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A WEEK'S HAPPENINGS AT WASHINGTON.

Democrats in a Predicament.—Opposition to an Income Tax Bill.—The Hawaiian Muddle.—Congressmen to be Present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—St. Andrew Jackson's Day finds many Democrats of the House in a predicament where they may well ask "where am I at?" The first four days of Congress contained a succession of surprises for the average Democrat, in the continued failure to get a quorum of Democrats in the House to vote for the resolution reported from the committee on Rules making the Wilson tariff bill a special continuing order until January 25, when a final vote is to be taken thereon. That some Democrats were opposed to certain schedules in the bill was, of course, known, but that any considerable number of them would carry their opposition to the extent of declining to attend the session of the House in order to make up a voting quorum of Democrats, in order to prevent the bill being taken up, was certainly not believed until the fact was made so plain that it could no longer be doubted.

The names of 57 Democratic members of the House have been published as opposing the personal income tax and as none of them have entered a denial it is fair to assume that the list published was correct. This may account for the seeming sudden increase of the Democratic opposition to the tariff bill, but the income tax is not yet a part of the tariff bill and indeed may never be, as there is a probability, amounting almost to a certainty, that the Ways and Means committee will report it to the House as a separate and distinct bill to stand or fall on its own merits, instead of offering it as an amendment to the tariff bill.

The Democratic caucus while it did not specifically endorse the tariff bill did so indirectly without a division when it adopted Speaker Crisp's resolution, that it was the duty of every Democratic member of the House to vote for the resolution from the committee on Rules providing for the consideration of the tariff bill; also to attend the daily sessions in order that pressing public business might be attended to; but the trouble, or at least a portion of it, arises from the fact that only a few more than two-thirds of the Democratic members of the House attended the caucus and that those who did not attend do not regard the resolution as binding on them. If any Democrats were benefited by this cross pulling it would be more excusable, but they are only playing into the hands of the Republicans who are openly exulting over the present deplorable condition of affairs.

Steps have been taken—orders issued for the arrest of absentees—which it is believed will result in bringing to Washington this week every Democratic member of the House who is well enough to come, and the party leaders are confident that they can get and keep a quorum of Democrats until the tariff bill is passed. We shall see.

All the old Hawaiian straw has been re-threshed since the news arrived via Auckland that the ex-queen of Hawaii had agreed to the conditions first submitted to her and that Minister Willis had in accordance with his original instructions requested the provisional government to retire in her favor, and that the provisional government had declined to do so. President Cleveland has later dispatches which came from Hawaii by the steamer Corwin, but neither he nor Secretary Gresham has made their nature public. Whether they confirm the Auckland dispatch is not positively known, but from remarks of Democratic Congressmen who have seen the President since he received them it is inferred that they do. Either way it would not change the situation at all, as Minister Willis had positive instructions not to use force to bring about the change, a fact of which Minister Thurston, who is now in Hawaii, was well aware before he left Washington and which of itself made it almost certain that there would be no change, unless the provisional government voluntarily retired.

Attorney General Olney had a little fun the other day with a delegation of Republicans from Kansas, headed by Representative Curtis, which called on him in the interest of Col. Jones who wants to be U. S. Marshall. While he did not say so in so many words the Attorney General left the impression upon his callers' minds that Republican influence is not calculated to improve any Democrat's chance for getting an appointment under the Department of Justice. The Kansans left in doubt as to whether they had injured the prospects of Col. Jones, and certain that they had not improved them.

Representative Pendleton, of Texas, has introduced a free coinage bill, making the average price of gold and silver for sixty days from November 1, 1894, the legal ratio between the two metals, on and after Jan. 1, 1895.

The bill for the repeal of the federal election laws will be taken up in the Senate tomorrow, and it is expected that it will be passed within the next three weeks, the understanding being that the Republicans are not to filibuster against it.

Far. Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

The F. M. F. Ins. Co., of Centre Hall, held its annual meeting at Centre Hall on Monday last. The report shows a largely increased business during the past year. The financial condition of the company, as heretofore, is sound. In a period of nearly five years only one tax has been laid. Altho this Company has insured the several properties destroyed by fire at Madisonburg, last Friday, we are pleased to state that the company will be able to meet that loss without an assessment upon the members.

At an election held at the meeting, on Monday, the following directors were chosen for the ensuing year: Frederick Kurtz, Centre Hall. Maj. J. B. Fisher, Gregg. Sam'l J. Herring, " H. E. Duck, Penn. Jacob Bottorf, College. W. F. Reynolds, Bellefonte. Daniel Brungart, Miles. Frank M'Farlane, Harris. Samuel Gramley, Miles. J. G. Bailey, Ferguson. H. C. Campbell, " John H. Musser, Haines.

