



CAPITOL GOSSIP

PROBABLE EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

The President May Call One to Pass a Currency Bill.—Cameron's Presidential Aspirations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Cleveland is the only man who has the authority to call an extra session of Congress, but that little fact, important as it happens to be, is being entirely overlooked by those who have relieved the President of all trouble in the matter and assumed his authority without even saying, by your leave, sir, and who are now busy arranging all the details of the extra session. President Cleveland has not said that he would call an extra session, but both he and Secretary Carlisle some time ago pointed out to leading Democrats that some sort of relief must soon be had for the Treasury, and that if this Congress failed to provide it necessity might compel the calling of an extra session. The situation has not changed. The calling of an extra session depends largely upon the action or non-action of the Democrats in the present Congress.

The Republican leaders would regard the calling of an extra session of Congress as a great misfortune for their party, although some of the small fry are swaggering around talking about "what we'd do." The leaders know that just as soon as a financial bill is reported to the Republican House, a situation not widely differing from that existing in the present House will at once be developed; that the financial differences are quite as marked in their own as in the Democratic party; hence their dread of an extra session the year before a Presidential campaign.

Although a large proportion of the Democratic members of the House have returned to Washington, there is nothing in sight upon which to predict with any degree of certainty what will be done with the Carlisle currency reform bill. In order that there might be no misunderstanding and that every Democratic member might feel at liberty to propose amendments, President Cleveland has allowed it to be perfectly understood that he is not wedded to any particular plan of currency reform, but is ready to join hands with the Democrats in Congress upon any plan that can be agreed upon. When the House meets Wednesday the discussion of the Carlisle bill will be resumed and continued for the rest of this week. Further than that no definite programme has been arranged. It is expected that a Democratic caucus to consider the bill and proposed amendments will be called this week and that something will be decided upon.

Senator Cameron, of Pa., has just shown that a man may have Presidential aspirations—aspirations are all Cameron will ever have—and yet not guard his tongue. That Senator Cameron was peculiarly interested in the Mahone lot, and that it was partly through him that ex-Senator Mahone has for four years been able to prevent the purchase of any other lot as a site for a new Government Printing Office, has long been known in Washington. But that did not prevent general surprise when Senator Cameron made the flat-footed statement that the Senate would agree to the purchase of the Mahone lot, and that only. Not very complimentary to the Democratic majority of the Senate, eh?

Secretary Gresham presented the new Austro-Hungarian minister to the President Saturday afternoon. It having been reported that the new minister was under instructions to demand on behalf of his government certain tariff concessions with a notice that retaliation upon American products would follow a refusal on the part of this government, he has seen and asked if the report was true. He stated positively that his government had given no such instructions, and that he had taken no action whatever concerning the new tariff. He added that he did not anticipate any commercial trouble between his government and the United States on account of the new tariff.

Senator Cockrell, of Mo., chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations, takes no stock in there being any serious attempt made to defeat the clause in the urgency appropriation bill appropriating money to meet the expenses of collecting the income tax, notwithstanding reports which pretend to give the details of a combination organized to defeat that appropriation in the Senate. Mr. Cockrell says he intends to get the bill before the Senate as soon as possible and that he anticipates no trouble in getting it passed. Senator Quay is said to be preparing an endless speech which he proposes to make against the bill, and Senator Lodge is also credited with a desire to talk against it. Senator Hill figures in all the rumors about what is

being done to try to defeat this appropriation, but those who know him best do not believe he would defeat the appropriation, if he could, although he would gladly vote to repeal the income tax. But voting to repeal a law and voting to withhold an appropriation necessary to enforce a law are two very different things. Attorney General Olney is confident that the attempt to have the income tax declared unconstitutional by the courts will fail.

A Successful Entertainment.

The Christmas entertainment held by the United Evangelical Sunday school of Spring Mills, in the town hall on Christmas eve, was a success beyond all expectation. Never before in the town was a programme so well arranged and so perfectly rendered. The music was charming and the audience was spell-bound by the grandeur thereof. The voices blended so sweetly, distinctly, and with such force of expression that Spring Mills need never blush for its musicians.

The addresses and recitations were rendered with such elegance that we can call them nothing short of perfection. The children did not appear with the usual sing-song speech, but spoke as orators, and to add to the spice of all, Miss Lillie M. Rice, of Lock Haven, a well known and experienced speaker, gave the audience the benefit of one of her best orations.

