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## CAPITOL GOSSIP

### THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON AN EXTRA SESSION.

The Hawaiian Fever Breaks Out Among the Republicans—Three New Battle Ships to be Built.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The Republicans in Congress have another bad case of Hawaiian fever, brought on by the news of the very feeble revolt against the Republic of Hawaii, which was published in Saturday's papers. In their ravings against the administration the Republicans forget that the absence of a U. S. war ship from Honolulu at the time of the revolt was directly due to a request made by President Dole, of Hawaii; also, that Minister Willis in his official dispatch to Secretary Gresham, giving news of the revolt and of its failure, says: "President Dole expressed to me his gratification that no national ship has been in port during this disturbance." In other words, that the President of Hawaii was glad that he had been able to demonstrate to the world his ability to put down a revolt without the moral support which the presence of a foreign war vessel or vessels would have given him. But these are facts, something the Republicans never trouble themselves about when they start to abusing the administration. The cruiser Philadelphia has been ordered to Hawaii.

There has been no apparent change as to the outlook for financial legislation during the past week. Efforts to reach an agreement on some bill that can be passed are still being made, but prospects are not encouraging.

Representative-elect Fitzgerald, of Mass., was probably the first man to ask President Cleveland the direct question: "Will there be an extra session of Congress?" Anyway he is the first man who has asked the question and made known the President's reply thereto, which was as follows: "I have not yet made up my mind. If nothing is done at this session of Congress, and the best interests of the country demand it, I shall not hesitate to convene Congress again, without regard to any party feeling and influenced by any consideration save that of the public good." Mr. Fitzgerald then said to the President: "But suppose that the Republicans undertake to pass a tariff bill and send it to you to sign?" To which Mr. Cleveland answered: "I cannot be responsible for what they do. There are questions to be settled, and it is the duty of Congress to legislate upon them in its own way. If the new Congress is convened, my responsibility will begin when a measure that has passed both Houses is sent to me for action."

The Naval appropriation bill, which has been reported to the House, carries, in accordance with Secretary Herbert's recommendations, \$12,000,000 for the construction of three coast-line battle-ships; also provision for the construction of twelve torpedo boats of from 100 to 300 tons each. The bill provides that one of the battle-ships and three of the torpedo boats shall be built upon the Pacific Coast or in adjacent waters, if it can be done at a fair cost; abolishes speed premiums, and says that one of the battle-ships shall be named Kearsage. When the proposition to build these battle-ships was first made many Congressmen were disposed to oppose it on account of the slim condition of the Treasury, but upon consideration of the fact that the largest part of the money for them will be paid for labor, thus giving needed employment to many, the most of them have withdrawn their opposition, and it is now regarded as certain that the bill will go through practically as reported.

Secretary Hoke Smith decided some time ago that the Interior department was paying the Bell telephone monopoly entirely too much money for the telephones in use between the main department building and its branches, the Geological Survey, the Bureau of Ethnology, the Pension Bureau, the Census office, the Bureau of Education and several others. The telephone company refused to reduce its charges and Secretary Smith has made a contract with other parties for the erection of a telephone line which will belong to the government and will save a considerable sum of money, as there will be no charges to pay after the line is up except for its being kept in repair. The Bell Telephone Company is threatening legal complications.

Although the re-opening of the case raises a doubt as to whether the committee on the Judiciary of the House will report that impeachment resolution against Judge Ricks, of Ohio, it may yet do so, unless the hearing of Judge Ricks and any witnesses he may introduce shall put a more favorable aspect on the charges against the Judge, which the committee has once decided were proven. Time need not do figure in the matter, as according

to Senator Gorman, who is good authority, impeachment proceedings when once formally brought before the Senate by the House would not be affected by the expiration of the session, but would be taken up at the next session and carried to a conclusion. There have only been seven impeachment trials in our history, four of them being of judges, one of a Senator—Blount, of Tenn., one of a President—Johnson—and one of a Secretary of War—Belknap.