Whereupon the board organized by electing the following officers: President: Frederick Kurtz. Vice President: Sam'l J. Herring. Secretary: Dan'l F. Luce. Treasurer: Wm. Wolf.

Alcohol for Diphtheria.

The Medical Times says alcohol is the prince of antiseptics and in diphtheria the most perfect and reliable medicine known. Diluted with equal parts of water and given in small and repeated doses, the malignant symptoms of this most fatal malady soon disappear, and convalescence becomes assured. The Times says it is interesting to note with what facility the alcohol dissolves the diphtheritic exudation in the throat, and its destructive action upon the germs of the disease, which has been absorbed by the glands and gained access to the blood. The Times recommends that people exposed to diphtheria use diluted alcohol as gargle and swallow a little of it three or four times a day.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise.—A purer medicine does not exist and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affections caused by impure blood.—Will drive Malaria from the system and prevent as well as cure all Malarial fevers.—For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bitters—Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or money refunded.—Price 50 cts. and \$1.00 per bottle at J. D. Murray's Drugstore.

The Way of the Editor.

An exchange says: An editor is a cross between piety and early old age. He never swears in the paper without abbreviating a dash. He toils along like a stone gathering moss until lumbar strikes him in the back. The gathering of wealth has but a faint hope or shadow in his mind. He lives from day to day in hope of getting conscience money from his subscribers, who owe him several years subscriptions, but the subscriber sleeps well every night while he struggles on, and always having something coming.

What The Grip Is.

The Oil City Blizzard defines la grippe in the following words: "It is a combination of bad colds, several degrees at once, continual headache, stomach ache, sickness at the stomach, blind staggers, chicken pox, hives, spring halt, seven-year itch, disordered liver, kidney trouble, each bone in one's body trying to ache more than the others, and about forty other indescribable diseases. All of these never less, sometimes more, at one and the same time."

Poor House Question.

In Clearfield county they are agitating the matter of building a poorhouse, and the court has issued an order for an election at the same time as the regular February elections are to be held to decide as to whether that county shall or shall not establish a poorhouse.

It is strictly an American remedy, home-made and without foreign flavor, we refer to Salvation Oil. The greatest cure on earth for pain.

TO WASHINGTON.

Ten-Day Excursion Tickets at Greatly Reduced Rates.

The success attending low-rate excursions to the National Capitol in the past prompts the Pennsylvania Railroad Company again to place similar tickets on sale this winter and spring. These will be good for ten days, and on the special train, or on any regular train except the Limited, leaving Pittsburgh on the dates selected, which are January 25th, February 21st, March 22d, and April 19th. The tickets will be good for return passage for ten days and stop-over at Baltimore in either direction will be permitted within the limit.

The rates on these trips place them within the means of all, and, considering the divers attractions of Washington and the educational benefits to be derived from a visit to its institutions, it would be difficult to imagine a better way in which to spend a few days.

The following rates will apply from the various points quoted, and the special train will be run on the following schedule:—

	RATE.	TRAIN LVS.
Pittsburg	\$9.00	8.05 "
Johnstown	7.35	10.22 "
Altoona	7.35	12.05 P. M.
Bellefonte	7.25	10.31 A. M.
Harrisburg	7.25	10.41 "
Tyrone	7.25	12.27 P. M.
Washington, Arrive	7.45	"

Three Cent Whiskey.

A big saloon which will be opened in Haverhill, Mass., after May 1st, proposes to make a big cut rate in wet goods. Whiskey will be three cents a drink and beer two cents a glass. The saloon will be opened by the no-license people, who were beaten at the recent election. They hope to do all the business, as there will be no profit in it.

The license fee of \$2,000 and money for the fixtures and stock will be raised by subscription. Thirteen hundred dollars has already been pledged for the purpose. The law limits the number of liquor stores there to twenty-seven, which must supply a population, including suburbs, of 75,000. This created a most profitable monopoly for Al-dermanic favorites.

It Should be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpensburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooks-port, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free Trial Bottles at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c. and \$1.00.

A School Census Wanted.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Schaeffer will recommend in his forthcoming annual report for the school year ending the first Monday in June, which is now in course of preparation for publication, that a school census be taken to ascertain how many children there are in the State out of school that should be attending school. During the present year he will make a careful study of the school census in the different States and Territories of the Union with a view of devising a feasible plan for taking the census in Pennsylvania, which he will submit to the next Legislature in his annual report for 1894.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week: Andrew Falatak and Annie Hadock of Spring twp.