The listeners joined in commending Rev. Hertz for the excellent manner by which he arranged and conducted, what all agree as being the best entertainment ever held in the place.

A High Priced Calf.

The famous Jones county calf case, involving the ownership of a \$2 calf, which has been in the courts of Iowa since 1878, is still in litigation, the latest phase of the suit having been that decided by the Supreme Court of that State by which the costs of \$2886.84 having been charged to the defendants. The original parties in the dispute have long since passed beyond earth's pastures, and the original calf has doubtless contributed its skin to cover many of the law books arrayed in the controversy. Nevertheless, the animal has furnished sustenance for one generation of attorneys, and, metaphorically speaking, it will probably continue to be milked by another. The Jones county calf case is a pretty good exemplification of the delays of the law—good enough to be stuffed as an object lesson.

New Year Squibs.

1895 came in as bright and smiling as a silver dollar.

Sleighting is good, and it has been cold enough to prevent a thaw.

The Teachers' Institute was a success and a credit to superintendent Gramley and all participants.

Newt. Spangler, esq., with the beginning of the year became the Democratic County Chairman.

Geo. Benner, merchant at the station, will skip to Bellefonte next April and open a store in one of the Bush house rooms.

There is very little sickness in any part of the valley at this time. Pity the doctors.

The prospect for an ice crop is good and some of the crystalized water is already being housed.

Such of our patrons who kindly responded to our requests to square up arrears before close of the old year, have our thanks and an extra wish for a Happy New Year. Now let the rear come up too.

A Valuable Wood.

Black walnut is scarce wood these days, but old farms about Philadelphia still afford to the cabinet maker noble specimens of the tree. It is said that a black walnut 100 years old will fetch in that region \$100. So says a news note. It would bring more than \$100 if only half as old. Walnut of any kind is valuable, and he is the wise man who plants his waste land in that kind of wood or lines his waste-fence woods with such trees. If a young farmer does so he will live to reap a fortune.

Carlton Cornwell, foreman of the *Gazette*, Middletown, N. J., believes that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy should be in every home. He used it for a cold and it effected a speedy cure. He says: "It is indeed a grand remedy, I can recommend to all. I have also seen it used for whooping cough, with the best results." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Died at the Age of 93.

Miss Emily L. Gerry, daughter of Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and vice president of the United States, died at her home in New Haven, Conn., Saturday night, aged 93 years. She has been for many years the sole remaining child of any of the signers of the declaration.

FREE VETERINARY SERVICE.

State College Offers to Treat Horses and Cattle Free.

Doctor Leonard Pearson, Professor of Practical Veterinary Science in the University of Pennsylvania, will again give the instruction in Veterinary Science to the classes in Agriculture at the Pennsylvania State College, during the winter term beginning January 24, 1895.

A free clinic will be held at the experiment station barn at State College once every two weeks, beginning Saturday morning, January 4th, when a limited number of horses, cattle, sheep etc., will be treated free of charge, to give the students a better opportunity to become familiar with the diseases and ailments of live stock.

Any one having an animal which they wish treated will kindly communicate with the undersigned at the earliest possible moment, giving a description and history of the case.

To the owners of such animals as are accepted, ample notice will be given of the date on which such animals will be treated.

Address all communications concerning the matter to H. J. WATRES, Professor of Agriculture, State College, Pa.

Selling Hard Cider.

The owner of a cider mill in Bedford county recently disposed of some of the surplus stock which had become "hard." Subsequently he was charged with violating the law as to the sale of intoxicants and convicted. In expounding the law the judge said the act of assembly in prohibiting the sale of liquor without license, etc., makes no mention of cider, but prohibits the sale of liquors that are spirituous or vinous, and those that are malt and brewed. Cider being neither malt or brewed, must be classed as spirituous or vinous, or it would not be classed with the act. Judge Peck charged in substance that if fermentation had taken place to such an extent that the sugar in the apple juice had become charged into alcohol, the cider was then vinous and within the act, no matter how small the percentage of alcohol might be, and the fact that the cider was intoxicating, if proved, would be good evidence of the fact that alcohol was present in the cider, and therefore vinous. This case is important for the reason that it will settle a doubt in the minds of a large number of persons who make cider as to their making themselves criminally liable for the sale of it.

A Contemptible Trick.

On Tuesday evening two young men drove down from Boalsburg with horse and sleigh to attend the convention at this place. Arriving here they tied their horse in front of the bank building and went to the convention; at the close of the convention the young men when coming to the place where they had left their horse and sleigh, found them missing; search was made but they were unable to find them.

