



CAPITOL GOSSIP

THE PROBABILITY OF AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

An Enormous Lot of Work Before Congress to be Done before It Adjourns.—Objectionable Amendments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—It is a toss-up whether Congress will, during its remaining week of life, make the immediate calling of an extra session necessary. It can do this by the adoption of objectionable amendments to the regular appropriation bills, or by failure to pass one or more of the regular appropriation bills. President Cleveland will certainly veto any appropriation bill that has objectionable amendments tacked upon it, and there is no question that several of those which are pending belong to the objectionable class. There is an enormous lot of work yet to be done to get the appropriation bills through, and some of the proposed financial amendments will be certain to cause bitter and more or less extended debate, which will leave just that much less time for solid work. There is no good reason why any of the appropriation bills should fail, and if any does it will be the result of a put-up job, and the Republicans dread an early extra session too much themselves to engage in that sort of thing just now. But in Congress there are others.

No appointment made by President Cleveland has given more satisfaction in Congress, regardless of political opinions, than that of Senator Ransom to be minister to Mexico. The unanimous confirmation of his nomination without reference to committee was moved by Senator Sherman, who took occasion to speak in the highest terms of the fitness of the nomination and of the ability, character and patriotism of Senator Ransom. He will be thoroughly at home in Mexico, as he speaks both French and Spanish.

There was a meeting of silver men here Saturday and it is understood that they discussed plans for a silver Presidential ticket. It was significant that none of the Republican silver men in Congress attended this meeting.

Hon. Walter B. Ritchie of Lima, Ohio, Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, is in Washington on Pythian business. He keeps posted on the political situation in his state, and he does not consider McKinley's prospects bright. He said: "It is doubtful whether Gov. McKinley will command the solid support of his own state delegation for the Presidential nomination. Some of the leading men of his party care very little for McKinley, and will knife him at the first opportunity. State pride may cause them to give a sort of lukewarm adherence to his candidacy, but they will not stand by him through thick and thin. They realize that the McKinley idea of the tariff has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. It would be too heavy a load in 1896, and they are not going to assume the burden."

In accordance with the opinion that President Cleveland has several times expressed, the Senate committee on Appropriations has agreed to an amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, appropriating \$5,238,299 to pay the bounty on sugar produced in 1893 at the old rate and to pay eight-tenths of a cent a pound upon the crop of 1894.

Secretary Herbert is much pleased that the House adopted his recommendation for building three battle ships, and he has no expectation that the Senate will do otherwise, but he deeply regrets that so many Democrats worked and voted against the battle ship clause of the Naval appropriation bill, in the House, although fully aware that it was a matter of conscience and principle with those who did so.

The Senate still insists upon acceptance by the House of its Hawaiian cable amendment, although the latter has once by a ye and nay vote refused to do so. The amendment is now for the second time in conference.

The Howgate trial ended with a hung jury. The District Attorney says he has other indictments upon which Howgate will be tried. It is said that the reason the trial was so tame and free from the expected sensational developments was that parties who might have been compromised convinced Howgate that the art of "fixing" a jury was still practiced, for a consideration, by experts, and further that he would not have to furnish the "consideration."

It is believed that the railroad pooling bill was finally shelved when the Senate by a vote of 42 to 24 refused to take it up.

Senator Wolcott is afraid that some of the European countries might during the Congressional vacation get in the notion to hold an international monetary conference and find the

United States unprepared to take part therein. In order to avoid such a predicament he has offered an amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill, authorizing the President to appoint three commissioners, should they be needed, to act with a joint Congressional committee of six as representatives of the U. S.

Investigate, Investigate!

The Republicans seem afraid to investigate the Philadelphia stink-pot, for fear it will show up their party in its infamous ways of corruption. The Patriot says: The movement for an investigation by a senate committee into the municipal affairs of Philadelphia is still in abeyance. At a conference before the legislative recess between the friends in the senate of Senator Quay it was decided that there should be such an investigation and a resolution authorizing the committee was outlined to be introduced by Senator Kennedy, of Allegheny.