Speaker Crisp, who has not been well recently, has by advice of his physicians gone away for a few days rest.

### How an Astor Grieves Over a Dead Wife.

Four thousand lilies of the rarest and costliest description, deftly woven into a pall of wondrous sweetness, were reverently laid on Mrs. William Waldorf Astor's last resting place Friday morning. Saturday morning they were removed and burned, and a pall of fresh flowers, scintillant with the dew of dawn, substituted for them.

This act of reverence—this sacrament of flowers—will be repeated every morning throughout the year. A million and a half lilies will be sacrificed in homage to the memory of the dead. In all directions the sorrowing millionaire was accorded the highest praise for the touching evidence of devotion evidenced in the princely outlay involved. The value of the 4,000 lilies used was in the neighborhood of \$125.

In addition to the price of the flowers themselves, Mr. Astor pays for the employment of a man, whose exclusive duty it is to superintend their disposal and remain on guard at the tomb. This, with other incidental expenses, brings the total cost for the year up to \$50,000, which is the sum mentioned in the contract.

### Brief Items of Local Interest.

Township and borough elections come on Feb. 19.

There are several cases of scarlet fever around Spring Mills.

Elias Heckman, of Orangeville, Ill., writes us, Jan. 17: Our winter, so far, has been a fine one; have not had over half an inch of snow, and the coldest day was only 10 below zero.

Mrs. Trezulney, widow of the one well-known surveyor, Henry Trezulney, died in Boggs tp. last week.

Snow is too deep in the woods for getting out timber to advantage.

A young man, son of B. F. Yearick, will move on the Bruss farm, (formerly Bitner's), a short distance east of this place.

Farmers are of the opinion the present covering of snow will be beneficial to the grain fields.

Mr. Reish will shortly occupy the old Potters bank hotel stand. It is an old land-mark and many interesting incidents of the earlier days are connected with it.

### Why Skates are Cheap.

Those who have purchased skates this season could not have failed to notice the cheapness of the article. Skates, that so late as five years ago cost \$5 to \$6 can be bought at one-tenth that price. A hardware dealer explains this by the fact that most of the patents that made the skates expensive have expired, and that the process of manufacture has been so improved as to reduce the original cost to the minimum figure. A first-class pair of skates can be bought for 50 cents. The article cost \$3 ten years ago.

### Appointed Committeeman.

D. J. Meyer has been appointed committeeman of the borough Democrats by county chairman N. B. Spangler. In the north precinct of Potter James W. Runkle, and in the south precinct James B. Spangler were appointed committeemen. The Democratic caucuses will be held in the various election districts of the county on Saturday next, 26th.

### Bought the Churches.

The United Evangelicals have purchased from the Esherites the churches at Aaronsburg, Millheim and Cornburn. At Millheim the parsonage and church were sold for \$800 above the claims against the same, as we are informed.

### Nineteen Prisoners.

Sheriff Condo is boarding nineteen prisoners at present in his bastle at Bellefonte. The court next week will rid him of the greater portion of them.

—For the purpose of closing out our entire stock of Winter Goods we offer an extraordinary reduction sale to last for thirty days only. Prices are still further reduced.—Lyon & Co., Bellefonte.

—Go to Meyers' Cash Bazaar for all the latest dry goods at new tariff prices. Bellefonte, Pa.

### FOR A \$10,000,000 CAPITOL.

Many Legislators Favor that Amount for a New Building.

The unsatisfactory condition of the hall of the House has revived agitation in favor of a new capitol. The most popular price mentioned as the probable cost of a new capitol is \$10,000,000 although some legislators think a suitable building could be put up for half that amount. The revenue system of the State is doing such good work that a debt of \$10,000,000 would be extinguished in a few years, if present tax laws were kept in force for that period.

Ten millions for a new capitol is a big thing and will ring in the taxpayers' ears just at this time, when a big sum has been spent to remodel the capitol in fine style, with baths for greasy Senators that cost \$30,000. Pennsylvania gave a big Republican majority, now why cant it spend big sums on a new capitol?

