



## CAPITOL GOSSIP

### DISRUPTION ON THE WILSON BILL IN THE SENATE.

The Relief Measures Do Not Meet With the Sanction of Some Democratic Members.—Work of the Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Harmony among the Democratic Senators on the tariff bill is not yet as complete as it might be, although concessions have been made that it was hoped would secure it. Having held the bill until they could see no prospect of benefit to be gained by further delay, the subcommittee this morning submitted it to the full Finance committee, which in turn submitted it to a caucus of Democratic Senators, not for the purpose of compelling any Senator to support it but for a sort of family consultation at which all complaints could be heard and everybody could have a chance to aid in bringing about the harmonious action that will be absolutely necessary to pass the bill, even allowing that the Populist Senators will vote for it, as they say they will because of the retention of the income tax. The caucus appears to have had a good effect and Senators who have been worrying are now smiling over the prospects for Democratic unity.

It is expected that the Finance committee will at once report the bill to the Senate, although there are indications of an intention on the part of the Republican members of the committee to attempt to delay action on the plea that they should be given time to prepare a minority report against the bill. They may be given several days to prepare their report, but the Democratic sentiment is so strongly in favor of prompt and speedy action that their time is bound to be cut short. They should not really be given a day, as the report can be made any time after the bill has been reported.

Much uneasiness is felt among Senators at the reports concerning the condition of Senator Vance's health, which is now said to be continually getting worse. He has not been able to perform any duties at this session, but his friends—that includes every one who ever came in contact with him—are loth to believe that his illness is hopeless, as press dispatches report it to be.

It has been apparent ever since this Congress got down to business that there was a weak spot in the rules of the House, but it was not until the long contest for a quorum to vote on the Bland bill for the coinage of the seigniorage, the end of which is not in sight yet, showed the helplessness of House in the absence of a voting quorum that members became fully aroused to the necessity of a change. But they are now, and nearly 150 Democratic members have signed a call for a caucus to be held as soon as the Bland bill is disposed of, to decide upon the nature of the change to be made. Democrats do not wish the Speaker to follow Reed and count a quorum, but a large majority of them want a rule that will prevent members sitting in the House and refusing to vote to make a quorum, and they are going to have one, too.

The Senate committee on Printing has begun the investigation of the charges of the improper award of the contract for publishing the Patent Office Gazette, but the evidence so far taken amounts to nothing, and the source from which the charges came is of itself almost sufficient to disprove them.

A feeling among southern Democrats in Congress on account of the recent speech of ex-Congressman Abram S. Hewitt, of New York, has been greatly exaggerated. With few exceptions the southern Congressmen regard the matter with entire indifference. Representative Caruth, of Ky., says: "He is in his dotage," and Representative McMillen, of Tenn., "I certainly shall not make Mr. Hewitt a national issue by talking about what he says." Many of the older members recall numerous instances of Mr. Hewitt's devotion when in the House to protection and opposition to any tariff reform that cut into any of the businesses that he or his father-in-law—the late Peter Cooper—had money invested in and smile at his attack on Democratic Congressmen of the present day. When a member of Congress Mr. Hewitt enjoyed the reputation of being a common scold.

Senator Faulkner, of W. Va., chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, has named the following gentlemen as members of the executive committee: Senators Jones, of Ark., White, of Cal., Mitchell, of Wis., Smith, of N. J., and Pasco, of Fla., and Representatives Pigott of Conn., McAleer, of Pennsylvania, Bynum, of Ind., McMillin, of Tenn., McRae, of Ark., Whiting, of Mich., Heard, of Mo., Wheeler, of Ala., Jones, of Va., and Forman, of Ill. A meeting of the entire committee has been

called for tomorrow, to map out the outlines of the campaign work, and to select a smaller committee to take actual charge of it.

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### Upheld the Board.

