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SENATOR HILL AND THE PRESIDENT RECONCILED.

The Senator Resumes Relations With Cleveland.—The Currency Bill Will Pass the House.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Democratic skies are brighter just now than they have been for a year. The much talked about and much hoped for getting together of Democrats seems at last to be in a fair way towards becoming an accomplished fact. The example of Senator Hill in going to the White House and resuming pleasant relations with President Cleveland is being followed by lesser leaders of the party in Congress. The first result of this getting together of Democrats will be the passage by the House of the Carlisle currency reform bill, which will not be delayed much, if any, beyond the present week. It was noticeable that a better and more conciliatory spirit was shown by all the speakers at the Democratic caucus held today than has been exhibited at any similar gathering for a long time, and consequently Democrats are looking forward to future party success with more confidence than the most sanguine of them have felt since the opening of the present session of Congress.

One of the most important factors in uniting the Democrats of the House in support of the Carlisle currency reform bill, was the unprincipled fight which a clique of Wall street bankers have been making upon Secretary Carlisle, using this bill as an excuse, because he would not allow them to use him. Secretary Carlisle is deservedly popular with Democrats in Congress—and out of Congress, too, for that matter—and many of them determined to stand by him and his bill, although there are things in the bill that some of them do not approve.

Now that the passage of the currency bill by the House is regarded as good as accomplished, its fate in the Senate is being discussed. Few Democrats are confident that it will even be allowed to reach a vote in the Senate, owing to the short time remaining of the session, but Senator Hill, who seldom expresses an opinion without having good reasons therefor, thinks that the Senate will pass the bill if it be amended to provide for the coinage of the silver seigniorage, as that would obtain votes enough from the Republican and Populist silver Senators to get the bill through. It has been stated, although I cannot vouch for it, that President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle would not object to such an amendment of the bill, and it is certain that many Democrats in both House and Senate would be greatly pleased to see the bill become a law so amended.

Some of the Republican leaders are indulging in a line of talk that they will regret inside of six months. They are saying that the only trouble with the Treasury is that caused by a revenue insufficient to meet the expenditures of the government, and that the deficit is caused by the new tariff law. That is just the talk to suit the Democrats, who know that as soon as the Treasury begins to realize from the duty on sugar, which is just beginning to come in largely, and on the income tax, which will soon be collectable, the receipts of the government will be in excess of the expenditures. It will be amusing to see these Republicans when confronted by their present talk a few months hence.

There is much talk of the attempt that is expected to be made in the Senate to render the income tax inoperative by dropping the appropriation for its collection, which is in the urgency appropriation bill, which has been passed by the House; but Senator Cockrell, chairman of the Senate Appropriation committee, says that it is nothing but talk and that he is confident the appropriation will be made. Secretary Carlisle is so confident that the appropriation will be made that he is now sending income tax blanks to the internal revenue collectors.

Some of the numerous men who are always going off half-cocked were probably responsible for the rumor which was current a day or two ago and was widely telegraphed from Washington, to the effect that the administration had withdrawn the demand it had made upon Spain to cease discriminating against American flour shipped to Cuba, under penalty of having the sugar of Cuba and Porto Rico shut out of the United States. The originator of that rumor got his facts exactly reversed. Instead of having withdrawn its demand upon the Spanish government the administration has reiterated it in stronger language, and accompanied it with a notice that a prompt reply must be given or the President would without further warning issue a proclamation against the sugar of Cuba and Porto Rico. It has been informally decided by

the Senate Finance committee that no tariff amendments of any sort should be taken up at this session, and the administration is thrown upon its own resources in dealing with the retaliation and threatened retaliation of European nations because of the differential duty on sugar, which everybody admits ought to be repealed.

To Prevent the Spread of Cattle Disease.

The state board of agriculture has formulated a measure to prevent the spread of tuberculosis which has been approved by Governor Pattison and other state authorities, the state grange, Farmers' Alliance and kindred organizations. The measure has already been introduced in the senate by Senator Critchfield, of Somerset, who has been endorsed by the agricultural classes for chairman of the senate agricultural committee. The proposed act gives the governor and secretary of the state board of agriculture power to place animals, herds, and premises in quarantine, to prescribe the rules regulating such quarantine, to employ assistants, regulate their compensation and provide for the movement of animals and articles likely to convey the contagion.