Mike Pickin, of Victor Mines and Susie Keomak, of Phillipsburg.

David T. Biddle and Anna B. Harpster, of Patton twp.

Daniel Hardy and Myrtle Davis, of Port Matilda.

Thomas L. Caldwell and Mary Newshaw, of Bellefonte.

Important to Justices of the Peace.

The State legislature passed a law last May for the protection of sheep, and specifying how damages for loss of sheep killed by dogs shall be recovered. Some farmers in Blair county made application for recovery of damages sustained by loss of sheep killed by dogs, but the claims were refused because the blanks were not drawn up in legal form.

Extending the Road.

THERE is talk of extending the new Central railroad from Bellefonte to Huntingdon. The distance is 28 miles which is a shorter cut than via Tyrone by about 20 miles.

—If you are looking for a good suit of clothes or overcoat, you should visit Lewins, Bellefonte. He is selling them cheap. Give him a call and see what he can do for you in saving you money on any article purchased.

IN LUCK

A CENTRE COUNTY GIRL AWARDED A FORTUNE.

Caroline Sankey an Heir to \$100,000.—Several Years of Litigation at an End.—Courts Decide in Her Favor.

The litigation which has been on for several years in the courts of several states over the validity of the will of Samuel Sankey, who died in California, leaving a fortune of over \$100,000, has at last come to an end by the court of last resort in Illinois rendering a decision that renders Miss Caroline Sankey, formerly a pauper, but now a pretty and accomplished belle, who lives at 1120 Twenty-first street, San Francisco, in the home of Charles S. Coggins, an heir to a fortune of over \$100,000.

Miss Caroline Sankey is now aged about twenty-four years, and was a daughter of Cyrus Sankey, a native of Millheim, Centre county, a son of John Sankey, dec'd., a well-known citizen of that town. Cyrus left home early in life and located at Hughesville, Pa., where he married a Miss Huling, and where his daughter Caroline was born. His death occurred while his daughter was young in years. Samuel Sankey was a pioneer of 1849, and located in California. He was a man known from one end of California to the other, and went up and down the coast buying hides, out of which business he accumulated a comfortable fortune.

He was married and had but one child a boy, who was freakish, and of an unbalanced mind. In 1878 the boy was drowned while swimming in a creek. The father and mother mourned for him long and their minds became more and more unbalanced. Samuel posted off to Pennsylvania. Here on a visit to relatives at Hughesville, he saw his little orphan niece and his heart warmed to her. He offered to adopt her and take her to his lonely home in California. The relatives with whom the girl, Caroline, was staying, bitterly opposed this because of Samuel's peculiarities. He then bribed the nurse and kidnapped the child. In the dead of winter he hid her in cellars, garrets and outbuildings, moving from place to place to avoid detection. At last he drove over the border of the state and out of the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania courts and into Illinois, where he located at Freeport. He soon returned to Pennsylvania and was arrested on a charge of kidnapping the child. While the case was pending in the court he compromised it and formally adopted the girl.

After Caroline's father died she was in care of Miss Libby Reighard, of Millheim, who died a few years ago, with whom she remained while the contention over the possession of the little girl was going on among the Sankeys. Citizens of Millheim all have a recollection of little Caroline being there.

Some months after Samuel returned to California, taking the little girl with him and installed her in his house at Nineteenth and Jessie streets, San Francisco. Then she became alternately the pet and household drudge of Sankey and his wife. In 1880 Mrs. Sankey died. After his wife's death Sankey became insane and maltreated his adopted daughter. On July 26, 1886, Judge Coffey gave the girl into the hands of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The very next day the old man tore up the will he had made in favor of the girl and made another will disinheriting her entirely. This was a holographic will, but he had two witnesses to it. Both, however, did not sign at the same time.

In September, 1886 Sankey came east, and on October 25 of that year he died at the home of his brother, John Sankey, at Millinburg, Union county. He left in California thirteen lots in Berkeley, lots on Channel street and the house at Nineteenth and Jessie streets, San Francisco. This is worth \$50,000 now. In Chicago he had thirteen lots also, and \$12,000 in money. Just what the lots are worth is not known definitely, but \$10,000 has been offered for them. At Millinburg he owned a tannery and property said to be worth \$50,000 and some notes and judgments against his litigious relatives for over \$5,000.

Before his death Caroline had found a friend in Charles S. Coggins, of San Francisco. Mrs. Coggins gave her a home and upon Sankey's death Mr. Coggins was appointed her guardian and applied to Judge Coffey for letters of administration on her adopted father's estate. This application was combatted by John Sankey, of Millinburg on behalf of the Pennsylvania relatives who offered the disinheriting will for probate.

