



## CAPITOL GOSSIP

### THE PRESIDENT RETURNS FROM HIS OUTING TRIP.

Important Diplomatic Relations Awaiting His Return.—An Apology Demanded from Spain.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Cleveland got back from his little outing in splendid condition, and he lost no time in jumping into the pile of work which had accumulated during his absence. One of the first official things he did after his return was to familiarize himself with the important diplomatic occurrences of the last few days, and the next was to endorse the strong letter sent to Spain by Secretary Gresham, demanding an apology for the firing at the U. S. mail steamer Alliance by Spanish war vessels and the issuance of such orders by Spain as will make it impossible for a similar thing to occur in the future; also serving notice that this government demanded and would enforce the right of its mercantile vessels to use the regular channels of commerce regardless of their nearness to Cuba, without molestation from Spanish warships. Secretary Gresham's position in this matter is generally endorsed, although Republicans qualify their endorsement by saying that if he had waited the apology would have come without any demand for it. That may be true, but it does not lessen the importance of Secretary Gresham's letter. The apology is a small matter compared with the notice that our mail steamers shall not be shut out of the use of the regular channels of commerce every time Spain declares martial law in Cuba because of a revolt. There is some talk of a severance of diplomatic relations between the U. S. and Spain. The Spanish minister has by his fool talk, criticizing Secretary Gresham through the newspapers, furnished ample excuse for giving him his passports, but it will hardly be done, unless Spain starts the ball by sending Minister Taylor home.

Gov. Oates, of Ala., was known during his extended Congressional career as a man who always kept in touch with the rank and file of the Democratic party of his section; hence his opinion on the financial question in the south is both interesting and valuable. He said, while in Washington: "In my opinion the south will not split on the silver question. I know that great differences exist both in the south and west, but those differences are very largely the result of a failure to understand the financial question. There is one thing in connection with this question that has been seemingly overlooked by some people. The people of the south favor silver; but they do not favor a single silver standard."

Those who have an idea that because Senator Gorman seldom submits to a newspaper interview he is unfriendly to the newspaper workers of Washington, may have been surprised when he and Mrs. Gorman held a splendid reception in honor of the Gridiron Club, an organization made up of newspaper men, several nights ago; but not so with the newspaper workers themselves, who know Senator Gorman for one of their best friends. While he seldom consents to have his name used in connection with a political story, he often gives valuable pointers to the correspondents, and rarely declines to answer a question unless its answer involves some party plan which he and his associates are not ready to make public, and no man in either branch of Congress has more personal friends among the newspaper workers, regardless of politics, than Arthur P. Gorman.

It is always just as well to wait until fully informed on any matter before expressing opinions. A case in point is the opening of the Baltic and North sea canal by the Emperor of Germany next June. When the United States accepted an invitation to send naval vessels to take part in the opening ceremonies which are to be held at Kiel, Secretary Herbert said he would send the San Francisco and the Marblehead. Straightway the friends of naval officers who wish to go to Kiel raised a howl about the dignity of the U. S. being lowered by such an insignificant showing, etc., taking it for granted that only the San Francisco and the Marblehead were to go. Now Secretary Herbert never said that only those two vessels would be sent. As a matter of fact, which might easily have been ascertained by critics, Secretary Herbert will not determine how many U. S. ships shall be sent to Kiel until informed of the number other nations will send.

There has been much talk about the unusual action of the Italian ambassador, in writing to the Colorado State officials concerning the recent killing of Italians in that state, instead of leaving the matter with the State Department, but there is no probability that any official notice will be taken of the impertinence—that's the only name for it—of the ambassador.

### Beef Inspection.

Senator Snyder has a bill providing for the inspection of meats offered for sale. It is a measure in accord with the Grange and that body has endorsed it. Last week there was a meeting of the state legislative committee of the Grange at the Lochiel hotel and resolutions passed favoring the speedy enactment of the measure.

Under the provisions of the bill the president of the state board of health will appoint two or more persons in each city, borough or township in the state to inspect meats. Their duties will consist in inspecting all meats slaughtered or shipped to or within their districts. The receiver of a consignment of meat must notify the inspector as soon as it arrives and cannot sell any portion of it until it is inspected. If the meat is pure the inspector will attach a certificate of inspection. The inspectors will receive \$2 for each whole carcass of beef and fifty cents for each quarter; for sheep, veal and swine \$1 will be paid and for a quarter carcass of the same twenty-five cents is allowed.