At eleven o'clock the young men concluded to start on their way home walking, thinking the horse might have broken loose and started home, and they might overtake him. The young men, however, were disappointed, as the horse was discovered Wednesday morning, tied to the fence at the foot of the mountain. It is supposed the horse had been driven by some one during the evening and then taken up there, where it was left standing all night without any covering.

This was a most contemptible trick and if the parties who did it could be found they should be severely punished. It was a young horse and might have been ruined by the exposure.

There is good reason for the popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, Davis & Buzard, of West Monterey, Clarion Co., Pa., say: "It has cured people that our physicians could do nothing for. We persuaded them to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they now recommend it with the rest of us." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Madeline is After Willie.

It is said on good authority that the attorneys for Madeline Pollard contemplate following Congressman Breckinridge on his lecturing tour throughout the country in an effort to attach the receipts in payment of Miss Pollard's verdict for breach of promise. This will be done, it is said, by filing a transcript of the judgment had in Washington in each place the Col. lectures and basing a creditor's bill upon that.

New Landlord.

D. C. Keller, of Turbotville, will return to this county again the coming spring. He will locate at Bellefonte, and become mine host of the hotel now kept by Gottlieb Haag, known as the Cummings house.

A WITCH STORY

HOW SNYDER COUNTIANS WERE TROUBLED.

Snyder County Farce Back in the Year 1825.—Historian Lion Describes the Trouble.

During this year a remarkable farce of witchcraft was played in the family of a man named Kern, in Beaver township. He had a wife and two daughters, and followed the occupation of farming. In his immediate vicinity lived a man named Romig, who, for some unknown cause, became a hypochondriac, and the impression got abroad that he was bewitched. Soon after this the milk in Kern's spring-house became sour, within a few hours after it was placed there. This occurred daily, until the farce was concluded, which was in two or three weeks. The next played was of a more remarkable character. Kern's tables and kitchen furniture were to be seen flying in all directions, thrown, it was supposed, by supernatural means. Knives, forks, spoons, ladles, etc., never remained more than five minutes on the dresser, after having been placed there, but were thrown in various directions about the house; and as the more believing portion of the neighbors asserted, it was no uncommon thing to see them thrown through the solid wall of the house, without leaving any mark of their passage in the wall! A peddler who stopped for the purpose of trading some of his notions to Kern, asserted that he had not been in the house more than ten minutes before his hat and dog were thrown through the wall of the kitchen, into the adjoining yard. It is not to be presumed that he was influenced in propagating this story by the hope of assembling a crowd around his wagon.

During these transactions, Kern had a numerous crowd daily at his house, and on Sundays there was a gathering at his door, such as the most eloquent divine would have failed to assemble. Of these, the major part came prepared to believe all they saw, and all they might hear. Of course, there was no lack of true stories. The unbelieving portion of the visitors—a very small number, for men of sense generally staid at home—kept their eyes open, and readily discovered that the old woman and the daughters were the witches, and threw the knives, forks, etc. A witch doctor was called, who proceeded, with great solemnity, to exorcise the evil spirit. Divers magical and mysterious rites were performed, exorcisms were chanted, and texts of Scripture nailed to every door and window in the house. The witches, however, set the doctor at naught, and baffled all his schemes. At length a party of young men, residing in New Berlin, resolved to try their skill at taking evil spirits. One of them having procured a mask, a flaxen-wig, a pair of furred gloves, and other necessary apparatus, set out with the rest, in the afternoon, and arrived at Kern's early in the evening. At their request the witches performed, to their great satisfaction, until a late hour. At length, when all the visitors, except the young witch doctors, had left the house, it was resolved to commence operations. They desired to see how the witches acted above stairs, and were accordingly conducted up the ladder, accompanied by the whole family. In the meantime, one of the party, who had a remarkably hoarse and deep-toned voice, and who was to act the part of the devil, was notified by a preconcerted signal—for he had not entered the house—to prepare for action. He accordingly put on his wig and mask, which he rubbed with phosphorus, and wrapped himself in a buffalo-skin. The party upstairs were well provided with squibs. One of them had a piece of phosphorus, with which he wrote on the wall such words as "devil," "hell," etc., in a number of places. The signal being given, the candle was extinguished, the squibs distributed most copiously, and the horrid words on the wall shone out in liquid fire. The barrels and furniture in the room were trundled about the floor, and an astounding uproar was kept up for some minutes. Presently a terrific roar was heard from below. All parties ran to the stair-door, and saw, at the foot of the ladder, His Grim Majesty, in all the terrors of flames, flax, fur, and horns. Satan made an appropriate speech on the occasion, and then retired. His address was followed by a most edifying exhortation, by the wag of the party, on the sin of deceiving, and the danger of another visit from old Nick, if the present practices should be persisted in. The terrified witches made a full confession, and so ended the enchantment.

