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THE LAST FIGHT OF THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS TO BE MADE.

The Investigating Committee at Work Trying to get at the Bottom of the Scandalous Charges against Senators.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Senator Harris served notice on the Republican Senators that his stock of patience was getting low, by lengthening the sittings of the Senate. It is not probable that he will keep the Senate in session later than eight or nine o'clock at night for the first few days, provided reasonable progress be made with the tariff bill, but he is prepared to put the screws on even to the extent of a continuous session, if it be necessary to do so. It is the general belief that the last fight of the Republicans will be made on the sugar schedule, and after that is adopted, as it is certain to be, they will probably agree to set a date for the final vote. It is expected that the sugar schedule will be voted upon tomorrow, or the next day at the latest.

Senator Gray was right when he said that the Senate investigating committee, of which he is chairman, had been misrepresented. It certainly has been. The committee has been at work right along trying to get at the bottom of the scandalous charges made against Senators and members of the cabinet, although the impression has gone out, through Senator Hill's speech and newspaper publications, that after the committee reported the two correspondents to the Senate for having refused to give their authority for charges, and requested the Vice President to certify in accordance with the law, their cases to the U. S. District Attorney for presentation to the Grand Jury, the committee had folded its arms and sat down to await the punishment of the recalcitrant witnesses. Nothing could be further from the truth. The committee has taken the testimony of every Democratic member of the Senate Finance committee, of Secretary Carlisle and of Representative Warner, of New York, and several others and has been diligent in its efforts to secure the attendance and testimony of other witnesses who they have reason to suppose can throw some light on the matters being investigated. Senator Hill is making a fight to get the Senate to adopt a resolution instructing the committee to open its doors during the remainder of the investigation, but there isn't much probability of his success. It is customary for the committees of the Senate to regulate their own sittings, the only case remembered by any Senator where a contrary course was pursued being when the Senate directed the committee that was investigating the Credit Mobilier scandal to do it openly, instead of secretly as the committee had begun.

The scandal mongers made a very bad break several days ago when they started a story that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle were at loggerheads over the Senate tariff amendments. They were wide of the mark. From the beginning of the tariff legislation, President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle have been in perfect accord. Had the aforesaid scandal mongers said that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle were both very sorry that some of the Senate amendments had been made to the tariff bill they would have been in close proximity to the truth.

The fight over the repeal of the tax on state bank currency is growing very warm in the House. Those who favor repeal have been from the first confident of succeeding, and their confidence was strengthened by the ease with which they defeated a motion to switch off repeal by taking up other business. The vote is going to be close on this question and the result will, in your correspondent's opinion, be in doubt until the vote is officially announced.

If the western silver men in Congress know the sentiments of their constituents ex-Speaker Reed has gained no western support for his Presidential aspirations by his proclamation, via London, in favor of silver, provided, that the friends of silver will join him in favoring a high tariff. Mr. Reed's attempt to combine the silver and tariff questions was a very clever bit of political jugglery, but it has not helped him along even a little bit towards the Presidential nomination of his party, although it has removed the mask he has heretofore worn and placed him squarely before the country as a candidate for the nomination.

Mrs. Cleveland and the children will leave Washington this week for Gray Gables, where they will spend the summer. President Cleveland will remain at the White House until Congress adjourns but will try to spend a day or two with his family occasionally. Saturday was the eighth anniversary of the marriage of President Cleveland. There was no formal

celebration of it, but a very pretty little incident occurred in connection therewith upon the rear portico of the White House. The leader of the Marine band, which was playing its regular Saturday afternoon concert in the White House grounds, had in compliance to the day selected a wedding march as at the first piece of music on the programme. As soon as President Cleveland, who was on the portico with Mrs. Cleveland and the children recognized the wedding march he stooped over and tenderly kissed the baby.

A Watering Trough Case.

A case of interest to farmers and township officers was tried recently in the Blair county court at Hollidaysburg. The plaintiff was William Weyant, the supervisor of Blair township, and the defendant was Thomas Patterson, a taxpayer in the same township. The suit was brought to recover two years' back road taxes amounting to \$10. The defense was that Mr. Patterson had erected and maintained in good repair a public watering trough along the township road, having pure, clear water running into the same, and was easy of access, suitable for watering horses and cattle. The defendant claimed that, under the provisions of the act of April 28, 1876, he was entitled to the annual compensation of \$5 for the use of the trough and the failure of the township to pay the sum for two years squared the claim for taxes. Supervisor Weyant insisted that the trough had been maintained without his sanction and authority, and the law made the matter wholly discretionary with the supervisors. Judge Bell also took this view of the case and directed a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. This is the first reported case under the watering trough law.