The receiver of the meats pay for the inspection. Farmers slaughtering stock of their own raising for sale are exempted from the provisions of the act. If the consignee of meats neglects to have meat inspected or refuses to pay the charge he will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and pay a fine not exceeding \$200, or be imprisoned for more than thirty days. The fines go to the county treasurer. The inspectors are to make monthly returns to the treasurer of the county or city for which they are appointed and must pay over fifty per cent. of the gross fees collected. The act only applies to fresh meat.

The above feature would make this bill as clearly unconstitutional as was the act to appropriate \$5000 from the state treasury to improve the Williams Grove picnic ground. A beef inspection law, clear of absurdities would be all right.

### Down to the Cent.

B. L. Baltzer, the former postmaster at Shakspeare, Somerset county, recently effected a settlement of his affairs as postmaster with the government and found there was a balance due to him of one cent. The government officials also discovered that there was that amount due to Mr. Baltzer. In order to adjust the difference the government issued a United States Government draft on the postmaster at Philadelphia, payable to Mr. Baltzer, for one cent. This unique document has not been presented for payment by Mr. Baltzer, that gentleman preferring to keep it as a curiosity and as evidence of the accuracy with which the government keeps its accounts individual.—Ex.

### Compulsory Education Needed.

They have a School director out in Fayette county who is certainly entitled to "the cake" if what they say about him is true. At a recent session of a local institute he took quite a leading part, advocating the reduction of teachers' salaries to \$20 a month and compelling them to cut their own wood and make their own fires. Afterwards he ridiculed the idea that the earth is round, declaring that it is a square concern, supported by props. What the props stand on he didn't say. A school director like that is of considerable value as an object lesson. He illustrates the necessity of compulsory education.

### Of Great Benefit.

We can be of great benefit to the good people of Centre Hall and vicinity if they would come to us for their wear in the way of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing, Head Wear, Furnishing Goods, and Ladies' Shirt Waists and Chemisettes.

Goods are only sold on their merits—what is linen or what is cotton—is told you at the time of the purchase. "Mother's Friend" Shirt Waists.

MONTGOMERY & Co.  
Merchant Tailors, Bellefonte.

A severe rheumatic pain in the left shoulder had troubled Mr. J. H. Loper, a well-known druggist of Des Moines, Iowa, for over six months. At times the pain was so severe that he could not lift anything. With all he could do he could not get rid of it until he applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm. "I only made three applications of it," he says, "and have since been free from all pain." He now recommends it to persons similarly afflicted. It is for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

—The merchant tailoring establishment connected with Lewins clothing house at Bellefonte, has the reputation for turning out the best and most stylish clothing worn in the county.

—A new spring suit from Lewins, Bellefonte, is the proper thing now in clothing.

### About State College.

The treasury department has reported, in response to the resolution of Representative Lawrence asking the total sums appropriated by the state to the Pennsylvania State College, that prior to 1887 the institution had been granted \$276,900 and since that date \$480,220, or a total of \$757,120. From the United States the College has received \$450,000 in land scrip and \$85,000 in a continuing appropriation. The land scrip fund is held by the state which pays the College \$30,000 annual interest thereon.

To similar schools Iowa has appropriated \$409,000; Illinois \$800,000; Massachusetts, \$700,000; Minnesota, \$600,000; Missouri, \$2,000,000; Wisconsin, \$1,000,000 and an annual grant of \$300,000; Ohio, \$600,000, and Arkansas \$30,000. Not one of these states has the resources of Pennsylvania. The real objection is not that the state has done something to maintain the school in Centre county, but that it should hesitate to place this Commonwealth in the very first rank as to higher education.

### Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the receipt of a Freeport, Ill., daily, from a friend no doubt, containing a half dozen marked articles, and note written on margin, "Read and Reflect." We read and the sender will find our reflections in another column. Our Freeport friend will please "read and reflect."

We also received an illustrated special edition of a Joliet paper, giving sketches of the industries of that thriving Illinois city. We suppose our esteemed friend, Philip Mersinger, favored us with it, for he has a booming ad in it, proof that he believes in advertising.

On our desk is a pamphlet, "The Eden of Montana and Missouri and Ravalli Counties," setting forth the good chances in that far away section. We guess our former neighbors, the Harpsters, now in Missoula, kindly mailed us a copy.