The governor and secretary of the board may order and conduct examinations into the condition of live stock in relation to tuberculosis, including the milk supplies of municipalities and take measures to protect such milk supplies from contamination by this disease. Violation of the rules of quarantine or interference with officers appointed under the proposed act is made a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment not exceeding one month, or both. Animals may be condemned and killed, the owner to be paid not more than \$25 for any infected animal of graded or common stock and not more than \$50 for registered stock. When an agreement can not be made with the owner of infected animals as to their value three appraisers are to be appointed to appraise their value.

Compulsory Education.

A vigorous effort will be made to have the present legislature pass a compulsory education law. Hon. John Farr, of Lackawanna county, has one ready, which very modestly provides that every child between the age of 8 and 12 years shall receive at least sixteen weeks instruction annually in the ordinary English branches. Representative Seyfer's bill makes it the business of the state to provide for the education of every child within its limits between the age of 8 and 15 years, and makes it the duty of parents to see that children within the prescribed age receive at least five months' instruction five months in the year. The effort to secure compulsory education should be strongly supported by intelligent people.

Staff Appointments.

Gov. Hastings has made the first appointments for his military staff which will consist of 25 or 30 members, each one gets the title of "Colonel" by virtue of his position. There is no salary connected with it; when the Governor attends any military display he is surrounded by as many of his staff as can conveniently attend, dressed in fine uniforms.

The members of this body-guard so far appointed are Henry Hall, legislative correspondent of the Pittsburg Times; Colonels J. L. Spangler and W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte.

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.

Flouring Mill Burned.

The large flouring mill owned by J. B. Crawford, at the Junction, in Nittany Valley, was destroyed by fire last Friday evening.

Clinton County Licenses.

At Lock Haven Monday Judge Mayer and his associates of the Clinton county bench granted thirty four hotel and two brewery licenses.

Bought the Properties.

The Dubites have bought up all the Esherite Evangelical churches in and near Williamsport.

Death at Madisonburg.

Mr. Henry Hazel, an aged and respected citizen of Madisonburg, died on Friday, December 28th. He was aged over seventy-six years.

A storm coat this weather is almost necessary if you wish to be comfortable. There is a big assortment at Lewins', Bellefonte, and a sale made by him is bound to be satisfactory.

PATTISON PREPARES TO QUIT.

Thousands of Invitations to Attend General Hastings' Inauguration.

Governor Pattison has removed his household effects from the Executive Mansion to his residence at Overbrook, near Philadelphia, and on Wednesday of next week will join Mrs. Pattison at their new home, which she expects to occupy this week. It had been intended by Governor and Mrs. Pattison to entertain General Hastings and family by giving them a dinner at the Executive Mansion, next Tuesday, but owing to the fact that Mrs. Pattison has been suffering with rheumatism for several days the arrangement has been abandoned. The Governor and his daughter, Miss Vinnie Pattison, will leave the Executive Mansion on Monday afternoon, and enjoy the hospitality of James J. Dull and family, Front and Pine streets, until after the inauguration of General Hastings as Governor.

Two thousand invitations were issued Monday from the headquarters of the Legislative inaugural committee to political clubs and fire companies in the state to participate in the inaugural parade. Fifteen thousand additional invitations will be issued to prominent citizens of this and other states to attend the inaugural ceremonies.

Governor-elect Hastings and family will reach Harrisburg on Saturday and will be guests of Mrs. Haldeman, widow of the late Congressman Richard F. Haldeman, at the old mansion of General Cameron, on Front street. Between 125 and 150 political clubs are expected to participate in the inaugural parade. Chief Marshal Olmstead has been notified that the Anti-Cobden, of Philadelphia, with 250 members; the Penrose Club and the Fifteenth Ward Club will be in the line next Tuesday.

MILLIONS ASSESSED FOR TAXATION.

Steady Increase in the Value of Property in Pennsylvania.

The assessment returns to the department of internal affairs from the several counties of the commonwealth indicate that the aggregate amount of tax assessed in the state during the year just closed was \$2,466,451.31 as against \$2,433,012.84 the previous year. The aggregate value of all property in the state taxable for county purposes is shown by the returns to be \$2,545,500,748, an increase of \$38,433,801 over 1893.