Coxeys in Dreary Camp.

The Coxeys camp, at Bladensburg, near Washington, is a dreary affair; an account a few days ago says: Wet, cold and half starved the Coxeysites in camp near here are in a pitiable condition. The leaders in jail still issue high-sounding proclamations, while the men shiver and go hungry in camp. Water and bread, with not any too much bread, either, is the bill of fare, and their old time fare of hard tack and coffee now seems luxurious to them. The spirit of the men seems broken and when they marched into the city Monday to decorate the peace monument they came meekly and timidly without a cheer and with faltering steps.

A Lost Man Found.

The body of Isacher Houseknecht, who mysteriously disappeared from Muncy January 27th last, was found floating in the river at Allenwood, Sunday morning, 27th, and was taken to Watsontown, where an inquest was held under the direction of the Justice of the Peace, who caused a post mortem examination to be made. There were no evidences of any foul play, and \$47 in money was found in his pockets, which seems to dispose of the theory that he was murdered—at least that money was the object of the crime. The body was in a terrible condition and it was absolutely necessary that it should be buried at the earliest moment possible, and hence the remains were taken to Muncy Sunday night and Monday were buried beside those of his wife in the Muncy cemetery.

Local Brevities

Last Friday morning was cold enough to have your hands in your pockets, even if there were no pick-pockets about.

Wheat has now got down to fifty cents in our market—the lowest yet known here.

A new bridge is being put across the creek below the Stone mill, in place of the one washed away.

Farmers have been greatly hindered in their work by the prolonged wet spell—patience, things may all end well.

Many a Bad Spell.

A record of the various ways "pension" was spelled by different writers, was kept by a clerk of an Indiana Congressman. He discovered eleven different combinations as follows: Pension, penecion, penchian, pention, pensun, penecence, penchun, pentun, penton and penchon.

Food Sent to Starving Men.

Already large quantities of provisions have been sent from Bellefonte to the Snow Shoe miners, who are in very distressed circumstances. The Bellefonte Central Railroad Company has been compelled to take off one train on account of its short supply of fuel.

Bargains in Clothing.

New suits made to order, \$15 to \$18. All new Spring goods, at Montgomery's, Bellefonte.

"What Millheim Needs Mostly."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE REPORTER.—Sir: Under the above heading the *Journal*, of May 24th, had an elaborate piece of advice as to what Council must do to protect a few flood sufferers, but such advice comes with ill grace to the taxpayers from a person who can neither control nor govern himself and might as well advise Council that it must put up fire-walls between property owners, to protect property from fire. The bulk of the taxes in the borough is raised from farms and farm lands, and the burden would be upon them without any benefit. On the other hand when their crops are washed out and destroyed they must bear the loss. But when a few gardens and yards are flooded they are to be protected by taxation from those who have lost their crops and living. This would certainly be unjust and unreasonable.

Millheim has been and will be flooded for all time to come as well as all other places along streams, and property owners know these facts before they invest their money. We admit that something must be done to relieve the taxpayers, but this should be in our finances, as our taxes are unreasonable. Money has been squandered without any benefit to the taxpayers by building up one year and tearing down the next, and on the turnpike roads where the companies should keep up their own road, as tolls are collected at all the outlets by them.

Reform is certainly needed as our properties have depreciated in value on account of excessive taxation and outside parties refuse to invest where there is over-taxation, and if the question were left to a vote of the taxpayers, it would certainly be against increasing the same under the hard times.

TAXPAYERS.

MILLHEIM, PA. May 30.

The Ferris Wheel.

A commencement has been made in taking down the Ferris wheel in Chicago, and it will be transported to New York, where it will be placed at Thirty-seventh street and Broadway, with "Old Vienna" around it. It is estimated it will occupy ten weeks to take the wheel to pieces, and five trains of thirty cars each will be required to transport it to New York at an expense of \$150,000. The old Ferris wheel company goes out of existence, and a new company composed of New York men has the enterprise in charge. Its location on Broadway as far down as Thirty-seventh street brings it in the center of a great population, and will probably make it a better paying show than it was in Chicago, all things considered. It carried at the exposition grounds altogether about 2,000,000 people, the biggest day's work being 38,000.

A Sad Case.

