



CAPITOL GOSSIP

THE TARIFF RECEIPTS RAPIDLY INCREASING.

A Conspiracy in Existence to Make Money Out of the Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—That there is a conspiracy in existence to make money out of the condition of the Treasury is believed by many men in both branches of Congress. Naturally members of the administration will not express their belief upon such a matter. The idea of the conspirators as understood by those who believe in their existence, is to withdraw gold from the Treasury and hoard it until gold can be by its scarcity be forced to a premium. Your correspondent does not undertake to make the positive statement that there is a conspiracy, but the facts are such as to justify the suspicion that there is. It is known to a certainty that the legitimate demand for gold—to pay debts and for purchases in Europe—could have been met with less than one-half of the gold that has recently been withdrawn from the Treasury. It is perfectly clear then that more than one-half of the gold withdrawn is now hoarded in the vaults of banks and safe deposit companies. Why? It can earn nothing for its owners while thus lying idle, and the men who are credited with doing the hoarding are men who always expect a profit out of all their financial transactions. There is only one way they can make a profit out of this one, and that is to force gold to a premium. That's why so many believe they are doing that very thing, or at least trying to do it. Can Congress do anything to head off such a conspiracy? Unquestionably can, but will it do so? That is a question easier to ask than to answer. If there is such a conspiracy, it exists solely because of the belief of its members that Congress will do nothing to prevent its operation being successful. President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle are thoroughly alert, and they will not allow gold to go to a premium if it is possible under the authority vested in them by present laws to prevent it, by issuing more bonds, and they are both satisfied that it will be, although they would much prefer Congressional action.

Senator Faulkner, who is chairman of the committee on Territories, is anxious to get the bills for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico before the Senate and hopes to be able to do so in a few days. Those bills would have been passed long ago, but for the secret opposition of Republican Senators, who lack the courage to openly oppose the admission of those territories, but make use of all their parliamentary skill to kill the bills indirectly, by preventing their being acted upon.

Secretary Carlisle succeeded in getting the House to adopt two important amendments to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill. The first restores to the Secretary of the Treasury the discretion to issue notes of such denominations as he may deem best in place of currency presented for redemption. At present he is compelled to re-issue notes of the same denomination as those redeemed and cancelled. The other, which amends the law for the issue of gold certificates, provides that such certificates shall not be receivable for customs dues after July 1, 1895, and shall not be available for use as a part of National banks reserve fund and discontinues their further issue.

Sixteen out of the twenty-one votes which were cast in the Senate against the Nicaragua Canal bill came from Democrats, and eleven out of the thirty-one votes cast for it, thirteen Democrats were paired. Opinion differs widely as to the probability of the bill getting through the House. Only one thing is certain, and that is, that it cannot be brought to a vote in the House without an order from the committee on Rules. It has been stated by friends of the bill that Speaker Crisp had partly promised that an order setting a time for a vote would be reported, but the statement has never been confirmed by a member of the committee. Even if such an order were reported it might meet the fate of the Currency bill order—be rejected by the House. The Canal lobby is very active.

was that it was won by the vote of Senator Pettigrew, who it will be remembered was one of the Republican Senators who voted against the McKinley tariff bill, he having with twenty-three Democrats voted for the Vest amendment, while eighteen Republicans and four Populists voted against it. Had Pettigrew voted with the Republicans there would have been a tie.

The tariff receipts of the government are rapidly increasing thus furnishing an answer to the argument advanced by Republicans, that the tariff would have to be amended in order to produce more revenue, and bearing out the estimates made by Secretary Carlisle of the new tariff as a revenue producer.

Cheaper Telephone Service.

The decision of Judge Carpenter, of the United States Circuit Court, sitting at Boston, annulling the Berliner telephone patent, will, if sustained by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, put an end to all telephone monopoly in this country and put all telephone manufacturers and corporations on an equal footing. Unless special privileges are granted to existing or new telephone companies by municipal ordinances, telephone service hereafter will be open to competition and will be furnished at a fair margin of profit upon the capital actually employed. The enormous royalties heretofore accruing to the owners of exclusive telephone patents will not appear in the bill. It is a complete blind on those points. It requires parents and guardians of children between the ages of eight and fifteen years to attend a private or public school for at least sixteen consecutive weeks each year. A violation of the proposed act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable for the first offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and for each subsequent offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or both, at the discretion of the court.

To Protect Ruffed Grouse.

Last week the sportsmen of Wilkes-Barre and vicinity held a meeting in that city for the purpose of getting up a law to present to the legislature forbidding the sale of ruffed grouse or exporting it from the state. The Record says that 3,000 grouse have been retailed in that city in one season by five dealers alone, and many have been shipped to New York and Philadelphia by the hunters. Pennsylvania is the great grouse state, and if these birds are once exterminated we can never replace them, as they are particularly adapted to this state and climate and cannot be propagated in captivity as other variety of game.