AN attempt is being made by the Legislature to increase the number of Judges in this state. This legislation is no doubt sought for by some members who have a desire for such an office and hope for an appointment. A lawyer who is well informed on the subject says:

"There is no necessity for any increase of courts or judges in Pennsylvania. We have more courts than business and far more judges than are necessary for its transaction. To speak within the bounds of moderation, there are twice as many common pleas judges in the commonwealth as there should be today. There is not a county in the state where the legal business is as great as it was a decade ago and in most of them it is not half as great. The expenses connected with the judicial system in Pennsylvania are more than twice as large as a few years ago and every year adds to them. In no department of state government is there more extravagance than in this. The allegation that it is necessary to have a new court, with new judges and greatly increased expenses to relieve the supreme court is without force. The latter tribunal is only in session six months of the twelve of the year, and it has very little work to do during the six months of vacation. The judges of the courts are not overworked. They never resign and their places are sought after by eager aspirants from every quarter of the commonwealth."

### Farmers' Financial Status.

A late census bulletin discloses a most surprising and highly gratifying state of facts as regards farm mortgages, says the Pittsburgh Telegraph. Calamity howlers in the last presidential campaign were loud in deploring the ruinous state of the poor farmers of the west, ground down by debt and extortionate interest. Now comes the census, and tells a story of quite a different color. Of about four and three-fourths millions of farm families, less than 900,000 were carrying mortgages in 1890. The farm families owning their lands free of mortgage were almost one-half of the whole number, and those hiring farms were a little over one-third. The largest amount of farm incumbrance is in New York; next comes Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Ohio and Missouri.

The census further shows that the greater part of the mortgages represent money borrowed to buy lands and make improvements. That such borrowing was not for speculative purposes or to indulge in extravagance, or to tide over hard times, bad crops, etc., is a most important fact. The American farmer is a prosperous man, and if he would only be less ready to listen to theorists, schemers and "blather-skites" generally, he would be serving his own interests better, than he often appears to do. The one thing needful to American agriculture is a greater degree of study of the science itself and all its wonderful ramifications.

## M. E. CONFERENCE

### APPOINTMENTS MADE FOR THIS DISTRICT.

Williamsport Chosen for the Next Year's Meeting.—Assignments for the ensuing year.

The anniversary of the woman's foreign missionary society, Rev. Richard Hinkle presiding, occupied the time of the M. E. Conference Saturday afternoon. Miss Mary McCord, for several years engaged in missionary and educational work in Panama, gave a very intelligent description of the work of this society in foreign lands. The principal address was made by W. P. Oldham, D. D., a member of the conference, who was born and raised in India. He spoke of the great work he had witnessed by this society in foreign lands, and the most noted feature that impressed him on his first visit to this country was the great respect shown to woman, which was in such striking contrast with the degraded position she held in India.

The anniversary of the Freedman's aid and Southern Education society took up the time of the evening session, Rev. J. B. Shaver, presiding. Addresses were made by Rev. J. C. Hartzell and others. It was shown that two million dollars had been contributed by the church to this cause and that over 100,000 students had received instruction, which was about one-third of the whole number of students in all the schools of Methodism.

Mulbury Street church, Williamsport, was selected as the place for holding the next conference.

The temperance and prohibition mass meeting at 2.30 o'clock in the auditorium, drew out an immense audience. It was presided over by A. A. Stevens, Esq., of Tyrone, formerly national vice chairman of the Prohibition party. Prof. Hudson contributed pathetic temperance songs and the church special music.

President Stevens' introductory address requested general signing of remonstrance against liquor license.

