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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE RECEIVES STRICT ATTENTION.

Financial Recommendations to Congress.— Informal Conferences Held by the Democratic Representatives.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—No message ever written by President Cleveland was more attentively listened to than that sent in today. The general topics treated by the message, including the foreign relations of the government, were all that any Democrat could desire, and the financial recommendations cannot be fully understood until considered in connection with Secretary Carlisle's annual report, to be sent to Congress tomorrow, which contains the details of the plan for a reform of the currency of the country which the President so strongly endorses in his message. What will be the result of these financial recommendations it will be impossible to say until the sentiment of the Democrats has had time to become apparent.

Speaker Crisp looked quite as good natured when he rapped the House to order as he could possibly have looked had a majority of the House been as fortunate as himself in getting re-elected, and his own re-election to the Speakership being assured. Indeed, the most noticeable feature on the Democratic side of the House, aside from the entirely too numerous empty chairs, was the prevailing good nature of those who were defeated last month. If the Republicans expected to see an array of long faces they were disappointed.

There have been a number of informal conferences of Democratic Senators and Representatives for the purpose of discussing the probability of reaching an agreement on a programme for the session, and there is some talk of holding a joint caucus and requiring every man who attends to pledge himself to stand by whatever programme the caucus adopts. If pledges could be secured from a sufficient number to control both House and Senate that would be an excellent idea, but it is certain that there are six or more Democratic Senators who would not pledge themselves.

Like numerous other fake stories, that asserting that President Cleveland was offended with Admiral Walker because of the report he made on affairs at Hawaii, has been disproved in a striking manner by the official order placing Admiral Walker at the head of the Light House Board, a position that is considered by Naval officers one of the most desirable under the government. The President seems to have a special liking for this method of knocking out silly stories. It is much better and far more convincing than a stereotyped denial.

Treasury officials take no stock in the stories that Congress will refuse to appropriate the money needed to put the income tax into operation, for the very simple reason that there are no more opponents of that tax in either Senate or House than there were when it was incorporated in the tariff bill. That is the common sense view of the matter. If the opponents of the tax could not prevent its being included in the tariff bill, they certainly cannot prevent an appropriation to be put in effect. There is reason, too, for the belief that Senator Hill, who led the fight against the income tax in the Senate will not only refuse to aid in trying to defeat the appropriation but will himself vote for it, as he is on record as opposing any and all attempts to embarrass officials by withholding appropriations asked for, to be used in carrying out existing laws.

Representative Cooper, of Fla., thinks the proper way to fill the office of postmaster is to have him elected by the voters of his town or township, and he proposes to push a bill providing therefor. He is also strongly in favor of the adoption of some system of currency reform that will give the needed elasticity to our currency, either that proposed by Secretary Carlisle or something else upon which a majority can get together, and of a bill providing for the building of the Nicaragua canal. He says that if he could have his way he would make this session of Congress, short as it will be, memorable in the history of the Democratic party. It's a pity there are not more Democrats of the same mind.

Although nothing can be officially stated, because no official action has yet been taken, there is little room for doubt that the subcommittee which went to Cleveland, Ohio, to investigate charges against Judge Ricks, of having appropriated fees properly belonging to the government to his own use, will in its report to the full Judiciary Committee of the House take the ground that the charge was proven, in fact, virtually admitted by Judge Ricks himself. It is thought that the question of whether impeachment proceedings shall be instituted will be left for the full committee to decide. The

committee will make its report to the House before the holidays, unless something not now expected shall occur to prevent, and it is expected to favor impeachment.

The sugar scandal has raised its ugly head again, and the same Democratic Senators whose names were most conspicuously smirched during the preparation of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill are again figuring in the rumor in a manner that is decidedly unpleasant to Democrats generally, however the trio of Senators may look at the matter. Many Democrats are in favor of settling this business for good and all by just putting all sugar on the free list.

THAT INCOME TAX.

Carlisle Has the Regulations on His Desk at Washington.

Secretary Carlisle has upon his desk the completed regulations as prepared by Superintendent Pugh on putting the income tax into effect. He will give them consideration probably next week. The regulations are very voluminous as they now stand and provide as far as can now be foreseen for every conceivable question that may arise in the execution of that law.