Several weeks ago the Williamsport school board adopted a resolution that all children who failed to be vaccinated would be prohibited from attending school on and after February 19th. Sixty petitioners applied to the court for an injunction to restrain the board from enforcing the order, alleging that the board had no authority to take such action. Judge Metzger Saturday refused to grant the injunction, stating that he believed the board had the right to frame and enforce such a resolution under the existing circumstances in that city.

### Deserving Praise.

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### Church Decision.

An opinion has been rendered by Judge Mayer upon the report of the master who had taken testimony in the contest between the warring factions of the St. John's Evangelical church, at Bethlehem, and who had decided in favor of the Bowman-Esher faction. The opinion of Judge Mayer dismisses seventy-seven opinions that had been filed by the attorneys representing Rev. A. D. Shultz and others, defendants. This is a victory for the Bowman-Esher faction.

### State News Items.

For having been put off a street car at Pittsburg, after having paid his fare W. Laird received \$143 damages from the Widener-Elkins line.

It has been decided that the work on the electric railway between Lock Haven and Mill Hall shall commence as soon as spring opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorablaser, of Lock Haven, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

### Spectacles Lost.

Mrs. Geo. L. Goodhart last Sabbath, at or near the Presbyterian church, in this place, lost a pair of gold spectacles, with case. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same.

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## MARCH FORECASTS.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Predictions for the Coming Month.

We copy from *Word and Works* the following weather forecasts for March: We begin with a repetition of our warnings of a hard and stormy March. About the 3d the beginning of a storm period will show itself in westerly regions by a falling barometer and rising temperature. The winds will shift to southerly, the thermometer will continue to rise and the barometer to fall until extremes of both are reached, and until general and violent storms develop and start on their eastward career. The first storm period would end under normal conditions about the 7th, but the new moon falling on that date and combined disturbing powers of Mars, Earth and Venus being so near the crisis, a series of hard and dangerous storms will most likely centre about the 7th, with continued storminess past the reactionary disturbances central on the 8th and 9th. During all these disturbances there will be violent conflicts between the tropical and polar storms, with heavy rains and strong probabilities of tornadoes in many places, especially southward, and turning to blizzards and snow blockades in more northerly regions. Sudden and extreme cold must be expected and preparations made for it in the rear of these storms or surprise and suffering are sure to result. On and touching the 11th is the annual crisis for magnetic and electrical perturbations.

The 14th is the centre of the next regular period. A day or two previous to that date indications in westerly parts of the continent will plainly show that energetic storms are brewing. Watch the temperature, the weather reports, your own barometer and the clouds. During the 13th to 17th the storms will reach their crisis and make their sweep from the western to the eastern extremes of our continent. At the close of storms each section in its turn will be struck by a polar wave of great severity for the season. Centering on the 20th, 21st and 22d we have the full moon with partial eclipse of same, the equinoctial centres of Mercury, Earth, Venus, Vulcan's reactionary disturbances and the direct pressure of the Mars equinox which is central on February 28th. He who will carefully read our chapter on "Foundation Facts" in our almanac will understand our reasons for admonishing the public of great probable danger at this time on land and sea. Unless this unusual centering of so many disturbing forces right at the Vernal equinox shall have neutralizing, balancing effects that we do not foresee or understand, much violent phenomena is sure to result. Expect cyclonic storms of great extent resulting in tornado features along the southern tangents and blizzards to the north, all to be followed by a general cold wave that will be felt to the coasts of Florida. Earthquake perturbations and volcanic eruptions will be natural but not necessarily dangerous or fatal. The last storm period for March will run from 25th to 29th, inclusive, and the storms of the period will show the same characteristics as those of earlier periods of the month. Where March storms culminate in every high temperature heavy hail with thunder and lightning may be looked for. The month will close cold and fair generally.

### The Judgeship.

The president judgeship is beginning to interest the people of this district, mostly on the Republican side. A few days ago the Republican members of the Huntingdon bar almost unanimously requested president Judge Furst, whose term will expire at the end of the present year, to be a candidate for re-election. In response Judge Furst sent a written report to the bar, in which he expressed his gratification at the unanimity and earnestness of their request, and signified his willingness to be a candidate. J. G. Love, esq., will also be a candidate.