Powerful influence is being brought to bear upon Senator Quay to stop the investigation and he has advised his friends to go slow. There is a strong sentiment in the senate in favor of an investigation, while at the same time there is much opposition to it. If there be one, and that is not at all unlikely, it will be directed largely against Senator Porter and Dave Martin for the purpose of showing up their alleged manipulation of Philadelphia's city councils. It is feared by those at the head of the movement that the investigation might strike certain friends and this is the whole secret of the delay.

Big Friendship.

A singular state of relationship on a large scale is vouchered for by the Louisville Courier-Journal, which tells of a district school near Mt. Olivet, Ky., where fifty-five pupils are enrolled. Each pupil is related either by consanguinity or marriage to every other child in the school. One or the other of the parents of each of the fifty-five children was either a pupil or a schoolmate with the present teacher.

We can more than match this in our own county of Centre, by taking Brush valley, with three villages and scores of farms, with a population of about 1500, and all related as uncles, aunts, first and second cousins. We doubt if there is a parallel to it in these United States. And everybody in Brush valley is happy too.

Legislative Extravagance.

Governor Hastings will call a halt on the extravagance of the legislature after the recess. There is a disposition on the part of the members to pass all appropriation bills and throw the responsibility of disposing of them on the executive. The bills now before the appropriations committee foot up in round numbers \$33,500,000, including the general appropriation bill of \$16,000,000, while the state revenues for the next two years will not exceed \$19,000,000. The governor has prepared a message which he will send to the legislature when it reconvenes, calling attention to these facts and urging economy in the expenditure of the people's money.

Experience With a Snake.

A Tyrone man a few days ago, after kindling a fire with wood, which he had purchased from a planing mill in that place, saw something wriggling in the stove. On looking closer he saw a portion of a snake wriggling. He quickly covered the stove hole with the lid and allowed the snake to burn. It is supposed that the snake had been frozen and cut in two and did not show signs of life until the fire thawed it out.

A Des Moines woman who has been troubled with frequent colds, concluded to try an old remedy in a new way, and accordingly took a tablespoonful (four times the usual dose) of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy just before going to bed. The next morning she found that her cold had almost entirely disappeared. During the day she took a few doses of the remedy (one teaspoonful at a time) and at night again took a tablespoonful before going to bed, and on the following morning awoke free from all symptoms of the cold. Since then she has, on several occasions, used this remedy in like manner, with the same good results, and is much elated over her discovery of so quick a way of curing a cold. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Choice Eggs for Sale.

Buff Leghorns, choice stock, eggs 50 cents per setting of 13; Buff Plymouth Rock, excellent layers, eggs \$1.25 per setting of 13.

MRS. M. B. RICHARDS, Centre Hall, Pa.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, guarantees every article sold by him, and you get full returns every time.

HOFFA DECKEL—DUNNERWETTER.

What a Locomotive Says in Dutch when it Gets Agoged.

A locomotive engine is so high human that it can learn to say some things in Pennsylvania Dutch which it no doubt picks up at Centre Hall and other stations in Penns valley, but which the REPORTER did not catch on to until discovered by the untutored ear of one of the denizens from our mountain districts. Living 8 miles away in the woods, our mountaineer or any of his family had never seen the "kaars" and having business out this way a short time ago he was fortunate enough to strike the station just as the passenger train moved out, and with eyes and mouth wide open he watched it until it got out of sight beyond the summit. But not so dumb, he understood the Dutch puff-out by the iron horse. Getting home in the evening he had a wonderful thing to tell "mammy un de kinner", "Ich hab de kaars 'gesehe", and he proceeded to explain all about it, thus: "We se ob 'start sin, hots just god blain so gemacht, (suing the words from the slow to the rapid puffing of the engine as it gained distance):

"H-o-f-a Deckel, H-o-f-a Deckel, Hofadeckel, Hofadeckel dunnerwetter, Hofadeckel-dunnerwetter, dunnerwetter-dunnerwetter."

These are about the exact words of a locomotive, in Dutch, from its slow to the rapid puffing.

The "kinner" took up the idea and next day organized a rail-road and themselves constituting five coaches, ran any number of passenger trains around the house daily, to the music of—

"Hofa Deckel, Hofadeckel, Hofadeckel-dunnerwetter-dunnerwetter."