Gov. Hastings is about ready now to move to Harrisburg, and is negotiating for a freight train to transport his majority.

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LIST OF JURORS.

Drawn for January Term of Court, Begins Monday, January 28th.

GRAND JURORS.

- Jacob Bottorf, Colgate.
- Miles Taylor, Union.
- J. W. Biddle, Huston.
- Thomas Hockman, Millheim.
- J. A. Crider, Boggs.
- Michael Dempsey, Rush.
- James Reeder, Howard.
- H. H. Schreyer, Bellefonte.
- J. Frank Rearick, Gregg.
- J. K. Bitner, Gregg.
- E. G. VanPelt, Centre Hall.
- W. W. Bigler, Rush.
- Jacob Fiedler, Haines.
- S. R. Pringle, Worth.
- Daniel Eisenhuth, Penn.
- Robert Musser, Philipsburg.
- Frank Pennington, Patton.
- Oscar Stover, Harris.
- Jacob Dunkle, Walker.
- J. H. Wagner, Haines.
- W. J. Karstetter, Penn.
- J. H. Holt, Snow Shoe.
- Thomas McCann, Snow Shoe.
- G. H. Yarnell, Walker.

TRAVERSE JURORS—1ST WEEK.

- J. A. Rowersox, Penn.
- Christian Holter, Liberty.
- Emanuel Roan, Benner.
- James Dumbleton, Rush.
- Wm. Hosband, Union.
- Morris Fitzgerald, Rush.
- J. H. Miller, Ferguson.
- James W. Clark, Liberty.
- John T. Hoover, Philipsburg.
- Wm Hunter, Spring.
- Geo. W. Long, Liberty.
- James K. Barnhart, Bellefonte.
- Michael F. Hazel, Benner.
- A. H. Hosterman, Harris.
- J. W. Tressler, Colgate.
- Isaac Thomas, Bellefonte.
- James Harris, Bellefonte.
- P. R. Gorman, Rush.
- James A. Quigley, Liberty.
- Irvin G. Watson, Snow Shoe twp.
- Wm. Hettinger, Gregg.
- W. L. Mallin, Bellefonte.
- Wm. Bible, Harris.
- E. C. Eckenroth, Bellefonte.
- Edward Kline, Potter.
- S. W. McCoy, Potter.
- Emanuel Corman, Spring.
- Samuel Diehl, Marion.
- W. H. Neff, Howard boro.
- W. M. Biddle Philipsburg.
- Thomas Pilkington, Philipsburg.
- Snyder Tate, Spring.
- James Corl, Spring.
- G. Weston, Worth.
- Geo. M. Homan, Haines.
- Thomas Askey, Rush.
- John W. Eby, Walker.
- G. K. Fishburn, Benner.
- W. I. Fleming, Bellefonte.
- J. K. Rider, Ferguson.
- Amos Koch, Benner.
- Geo. Rowan, Huston.
- S. A. McQuistian, Bellefonte.
- John C. Mulfinger, Spring.
- Thomas Harper, Haines.
- A. G. Gorton, Philipsburg.
- John Ardell, Jr., Bellefonte.
- Moses Montgomery, Bellefonte.

TRAVERSE JURORS—2ND WEEK.

- Elmer Ross, Colgate.
- Henry Stoner, Potter.
- A. A. Pletcher, Walker.
- John T. McCormick, Ferguson.
- Frank Leitzell, Spring.
- P. H. Haupt, Milesburg boro.
- Robert Strunk, Spring.
- G. W. Williams, Worth.
- J. S. Smith, Snow Shoe.
- L. B. McEntire, Benner.
- Jacob E. Snyder, Liberty.
- Joseph Grossman, Potter.
- E. P. Barton, Union.
- Abram Luckenbach, Bellefonte.
- John A. Dorman, Walker.
- John McKelvy, Huston.
- Thomas E. Smith, Haines.
- N. B. Fredericks, Union.
- Geo. B. Haines, Miles.
- Wm. Limbert, Miles.
- Lincoln River, Rush.
- S. H. Kern, Liberty.
- Geo. R. Meek, Bellefonte.
- H. C. Thompson, Worth.
- J. Shannon Boal, Centre Hall.
- John C. Eaton, Liberty.
- Wm. Woodward, Howard twp.
- Charles Wetzel, Spring.
- Alfred Wasson, Colgate.
- Wm. McDowell, Marion.
- John Kern, Penn.
- W. C. Patterson, Colgate.
- Harris Poorman, Boggs.
- Jacob Kelly, Howard twp.
- O. P. Jones, Philipsburg.
- John J. Ocker, Miles.