The following appointments were made for the Altoona District: David S. Monroe, presiding elder, Altoona, Allegheny, George W. McInley, (supply); Altoona, Asbury, to be supplied, Altoona, Chestnut Avenue, John W. Rue; Altoona, Eighth Avenue, J. Ellis Bell; Altoona, Epworth mission, to be supplied; Altoona, Fifth Avenue, Samuel W. Sears; Altoona, First church, Martin L. Ganoe; Altoona, North, Crawford L. Benschoter; Altoona, Simpson church, George M. Hoke; Ansonville, David F. Kapp, (supply); Bellefonte, G. Tarring Gray; Bellwood, Emory M. Stevens; Birmingham, John W. Glover; Centre, to be supplied; Clearfield, William A. Stevens; Coalport and Irvona, Richard H. Walton; Curwensville, J. Patton Moore; Duncansville, George Warren; Glen Hope, Emanuel W. Wanner; Half Moon, George A. Singer; Hastings, Harry W. Baker; Hollidaysburg, Charles V. Hartzell; Houtzdale, Herman H. Crotley; Howard, John W. Forrest; Karthaus, Bruce Hughes; Lumber City, Wilbert W. Cadle; Martinsburg and Woodbury, Jeremiah B. Brenneman; McKees Gap, George F. Boggs; Mehaffey, Charles W. Rishell; Milesburg and Unionville, George E. King; Morrisdale, Walter R. Whitney; New Washington, Job Traux (supply); Osceola, William R. Picken; Patton, Charles W. Wasson; Penn's Valley, Ralph W. Hillingworth; Phillipsburg, Alexander R. Miller; Pleasant Gap, John C. Young; Port Matilda, Gideon P. Sarvis (supply); Ramey, Charles A. Biddle; Roaring Spring, Edwin H. Witman; Shawmut, David E. Phillips; (supply); Snow Shoe, Henry Minnich State College, Asbury W. Guyer; Tyrone: First church, Richard H. Gilbert; Columbia avenue, Vaughn T. Rue; Utahville, Lemuel L. Logan, (supply); Wallaceeton, George Trach; Warriors Mark, Hugh Strain, West Clearfield, Lyons M. Brady; Williamsburg, Frank W. Leidy; Woodland and Bradford, Robert L. Armstrong; Samuel Blair, city missionary, member of First church quarterly conference, Altoona; supernumerary and superannuated teachers, John A. Woodcock, George B. Ague, John W. Olewine, James H. McGarrab, Lewis A. Rudisill.

### Union County Deaths.

Mifflinburg, 4 inst., Mary, widow of David Foust, aged 83 years.  
Buffalo twp., 3 inst., William Ritter aged 71 years.  
Limestone twp., 8 inst., Rosanna, widow of Joseph Chambers, age 79 y.

—Read Lyon & Co's great spring opening on page five of the REPORTER. They offer some extraordinary bargains in all departments of their store. Their stock is larger than any in this part of the state, and a dollar invested there brings returns.

—If in need of Carpets call at Wolf & Crawford's.

### TO PENSIONERS.

#### Instructions to be Closely Followed Regarding Pension Vouchers.

Captain Skinner, the United States pension agent at Pittsburg, under date of March 6, was advised by the commissioner of pensions that it was not the intention of the interior department to issue increase certificates in any of the cases favorably affected by the act of March 2, 1895, which provides that all pensioners now on the rolls pensioned at less than six dollars per month, shall have their pension increased to six dollars.

In order to facilitate the payment of the increase Captain Skinner was instructed by the bureau to prepare and forward to each pensioner, the rate of whose pension had been increased by said act, a new voucher to take the place of that already sent out with the check for the January payment, to be executed by said pensioner on or after April 4, adding to the regular quarterly payment at the old rate the additional amount due such pensioner from March 2 under the provision of said act, and requesting the pensioner to return the voucher already in his possession for cancellation.

This new voucher will be accompanied by circular which should be attached firmly to the pension certificate in the possession of the pensioner, as the same must be exhibited to the officers before whom the voucher shall be hereafter executed, in explanation of the difference in the rate expressed in future vouchers and that contained in the pension certificate.

All officers, including fourth class postmasters, who are authorized to administer oaths in the execution of pension vouchers, as well as the pensioners affected by said act, should note carefully these instructions.]

### Little Locals Linked.

Weather this week has been bright with a sharp air. Snow has nearly all disappeared.

John Foreman's vendu on Wednesday was one of the largest of the season. It took two criers, Leitzel and Koch to handle it.

Grain shows some signs for better prices.

Last March was mild and some persons planted potatoes and sowed oats, but can't do it this year.

Articles at public sales, this spring, are bringing fair prices.

Flittings are flitting over the roads in all directions, and some lively hoo-downs are the result.

If you flit, notify the "Reporter" of your new post office address.

D. C. Keller has arrived at the Cumming's house with his flitting, and he is now "mine host."

The Bellefonte chicken feasting association has been disbanded for some reason, and they will likely settle their fowl business without needing to go into court.

Charles Arney has his shop nearly ready for wagon-maker Swann.

Our doctors have been kept busy the past four weeks; we'd far sooner have their accounts than be their horses.

### Passed the Senate.

Among bills passed by the state senate on Tuesday, are the following:

Constituting the board of school directors in each township a board of health.

Requiring gymnastic instruction in the schools.

Changing labor day to the first Monday of September.