Sunday afternoon the little ones got themselves out as a train—an excursion to the fair—and had a wreck; a dog playfully bounded on the "track" causing one of the "coaches" to be knocked head-over-heels off of the track badly skinning its nose, followed by orders from head-quarters that no more trains were to run on that road. If any rail-road company wants to gobble up a branch, here's a chance.

News Notes.

According to the New York Sun a young woman who had been locked up over night for drunkenness was recognized in court as a well known society leader. Her husband is a millionaire. He is also well known in social and business circles.

Land in New York city has been sold at a price equal to \$8,000,000 per acre. The highest in London at \$5,000,000 per acre. In Centre Hall you can buy an acre for \$400.

It is reported that a Curwensville girl put a lantern under her bed covers to keep her feet warm and did not know the bed was on fire till the corns on her toes began to pop.

Length of the Day.

The division of the mean day into twenty-four hours of sixty minutes each, originated with the Egyptians, then passed to Babylon and Greece. Why divided into twenty-four instead of some other number of hours, it is impossible to say. The Chinese and a few other Oriental nations, reckon but twelve hours to the day and night—evidently making the whole to correspond with the apparent passage of the sun over one of the zodiacal signs.

O. W. O. Hardman, Sheriff of Taylor Co., W. Va., appreciates a good thing and does not hesitate to say so. He was almost prostrated with a cold when he procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "It gave me prompt relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for coughs and colds." For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Sale of Real Estate.

James P. Grove and W. F. Rearick, administrators of James Grove, Sr., deceased, will sell valuable real estate, at Spring Mills, on Saturday, March 16th. For description of tracts see ad. in another column.

New Shop.

Charles Arney is putting up a two-story shop on his east Church street lot; it will be occupied by wagon-maker Swarm, of Spring Mills, in the manufacture of buggies, etc.

Have a New Pastor.

Rev. R. L. Gearhart, pastor of the Reformed church of Bedford, Pa., will leave about the first of April for Bellefonte where he has accepted a call, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Miles O. Noll.

A Plum Drop to Bellefonte.

Edward Rankin, of Bellefonte, has been appointed a clerk in the insurance department at Harrisburg.

—Don't shiver; get one of those good storm coats at Lewins', Bellefonte, and be comfortable. Low price.

\$6 A MONTH.

GOOD NEWS FOR PENSIONERS IN A NEW LAW.

The Minimum of all Pensions Hereafter to be Six Dollars a Month.—Veterans Greatly Benefitted.

The conference report on the pension appropriation bill was agreed to by both houses on Thursday. The amendment by the senate repealing that part of the pension act of 1893 providing that no pension shall be paid to a non-resident, who is not a citizen of the United States, except for actual disabilities incurred in the service, is agreed to by the house.

A senate proviso was stricken out and the following substitute agreed to: "And it is further provided that from and after the passage of this act all pensioners now on the rolls who are pensioned at less than six dollars a month, for any degree of pensionable disability, shall have their pensions increased to six dollars per month, and that hereafter whenever any applicant for pension would, under existing rates be entitled to less than six dollars for any single disability, or several combined disabilities, such pensioner shall be rated at not less than six dollars per month; provided also that the provisions hereof shall not be held to cover any pensionable period prior to the passage of this act, nor authorize a re-rating of any claims for any part of such period, nor prevent the allowance of lower rates than six dollars per month, according to the existing practice in the pension office, in pending cases covering any pensionable period prior to the passage of this act."

Interesting News Items.

Perkins, a farmer of Washington co. Ohio, was partially blind a few years ago, but now his sight has been entirely restored, and he is cutting his 3rd set of teeth at 70 years of age.

Horses were never so cheap on the Pacific coast, good animals bringing only \$2 or \$3 a head.

After an hour's courtship, George Whitney, a drummer, wedded Miss Grace Grant, an Indianapolis belle. Can any Penns valley girl make better time than that?

Postmaster General Resigns.

Postmaster General Bissell has resigned in order to attend to his law business. Congressman Wilson is likely to be appointed in Bissell's place.

Speaking of Mr. Bissell's resignation President Cleveland last night said: "It surely is not necessary for me to say that I shall release Mr. Bissell with the utmost regret. All his associates in the administration will feel that they have lost a colleague who in all respects was a valuable factor in their executive labor, as well as a companion to whom they have become greatly attached."

