the country into the belief that there are enough Democrats who wish to amend the bill to succeed in doing so, if the Republicans would only vote with them. There are it is true a number of Democratic Representatives—not so large, however, as the Republicans would like the country to believe—who will endeavor to get the bill amended in caucus, but failing in that there are not five of them who will refuse to vote for the bill.

The House has shown itself to be thoroughly in accord with the policy of the Democratic party by taking advantage of the unavoidable delay in getting the tariff bill ready to pass bills admitting to statehood Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, although Republican filibustering made it necessary for the committee on Rules to report continuing orders before it could be done. The people of these territories are not likely to forget this Republican filibustering.

Congressmen, particularly those who have been so precipitate in their criticism, will do well to spend a part of their Christmas holiday in studying President Cleveland's special message and the Hawaiian documents of which it treats. It will not be necessary for them to endorse the President's Hawaiian policy in its entirety to discover how absurd Senator Hoar's recent remarks about impeachment were. There has been neither technical nor actual violation of either the letter or the spirit of the Constitution by the President; the idea that there had been was conceived by malignant partisanship and nurtured by such men as Hoar.

Mr. J. R. Sovereign, the new head of the Knights of Labor, is in Washington, in attendance upon the conference of the Executive committee of Bi-metallic League, with which he is in sympathy. Speaking of the tariff he said: "I am an out and out free trader. The so-called protection of American labor is a delusion. Labor is not protected. Invested capital receives a bonus in the form of protection, and it is then optional with the capitalist to give a share of the bonus to labor in the form of increased wages. But this option is seldom, if ever, exercised." There is food for reflection in these words of Mr. Sovereign, who is certainly in a position to speak from the point of view of the American wage-earner.

Representative Culbertson, chairman of the House Judiciary committee considers it very doubtful whether a bankruptcy bill of any kind will get through the House at this session, although Representative Bailey, will endeavor to push his voluntary bankruptcy bill and Representative Oates will introduce a new bill modifying the Torrey bill, which was recently killed in the House.

It has about been decided that the internal revenue bill shall include an inheritance tax, but it is still an open question whether this tax shall take place of the proposed income tax or shall be in addition thereto. It is not considered probable by members of the Ways and Means committee that the internal revenue bill will be reported to the House until after the holidays. The tariff bill will be reported to the House tomorrow, unless something now unexpected shall prevent, but it will not be called up for debate until after the recess.

SNYDER FOR HASTINGS.

An Elegant Pen Picture of Centre's Famous Man.

General D. H. Hastings, of Bellefonte, familiarly known as "Our Dan" by his fellow countrymen, delivered an address before the Snyder county Teachers' Institute on Thursday evening on the theme of "Education and Citizenship" that added new laurels to his sobriquet as the silver-tongued orator of Pennsylvania, says the *Middleburg Post*. He spoke for an hour and a half, and judging from the close attention paid him and the frequent applause given him, his thoughtful, logical production took root and branch and will yield rich fruit in the future. The General has never been known to prepare a lecture, for he is of the Wendell Phillips type of oratory—a man who fills himself with the matter and spirit of the subject on which he is to speak and then by being rarely endowed with the faculty of thinking on his feet, he formulates his sentences and delivers the words hot from the mint of his big, warm heart to the ears of his hearers. He is a giant in every respect. Physically, he stands six feet three inches in his stocking feet, has the physique of Achilles and wears a 7½ hat. Socially, he is like the snow-capped mountains of the Sierra Nevada—the nearer you get to him the higher he looks, and no one can approach him without being overcome by a sense that he is in the presence of a man of destiny. Moreover, he is as kind as a father—as gentle as a child, and no one is so humble but that he may approach him at all hours and under all circumstances—for he has had the advantages of poverty which taught him not to "despise the time of little things." So unstinted is his hospitality, so warm his friendship and so generous his social views that the political prejudices of his people lie hidden and buried under his magnificent manhood.