Many stubborn and aggravating cases of rheumatism that were believed to be incurable and accepted as life legacies, have yielded to Chamberlain's Pain Balm, much to the surprise and gratification of the sufferers. One application will relieve the pain and suffering and its continued use insures an effectual cure. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

—We are selling overcoats fit for a king at prices that cause our competitors excruciating pain. Get one while they last.—Lewins, Bellefonte.

FOSTER'S PREDICTIONS.

Came True in December and He Now Speaks for January.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 27th to 31st, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about Jan. 1, cross the western mountain country by the close of 2nd, the great central valleys from 3rd to 5th and the eastern states about the 7th.

The second storm wave of January will reach the Pacific coast about the 7th, cross the western mountain country by close of 8th, the great central valleys from 9th to 11th and the eastern states about the 12.

Warm waves will cross the western mountain country about 1st and 7th, the great central valleys about 3rd and 9th and the eastern states about 5th to 11th. Cool waves will cross the western mountain country about 4th to 10th, the great central valleys 6th and 12th and the eastern states 8th and 14th. January temperature for the whole United States will be above the average, and rainfall about an average, while some localities will go above and others below the average.

For weather purposes eastern states include the Atlantic coast east of the Alleghenies, including Maine to Florida. In that weather division January temperature and rainfall will be above the normal in the north part, average in central and below normal in southern part.

Great central valleys include all the country from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico and between the summits of Rocky and Allegheny mountains. In that division the temperature and rainfall for January will be about normal, rainfall increasing to above normal toward the southeast and to below normal toward the northwest. Temperature will increase to above toward the northwest and to below toward the southeast.

On the Pacific slope the temperature and rainfall for January will be above on the north and gradually decreasing to below normal on the southern part. The Ohio valley and Tennessee and the lower lakes will have an average temperature and rainfall in January, the upper lakes inclined toward warm and dry, east gulf cold and wet, west gulf average temperature and rainfall.

CORBURN.

Interesting Items as Given by Our Correspondent.

We now write it 1895. Time for new resolutions.

Miss Griffith, of Philadelphia, after spending several weeks at the home of John Hoffa, departed for her home in the city of Brotherly Love on Monday preceding Christmas.

H. S. Braucht, a student in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, is spending the Christmas vacation under the parental roof.

A. J. Campbell, who is now located on Beech Creek, spent Christmas with his family.

Miss Tammie Weaver, of Fiedler, circulated among friends at this place Saturday and Sunday.

William C. Sheesley wears a very broad smile and says it's a girl.

John Hoffa and wife spent a week in Union county visiting friends; they returned on Saturday.

The heavy snow delayed trains on the railroad several hours last Thursday.

Prof. James E. Harter and wife took a week's jaunt to Altoona and spent their holidays visiting friends in the Mountain City.

Luther Guisewite and family and J. F. Garthoff and family spent their Christmas with friends at Rebersburg.

Mr. William Herman has purchased the Krader homestead from Daniel Krader and Mrs. James Musser; consideration \$500.

People are busy harvesting their crop of ice at present from the dam here. It very seldom freezes over so early in the season; but the cold weather of the last few days has produced a very excellent quality of ice.

The entertainments given in the Lutheran and Reformed churches at this place on Saturday and Sunday evenings respectively were well attended and both were well rendered. The one on Saturday evening was a cantata entitled "Santa Claus Boys;" the one on Sunday evening was a song service entitled "Prince of Peace." Both churches were crowded to their utmost capacity.

Mr. Platt has been confined to the house for some time by a complication of diseases, but at this writing is somewhat better.

Mr. Glasgow, our hustling merchant had a large new sign put up in front of his place of business one day last week.

There seems to be a steady improvement in the lumber business at this place; the shipments being unusually heavy for this season of the year; a good sign that better times are in store for us.