Found Gold in Millin County.

Gold bearing quartz rock has been found near Lewistown. The rock has been assayed and is estimated to yield \$30 per ton in gold and \$2 in silver. The rock was taken from a well dug on the property of Colonel J. K. Rhoades, of that place. Further investigation will be made of the matter.

Sale of Household Goods.

Mr. W. W. Delleit will make sale of his household goods, at his premises, in Centre Hall, on Saturday March 9th. Mr. Delleit's family will return to Johnstown, their former home. Mr. Delleit expects to remain here and continue selling wire fencing.

Plenty of Sales.

In the early part of the season it was thought that there would be few public sales, but that has already been dispelled, and the community will have its usual quota, and there are a few yet not announced. Prices may be good, contrary to expectations; horses and stock are likely to bring fair prices.

Good Work.

This office is completely equipped for executing public sale posters in the most approved manner, and the work turned out is neatly and satisfactorily done. If you are thinking of having sale of your belongings, try us on a poster and you will be pleased with the work.

Smokers Made.

There were 2,249,702 cigars made in the counties of Perry, Juniata, Millin, Snyder and the upper end of Dauphin county, from January 1, '94, to December 31, '94, of which number 2,211,220 were sold.

—Extraordinary reductions in Winter clothing and overcoats by Lyons, Bellefonte, and this means a reduction from the wonderfully low prices they have had during the past season. The reductions last only a short time.

DUG OUT A HORSE AND SLEIGH.

Frozen Up in the Blizzard and the People are Lost.

Workmen under the direction of the township supervisor were cleaning a huge snowdrift from the public road on Saturday between Chest Springs and Carrolltown, Cambria county, when they unearthed a horse and sleigh. The horse had been frozen in the drift on the first night of the recent blizzard. The body of the animal was standing upright and the robes were found in the sleigh.

It is believed that the person or persons who occupied the sleigh, finding themselves snowbound, started on foot to a farm house about a mile away, and, losing their road, perished in the storm. All the people living along the road say that no one sought shelter that night. No one knows to whom the vehicle belonged. If the victims were frozen, their bodies lie buried beneath some snowbank in that vicinity.

To Prevent Cold Feet.

Do you have cold feet? If so, don't increase the thickness of your stockings, but the size of your shoes. The most important rule to follow to obtain warm feet is never to be tightly shod. Boots or shoes that fit closely prevent the free circulation of the blood by pressure; but when, on the contrary, they do not embrace the foot too firmly, the space left between the shoe and the stocking has a good supply of warm air.

The second rule is never to sit in damp shoes. It is often supposed that unless shoes are positively wet it is unnecessary to change them while the feet are at rest. This is a great fallacy, for when the least dampness is present in the sole, in its evaporation it absorbs the heat from the foot, and thus perspiration is dangerously checked. This can easily be proven by trying the experiment of neglecting the rule. The feet will be found cold and damp after a few minutes, although on taking off the shoe and examining it, it will appear to be quite dry.

Little Things Worthy of Note.

There are several cases of typhoid fever and whooping cough at Aaronsburg.

Aaronsburg's musical convention, last week was a success, under Prof. P. S. Meyer.

Merchant Philipps, of Aaronsburg, several years a widower, was married again about a week ago.

Weather this week was of a milder type, and a goodly share of bright sky and sunshine.

Pleasant Gap is about rid of the measles.

Doctors inform us sickness is on the increase in the country districts.

We got an elegant, square meal at Gregg Post's rooms on Washington's birthday. Thanks to the ladies who took such an interest in having our plate served.

The snow has sunken 12 inches in depth under this week's rays of the sun.

This, Thursday, morning, indicates a break-up, and rain seems to be next on the weather program.

Hard Traveling.

Although we have had an unusual amount of snow and uninterrupted sleighing since Christmas, traveling is anything but a pleasure this week. A warm wind and sun the early part of the week has played hob with the sleighing and the snow is going fast.

To one going to Bellefonte a trip across the mountain should be made on runners, but from Pleasant Gap in wheels are necessary, the snow being all gone. The sleighing would last until July if the snow were shoveled off the drifts into the track.

Special Message.