At the opening of his address, Superintendent Bowersox introduced him as "our next Governor." He arose, smiled, and bowed in a spirit that showed that "Barkis is willin'," and the applause that followed was sufficient to convince the most skeptical that if it depended on the voice of a Snyder county audience he would not only "get there" next year but would occupy the gubernatorial chair now. So note it!

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Colonel John B. Selheimer Died.

Colonel John B. Selheimer, a leading hardware merchant of Lewistown, died Saturday aged 67 years. He was a captain of the Logan guards and marched through Baltimore on April 18, 1861, with the first company that reached Washington in response to President Lincoln's call for troops. He was elected State Senator from this district in 1884 and was County Treasurer in 1859.

Late News.

Populist Peffer wants a bill passed appropriating 63 million dollars to relieve the wants of the distressed.

The President has appointed Wayne MacVeagh as ambassador to Italy.

L. P. Ryan, aged 81, and his wife, aged 78, were murdered near Winchester, Ohio, on Tuesday night.

The Democratic victory in Chicago, on Tuesday, will hardly be credited by the opposition in favor of tariff reform, yet our party had not counted on a victory.

The famine at Erzeroum, Armenia, and in that neighborhood, is becoming more serious. Bread is now selling at twelve times its usual value. The grain is in the hands of speculators, many of whom are Ottoman officials. Piteous but fruitless appeals have been made to the Sublime Porte for assistance. Hundreds of the poor are threatened with starvation.

THERE were yet living on the 30 of June last, fifteen widows of veterans of the war of the Revolution. The report of the Pension Department says they were drawing their pensions at that date, any way. The war ended 111 years ago.

Ring, ring, ring the bells. Ring the merry Christmas bells. All be bright, all be right, The star led to new-born Light.

ANSWERED HIS LAST ROLL CALL.

At a regular meeting of Samuel Shannon Post No. 282 G. A. R., held December 2nd, 1893, the following resolutions of respect were passed:

Whereas, The all-wise Ruler has visited our Post and removed by the hand of death our worthy comrade John H. Odenkirk, a charter member of our Post, and Senior Vice commander, during the past year.

Resolved, That in the death of comrade Odenkirk this Post has lost a faithful member, our community a good citizen, one who was ever ready to lend a helping hand in time of need; the wife a kind, true husband, and the children a loving father.

Resolved, That our sympathy go out to this family and we commend them to the care of Him who has promised to care for the widow and the fatherless.

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days; that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the Post, and a copy be sent to the family, and county papers for publication.

DAVID BURELL.
ANDREW GREGG.
GEO. M. BOAL.

The Duty of Constables.

The carrying of concealed weapons is a menace to the well-being of the community and a stop should be put to it. In addressing the constables of Cumberland county, recently, Judge Sadder used the following language, which was not any too strong for the subject he was discussing: "You constables can do nothing better than arrest men and young men who carry loaded pistols in their pockets ready to whip out on the slightest provocation and perhaps shoot perfectly innocent persons. A man has no constitutional or moral right to carry concealed deadly weapons on all occasions; and I say to you, whether or not I am criticised, that you do your duty in arresting boys and men carrying revolvers. We will see that no costs are imposed on you."

Why Game is Scarce.

The venison killed in this county finds a ready sale in the Philadelphia market, says the Clearfield Republican of last week.

That's just what makes game scarce, too many hunt in order to make merchandise of the game. The law should prohibit this. The same is true with regard to our mountain trout; outsiders come in here and catch trout for the purpose of selling them. A few years ago while strolling along one of the business streets of Wilkesbarre, we noticed in front of a grocery a dishpan half full of trout, dressed and in ice. We inquired of the grocer what he sold the trout at—he said 80 cents per pound. Then we asked him where they were caught—he said, "some of the fellers caught 'em in the Centre co. mountains." Thus our trout were sold in market over 100 miles from home.

La Grippe Again.