Mrs. Seebold of Milton, a lady about forty-five years of age, who lost a daughter by death a month since, (Mrs. Easley) and who brooded over her loss so much that dementia followed, escaped the vigilance of her family by jumping from a second story window at four o'clock on Thursday morning of last week, and wandered to the country. She was found about nine o'clock of the following day perched on an apple tree in the orchard of Lewis Leib, about one mile east of Milton. No injury resulted either from her jump or exposure. She was taken to the Danville asylum same day.

Home Notes of Interest.

Noll's store, at Zion, was robbed one night last week; loss thirty dollars—in cash five dollars, goods twenty-five dollars.

For want of coal two trains have been taken off the Bellefonte and Mill-hall railroad.

Aaron Weaver, an old resident of Aaronsburg was married last week to Elizabeth Kerstetter, of Loganton. Viel Geck, Aaron, is unser Wunsch. Mer musz net alsort Wittman bleive.

In 1816 ice was half an inch thick in May, frost and ice were common in June and also in July and August.

One Year Later.

Wednesday one year ago occurred the wreck of Walter L. Main's circus, near Vall station on the Tyrone and Clearfield railroad, wherein James Stranger, a clown was killed. On Tuesday his mother, Margaret Stranger, instituted suit against the Pennsylvania railroad company to recover \$20,000 damages for his death.

High and Dry.

When one reads the flood news it strikes you there is nothing like being high and dry and yet have plenty of water, and that's the way Centre Hall is located.

—\$3000 stock of clothing, shoes and hats must be sold the next twenty days at greatly reduced rates. Come see the bargains. C. P. Long.

DEM. PRIMARIES

TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY NEXT, JUNE 9TH.

List of Election Officers Appointed.—County Convention June 16th.—Democrats Take Notice and Turn Out.

The regular Democratic primary elections in Centre county, will be held on Saturday next, June 9th, between the hours of 3 and 7 p. m. The chairman of each election district, with two assistants selected by him, will hold the primaries. It will be the duty of these district chairmen to arrange for places of holding the primaries, which in most cases, will be held at places where regular elections are held. When this can not be done due notice should be given to the Democrats of a district where the primaries will be held.

The county convention meets in the court house, at Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 12th, at 12 o'clock.

It is desired that there be a full turnout at delegate elections so that there may be a full expression from the party in the formation of the ticket.

The following have been appointed primary election officers:

Bellefonte, north ward—Rob. McNight, J. C. Harper, John Trafford; south ward—Patrick Garity, Jacob Runkle, John Roundtree; west ward—Harry Fenlon, G. R. Meek, F. A. McQuiston.

Centre Hall boro.—W. B. Mingle, R. D. Foreman, S. S. Kreamer.

Howard boro.—Wm. Weber, Jas. T. Heverly, Solomon Candy.

Milesburg boro.—C. K. Essington, Geo. Campbell, W. T. Hall.

Millheim boro.—H. E. Duck, B. F. Keister, F. T. Musser.

Phillipsburg, 1st w.—Dr. F. K. White; 2d w.—Geo. Fey, Chas. Fleck, Ira Howe; 3d w.—J. C. Johnson, Richard Armstrong, S. E. Johnson.

Unionville boro.—E. M. Greist, John P. Stephen, L. B. Brisbin.

Benner twp.—H. N. Hoy, Oscar W. Hunter, John Sampsel.

Boggs, north prec.—G. W. Brown, And. Fetzer, James Boakley; east prec.—G. H. Lyman, Wm. Barnhart, Milton Nyman; west prec.—J. M. Lucas, Geo. Noll, Ed. Johnson.

Burnside—Wm. Hipple, Oscar Holt, Maynard Meeker.

College, east prec.—Harry McGirk, Jon. Tressler, E. B. Peters; west prec.—Fred Krumrine, James Foster, Frank Kennedy.

Curtin—N. J. McCloskey, Jas. Gardner, Curtis Fox.

Ferguson, east prec.—N. O. Dribelish, W. H. Frey, Harvey Greenoble; west prec.—Jacob Harpster, J. H. Miller, Franklin Bowersox.

Gregg, north prec.—John Roush, F. A. Yearick, Henry Emerick; east prec.—S. J. Herring, J. C. Herring, Frank Fisher; west prec.—Hiram Grove, E. P. Shook, H. M. Cain.

Haines, west prec.—Geo. M. Keister, H. K. Summers, E. G. Mingle; east prec.—M. O. Stover, T. E. Smith, J. Orndorf.

Halfmoon—J. P. Sebring, Jac. Griffin, Wm. Bailey.

Harris—Frank Wieland, P. H. Meyer, P. S. Ishler.

Howard—H. N. Confer.