An Old Doctet.

W. L. Hamilton, of Clearfield, has in possession the docket of William Wilson, who in 1800 was justice of the peace of Pine Creek township. On December 18th of that year the docket records the marriage of a man and a widow, which ceremony took place at the crossroads, the widow being attired only in an undergarment. These strange requirements on the part of the widow were in compliance with the provisions of the law of that day, and were strictly adhered to, so that the second husband of the woman would not have to assume the debts of her first lord and master. The docket contains many interesting statements, which disclose what appear now to be strange and peculiar customs.

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 Hold a Sociable.

A sociable will be held at the home of Mr. J. O. Deininger, on next Thursday evening, February 7th. The most appetizing refreshments will be served. Proceeds for the benefit of the United Evangelical church. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and have a pleasant evening.

He Was Astonished.

A citizen drawn as a juror in a western county paid no attention to the summons, and, when called into court to explain, said that he regarded his private business as of first consideration. He was astonished when the judge imposed a fine on him, and a severe rebuke for his neglect of his public duty.

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LARGE CONFLAGRATION.

Five Houses in Lewisburg Burned.—The Work of an Incendiary.

About three o'clock on last Monday morning fire was discovered in a building owned by Mr. A. S. Allen, on South Second street, Lewisburg. The first floor of the building was occupied as a small grocery store. A man passing by made the discovery and aroused Mr. Allen, who quickly opened the door and tried to extinguish the flames. But the fire had made too much progress and rapidly spread throughout the building. The firemen and hundreds of citizens were soon on the spot, but there was not sufficient pressure in the water pipes to throw a stream ten feet high.

The flames spread rapidly. Soon Mr. Allen's residence, adjoining the first building caught, was on fire. Both were soon a mass of ashes. The bake house of Mr. Allen was also destroyed. Then the fire spread to the double house owned on the south side by Henry Dersham, and on the north by Mrs. Lucy A. DeLong. By this time the engine had gotten into operation, and the fire was soon stopped. These latter buildings are badly burned, but can be repaired.

It is the general impression that the house was purposely set on fire.

Compulsory Education Bill.

There is a compulsory education bill ready to be launched upon the Legislature. The word compulsory and arrest do not appear in the bill. It is a complete blind on those points. It requires parents and guardians of children between the ages of eight and fifteen years to attend a private or public school for at least sixteen consecutive weeks each year. A violation of the proposed act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable for the first offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, and for each subsequent offense by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or both, at the discretion of the court.

Good Words for the Newspaper.

At a recent business convention Governor Francis, of Missouri, who is in a position to know whereof he speaks, paid tribute to the local newspapers as follows:

"Each year the local papers give from \$500 to \$5000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means does more for his town than any other man, and in all fairness with men he ought to be supported not because you like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thoughts, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the teacher or the preacher. Understand me. I do not mean mentally or morally, but financially, and yet on the moral question you will find most of the local papers on the right side. Today the editors of the home newspapers do the most for the least money of any people on the face of the earth."

Leg Crushed.

On last Tuesday a serious accident happened at Wash-ore mine bank, about two miles east of Bellefonte. Charles Lucas, a young man about twenty-two years of age was employed at these operations, his work being on the "dump." When loaded cars are drawn out of the pit, up a steep incline, as they arrive at the summit they run a short distance to where they are emptied. It was his duty to mount the cars when they came up and uncouple them and ride to the dumping point. While riding between the cars and in the act of uncoupling, his left leg was caught between the bumpers and was mashed below the knee. The bone was crushed into splinters and the flesh mangled. The young man's home is at Howard, and is a son of William L. Lucas, of that borough. He was brought to Bellefonte in a large sled and from here was sent to his home at Howard on the afternoon train. He suffered terribly from his injuries while lying on a stretcher at the depot.—Centre Democrat.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week: Daniel E. Royer and Joanna Long, of Potter twp. Jacob Gutelius, of Millinburg, and Lizzie Warren, of Millersburg. Herbert L. Aikey and Miss Nora Ingram, of Boggs twp.

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WEEK OF COURT

THE TRIBUNAL NOW IN ITS JANUARY SESSION.

The Hon. Judge Love Makes His First Appearance on the Quarter Sessions Bench.—Rushing Through Business.

Court called on Monday morning at ten o'clock with Hon. John G. Love, President Judge and Associates Faulkner and Rich on the bench.

After hearing a number of petitions presented by the several members of the bar, the constables present of the different boroughs and townships made their several returns.