Two forms are provided, one for the return of the income of individuals and one for the return of corporations. The latter forms provide for every kind of corporation taxable under the law. A curious feature of the law is the section that directs that "profits realized within the year from sales of real estate purchased within two years previous to the close of the year, for which the income is estimated," shall be subject to taxation. What constitutes "profits and gains" in the eye of the law is a question that treasury officials fear will prove perplexing. As during the present fiscal year there will be only six months' expenses to be incurred from January 1, 1895, to June 30, 1895, in carrying out the law, it is probable that Secretary Carlisle's urgency estimate on account of the income tax will not be more than \$300,000, but that appropriation for the next fiscal year, when the law will be in full operation, it is expected will reach \$400,000 or perhaps more. So far but \$700 of the appropriation of \$9,000 for putting this law into effect have been expended, but when all the necessary printing is done, this amount will be nearly if not entirely exhausted.

ESHER'S FIGURES TOO HIGH.

Dubs' Followers Dispute the Chicago Bishop's Statement.

The Dubs' faction of the Evangelical church deny the statement made by Bishop Esher, of Chicago, leader of the Bowman-Esher faction, in an interview with a representative of the *Patriot* Thursday last that there are 20,000 Esherites in Pennsylvania and that there are 8,000 members of this faction in the East Pennsylvania conference.

"Immediately after the supreme court decision at Pittsburgh on October 1," said a follower of Bishop Dubs, "all the presiding elders in the East Pennsylvania conference asked every pastor in his district to get the signatures of all members of his charge who desired to remain with us. A canvass was at once made of each charge. Blanks have been sent to every anti-Esher minister in the East Pennsylvania conference to ascertain the actual number of members that adhere to our side, with this result: Total number of members in 1891, at the time of the split, 18,533, total number of members that have so far signified their loyalty to our side, 11,977, with twelve charges to hear from yet that show only a small loss to our side; these charges numbered 2,757 members in 1891, and allowing for the same pro rata loss on these as loss sustained on reported members we would have a membership of 14,274 in the conference. It will not fall below this figure as there are several large congregations among those that have not yet reported that are almost wholly on our side.

"At a meeting of the presiding elders of the Central and Pittsburgh conferences last week, the fact was brought out that there were positively not more than 800 Esher adherents in these two conferences, having a total membership of 26,000. In an interview Bishop Esher stated that their strength was about 150,000 throughout the country. It was shown by the latest statistics in the arguments before the supreme courts in Ohio and Pennsylvania that the membership was about equally divided, yet the total membership of both factions was a little less than 155,000 about eight months ago."

All Hungry.

Gov. Hastings is now suffering under a real calamity. There are about 50 appointments to make and for these he says he already has 5000 applications on file.

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HE WAS SELFISH.

Wouldn't Pass Around the Snicker and Lost His Whisky.

This fall a year ago a circumstance happened in the Bear Meadows lumber camp which will do to print in the REPORTER. A party of hunters came up from Shamokin to hunt deer and put up at one of the lumber camps in the Bear Meadows. Among them was a Shamokin landlord who had a quart bottle full of "smile" along, as it had got to be a constitutional requirement with him. Before the lumbermen left for their work and in full view of 'em the Shamokin tavern keeper pulled his bottle of lightning from his lunch chest, took a healthy eye-shutter, and then placed the bottle back to its nest in the chest, without as much as saying, "boys, wont you take a smile." The proceeding seemed very unparliamentary to the lumbermen, and they went to their work in silence and sore of heart—a bottle of whisky in camp and all to run down one channel, such a thing "never was known in all Israel before."

Next morning all hands and hunters were up, and in this august presence our landlord again unconcernedly pulled forth his bottle and passed the second section of his constitutional amendment—down his throat, and the nectar went back to the chest. Sadness and thirst rendered the lumbermen speechless. They went to their work and he on his hunt. He got back in the afternoon tired and venisonless and naturally went to his chest to get a drop of consolation; the bottle was there but there wasn't a speck of the whistle moistener in it. The boss of the lumbermen was there.

"Who stole all my whisky? If I find out—ef I don't shoot whoever it was, and when my comrades get in I'll rout this shanty."

The boss bid the infuriated man be composed; he didn't drink any of the liquor because he didn't like whisky and more, he didn't know who did, likely it was the hands.

"Well," says the landlord, "I'm going rid out this camp and shoot whoever drank my whisky."

The boss again told him too keep cool; there were a half dozen camps within a mile and if he kicked up a fuss there could be word sent out for enough of hands in less than half an hour to chaw up his whole party.

"Is that so?" Yes, says the boss. "Well then I'll let the whisky matter drop, but to be a couple of miles from a hotel and have no whisky, 'ell come near killen me."