The re-appearance of the "GRIP" calls to mind the experience of Jas. O. Jones, publisher of the *Leader*, Mexico, Texas. He was sick in bed for ten days with the grip during its prevalence a year or two ago. Later in the season he had a second attack. He says: "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and with considerable success, I think, only being in bed a little over two days. The second attack, I am satisfied, would have been equally as bad as the first, but for the use of this remedy." It should be borne in mind that the grip is much the same as a very severe cold and requires precisely the same treatment. When you wish to cure a cold quickly and effectually give this remedy a trial. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. D. Murray.

A Little Previous.

Last Tuesday evening the boys at Potters Mills gave the assistant postmaster at that place a serenade in a mistake, it having been reported that he was married. He was greatly surprised but set up the cigars and candy all the same, and the boys went home hoping to have another chance.

Elected Mayor of Chicago.

John P. Hopkins, Democrat, has been elected mayor of Chicago by a plurality of 1,220, to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of the late Carter Harrison.

Married.

On Friday evening, December 8th, Rev. Eisenberg performed the ceremony at the parsonage, uniting in marriage Mr. George F. Durst and Miss Maggie Keller, of Linden Hall.

A Bell.

Our Presbyterian brethren are raising money to purchase a bell for their handsome little church. It is greatly needed and will fill a want.

WEEK OF REASON

INSTITUTE IN SESSION AT BELLE-FONTE.

Teachers' Institute Held in Garman's Opera House.—Full Attendance.

The forty-seventh annual session of the Teachers' Institute of Centre county convened in Garman's opera house, at Bellefonte on Monday morning. The attendance of teachers was very large and only three did not respond to their names at roll call. Rev. Miles O. Noll, of the Reformed church welcomed the teachers, emphasizing the relations of the schools to the church. Dr. Phillips, of the West Chester Normal, made an address at the morning session upon "How the earth is weighed and measured." Professor Twitmore, of Honesdale, Pa., followed with a short talk on "Recitation." At the afternoon session Professor Brungard, of Lock Haven, took up the subject of "writing." At the evening entertainment Dr. Phillips lectured on "Bits of Europe."

The seats in the opera house being numbered, the teachers are seated in blocks according to districts, and a seat is assigned to each teacher which he is expected to occupy throughout the institute. This numbering and assigning a chair to a teacher is an effective scheme of Superintendent Gramley to secure constant attendance. Various schemes were worked heretofore to elude roll call or get the card punched at the door, but the wily teacher would sometimes get ahead and succeed in cutting. A chart has been made of the house with the name of every teacher and the number of his seat, and the secretary has only to look over the house and find a seat empty and the name of its occupant, and he is marked absent, and is accordingly docked a half day.

At the Tuesday session various subjects came up for discussion which were dwelt upon to greater or less extent. Prof. Swift made an address on "Organization." He was followed by Prof. Phillips upon "Recitation," Industrial and Practical Drawing," by Prof. Busse, of Williamsport, was next on programme for the forenoon.

Presented With His Plunder.

A good hearted farmer living in Oliver township, a few miles from this place, says the *McVeytown Journal*, was awakened a few nights ago by a commotion in his chicken coop and quickly donning his clothes he went out quietly under cover of the darkness and coming near discovered a boy standing outside holding several chickens in his hands. The young thief, in the training school of his father, had no time to give even the faintest alarm and he dropped the hens and fled to make way for the rightful owner, who stepped up quietly to the door and took the chickens as they were passed out by the man inside, who supposed that they were being put into the hands of his youthful accomplice who unfortunately for him was at this time well on his way toward home. When the farmer's hands were full he spoke softly to the man inside, saying that he couldn't hold any more chickens, thereupon the boss thief came to the door face to face with the owner. Great was his surprise and mortification, but it was exceeded by the kindness of the proprietor, who lectured him sharply upon the evil and ingratitude of his actions and then presented him with a couple of the coveted chickens for a Thanksgiving day roast.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

James Miller Jr., and Mary M. Hall, of Spring township.

Ralph Illingsworth, of State College, and Marion Snyder, of Pine Grove Mills.