Limiting the time for killing deer to the month of October.

Increasing the salary of the adjutant general to \$4,000.

Appropriating \$6,500 for the payment of inauguration expenses.

Prohibiting the catching of black bass, trout, sunfish and catfish previous to and during the spawning season.

House bill increasing the number of employees of the house of representatives.

### The Road Bill.

The Grigsby road bill went down on second reading. The framer of the measure had secured a special order for the bill and thought he could get it through easily. The members of the house did not agree with the gentleman from Lawrence and now his pet is in its grave. Mr. Smiley has a road bill which is considered the best of all measures and it will be on second reading in a day or two. It is thought that this act will go through easily.

—You can save \$5 on every \$10 purchase you make at our store. We have received a big stock of spring goods, and they are exceptionally cheap.—Lewins, Bellefonte.

—Our spring stock of clothing is now in and a more complete assortment cannot be found in any store. Clothing never was so cheap and you get surprisingly big returns for your money.—Lewins, Bellefonte.

### All Around News.

Mrs. Allen Jones, colored, gave birth one night last week, down in Georgia, to two girls and two boys, the smallest weighing three and a half pounds. She and children are doing well. The woman has twice given birth to twins. Centre county can boast of triplets but can't come up to Georgy for quartets.

Mrs. Walters, of Clearfield, left her 6-week-old babe in care of its sister, aged 6 years. During the mother's absence the little girl attempted to quiet the cries of the babe by administering paregoric, but by mistake gave it half a teaspoonful of laudanum. The little one went to sleep and never awakened.

An explosion of fire damp has occurred in a mine in Austria. 80 miners have been taken out alive, but 290 are still entombed; 13 dead bodies have been removed from the mine.

The decision of the Illinois Supreme Court that part of the State Eight-hour law is unconstitutional, is most important and will have far-reaching results. It is the first decision in the United States against the eight-hour law, and presents a new obstacle in the path of the movement for shorter hours.

### Woman Suffrage in Ohio.

The women of Ohio have the privilege of voting for school officers this year, and also of standing as candidates for the offices for which they are allowed to vote. As is the case always with something new, the innovation is awakening a great deal of interest in parts of the Buckeye state, and the women who have been earnest in their endeavor to secure the right of suffrage for the sex, are now at work trying to make the women appear at the polls in such numbers as to justify the claim that women really want the ballot. In many important towns of Ohio it has been found impossible to arouse the women to any enthusiasm whatever. At Salem the women are discouraged by the refusal of their candidates to run, but in some other towns female aspirants for official position are working hard.

In Pennsylvania women can also be elected as school directors, but we have not yet had a female director in Centre county. Some would be an improvement on male directors.

Perhaps you would not think so, but a very large proportion of diseases in New York, comes from carelessness about catching cold," says Dr. Cyrus Edson. "It is such a simple thing and so common that very few people, unless it is a case of pneumonia, pay any attention to a cold. There are a great many cases of catarrh and consumption which have their origin in this neglect of the simplest precaution of every day life. The most sensible advice is, when you have one, get rid of it as soon as possible. By all means do not neglect it." Dr. Edson does not tell you how to cure a cold but we will. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will relieve the lungs, aid expectation, open the secretions and soon effect a permanent cure. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

### Attempted Train Wrecking.

An attempt to wreck a Royal Blue line train on the Reading railroad near Wayne Junction was made on Tuesday evening, but fortunately was discovered in time to prevent an accident.

While setting some switches a conductor of a freight engine found the track used by the Blue line trains ingeniously blocked in such a way as to throw a train down an embankment. Several heavy oak planks, railroad ties and a lot of stout brake beams were piled up on the track and fastened together, making a very formidable obstruction.

### Auditors Who Audit.

As shown on Tuesday Commissioners Funk and Hurd, of Blair county, had paid out between \$3,600 and \$3,700 and the auditors will surcharge them with that amount and recommend that they be dismissed from office by the court and indicted. Sometimes Auditors don't audit, and for that are found equally guilty with the officers doing wrong. In Blair county the Auditors do audit.

### Offered for Sale.

The plant of the Bellefonte Republican and Daily News is offered for sale by the administrators of Mrs. M. P. Teuten, dec'd.

—Big spring opening at Lyon & Co's store, Bellefonte, where you can get anything needed at very low figures.

—You will want a new suit. You want it cheap and good, as well as of the latest cut. Lewins, Bellefonte, can accommodate you in every particular, and is bound to please.