Huston—R. D. Ardery, L. C. Irvin, D. I. Richards.

Liberty—J. I. DeLong, Irv. Wagner, W. H. Gardner.

Marion—J. J. Hoy, J. C. Hoy, John Shaffer.

Miles, east prec.—J. R. Wolf, C. D. Weaver, Jerry Brumgart; middle prec.—J. W. Zeigler, J. W. Harter, S. Krumrine; west prec.—Uriah Shaffer, G. W. Hazel, J. B. Shaffer.

Patton—R. Reed, D. L. Meek, J. W. Biddle.

Penn.—Jacob Emerick, W. H. Grove, E. E. Smith.

Potter, north prec.—B. H. Arney, J. W. Foreman, D. Bradford; south prec.—Henry Rossmann, W. W. Royer, G. W. Spangler.

Rush, north prec.—J. B. Dong, Saml. Troy, S. Batchelor; south prec.—J. McGinley, Wm. Hutton, Patrick Heffron.

Snow Shoe, east prec.—J. D. Brown; west prec.—J. T. Lucas, A. Kerns, A. Boves.

Spring, north prec.—L. H. Wian, Abe Hamilton, Jas. Carson; south prec.—G. P. Gentzel, J. Mullinger, Jerry Donovan; west prec.—E. E. Ardery, T. B. Johnson, E. Corman.

Taylor—Vinton Beckwith.

Union—A. Fahr, P. Laughry, M. Hall, Walker—Solomon Peck, G. F. Hoy, Harvey Shaffer.

Worth—G. J. Woodring, G. R. Williams, Wm. Young.

Thomas Jackson.

Early Friday morning, 25th, ult., Mr. Thomas Jackson died at his residence on Allegheny street, Bellefonte, after a lingering illness of several weeks duration. Mr. Jackson was a tailor and expert cutter by trade and was well known in Bellefonte. He was aged about 67 years.

BURGESS CANNOT PRESIDE.

A Decision Affecting Every Borough in the State.

The long and fierce fight over the question of the presiding officer of Bridgeport's Council was ended Monday by Judge Weand, who decided that the Burgess cannot preside over the meetings. It is probably the first opinion covering the right of a Burgess to preside at meetings of a town council since the borough act of 1893 became a law, and as it applies to all Pennsylvania boroughs in which Burgess officiate as the presiding officers of town councils, it was awaited with considerable interest.

The three Republican members of Councils objected to William F. Schniepp, the Democratic Burgess, as a presiding officer and they bolted the meetings and then brought suit in the name of the borough against him.

Judge Weand said: "Section 2 of the act of May 23, 1893, provides:

"Such Chief Burgess shall not hold any other borough office during the term for which he is elected, nor be a member of nor preside at the meetings of the town council of said borough. But such meetings shall be presided over by a president of council, to be at the annual organization thereof elected by such Council from among their number."

MILLHEIM.

To Have a Fourth of July Celebration if Funds can be Raised.

On Decoration Day six G. A. R. men left Millheim about seven o'clock, in a drenching rain and at eight o'clock were at St. Pauls and decorated the graves in a regular down-pour of rain; there were ten persons in all. At Wolf's our ranks swelled to fifteen and at nine o'clock the graves were decorated. At Aaronsburg we had twenty men in line and quite a number of people out and many children with flowers; at ten o'clock the graves were decorated. Here we had an address by Comrade John G. Love, standing under an umbrella; Rev. Brown acted as Chaplain, and Aaronsburg band No. 2, furnished the music. At Millheim the parade was formed on Main street, in the following order:

Color bearers, Millheim Cornet band, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Odd Fellows, P. O. S. of A., Aaronsburg band No. 2, G. A. R., twenty ladies and gentlemen on horseback. John G. Love made the address, Rev. Illingsworth and Rev. Young acting as Chaplains.

"Corporations have no souls," is an old saying, and it was verified on Decoration Day, by the management of the turnpike leading to Lewisburg. It is the first time in the history of this Post that the gate pole at Aaronsburg was closed, and they were compelled to pay toll. In these annual pilgrimages which the G. A. R. make to the resting place of the "Nation's Patriot Dead," no toll should be exacted of them. The many years that this duty has devolved on the G. A. R., no toll was ever asked at any gate, until this year. Shame! Shame upon such management.

W. A. Tobias, on Decoration Day, distributed seventy-two flags to young girls and boys.

The town on Decoration Day was well decorated with arches, flags and bunting, notwithstanding the rainy weather, and in the afternoon our streets presented quite a lively appearance.