### Cannot be Put Twice in Jeopardy.

It is a general rule of law in the states of the American Union that a crime by the verdict of a jury cannot again be put on trial for the same offense. It matters not that mistakes have been made in the conduct of the trial to the injury of the prosecution and the benefit of the prisoner. If the defendant has been declared not guilty by a jury, that verdict is conclusive forever. This rule is based upon a provision to be found in the Constitution of almost every state, which declares in substance that no person shall be subject to be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense. A like provision is found in the fifth amendment of the Constitution of the United States, which declares that no person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, but this applies only to charges of crime against the laws of the United States, as distinguished from state laws, and to prosecutions in the Federal courts, as distinguished from prosecutions in state tribunals.

### The Mouse Escaped.

This didn't happen near Centre Hall where our women are afraid of neither man or mouse.

A lady while engaged in the pursuit of her domestic duties encountered a mouse in the flour barrel. Now, most ladies, under similar circumstances, would have uttered a few genuine shrieks, and then sought safety in the garret, but this one possessed more than the ordinary degree of genuine courage.

She summoned the man servant and told him to get the gun, call the dog and station himself at a convenient distance. Then she clambered half way up stairs and commenced to punch the flour barrel with a pole.

Presently the mouse made its appearance and started across the floor. The dog at once went in pursuit. The man fired and the dog dropped dead, the lady fainted and fell down the stairs, and the man, thinking that she was killed, and fearing that he would be arrested for murder, disappeared, and has not been seen since. The mouse escaped.

### The Bonds Filed.

The bonds of Governor Hastings' cabinet were filed at the state department. That of Insurance Commissioner Lambert is for \$10,000 with J. L. Spangler and William P. Duncan, of Centre county, and L. G. McCauley, of West Chester, as sureties. The bond of Adjutant General Stewart is for \$20,000, J. K. Weaver, W. W. Renyon and J. W. Smith, of Norris-town are sureties. Secretary Reeder is required to give a bond of \$10,000 and Major Lane S. Hart and A. Reeder Ferriday, of Harrisburg, are on it.

### More Snows.

Two snows last week added about 6 inches to what had previously fallen, making nine snows in all, and a total of 36 inches. Very little of the snow that fell in the past five weeks has melted to any considerable extent, hence it is deep in the fields and woods, and turning out on the roads is a little difficult. Monday a drizzle of rain set in.

### Additions to Our Burg.

Frank Foreman and Charles Slack will be additions to our burg next spring, and will occupy the new double house built by Mr. Colyer. We will be glad to have such good citizens added to our town.

### Amount of Insurance.

The insurance on the mill of J. B. Crawford is \$2000 in the F. M. Co., of Centre Hall, and \$1200 in the Sugar Valley Co., of Loganton.

—Lyon & Co., Bellefonte are having an extraordinary reduction sale of all lines in their store, and a further reduction from the low prices has been made. For a short time only.

—Subscribe for the REPORTER.

## ELECTROCUTION

### A BILL TO ABOLISH THE NOOSE IN THE STATE.

A Bill Introduced Substituting Electricity for the Noose.—Will Hardly Become a Law.

The bill introduced in the house by Representative Cotton, of Allegheny, doing away with the death penalty and substituting therefor death by electrocution will probably be allowed to "sleep the sleep that knows no waking" by the judiciary general committee. There is a strong sentiment in the committee in favor of abolishing capital punishment, and a movement has been started by certain members to substitute the bill offered by Senator Vaughan, of Lackawanna, having this for its purpose, should the measure reach the committee. There is danger, through, that the Vaughan proposition will never be allowed to go through the senate.

The objection to the Cotton bill is that the infliction of the death penalty by electricity, although it is the mode of capital punishment in New York state, is yet an experiment and does not give the satisfaction expected of it. Mr. Cotton's bill changes the place of execution from the county prison to one of the penitentiaries, where special apparatus is to be maintained for that purpose. A certain week is specified, but the day and hour are not made known to the criminal. The number of witnesses is limited to the representatives of the press, the usual jury and provisions of the bill are almost identical with those of New York state law.