### Antietam Commission.

General Greenland has furnished Governor Pattison with the names of 100 distinguished ex-soldiers who participated with the Pennsylvania troops in the battle of Antietam. The Governor will select from the list fifteen or twenty to serve as a commission to act in conjunction with Col. J. P. Stearns and Gen. H. Heth, the Antietam board at Washington, in locating the positions held by the troops from this state at the battle. The commission will be announced in a few days and will serve without compensation.

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## THE JURYMEN

### DRAWN FOR THE APRIL TERM OF COURT.

Commencing on the 4th Monday of April.—Is Your Name on the List—Who They Are.

- GRAND JURORS—1st WEEK.
- H. H. Osnan, Worth twp.
  - John D. Miller, Snow Shoe.
  - Wm. C. Showers, Bellefonte.
  - H. B. Pontius, Bellefonte.
  - Harrison Kline, Spring.
  - Joseph M. Carson, Potter.
  - Frank Thompson, Marion.
  - Elmer Lucas, Curtin.
  - W. K. Alexander, Millheim.
  - W. W. Spangler, Liberty.
  - Thomas Merryman, Taylor.
  - Samuel Ard, Penn.
  - John S. Gray, Phillipsburg.
  - Simon Bathurst, Boggs.
  - J. W. Wolf, Centre Hall.
  - Edward Marshall, Patton.
  - W. E. Burrell, Gregg.
  - Frank B. Stover, Bellefonte.
  - J. Clare Fultz, Unionville.
  - John Brass, Huston.
  - Wm. Whitton, Rush.
  - Wm. Sneddon, Snow Shoe.
  - H. B. Herring, Gregg.
  - W. H. Musser, Boggs.
- TRAVERSE JURORS—1st WEEK.
- Frank Smith, College twp.
  - S. B. Myers, Boggs.
  - John I. Olewine, Bellefonte.
  - R. C. Leathers, Howard twp.
  - Geo. Taylor, Boggs.
  - J. K. Keller, Potter.
  - Wm. Snaveley, Walker.
  - Wm. Grove, College.
  - Henry Weaver, Liberty.
  - Jas. T. Goss, Taylor.
  - Joan Harpster, Union.
  - John Johnson, Snow Shoe.
  - Ira N. McCloskey, Liberty.
  - John G. Bailey, Ferguson.
  - Frank McKoy, Bellefonte.
  - Dwight Jones, Phillipsburg.
  - Jacob Sprow, Potter.
  - Wm. Showers, Bellefonte.
  - Chas. Bower, Haines.
  - I. S. Frain, Marion.
  - F. F. Jamison, Gregg.
  - John I. Potter, Bellefonte.
  - Wm. L. Foster, College.
  - Fillmore Craig, Huston.
  - Wm. Tibbens, College.
  - T. A. Snyder, Liberty.
  - A. L. Cowher, Worth.
  - Oliver Whitmer, Benner.
  - Geo. Wolf, Miles.
  - Daniel Woodring, Bellefonte.
  - Elmer Williams, Huston.
  - W. F. Courter, Liberty.
  - Elias Hancock, Boggs.
  - I. J. Dreese, College.
  - Wm. Thompson, College.
  - W. S. Musser, Gregg.
  - Wm. Laws, Phillipsburg.
  - John Mechtley, Benner.
  - Rev. J. C. Young, Spring.
  - Jackson Showers, Bellefonte.
  - Y. H. Doyle, Phillipsburg.
  - Edward Cole, Walker.
  - W. W. McCormick, Potter.
  - John P. Moore, College.
  - J. I. Yarnell, Snow Shoe.
  - Samuel C. Hoy, Walker.
  - Foster V. Jodon, Spring.
  - Wm. Dunwiddie, Phillipsburg.
- TRAVERSE JURORS—2nd WEEK.
- Potter Tate, Marion.
  - James Black, Phillipsburg.
  - S. W. Johnstonbaugh, Patton.
  - Harry Simler, Phillipsburg.
  - Samuel Swartz, Potter.
  - John Kuhns, Potter.
  - Shuman Lyon, Spring.
  - Edward Quick, Snow Shoe.
  - J. L. Hollick, Rush.
  - Calvin Bortoff, Potter.
  - Wm. Brooks, Boggs.
  - Geo. W. Jackson, Bellefonte.
  - E. T. Hieken, Howard.
  - Levi Whippe, Bellefonte.
  - Joseph L. Gardner, Howard twp.
  - James Nixon, Phillipsburg.
  - Jacob N. Royer, Miles.
  - John W. Gray, Halfmoon.
  - F. W. Confer, Haines.
  - James M. Weaver, Haines.
  - James Houser, Spring.
  - Wm. Riddle, Howard.
  - John L. Dunlap, Bellefonte.
  - Edward Rupp, Bellefonte.
  - Wm. L. Wilson, Halfmoon.
  - Daniel Shupe, Potter.
  - D. P. Dault, Boggs.
  - Jos. R. Bumgardner, Liberty.
  - John Bilger, Spring.
  - Jonathan Dinges, Penn.
  - John Homer, Phillipsburg.
  - Philip Iddings, Rush.
  - James Heverly, Milesburg.
  - John Peace, Boggs.
  - Calvin Auman, Miles.
  - James Carner, Walker.