The county tax assessed last year amounted to \$19,935,994.04 as against \$18,851,798.78 the previous year. The money at interest including mortgages, bonds, notes, stocks, &c., is shown by the returns to have been \$616,043,452 in 1894, an increase over the previous year of \$8,379,043. The aggregate value of stages, omnibuses, hacks, cabs, &c., in the state is \$570,061. In 1893 the aggregate value of this subject of taxation was \$589,204. The aggregate value of property taxable for state purposes at four mills on the dollar, including money at interest, mortgages, judgments, bonds, notes and stocks, is shown by the returns to have increased from \$908,253,612 in 1893 to \$616,613,513 last year.

The number of taxables in the state last year was 1,684,946, an increase of 21,990 over 1893. The assessment returns to the department the past two years show that the acreage of the timber land of the state is steadily growing less, while at the same time there is a corresponding increase in the acreage of the cleared land. In 1894 there were 15,081,061 acres of cleared land, an increase of 204,197 over the previous year. The total acreage of timber land in 1893 was 8,296,192, as against 8,017,327 in 1894.

The aggregate value of the real estate in the commonwealth last year was \$2,643,601,500 and \$2,590,433,790 in 1893. The value of the real estate exempt from taxation increased from \$239,243,753 in 1893 to \$245,368,752 in 1894, and the value of real estate taxable from \$2,351,190,037 in 1893 to \$2,389,252,748 in 1894. The assessment returns for these two years show that the number of horses, mares, geldings and mules over four years has decreased from 561,468 in 1893 to 550,134 in 1894, a difference of 11,234 and in value from \$32,585,629 to \$30,162,309.

The number of neat cattle in the state over four years was 672,023 in 1894, and their aggregate value, \$11,565,293. In 1893 the number of this class of cattle was 692,246 and their aggregate value \$12,148,492. The salaries and emoluments of office, offices, posts of profit, professions, trades and occupations increased from \$111,124,967 in 1893 to \$114,414,918 last year.

Executive Clerk.

Governor-elect Hastings has selected Wilbur F. Harris, of Bellefonte, for his executive clerk. Mr. Harris is a close personal friend of the new governor and is thoroughly qualified for the place.

BORN AND DIED

IN CENTRE COUNTY THE PAST YEAR.

The District Assessor's Returns.—Over Twice as Many Births as Deaths.

The assessors throughout the county have completed their registry of the births and deaths occurring during the seven months from May 1st to December 1st, and the returns are in from all districts in the county but three, showing a total of 579 births and 266 deaths. The returns from precincts show up as follows:

BIRTHS	DEATHS	
Bellefonte North Ward.....	3	7
" South Ward.....	12	12
" West Ward.....	17	1
Centre Hall Borough.....	5	8
Howard.....	18	3
Millsburg.....	9	6
Milbrett.....	3	4
Pittsburg 1st Ward.....	12	4
" 2nd Ward.....	14	3
" 3rd Ward.....	10	12
South Phillipsburg.....	14	4
Unionville.....	3	2
Beaver N. P.....	8	2
Boggs N. P.....	11	1
" E. P.....	11	4
" W. P.....	11	5
Burnside.....	7	3
College E. P.....	0	2
" W. P.....	9	2
Jurris.....	12	2
Ferguson E. P.....	13	5
" W. P.....	10	2
Greene N. P.....	5	4
" E. P.....	8	6
" W. P.....	10	4
Haines W. P.....	13	10
Halfmoon.....	9	2
Harris.....	14	4
Howard.....	9	0
Brookton.....	15	15
Liberty.....	3	3
Marshall.....	15	15
Mills E. P.....	5	2
" W. P.....	15	0
Patton.....	24	10
Potter N. P.....	6	3
" S. P.....	6	3
Rush N. P.....	20	15
" S. P.....	26	17
" W. P.....	9	0
Snow Shoe E. P.....	9	2
" W. P.....	9	5
Spring N. P.....	18	5
" S. P.....	21	13
" W. P.....	18	4
Taylor.....	12	4
Lolon.....	14	3
Walker.....	17	7
Worth.....	15	6
Total.....	579	266

In Clinton county during the same period there were 279 births and 145 deaths.

Silver and Gold.

Something everybody wants, something all can get by securing a copy of Vick's Floral Guide for 1895, a work of art, printed in seventeen different tinted inks, with beautiful colored plates. Full list, with description and prices, of everything one could wish for vegetable, fruit or flower garden. Many pages of new novelties, enclosed in a chaste cover of silver and gold.