Owing to the big snow storm last Saturday and the trains being blacked with snow, quite a number of jurors and some constables have not yet appeared. Court adjourned until two o'clock.

At two o'clock court called and list of grand jurors called and there being a majority present, the grand jury was sworn and Hon. H. Holt, of Snow Shoe township was selected foreman of the same and after a careful charge by his Honor as to their duties proceeded to the grand jury room and to business.

The list of traverse jurors was then called and thirty-four answered to their names.

The first case called was a civil case, that of A. Walter, cashier, vs. Annie M. Stambach and Charles A. Stambach, executors of E. Stambach, deceased; verdict in favor of plaintiff for \$116.05.

Com. vs. Richard Fink; charge f. and b. and adultery; prosecutor Orlando Weston, one of the overseers of the poor of Taylor township; verdict not guilty and county to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Richard Coleman and Wm. Swarn; charge aggravated assault and battery; prosecutor Frank Borstell. Richard Coleman one of these defendants was on Tuesday removed to the Bellefonte poor house on account of a violent attack of typhoid pneumonia; Wm. Swarn, the other defendant was tried and convicted of assault.

Com. vs. Henry L. Barger; charge alienation, separation and adultery; prosecutor Charles Veihdorfer; verdict not guilty and county to pay the costs.

Tuesday afternoon Geo. F. Searson and Willis Heaton were discharged under the insolvent law. They were convicted at a former court for f. and b.

Com. vs. Edward Gardner; charge larceny; prosecutrix Christina Deltz. This defendant was charged with the taking of two turkeys from the prosecutrix; verdict not guilty.

The next case was a civil case, Edward Chambers vs. R. G. Askey; this case is brought to recover for attorney's fee for procuring liquor license for the defendant at Cassanova in Rush twp. at license court in 1894.

Com. vs. Geo. Clune; charge disturbing religious meeting; prosecutor Wm. Geisewite; the defendant is charged with disturbing a Christmas entertainment in the United Brethren church in the borough of Philipsburg on the 24th day of December, 1894.

Cyclers Will Not Pay Toll.

In the case brought by A. J. Geiger, president of the Penn. Wheelmen, against the Reading and Perkiomen Turnpike company, to determine the right of the company to charge toll for bicycles, judgment was entered in favor of the plaintiff. Judge Endlich, in his opinion, says there is no authority for charging toll upon any species of vehicles not drawn by an animal, but propelled by human agency.

Kind Hearted and Thoughtful.

Editors, as a rule, are kind hearted and liberal. An exchange tells of a subscriber who died and left fourteen years subscription unpaid. The editor of the paper appeared just as the undertaker was screwing down the coffin lid and put in a linen duster, a thermometer, a palm leaf fan and a receipt for making ice.

Started up after Six Years.

The rolling mills of the Juniata Iron Company, of Hollidaysburg, which have been shut down for the past six years, started up last Wednesday under the control of a company of Harrisburg capitalists. When running full-handed the mills will employ about three hundred men.

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.

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NEW ROAD BILL.

Introduced by Senator Brown of Westmoreland County.

Senator John H. Brown of Westmoreland county, has introduced a new road bill in the Legislature, which is said to be a good one. It provides that at the election next November and every three years thereafter each county shall elect a road supervisor, who has a special and scientific knowledge of road making.

Each township shall also choose a supervisor, who shall give \$5,000 bond and shall receive \$2 a day for a term of three years. Township supervisors shall be elected at the same time as county supervisors, and all candidates must hold a certificate as road supervisor from the county supervisors. The township supervisors are to meet annually in each county on the first Monday in March, and each county convention shall have charge of the roads of the respective county.

The president of the convention and the secretary shall take oath for the faithful performance of their duties. The convention, by a majority vote, may frame laws and ordinances for the regulation of the road in their respective counties, provide penalties and remove road officials guilty of neglecting their duties. The convention shall have power to fix the salary for the county supervisors for three years, or his salary per day for a sworn number of day's service. To fix the rate, wages, and hours of road laborers and approve plans for good improvement. No county road convention shall have power to lay out a new road or to vacate any road except by petition to the court of Quarter Sessions, as now provided.

All conventions shall especially provide that American citizens and taxpayers shall have the preference in being employed or furnishing teams or material for roads. The conventions shall levy a road tax on all property in the several townships, the tax not exceed eight mills on one dollar annually. This tax to be collected as are other taxes at present. Property owners may acquire the right from the township supervisors to improve the road passing their property.

More Churches Bought.