The boss told him he should have known better than to get into a lumber camp with only one quart of whisky and then drink it alone in the presence of the hands. There were deer around there but the lumbermen did not show the hunters tracks, crossings or lick, because there wasn't a lick offered from the bottle.

Next morning the hunters pulled out for Shamokin without game, but a little wiser.

Our List for Holidays.

Clothing, Trunks, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, and Telescopes, White and Colored Shirts, Night Robes, Collars and Caps, Soft and Stiff Hats, Toboggan Cuffs or Toques, Neck Wear, Ties, Scarfs and Bows, Underwear; White Linen and Initial Silk Handkerchiefs; Hosiery; Wool and Cotton Sweaters and Cardigan Jackets; Ladies and Gentlemen's Garters; Suspenders; Gloves and Mittens, Mackintoshes; House Coats; Trunk Straps and Umbrellas.

MONTGOMERY & Co., Tailors and Clothiers, Crider's Exchange, Bellefonte.

Any one who has children will rejoice with L. B. Mulford, of Plainfield, N. J. His little boy, five years of age, was sick with croup for two days and nights he tried various remedies recommended by friends and neighbors. He says: "I thought sure I would lose him. I had seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised and thought I would try it as a last hope and am happy to say that after two doses he slept until morning. I gave it to him next day and a cure was effected. I keep this remedy in the house now and as soon as any of my children show signs of croup I give it to them and that is the last of it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

For rheumatism I have found nothing equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It relieves the pain as soon as applied. J. W. Young, West Liberty, W. Va. The prompt relief it affords is alone worth many times the cost, 50 cents. Its continued use will effect a permanent cure. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

—The rush for winter goods is here and we are as busy as always.—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

COURT NEWS.

PROCEEDINGS SINCE LAST WEDNESDAY.

The Young Horse Thieves Sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory.—To Clear the Docket Two Courts are Held.

Wednesday afternoon court called at 1.45 with Hon. A. O. Furst on the bench; Associate Judges Riley and Faulkner have not been present since Monday, the former being sick.

Com. vs. Joseph Travis continued from the forenoon session; verdict guilty of assault and battery; sentence suspended until Wednesday next.

Com. vs. J. L. Showers; charge forgery; prosecutor J. M. Neubauer. This is the young man who traveled over a portion of the state and got the landlords at the hotels whereat he was stopping to cash checks for him, which turned out to be forgeries. He was captured at Olean, New York and brought back on requisition papers from Gov. Pattison and lodged in jail in Bellefonte. The defendant plead guilty and after a strong plea for clemency by J. C. Meyer, one of his counsel, was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar and costs of prosecution and to undergo a term of imprisonment in the western penitentiary for two years and eleven months.

Com. vs. Wm. Gares; charge larceny; prosecutrix Lida Gibson. This defendant is a well-known police officer in Bellefonte and was called to the house of I. N. Gibson on Thomas St., on the night of the 23rd day of Sept. last, Mr. Gibson having been drinking on that day and Mrs. Gibson was afraid to stay in the house alone. It is alleged by the prosecution that Mr. Gares during that night took from the pocketbook of Mrs. Gibson forty-five dollars in paper money. Court called at 8.45 Thursday morning and this case completed at 11.45, when the jury retired to the jury room for deliberation.

Court adjourned on Thursday noon until Friday morning at nine o'clock.

Friday morning court called at nine o'clock and the jury in the case of the Com. vs. Wm. Gares after having been out since the day previous sent in a communication to the court whereupon the court ordered the jury to be brought into the court room and gave them further instructions, and then sent them back for further deliberation.

Com. vs. Thomas Johnson and Lemuel Poorman; charge malicious mischief; prosecutrix Amanda Rote. This is the same case wherein the indictment was quashed on Tuesday on motion of defendants counsel, whereupon the district attorney sent a new bill in to the grand jury. This case grows out of the flood of the 20th day of May of this year; the prosecutrix alleges that these defendants deliberately turned the water out of its natural channel on to the lot of the prosecutrix, destroying her lot and crops; verdict not guilty and county to pay the costs.

At 11.40 the jury in the case of Com. vs. Wm. Gares sent in another communication to the court in reference to the stairway as related by I. N. Gibson, the jury was brought into the court room and the testimony of I. N. Gibson read from the stenographer's notes. The jury having been out for nearly twenty-eight hours returned a verdict of not guilty at 3.25.

Other commonwealth cases not already mentioned were as follows:

Com. vs. Wm. Rodgers; charge f. and b.; prosecutrix Ellie Immel; settled.