On last Friday evening we had a citizen's meeting to consider the propriety of having a Fourth of July celebration. Cyrus Brumgard was the president and R. A. Bumiller secretary; after discussing the matter, it was decided to celebrate, if sufficient funds could be raised. Two committees were appointed viz: Finance and General committee. The finance committee report that without doubt the necessary funds will be forthcoming; no programme has as yet been mapped out.

Shadel and Gordon, the photographers, were busy on Decoration Day taking out-door views of bands, organizations and houses and people.

E. S. McNaul, wife and two children, of Lock Haven, registered at the Musser house and expect to stay a few weeks; until their home is renovated. Mr. McNaul thought that Millheim would be a good place to stay, and he is right; we have no malaria or contagious diseases here.

How to Hang a Hammock.

A hammock hung according to rule should be six and a quarter feet from the ground at the head and three-quarters above the ground at the foot end. The rope that secures the head end should be less than twelve inches, and that at the foot should measure four and a half feet. Arranged in this way the lower part will spring freely and the head be kept comfortable by being nearly stationary.

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SHADE TREE BOUNTY.

A Law That Ought to Receive More Attention.

It is generally known among the farmers of this state, that there is a bounty offered taxpayers for the planting and cultivation of shade trees along the public highways. "Any person liable to road tax, who shall transplant to the side of the public highway on his own premises any fruit, shade trees or forest trees of suitable size, shall be allowed by the supervisor of the roads, where roads run through or adjoin cultivated land, in abatement of his road tax, \$1 for every four trees set out: but no row of elms shall be placed nearer than 70 feet, no row of maples or other forest trees nearer than 50 feet, except locusts which may be 30 feet apart, and no allowance shall be made, unless such trees shall have been set out the year previous to the demand for such abatement of tax, and are living and well protected from animals at the time of such demand." No person shall be allowed and abatement on his highway tax, more than one-quarter of his annual highway tax, and any person who shall cut down, kill, injure any tree, shall pay to the supervisor of roads 30 cents for each tree.

COBURN.

Interesting News Items From Town and Vicinity.

Miss Verna Meyer on Wednesday morning last departed for Red Lion, York county, to remain several weeks.

John Hoffa, Jr., of this place was chosen Judicial delegate of District No. 2, at the district convention on last Saturday, which met at Penn Hall.

The auditors of Penn township examined the accounts of the school directors on Monday for the last fiscal year, and found a balance in favor of the township of over \$250.

Rev. Wolf of the Lutheran church will administer the Lord's supper to the members of Trinity on Sunday.

The bridges on the pike from here to Millheim have all been repaired and people can now drive over them, thus avoiding the circuitous drive through Aaronsburg.

About thirty persons, on the evening of the 5th inst., took the house of J. T. Garthoff esq., by storm in his absence, and on his return home informed him of his birthday. After feasting sumptuously on the fat of the land, and spending the evening in social cheer the party returned to their homes. The presents were numerous and costly.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

Orlanda Boyer and Anna Turner, of Julian.

Henry McDonald Lorraine and Maud Holt, of Phillipsburg.

Jerry Flack and Emma Wian, of Spring twp.

Samuel Clayton Geringer, of College township and Barbara Carver, of Benner twp.

Herman Fahnders and Mary Fahnders, of Halfmoon twp.

T. B. Rupert and Elizabeth Zimmerman, of Zion.

Rev. S. H. Deitzel, Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland county, and Grace Durst, Potters Mills, Centre Co.

Wm. Gates, Half Moon twp., and Ola Novman, Port Matilda.

A Snee for Altoona.

The bill providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 to erect a public building in Altoona, was last Thursday reported with amendments and committed to the committee of the whole.

The measure as introduced by Congressman Hicks, appropriated \$150,000, but this amount was cut down to the figure stated. It provides for the erection of a building with fireproof vaults for the accommodation of the United States district and circuit courts, postoffice and other government offices. The favorable report on the amended bill speaks of the large amount of business now being done in the Altoona postoffice and the inadequacy of the present accommodations.

Appropriation to Schools.

The annual State appropriation to the common schools this year is \$5,500,000, and warrants are now going out from the School Department to the various districts. The distribution is based upon the number of taxables in the State, the rate being found by dividing the entire appropriation by the total number of taxables. The increase this year is almost 10 per cent. or 32 cents per taxable.

Items of Interest.

Lycoming county lost six river and creek bridges by the flood, valued at \$175,000.

Mr. John Maister of near Hartleton, a survivor of the war, after a long illness, died on the 30th ult., Memorial Day, aged 72 years.