The Dubs people have purchased the following Evangelical churches in Union county. The Cowan church was bought back for \$150; the Mazeppa church was bought back last week for \$400; the Salem church would not be sold as the Esherites claim to have one follower belonging to that congregation; they could not make terms with the Winfield and New Berlin congregations and claim to still own the churches at these places. The Kratzerville, Smithgrove, Salem and another church in Snyder County were bought for \$700; Mt. Zion, Clement, Salem, St. John's and Turbotville went for \$375; Lock Haven church and parsonage sold for \$1,000 each, and the Du Shore church and parsonage for \$2,000.

Never too Old to Learn.

Among the pupils at one of the primary schools in this city is a woman fifty-four years of age, who did not have the opportunities for obtaining an education in her childhood days which the boys and girls of to-day have. She is making rapid progress in her studies, and her example and determination to acquire knowledge many other people might follow. A person is "never too old to learn."—Lock Haven Express.

Farmers' Institute.

A Farmers' Institute will be held in the M. E. church at Howard, on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 6 and 7. An interesting programme has been prepared; all are invited.

Trouble in Making Contract.

There seems to be a complication about making contract for text books in many school districts of the state, the trouble being that one set of directors charge another with fraud and corruption in managing the contracts.

No Services.

There will be no services in the Presbyterian churches at this place and at Centre Hill next Sabbath, as stated last Sabbath, Mr. Finny having returned to his home.

There are 26,241 school teachers in Pennsylvania, 8,454 males and 17,774 females. The average salaries of the male teachers per month amounts to \$44.16 while the females get \$33.05. The average attendance of pupils is 759,560. That's a big army and Pennsylvania is a great state.

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STRUCK BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Two Members of a Sleight Party Killed and Several Injured at Kreamer.

While a sleigh containing fifteen people was crossing the railroad track at Kreamer, a railroad station five miles east of Middleburgh, at 3.40 Friday morning, it was run into by a freight train and two of its occupants were killed and several were injured. The killed are: ISAAC D. ROMIG. CHARLES ROMIG.

The injured are: A. W. Potter, a lawyer of Selingsgrove, both arms crushed, one of which was amputated and will probably lose the other; Miss Mollie Burns, age twenty-one, left leg cut off and right arm broken; Miss Annie M. Potter, cut in leg close to ankle; Mrs. Charles P. Ulrich, severe bruises on back and hands; E. M. Hummel, severe scalp wounds; Mrs. E. M. Hummel, bruised on back, and Miss Lottie Eby, slightly cut about the face.

The party was returning to their homes at Selingsgrove. Young Roming was driving and his father was seated beside him. Without a thought of trouble Roming drove upon the track at Kreamer and the first intimation the party had of danger was the headlight of a big freight locomotive. The songs were changed to shrieks of terror, but before anything could be done to avert the disaster the locomotive struck the sleigh directly behind the driver's box.

Isaac Roming and his son were ground under the wheel of the engine and instantly killed and Mr. Potter and Miss Burns met a fate hardly less horrible. The train was stopped and the crew and the injured members of the party did everything they possibly could for their less fortunate companions. The injured were taken to the hotel at Kreamer.

A Bank Refuses Gold.

A man went into one of the banks of this city Tuesday and counted out \$110 in gold ten and twenty dollar pieces and desired to deposit the money. The bankers, however, refused to receive it because the coin was rusty and covered with ashes, saying that they believed the money was not good. The would be depositor then left the bank and went to the store of R. H. Hill Bros. where he had his gold pieces polished and put in presentable shape. The money had been concealed for a time in the ashes in an unused stove. When the gold was put in there was a little fire among the ashes and this helped to discolor the precious metal, so that the bankers were unable to recognize it. After the coins had been brightened up the owner found no trouble in putting them in circulation.—Altoona Tribune.

Has Been Faithful.

Patrick Sexton, of this city, is a track walker on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, a position he has filled for the past thirty-six years. His "beat" is from the Bald Eagle bridge east of this city to a point near Sugar Run, west of the city. During his thirty-six years of service he has not lost a month's time in all, and has walked 164,334 miles.—Lock Haven Republican.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference.

The sessions of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference will convene in Tyrone March 13, and continue one week. This conference embraces almost one-third the territory of the State, with a membership of 51,573, and church property valued at \$2,456,330. In this territory there are 218 appointments. Bishop John P. Newman, of Omaha, will preside over the conference.

Recommends Vaccination.

The State Board of Health has sent a circular to the local Boards of Health recommending and strongly urging upon the health authorities of all such communities, and also upon the heads of families a general and prompt resort to vaccination and revaccination. The Board points out the danger of a spread of small-pox from Philadelphia.

There is good reason for the popularity of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Davis & Buzard, of West Montery, 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.

Trains Late.

The passenger trains Saturday morning were several hours late owing to a fall of snow Friday night which was several inches in depth and drifted considerably.

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