Com. vs. Spenson Breon; charge f. and b.; prosecutrix Rebecca Sheesley; true bill.

Com. vs. Martin Garman and Geo. Cunningham; charge cruelty to animals; prosecutor Frank Bosch; true bill.

Com. vs. Frank Davis; charge f. and b.; prosecutrix Annie Simpson; settled.

Com. vs. Annie Simpson; charge open lewdness; prosecutor Wm. Gares. Bill ignored and the county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Henry Sampel and James Huey; charge misdemeanor in office; prosecutor Wm. Grove, Jr.; bill ignored and county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. John Sepoliger, John Petrick, Learning Borings, Al. Kalpatrick, Mike Vaukner, and Andy Emrick; charge larceny; prosecutor George Courtze; discharged for want of evidence in a habeas corpus proceeding a few weeks ago.

Com. vs. Samuel Immel; charge incestuous fornication; prosecutrix Mary Immel; true bill.

Com. vs. Peter Coon; charge f. and b.; prosecutrix Sarah Haucht; true bill.

Com. vs. James F. Norton; charge cruelty to animals; prosecutor Frank Bosch; settled.

Com. vs. Fred Walter; charge larceny; prosecutor F. W. E. Snyder; bill ignored.

Com. vs. Franklin Nighthart; charge f. and b.; prosecutrix Celie Noll; true bill.

Com. vs. John Brickley; charge f. and b.; prosecutrix Sarah Singer; true bill.

Com. vs. Wm. Kessler, Reuben Billmeyer and J. P. Maurer; charge assault and battery; prosecutor Geo. E. Mensch true bill.

Com. vs. Rebecca Davis and Dolly Davis; charge cruelty to animals; prosecutor Frank Bosch; bill ignored and prosecutor Frank Bosch to pay costs.

Com. vs. Richard Fink; charge assault and battery and maintenance; prosecutor Orlando Weston; true bill.

Com. vs. John H. Rishel; charge surety of the peace and maintenance; prosecutrix Alice L. Rishel; true bill.

The civil list of cases was taken up on Friday afternoon and the first case called was A. Walter, trustee for Hosley or Knitting Works vs. W. K. Alexander. This suit was brought to collect balance due from the defendant on a subscription to the plaintiffs; verdict for \$68.48.

E. S. Dorworth vs. James McMullen; judgment conferred in favor of the plaintiff for \$32.33 with stay of execution for four months.

Bridget A. Smith vs. James Burns, sr. This suit is brought to recover on book account; verdict on Friday morning in favor of the plaintiff for \$168.01.

Hannah Groves, administrator of etc., of Wm. Groves, dec'd. vs. Sarah Yarnell. This suit is brought to recover book account for medical services by Dr. W. C. Groves; verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$56.

Hannah Groves administratrix of etc. of Wm. Groves, dec'd. vs. Lewis Miller; action to recover on book account; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$5.28.

Hannah Groves, administratrix of etc. of Wm. Groves, dec'd. vs. Daniel Malone; the defendant invoked the statute of limitation, when the plaintiff plead surprise and the case was continued until next term at the costs of the defendant.

Hannah Groves administratrix of etc. of Wm. Groves, dec'd. vs. Edward Packer; the plaintiff suffered a voluntary non suit.

Other civil cases for the first weeks' court not already referred to were disposed of as follows:

Lucy Auman vs. Samuel J. McClintick; continued.

Joel Tressler vs. Charles F. Beck; continued.

Emanuel Harter vs. Kate Neese; continued.

All jurors were discharged on Saturday noon and court adjourned at 3 p. m. until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

In the matter of the applications by officers Kyle and Rhoades for the statutory reward for the apprehension and arrest of horse thieves as provided by the act of assembly of March 15th, 1821. The court refused the application and decreed that the same be paid to James B. Strohm.

In the case of Com. vs. Charles Meyer and Stanley Ryan who plead guilty to the charge of horse stealing last week, were sentenced to the Reformatory at Huntingdon on Monday morning.

SECOND WEEK OF COURT.

Court called on Monday morning with Hon. A. O. Furst, President Judge, and Associate Judge Faulkner on the bench. After hearing a number of petitions the first case taken up was Jacob McLaren vs. Davidson & Son, feigned issue. This case grows out of a levy by the sheriff on the plaintiffs property to satisfy a judgment that the defendants have against I. L. McLaren a marble dealer in Philipsburg, and this action is to test the title of the property as to whether it is the property of this plaintiff or of I. L. McLaren.