W. S. Reynolds, of Hubersburg, and H. A. Spotts, of Union township.

Benjamin E. Bryan, of Wolf's Store, and Mame Doehler, of Rebersburg.

W. W. Davis and Clara A. Southard of Philipsburg.

J. E. Johnstonbaugh, of Marion township, and Lydia E. Robb, of Clinton Co.

Andrew Moyer, of Potter township, and Maggie From, of Centre Hall.

Aaron O. Detwiler and Emma C. Flory, of Tusseyville.

Taking Out Ice.

Perry Breen is taking the ice off the pond east of town and is filling some of the ice houses in town. The ice so far has not been very thick but is now about five inches and of the finest kind.

—Brooms last Saturday at half price. Did you get one? Saturday special bargains.—G. H. Long.
—REPORTER only \$1.50 per year

THOSE POSSIBLE NEW STATES.

Utah is the most important Territory of the three now seeking admission to the Union, and in organization possesses a government superior to that of many of the States. With an area of 84,970 square miles, placing it on even terms with Pennsylvania and Ohio, the census of 1890 gives it a population of 207,905. That of 1880 was 143,963, showing an increase equal to that enjoyed by any Western Commonwealth. There are 20 divisions or counties, with Salt Lake City as the centre. The latter has a population of 44,843, divided among 7,657 families, an average of 5.86 persons to a dwelling. In view of the interest attaching to Salt Lake City as the capital of the Mormon sect, it is especially important to know that the average returns give 4.84 persons to a family in New York, 5.10 in Philadelphia, while in communities of like population, as Portland, Oregon, and Springfield, Mass., the average is 6.82.

The material interests of Utah are confined to agriculture and mining. By means of irrigation the Jordan Valley, in which Salt Lake City and Ogden are located, has become very fruitful. A public school system, with property valued at \$2,300,000 and caring for 79,937 children, is the pride of the Territory. The production of gold, silver and lead is equal to \$7,000,000 to 10,000,000 annually, and the agricultural product is estimated at \$25,000,000 for this year alone.

Arizona is the least important of the three, and beyond its mining camps and a small agricultural belt on the Prescott plateau has no claim to industrial pretensions. The area of 118,000 square miles is largely sterile or unexplored. The territory has a breadth of 335 miles and a length of 390, with a population of 59,620. The census for 1890 was \$40,440, and this indicates a very material and healthy increase. The coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad was the inducement to rapid development. The valleys of Middle and Eastern Arizona contain much arable land, and the singular feature of the climate allows a harvest of wheat and barley, with one of corn planted later, on the same acreage. The territory was separated from New Mexico in 1863 and in late years it has grown rapidly.

New Mexico was among the earliest of the interior portions of North America visited by the Spaniards, at a period almost a century prior to the coming of the Puritans. In 1846 Santa Fe was taken by the Federal forces under General Kearney, who soon after conquered the Territory from Mexico. It was part of the cession to the United States by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, and a territorial government was organized in 1850. The Gadsden purchase—the region south of the Gila river—followed in 1853, and at one time New Mexico included the whole of Arizona, Colorado and Nevada. The question of the admission of New Mexico as a State was before the Forty-third Congress in 1874. In 1880 the Territory had a population of 119,565 and in 1890 it was 153,593. Northern capital has been interesting very largely in this Territory, and the last of retarding elements by way of Spanish influence and settlement are disappearing. The Territory is given to mining and agriculture. There is no more inviting section west of the Mississippi and none with greater wealth according to the exhibits and average population.

Agents Wanted.

Energetic agents wanted in every town, county and state, to introduce our "Lace Curtains," Pillow Shams, Bed sets, Chenille Table Covers and Chenille Curtains. We offer the most liberal terms and guarantee exclusive Agency. Goods furnished direct from manufacturer at lowest possible prices. Fine assortment of Patterns and qualities. Every agent accepting an Agency from us can make an independent living. Write for terms and particulars; full information free.

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Monster Bear.