Another bill introduced by Mr. Cotton is likely to meet the same fate. It prevents foreign building and loan associations from doing business in the state by limiting the operations of all such concerns to the counties in which their principal office is located. The bill is slumbering in the general judiciary committee and will probably be allowed to remain there. The strongest objection to it comes from the Western and Northwestern counties in which substantial foreign and building and loan associations do a thriving business. Numerous other schemes have been offered to rid the state of these foreign associations, but if any becomes a law it is thought it will not be as radical as the Cotton proposition.

### State Items.

J. L. McPherson, a lumberman of Clearfield, accidentally shot and killed himself while drawing a rifle from under the seat of his sleigh. He was 56 years of age, a member of the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves and was wounded at Spottsylvania and Gettysburg.

The poor directors of Mercer county Pa., investigating the condition of the poor, found 500 families in Sharon depending on charity.

A "bread war" at Indianapolis has brought the retail price to three cents a loaf—wholesale, one cent.

When William Millheim, of near Williamsport, was about to shoot a horse which had outlived its usefulness, the gun burst and Millheim was terribly injured about the head and will lose one eye.

### Be Careful How You Speak.

Remember this, young men, be careful how you speak of a woman's character. Think how many years she has been building it, of the toils and privations endured, of the wounds received, and let no suspicion follow her actions. The purity of woman is the salvation of the race, the hope of future greatness, the redemption of man. Wipe out her purity and she sinks beneath the wave of despair, with not a star to guide her life into a channel of safety. Think then, before you speak, and remember that any hog can root up the fairest flower that ever grew, so the vilest man may ruin the purest woman's character.—Tyrone Herald.

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.

### Bereft of Seven Children.

The seventh death from diphtheria within a period of two weeks has occurred in the family of Jacob K. Levan, of Oley, Berks county. Two others in the family are in a critical condition. Mr. and Mrs. Levan had ten healthy children a month ago, but have been bereft of all but three.

—Every well-dressed young man gets his clothing and gents' furnishing at Lewins, Bellefonte.

### ABLY MANAGED.

Progress Shown in the Affairs of the State College.

State College presents a better showing than ever. There are now enrolled 356 students, and the faculty has been increased from 45 to 48. There are now 54 students in the dairy school. At the experiment stations tests are being made in the Pasteurization of milk and on the culture of tobacco, and reports are being prepared for the Legislature, as having an important bearing on bills.

The college authorities are severe in their condemnation of Representative Lawrence, who opposed such large appropriations for the institution in a speech before the Legislature.

### No Minister's Passes.

The Pennsylvania railway lines west of Pittsburg have caused quite a sensation in church circles by the announcement that the free pass or half fare to ministers of the gospel was a thing of the past. The custom of giving reduced fares to ministers will still be in force east of Pittsburg until March 31. The coupon issued ministers calling for a reduction in fare is good only until that time.

This move has caused the wildest excitement and has come on the clergymen like a clap of thunder. For years past they have been traveling on passes or at reduced rates, and such a move was altogether unexpected. It is given out, however, that the Pennsylvania system has been trying to reach this point for years past.

### Change in Legislative Districts.

A bill changing the legislative districts of the state was introduced in the House by Chairman Culbertson, of the legislative apportionment committee. It is similar to that introduced in the last session and was presented at this time merely for the purpose of giving the committee a basis on which to formulate a measure acceptable to the majority side of the House. The bill increases the membership from Allegheny from sixteen to twenty and gives Philadelphia, Cambria, and Jefferson one additional member each. Somerset, Bedford, Lawrence, Schuylkill, Clarion, Crawford, Chester and Huntingdon each loses a member. No change is made in the membership from the other counties.