At 5.15 Judge Archibald, President Judge of the Lackawanna county courts of Scranton, Pa., came into court whereupon Judge Furst declared a recess of five minutes to give the members of the bar an opportunity of meeting his honor.

Thomas Lucas, of Howard was then appointed an additional court reporter for this week.

Tuesday morning in the case of McLaren vs. Davidson; verdict in favor of the defendants for the safe, horse, buggy and harness and in favor of the plaintiff for all of the residue of the personal property of I. L. McLaren, namely all the monuments, tombstones, unfinished marble, and tools in the shop on North Front street in the borough of Philipsburg.

Calista Altona Miller vs. Daniel Garman; plea trespass; the plaintiff seeks to recover damages from the defendant, she having fallen on an icy pavement in front of Mr. Garman's residence on High street on the evening of Jan. 25th, 1894 and breaking her arm; the case was tried before Judge Archibald.

Lucy Auman and Chas. C. Auman,

her husband, in right of said Lucy Auman vs. Jonathan Lingle; tried before Furst; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the land described in the writ to be released upon payment.

Emma C. Van Newkirk vs. Henry Brown administrator of John Diven, dec'd.; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$131.

Mary Cooke's adm'r vs. Robert Confer; tried before Furst. This is an action to establish title to a lot of personal property, such as horses, cattle and farming implements which the sheriff levied upon to satisfy a judgment which the plaintiff holds against Michael Confer and which Robert Confer as belonging to him he having purchased it at private sale on the 31 day of March last. The case was submitted to the jury on Wednesday noon.

Martha Hicks, formerly Martha Richards vs. Thomas B. Cowher, who survives James Cowher dec'd; verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$123, with stay of execution.

John I. Thompson vs. Graysdale Mining Co. Limited; this was an action on a promissory note; verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$1899.62.

Democrats Will be Scarce.

The *Harrisburg Patriot* says: The official returns to the state department from all the legislative districts of the commonwealth indicate that the Democrats will have only twenty-eight of the 294 members of the next House of Representatives. The Republicans will have 148 majority in the house and thirty-six in the senate, or 134 on joint ballot. Of the twenty-eight Democrats in the House the three representatives of the Pennsylvania Democracy elected in Philadelphia in the second, third and fourth districts of Philadelphia by Republicans are included. The Democrats have elected one representative in Adams, three in Berks, two in Clarion, two in Columbia, one in Elk, one in Greene, two in Luzern, one in Lycoming, one in Mifflin, one in Monroe, one in Montour, two in Northampton, four in Philadelphia, one in Pike, one in Schuylkill and four in York. Representative Broughal, Democrat, of Northampton, was defeated for re-election by only four votes.

Standing of the Dabs and Eshers.

At the Evangelical Esher conference held at Harrisburg this week, the presiding elder of the Pittsburgh conference reported that out of 190 churches in it, 53 with 2,300 membership, go with the Esher wing.

It was concluded that wherever the Esher party have a substantial following they proceed to take possession of the church property. Seven churches in the general conference have been sold by the Esherites to the Dabs followers.

After a careful canvass in the three conferences in Pennsylvania the bishops claim that out of the total membership of the church 14,500 will remain loyal to the Esherites, while 14,000 will cling to the Dabs side.

An Indian Relic.

A resident of Mill Hall, Clinton county, while excavating for a cellar on the side of the hill near that borough, found an oblong piece of pottery which is supposed to have been used by the Indians. The relic is 6 inches long, 3 inches deep and 3 inches wide. The material from which it is made is different from the pieces of pottery that have been found along the river. This particular specimen has some appearance of having been used as a crucible for melting ore.

Tramps to be Arrested.

Judge Metzgar has ordered the arrest of all tramps found begging in Lycoming county, and have them returned to court under the vagrant act of 1879. This action has been deemed necessary to suppress the tramp nuisance in that county. So bold have the tramps become that the people were subjected to many annoyances by their importunities. Even Judge Metzgar himself has been stopped three times within a week by able bodied men, all of whom asked for money. One even had the audacity to follow the judge for quite a distance.

The Ungrateful Tramp.

A tramp went to a Newberry residence the other day and asked for food. The accommodating housewife sat him down at a table, cut him some bread and bade him eat. When the tourist had gone the woman discovered that the butcher knife with which she cut the bread had also departed.

Cleared 823.

Last Thursday evening the ladies of the Presbyterian church held a festival in Harper & Kreamer's hall and the proceeds netted them about twenty-two dollars, which was gratifying to them.

—Coal oil, 10 cts. per gallon.—Isaac Smith & Sons.