Unusual and astonishing offers, such as Sweet Peas for 40 cents a pound, \$300.00 for a name for a New Double Sweet Pea, etc. If at all interested in seeds or plants send ten cents at once for a copy of Vick's Floral Guide, which amount may be deducted from first order, to James Vick's Sons, Rochester, N. Y., and learn the many bargains this firm is offering.

To Make Corncribs Rat Proof.

We can give the farmer readers of the "Reporter" a pointer on making corncribs proof against rats and mice, that is simple and connected with little expense and, under proper care, lasting. With stout wire-netting, meshes small enough to keep out mice, cover the bottom and sides, also top, of crib, with it, and you are safe against the harm the rodents will do, and one season's saving in your corn will pay the cost of the wire netting which can be bought very low.

Garners, cellar closets for safe-keeping of provisions, can be made safe against rats and mice, in the same way, and any one can put on the netting, either inside or outside the apartment desired to be secure.

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.

Will Have Water Works.

Our good neighbors at Milroy are contemplating the erection of water works, and a party came over to take data on the excellent system of water works which is the boast of Centre Hall.

In a Snarl.

The Philadelphia Republicans made their nominations on Wednesday, and have split. The Quay element was turned down, and Penrose, the machine candidate for the mayoralty nomination was defeated, and now there is a big sore.

Sworn In.

On Monday morning John G. Love was sworn in as president judge of this judicial district, and Hon. A. O. Furst retires with honors fairly won during his ten years service on the bench.

CENTRE CO. FARMER IN VA.

He Gets Along Finely and Gives Interesting Facts.

In a letter to his uncle, Peter Hoffer, J. Henry Meyer, who left this place over a year ago, writes from Bowling Green, Virginia, Dec. 21, 1894, as follows:

"I will try to answer your inquiries without exaggeration. I have not made any new discoveries that I am aware of up to this time. I am satisfied however, that with a lighter application of manure, which is at the bottom of all successful farming everywhere, will bring the farmer as good results, if not better, here than north. The soil is not capable of producing paying crops of grass in its present state, but wherever stable manure, or commercial fertilizer is applied, grass is successfully grown; clover and orchard grass are a success wherever a preparation for its growth has been made.

The pasture is equal to that of the north, if not better, under the same conditions. Under such continued drought as we had the summer of '94 the pastures north would have certainly dried up, but here we had good pasture all summer, and up to the present time some farmers still have their stock in pasture without any other feed; but I have my stock stabled and feeding.

The wheat and oats look promising. I had some fear that the seeding was done too late, but by all appearances we seeded early enough for this fall; the season has been most remarkable; we have had no snow, and but few nights that ice froze on stagnant waters, or tubs, buckets, or any other vessel out doors.

The man who cultivated the place last year raised forty barrels of corn on forty acres, he claims; this year we cultivated twenty-two acres and a fraction, made eighty-five barrels, or almost four barrels per acre; twenty bushels shelled corn. We did not measure with a tub, as the farmer does here, but with a bushel basket, and we have every reason to believe the measurement will overrun the tub measure.

Yes the facilities for soil improvement are within easy reach, like in the north. The barn-yard is the easiest, without which farming is not a success in any land or country that I know of.

The town has four dry goods stores, three groceries, two butcher shops, one stove and tin shop, four coach shops; but for all that there is plenty of land for sale in the town, where buildings can be put up at a small price and more stores and shops started. There is represented in this town in a small way, almost anything you might think necessary for a booming place, except a bakery, and I believe it would be a good place for a baker, or a printer; we have a county paper, but not printed at Bowling Green. We should have a live man here like the editor of the REPORTER; somebody to make them bustle.

No farmer gathers any cloverseed here, but I am told by a Lebanon county man who has been here for thirteen years that he has not seen the like for clover filling with seed like it does in this country. This Lebanon county man is an old acquaintance of Rev. W. H. Groh and brother Levi; his name is Wenerich; he lives about four miles south-west of us.

As to parties purchasing, there have been none lately as I know of but there is some prospect of a canning factory being built at Millford in the spring of '95, ready for the crop the following summer; tomatoes, corn, peas, beans, and anything for purposes of canning can be sold.