Thus began the long legal struggle which has just ended. The relatives who had ignored the girl when she was in want suddenly became over-weening in their fondness for her. They tried to get her to come to them. John Sankey made two trips to California, set detectives to watch the girl and tried to abduct her. He followed her to Chicago, where Mr. Coggins had sent her, and there pistols were drawn in the dispute over her possession. Judge Coffey decided Sankey's will invalid because of the old fellow's insanity. He gave all the estate to the girl and allowed her \$75 per month pending litigation. The relatives gave up the fight in California and transferred it to the courts of this state, where they attacked the validity of the girl's adoption. Through all the courts the case went and the girl won.

Then they tried the Illinois courts for the Chicago property. The lower court decided in the girl's favor and now the news has come that the court of last resort in Illinois has sustained the lower court and pretty Carrie Sankey still has a fortune of over \$100,000 all in her own right.

The Sankey's, on their mother's side, are descendants of Judge Krider, of Penn township, who died some thirty-five years ago, and was a very prominent citizen of this county, in his day. The brothers of Cyrus Sankey were, Jacob Sankey, still living in Millheim; John, living in Millinburg, and James and Samuel, both dead.

—Park, beef, lard, and all kinds of dried fruit wanted at the "Store on the Hill."—C. P. Long & Co.

ONLY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Free Text Books and to Whom They Can Be Given.

Superintendent Schaeffer, of the public instruction department, has given a decision in which he says that directors have no right to furnish free text books to children attending private or subscription schools; that the books furnished at the expense of the various school districts are to be given only to the children attending those schools; that the books as furnished at the expense of the various school districts are to be given only to the children attending those schools. He further says: "The law does not contemplate nor warrant the use of the books by schools not exclusively under the official jurisdiction of the directors. A board of directors cannot consistently nor lawfully discriminate in the use of books in favor of children whose parents may raise a fund for subscription schools for their benefit at the close of the regular public school term. The patrons of the schools are to be commended for the progressive spirit shown in the desire expressed to have better educational advantages for their children than are offered by short terms of schools. The proper course however, to pursue in all such cases is to extend the term of the public school and thus give all the advantage of longer annual terms and free books as well as free tuition.

"This is the correct solution of the whole question and is in accordance with the spirit of the laws governing the operation of the public school system. Where the free text books are in use the schools must be free also, open to all children alike without any conditions or restrictions which the law itself does not authorize."

Playing Off Crazy.

Since the incarceration in prison of James Carpenter, charged with the death of his father, in the Millintown jail, he has been feigning insanity. His actions are very ridiculous. When asked what worried him, he said it was the absence of his father, that he missed him so and that he knew some one had murdered him. "He had \$80 and a watch in his pockets when he went away, and the man who has his watch evidently killed him," was one of his wandering remarks. As the watch was found on the accused, this assertion was a rather bold one, though intended as it was to lead people into the belief that his mind is not what it should be.

A New and Easy Swindle.

Here is the latest swindle. It has been practiced in a neighboring county. A man representing himself as advance agent for a show, drives up to a farm house and agrees to pay the farmer two dollars for the privilege of pasting bills on his barn. The bargain is made, the two dollars paid over and the sharper asks the farmer to sign a receipt for the money. He does so and in a few days finds he has signed a note for \$200, which a third party asks him to pay. He says he won't, but he does all the same. He can't get out of it. The note is in the hands of an "innocent" purchaser and the maker of the note can put in no defense.

About a year ago I took a violent attack of la grippe. I coughed day and night for about six weeks; my wife then suggested that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. At first I could see no difference, but still kept taking it, and soon found that it was what I needed. If I got no relief from one dose I took another, and it was only a few days until I was free from the cough. I think people in general ought to know the value of this remedy, and I take pleasure in acknowledging the benefit I have received from it. Madison Mustard, Otway, Ohio. 25 and 30 cent bottles for sale at J. D. Murray's Drugstore, and Wm. Pealer, Druggist, Spring Mills.

Married.

Sunday evening Rev. Goodling united in marriage at the Evangelical parsonage, Andrew Moyer, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Maggie From of this place.

BUSINESS resumption keeps going on in all parts of the country, much to the discomfort of the calamity howlers. You can safely look for an era of prosperity under the workings of the new tariff. So we all say, including Carnegie, who made millions out of high tariffs and knows all about it—his recent letter proves Democratic allegations to be true.

—Winter weather demands a warm overcoat and you can get such a one as you need at a small figure at Lewins, Bellefonte. His assortment is large, and every purchase is made satisfactory.

—We got in a new lot of ladies' coats men's and children's clothing.—C. P. Long & Co.