On Monday Gov. Hastings sent a special message to the Republican legislature very plainly calling a halt on its craze for creating new offices and raising the salary of others. The governor tells the legislators that the state treasury can't stand the raid that is attempted upon it. There never was its like in the history of the state, and never before did a governor find it necessary to cry "stop thief" on his own party. Let Hastings use the veto club freely, the people demand it. Kill the snakes, Governor.

Prospecting for Coal.

A movement has been inaugurated to thoroughly examine the mountains northeast of Millinburg for coal, says the Lewisburg Journal. Traces of coal have been found in that section, and it is generally believed there is an abundance of it. A fund has been raised, miners engaged and the search has been commenced.

—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.

LIVED 112 YEARS.

Harriet A. Eskins Was a Descendant of a Native King of Guinea.

Harriet A. Eskins, who died at Lebanon last week, was born in Gunpowder Neck, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, in 1783, 112 years ago, and was a descendant of an African king. Her grandfather, whose name was Lego, was king of one of the tribes on the coast of Guinea and was one of the last of the native kings of Guinea. He was despoiled about the middle of the last century, captured by slavers, and was brought to America in a slave ship with his son, the father of Mrs. Eskins.

The son subsequently purchased his freedom and that of his children. He also acquired some property as a farmer. Mrs. Eskins was married three times—first to Wm. Cole, by whom she had eleven children; then to Wm. Taylor, by whom she had one child, last to Wm. Eskins. Nine of her children attained their majority, but two only survive.

HOW TO MAKE IT PAY.

After trying for some years to find out why farming didn't pay better, the notion was industriously cultivated that if we had Department of Agriculture set up at Washington, with a real Cabinet officer at the head of it, we could considerably discourage the potato bug and get a good deal more wheat to the acre. It is now proposed to add to this a department of Agriculture of our own in Pennsylvania, and so get rid of all farm mortgages at once and raise 2-year-old steers in six months. The publication of the "Bird Book" has already done so much to advance scientific farming in Pennsylvania that the State is about to spend \$30,000 on a second edition. This will doubtless be done at once. Sixty-seven counties cry out for it. When we sit down in the cool of the evening and reflect that half our ancestors pretended to farm without actually knowing a Chrodelius virginianus from an An-trostomus vociferus, or true whip-poor-will, the tears of pity run down the blushing cheek of shame.

AARONSBURG.

The Musical Convention a Success Financially.

Frank Holloway, of Wisconsin, expects to arrive at Coburn on Thursday with a car load of horses.

We had a wedding on Plum street on Sunday evening; John Peter Kerstetter to a Miss Grim, of Sober.

The musical convention in the Reformed church last week netted between \$180 and \$200. It was a success in every way.

Mrs. Solomon Winkelblec received notice on Monday that a pension had been granted her at the rate of eight dollars per month from the 12th of last September.

Our merchant, W. H. Phillips went to Snyder county some time ago and returned about ten days later bringing a wife along, having married a Miss Moyer, of Freeburg; he has again taken her home to prepare for moving.

Rev. Wolf's wife has gone to New Oxford to visit her father.

Wyle Bro's while the gum and bone business is dull have taken to peddling frozen fish.

Mrs. Harvey Crouse followed her husband with their household goods to Holsapple last week where he has engaged in the mercantile business.

A butcher from Milton has rented Frank Weaver's meat market and will take charge in March; he moves into Ed Mingle's house, vacated by Harvey Crouse.

Everything sold cheap at George Rupp's sale; a good pair of horses did not bring seventy dollars, and were bought by Chas. Smith.

Mrs. Emily Thorne, who resides at Toledo, Washington, says she has never been able to procure any medicine for rheumatism that relieves the pain so quickly and effectually as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and that she has also used it for lame back with great success. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Banquet at Hotel.

Invitations to about the number of fifty have been issued for the first annual banquet at Bariges' hotel this Thursday evening. A supper equal if not surpassing the reputation of the house, will be served.

Got the Plums.

Clearfield is having a fine share of federal plums. It has chief clerk Kerr whose son, Fred Kerr, has just been appointed to a military cadetship, E. A. Bigler has been appointed to the collectorship of the western district at Pittsburg and his brother holds the assistant U. S. sub-treasurerhip at Philadelphia.

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