### Poor House Won.

The vote for the building of a poor house in Clearfield county won by a majority of over 200. This will stop the farming out paupers, reduce the numbers and add to the comfort of the worthy poor.

E. Genseuleiter, Liveryman, Pittsburg, Pa., cured a valuable horse of influenza by using Salvation Oil on him for a few days.

## CENTRE COUNTY FARMERS.

### An Interesting Two Days' Institute at Rebersburg.

A local Farmers' Institute was held in the Reformed church at Rebersburg on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. It was held under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture and under the special supervision of Hon. John A. Woodward, member of the board from Howard.

Three sessions were held each day, and the people showed their appreciation by being present. It was a profitable and interesting place for all present. It was a place to gain information about the various modes of tilling and treating the soil.

Two Professors from State College were present and gave interesting talks of their experience in that institution of learning for the farmers.

Prof. Rothrock, from West Chester, was present during a portion of the institute and very agreeably entertained the audience with a lecture on Forestry.

C. M. Bower, Esq., occupied a part of the time, and explained the points of law in reference to Supervisors and Overseers of the Poor.

At the morning session, after the organization and election of D. D. Royer, of Rebersburg, as chairman, the address of welcome was delivered by Rev. J. R. Brown, and response by Col. J. P. Coburn, of Aaronsburg. "The Farmer and his Duties" was the subject treated by E. J. Brumgard, and the morning session closed with a practical talk by John Wolf, of Rebersburg, on "Success in fattening cattle."

The programme for the afternoon session consisted of "Experience with Lime," by D. D. Royer, Rebersburg; "Winter Dairying," by Joel A. Herr, member from Clinton county, and "The stabling and care of dairy cows," by W. H. Caldwell, Assistant Professor of Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College. The principal addresses at the evening session were made by Miss Rose A. Harter, on "Duties of a Farmer's Daughter," John A. Grundy, member from Union county, on "How to buy and use fertilizers," and H. J. Waters, Prof. of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State College, on wheat and clover.

This institute was the occasion which brought the farmers of this end of the county together to exchange thought. Many agreed and many disagreed on different subjects. When the question was up "Does farming pay?" one of our leading citizens and a retired farmer, made the assertion that sheriff sales of farms were so numerous that the sheriff could not find places enough to tack up the notices, and that farming did not pay. He was strongly opposed to farming. The venerable gentleman may have been wrong in his conceptions, but the assertion was certainly a detriment to the township.