The green grass has most of it gone with the summer. There is more corn produced here than is consumed; farmers along the rivers had good crops, this year was a favorable season for them, two or three whose crops I saw made 200 to 1000 barrels, about six barrels per acre, shelled.

Markets at present: Corn \$2.25 per barrel; rye 50 cents per bushel; wheat two bushel for \$1.12; oats 45; butter 20 cents; eggs 20 cents per dozen; good horse from \$80 to \$100; I bought a good heavy Guernsey cow some four weeks ago for \$15.

As this is the day before Christmas the people are preparing the churches in the way of decorations, for the proper celebration of the day. The usual Christmas service will be held in the Methodist church in Bowling Green tomorrow. A young man has been sent here by the last conference by the name of Waterfield; a very nice man seemingly and a good preacher; he has called to see us since he came to town.

The Spring Elections.

The spring election will be held on Tuesday, February 19th. The primary election or caucuses must not be held later than Saturday, January 26th.

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TEXT BOOK TRUST PROFITS.

The State Has Paid Over One Million of Dollars Unnecessarily.

The profits of the Text Book Trust have been handsomely enhanced by the operations of the new Free School Book law. Those who have made a study of the subject are convinced that the state paid out during the year, perhaps \$1,000,000 more than necessary in the shape of trust profits, and it is likely that an investigation will be ordered by the Legislature.

A number of the districts have not reported the amount expended to the state authorities. The total, as far as heard from for the school year ended June 4, 1894, for books and supplies is \$1,844,714.15. This, it is stated at the Department of Public Instruction, is considerably more than was anticipated.

The amount per capita ranges from as low as 83 cents in one county to as much as \$3 in others.

There is an entire absence of uniformity. Some districts expended more than the state appropriation, and others turned the new law into a money making scheme.

Pittsburg pays 95 cents for an algebra which costs McKeesport \$1. Bellefonte buys the same book for 93 cents. Bellefonte also secures for 63 cents a geometry which costs \$1.05 in Pittsburg and Allegheny, and for which McKeesport is charged \$1.13. Brownsville gets this book for 68 cents, Homestead is assessed 56 cents for an arithmetic which costs Allegheny 52 cents, but has a rate lower than Allegheny on geographies.

The first ward of Carnegie pays \$1.50 for a geography which costs Oil City \$1, and Pittsburg 96 cents. It pays \$1.10 for a history which Bellefonte gets for 80 cents and Bellevorn for 95 cents.

A grammar which costs Pittsburg and Williamsport 48 cents appears to be worth 85 cents in Carnegie. The second ward of the same town puts up 95 cents for an arithmetic sold to Pittsburg for 52 cents, and many of the other figures are in proportion.

Local Notes.

A thaw set in on Sunday which continued to Tuesday, melting the snow very much and spoiling sleighing somewhat.

Have your sales advertised in the "Reporter," thus making them known in every nook and corner of the county. We also print sale bills in No. 1 style.

Ladies occasionally inquire when they can see us print papers. Our newspaper press can be seen in operation every Wednesday evening and on Thursday mornings after 10. We are always pleased to have ladies call.

Is 68th Year.

The old Centre Hall REPORTER entered upon its sixty-eighth year this week looking far younger and more prosperous than one would imagine for a journal of that age. For forty-seven years it has been under the direction of the Kurtz family and, as they are all experienced newspaper men the REPORTER has grown to be one of the foremost Democratic journals of the state. May the REPORTER live to reach the century mark is the wish of the Times.—Tyrona Times.

Has Been a Success.

The Centre Hall REPORTER has entered upon its sixty-eighth year. For thirty years it has been edited by Fred Kurtz. The REPORTER's success in the past and its bright prospects for the future are due to the ability with which it has been managed and to the influence for good it has exerted in Centre county.—Philadelphia Times.

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.

Mrs. Lohr Loses.

Chief Justice McCullum, of the supreme court, on Wednesday handed down a decision reversing the decision of Judge Furst in the case of Mrs. David E. Lohr vs. the borough of Phillipsburg, without a new trial. This is the second time the supreme court has refused Judge Furst in the same case. As this releases our borough from paying \$1800 damages we can all feel happy.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

Why He Quit Chewing.

A Bradford man has quit chewing tobacco simply because on biting into a plug the other day he found on examination a portion of a human finger.

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