L. S. Tripp, of Shintown, Clinton county, shot a bear at Hall's Run, on Tuesday, which was a monster in size. It weighed 575 pounds.

Gen. Hastings is Happy.

General and Mrs. D. H. Hastings are rejoicing over a little girl addition to their family. She arrived Sunday morning.

Revival.

There is quite a revival going on in the M. E. church, at Millheim. There were 25 seekers at the mourners' bench a few days ago.

—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.

NEW COMPOUND ENGINE.

A Monster Locomotive Turned Out of the Altoona Shops.

Among the recent engines built by the Pennsylvania railroad company is a new monster eight-wheel compound passenger engine. This monster was built at the Altoona shops, and in many respects differs in construction from any present forms.

The new engine is No. 1515 and is known as the new class T. It has 84-inch steel drivers, and truck wheels 42 inches in diameter. The boiler is of the Belpaire type, built entirely of steel, and is 64 inches diameter at the smallest ring. It is 15 feet from the rail to the top of the stack and nine feet to the centre of the boiler. The running boards are low like those of the English engines, and it has wheel-houses, which is something new for American engines. The total weight of this monster engine in working order is 145,500 pounds or 21,500 pounds more than the weight of the N. Y. C. & H. R engine 990, exhibited at the World's Fair. It has a six-wheeled tank of the English style which is said to ride very easy. This engine has made time on a fast schedule hauling 12 heavy Pullmans.

Admission of Utah.

There is no question but the bill for the admission Utah as a state will pass congress and be approved by the president. New Mexico and Arizona will also be admitted. Three new stars and 47 states by the Fourth of July.

The claims of Utah and Arizona are stronger than any of the batch of new states admitted by the Republicans for the same reason that they passed the Sherman bill, that is, to help their party in the west. Arizona stands on about the same footing as Wyoming, Idaho or Montana. The Republicans would willingly have admitted New Mexico, Arizona and Utah when they were bringing in the other states but for the fear that they would go Democratic. We hope they may but are by no means overconfident as to the political stability of any of the far western states or territories.

There is no longer any fear of polygamy in connection with Utah. President Harrison certified to this in an official proclamation before going out of office. It was in 1890 that President Woodruff, of the Mormon church, "revealed" that henceforth the saints should not contract marriages forbidden by the law of the land. The new rule has been carried out in good faith.

A Sad Case.

A sad case of insanity, resulting from an injury, sustained some three years ago, is that of Samuel Davis, who has his home about one mile east of Linden Hall. About three years ago, one night as he was returning by train from a political meeting held at Bellefonte, he jumped or fell from the train while it was still in motion and before it had reached the station close by. The conductor having observed the man pass thro the door, and finding he had not stepped off on reaching the station, suspicion of something being wrong was aroused, and the train being backed a short distance, Davis was found lying along side the track and picked up unconscious. His injuries, upon examination, were found to be serious bruises about the head. Signs of mental weakness set in and his condition became that of complete insanity, of a violent type, so that it is found necessary to keep him in close confinement; he becomes disturbed by hallucinations that he is in danger of being injured by the cars; again, he will endeavor to break away and get to the railroad in order to prevent people getting hurt by the cars.

Whether Mr. Davis will ever become mentally sound again, is doubtful; his age is about 45 years, and he never was married.

Appropriate Presents.

Nothing could be more appropriate for a Christmas present to a son or father than a good warm overcoat or suit, which would be both serviceable and useful this cold weather. Lewins, at Bellefonte, has just such articles in abundance to select from, along with a full line of furnishing goods, and they can be had at prices below the average.

SEE AD. of the *Morning Patriot*, in another column. The *Patriot* reaches this county early in the morning it is printed, with all the latest telegraphic news. It has always been a leader among the Democratic dailies of the state, and is an able defender of Democracy.

THE bill for the admission of Arizona as a state passed the house on 15, two days after the passage of the Utah bill. The bill for the admission of New Mexico will follow in close order.

—All the news, the REPORTER.