### Too True.

The editor of Lindsey Press knows what he is talking about when he says: If the local newspaper of a town would speak as disparagingly of its business interests as some of the business people do, what would be the result. There are people in this world who think a newspaper should hustle eighteen hours a day to boom their town and call the public's attention to the place. But when it comes to the poor printer being paid enough to buy bread and butter for himself they would rather some one else would do the paying.

### Foe Mills.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the hop at Paddy Rankins the other night and had quite a lively time.

James Binghamman intends moving his household goods from Cherry Run to Ingleby, where he has taken a contract of running a saw mill for J. Galor.

Mr. F. W. Confer's wood shed took quite a tumble the other day and left his wood without shelter.

Engines No. 888 and 106 are at a standstill at present on account of the deep snow; there is now about thirty-six inches in the woods.

A. J. Gotshall made a flying trip to this place on Friday to look after his lumber job which he suspended until the weather moderates.

Quite a number of our young folks took in the hop at Duncantown on Saturday evening and report a good time.

Peter Coon, formerly of Boalsburg, but now of Mazeppa, Union county, is visiting his brother-in-law, Elliot Hasinger, of this place.

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.

### A SERIES OF TOURS.

Personally Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

It is at this season of the year that people's thoughts turn to some method by which the rigors of our northern winter climate may be escaped, and a trip to the "Land of Flowers," if only for a short time, offers the easiest solution to the question.

In order to give the public an opportunity to visit Florida at a very reasonable cost, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a series of tours to Jacksonville, and the well-earned reputation acquired by that company for the superiority of its personally-conducted tours will be maintained for this year's series. Since the system of personally-conducted tours inaugurated by that company has been in effect, none but words of commendation have been received. Its unexcelled train service, experienced Tourist Agents and Chaperons, and above all, its moderate charges, leave nothing to be desired.

The tours to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks' stay in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia on January 29, February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26, 1895. The rate, including transportation, meals en route, and Pullman berth on special train, is \$50.00 from New York, and \$45.00 from Philadelphia; proportionate rates from other points.

For further information apply to Ticket Agents, or address Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Room 411, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, to whom application for space should also be made.

### Put Salt on Coal.

At this time of the year when the coal begins to develop such extraordinary possibilities in the way of rapid consumption, housekeepers are eagerly on the lookout for something that will at least prevent waste, if it cannot by any other means make a ton go further. There are several preparations for this purpose sold under fanciful name, but the basis of the most of them is ordinary salt. If the latter is sprinkled liberally over the coal, either in the bin or as it is put into the furnace, it will make it burn more evenly to a clean ash and will also prevent clinkers. Of course, there some chemical explanation for this, but the ordinary housewife does not care much about the reasons. She is satisfied that it is so.

### To Prevent Forest Fires.

The Forestry Commission has drawn and Mr. Meyrick has introduced at Harrisburg a bill intended to suppress forest fires by providing for forest wardens, imposing penalties for carelessness in setting forest fires, and requiring any one called upon to assist in suppressing them. In addition to special fire wardens the supervisors of roads are made fire wardens within their districts. Forest fires annually cost this state a vast sum, and a measure for their suppression is very greatly needed. The provisions of this act are simple and efficient and it ought to become a law.

### A Happy Treasurer.

The auditors of Indiana county, in making a settlement with the treasurer, brought him out in debt to the county in the amount of almost \$3,000. Of course he was dissatisfied and could not understand how it was brought about; accordingly he employed an expert book-keeper, who began at the beginning and finished up to the end. In going over the amounts he found that instead of the treasurer owing the county a large sum, the county was indebted to the treasurer more than \$800.

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.

### Good Shape.

The county auditors have no difficulty looking over the finances; they find the business transactions for 1894 in good shape, and thereat the taxpayers of the county have cause to feel gratified.

### Up a Peg.

He has gone up a peg, Wm. E. Gray has, having been appointed Republican county chairman, in place of Reeder resigned. Gray will make a good "cheerman" on that side of the house.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, has the finest selection of Winter Suits in this part of the state. They go at prices that are a sacrifice. All styles and grades and at such figures that defy competition, and that is the why of his immense trade in clothing.