In our recollection no farm in Miles township has been sold by the sheriff for a number of years. The condition of Miles township at this time is equal to any of her neighboring townships, and has heretofore been the banner township in paying her taxes. We challenge, as far as judgments and mortgages are concerned any township in the county to be less encumbered.

### A Farmer's Compensation.

It has been asked what compensation a farmer is entitled to for erecting and maintaining a watering trough at the side of a public road. The road law of 1886 says that any one who may erect a suitable watering trough on a public road or highway and keeps the same in repair is entitled to a fee not exceeding five dollars, to be agreed upon at the time by the party erecting the trough and the township supervisor. These watering troughs shall be approved by the supervisor, and but one trough in every five miles can have the benefit, the oldest trough having the preference.

### Fatally Assaulted His Wife.

At East Waterford, near Mifflintown, on last Thursday night, R. E. Burdge, a merchant, in a drunken frenzy made a deadly assault on his wife at her home, beating her into insensibility. Leaving her for dead, he immediately procured a gun and fired a shot into his own head, dying instantly.

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## THE MUNCY MYSTERY.

### A Fortune Teller Describes an Attempt to Murder Houseknecht.

On Tuesday Jacob Houseknecht, a son of the missing Muncy man, was in the city, and went to a noted fortune teller in search of information concerning his father's whereabouts. After arriving at the house, a rap on the door brought an old woman to the front, and on being told what was wanted she invited Mr. Houseknecht and a *Times* reporter in, who, by the way, was supposed to be a brother of the young man from near Muncy.

The fortune teller had two ways of telling, one by card and the other by "the diamond." As "the diamond" was the better way, the young man told the lady to proceed. She began by telling him he had been used to farm life, and then he asked her what she knew about his father. After describing him as being a short set man she told that Issacher Houseknecht, whose initials she gave, went to a hotel west of where he lived, and where a gold watch was being chanced off. She claims "that he did not leave the hotel in question until eleven o'clock. While in the bar room he displayed considerable money, which did not escape the eyes of a gang that hangs around the place waiting for an opportunity to rob. He also drew the watch. He left the hotel and was followed by these men, who were shortly afterward joined by two others.

"Houseknecht had been drinking; these men got him off in a quiet place and began to rob him. He pulled his coat part way off and the taller man of the two who helped do the work, pulled the coat off entirely. While there were four men present, only two did the work. The shorter man grabbed Houseknecht by the throat, and, with the assistance of the other man threw him to the ground."

"During the scuffle Houseknecht dropped his mittens, crackers fell out of his pocket and the gold watch also went to the ground. Seeing that the old man was getting the better of them, the smaller man fired three shots, two of which were to scare and the third to hit which did hit.

"Houseknecht was not dead when the men carried him away, but it is hard to tell whether he is alive or dead, but I think that he is alive. The body is not in the river, but has been secreted in a dark building nearby, in which horses are kept. It looks like a barn. He is being taken care of by two women. While search has been going on for some time past, you have not looked in the place I mean.

"These men knew your father as well as the hotel clerk knows them. They are known crooks and in with a tough crowd."

### A Long Lost Order.

J. E. Oswald, of Union township, was in town last week and gave us an item says the Clearfield *Republican*. During the Winter of 1874 a young man named James Osborne was the teacher of the school in Union township, at Home Camp, and in attempting to board a train on the L. G. Div. was thrown under the cars and killed. The clothing worn by him was carefully put away and only recently an order for \$30 was found in the pocket of his vest issued by the Union township School Board in 1874. The order was presented for payment last week and although twenty years almost have elapsed the blood stains are plainly discernable on the order.

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### Worked the Wrong Jury.

A fellow in Indiana who had a case in court pending trial took to treating the jury men to gain their good will and the result was that he got himself into a hole that will take him eighteen months to get out of.

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