



CAPITOL GOSSIP

THE PRESIDENT MOVES OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

A Deal Between the Republicans and Populists to Reorganize the Senate.—Supreme Court on the Income Tax.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 1.—President Cleveland has moved his family and his office out to "Woodley," his suburban residence, and will only be at the White House on the days the Cabinet meets—twice a week—for some time to come. This will give him an opportunity to dispose of some minor matters which he could not find time to get at as long as he was accessible to the personal callers who are nearly always on hand at the White House.

The new ministry of Spain lost no time in proving that President Cleveland was correct in thinking that it would do the proper thing about the Alliance outrage, and there is little doubt that the apology demanded by Secretary Gresham will in due time follow the explanatory communication already received.

It is positively stated that a deal has been completed whereby the Republican Senators will get the votes of the Populist Senators and reorganize the Senate as soon as Congress meets. There is nothing surprising in this, as it was expected by everybody. One result of the deal will be to make John Sherman chairman of the Finance committee. Think of the Populists helping to do that.

Rumor says the Supreme Court will decide the income tax unconstitutional, and even gives the position of each of the eight justices sitting—Justice Jackson has been too ill to take any part in the present term—on the case. There is, of course, no method of ascertaining the truth or falsity of the rumor, which is believed or disbelieved according to the wishes of the expresser of the opinion. While officials of the government would prefer that the tax stand they say that an adverse decision will not make an extra session of Congress absolutely necessary, unless there should be another run on the Treasury gold.

Ex-Senator Mahone is now at the head of a scheme having for its object the political control of Virginia. There is nothing new or startling in the idea. It is merely a reproduction of the Republican-Populist combine which has temporarily knocked out the Democratic party of North Carolina. Virginia Democrats who come to Washington say there would be nothing to fear in the movement even if it were not led by Mahone, but with him at its head it is bound to fail because the few influential Republicans of the state have had all they wanted of Mahone long ago, and they hate Populism quite as bad as they do Mahoneism.

While Secretary Herbert when he planned the route over which Admiral Meade's squadron will sail during the month of April had no idea that Great Britain would send that ultimatum to little Nicaragua, neither he nor President Cleveland regrets that the squadron will reach Greytown, Nicaragua, about the middle of the month. On the contrary, they rejoice at the coincidence which will place such formidable American war vessels as the New York, Minneapolis, Columbia, Atlanta, Raleigh, and Cincinnati in Nicaraguan waters at the time that Great Britain will probably be making a demonstration of force to frighten the little Central American Republic into complying with its demands as to the payment of extortionate indemnity, etc. It will show John Bull that the administration not only meant business when it recently told him that the Monroe doctrine was still in force and must be respected by him, but that it is prepared to demand respect for the Monroe doctrine at the cannon's mouth if it is not peaceably accorded. No one here seems to know what Nicaragua will do, but the hope is expressed on all sides that it will politely decline to accede to the unjust demands of Great Britain.

"Uncle Jerry," the smiling "nigger" who has been janitor of the White House "since Gin'ral Grant's time," is the happiest "coon" in Washington. He has celebrated his silver wedding, and the following distinguished friends sent souvenirs of the happy event: President and Mrs. Cleveland, one dozen silver spoons; Mrs. U. S. Grant, a silver butter knife; Mrs. S. S. Sargent, a silver cream pitcher; Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, a silver sugar dish; Secretary and Mrs. Lamont, ten silver dollars, not to mention the gifts sent by private citizens. But what tickled "Uncle Jerry" more than everything else was the attendance at the reception held by himself and wife of Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissel, Secretary and Mrs. Lamont and their children; private Secretary and Mrs. Thurber and their children, and a host of minor government officials.

When the United States government sends, as it will at an early date in compliance with an act of Congress, its own engineers to officially inspect the route of the proposed Nicaragua canal, it serves notice to all concerned that it proposes to control that canal when it is constructed.

Days of Lumber Passed. Our county, with many others, is no longer to be classed among the lumber districts, yet at one time Centre county's forests were a source of millions of wealth.

In a letter to the Pittsburg Times, a correspondent speaks of the early days of the lumbering industry in Clearfield county and says in part: "But these good old days have gone, never to return. This spring there will be less than fifty rafts on the river. Clearfield county was not greatly benefitted by the millions of pine trees that went out of it. Neither did the men who owned the trees, made the timber, hauled rafted and ran it, make much more than wages at the business. The supply was considered inexhaustible and fortunes were floated away only to enrich the eastern capitalists who bot it at their own figures. Lock Haven and Williamsport were built by our people and their citizens enriched by our labor."

Income Tax Returns. Deputy Revenue Commissioner Brosius has received the following instructions relative to income tax returns from the office of the commissioner of internal revenue, Washington D. C. Only debts which were contracted during the year 1894, and found in said year to be worthless, and losses from the sale of bonds, notes and other personal property purchased in said year, can be deducted from income as "worthless debts" or "losses actually sustained" in computing income for that year.

Collectors should require both persons and corporations in making return to the state specifically in answering questions on page three of returns when debts reported as worthless were contracted, and when property, from the sale of which losses are claimed, was purchased.

Attention is particularly directed to the fact that all returns should be made full and complete, as designated on forms 385 and 386, and no income return should be received unless it clearly appears from the statements in such returns that all deductions thereon are allowable by law and conform to the rule above stated. All returns should be carefully examined and corrected before the same are forwarded to this office.

A Word to the Boro Democrats. It is to be regretted that a number of our boro Democrats in the past ten years allowed a few pretended Democrats to lead them to enter into a partnership with Republicans, purely for a division of the local offices, and thereby continually defeating worthy and competent Democrats, and injuring and demoralizing the local organization to the extreme delight of the opposition, of course, for they get the honors and benefits of these frequent acts of treachery, and against which the REPORTER has frequently warned.

The success of the party in county and state depends upon the local organizations in boros and townships being kept pure and clean. Persons who have winked at coalition frequently find their own ox gored and then do not like the way chickens come home to roost. We make these brief allusions for the benefit of Democrats.

Those who never read the advertisements in their newspapers miss more than they presume. Jonathan Kenison, of Bolan, Worth Co., Iowa, who had been troubled with rheumatism in his back, arms and shoulders read an item in his paper about how a prominent German citizen of Ft. Madison had been cured. He procured the same medicine, and to use his own words: "It cured me right up." He also says: "A neighbor and his wife were both sick in bed with rheumatism. Their boy was over to my house and said they were so bad he had to do the cooking. I told him of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and how it had cured me, he got a bottle and he cured them up in a week. 50 cent bottles 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, feb21-3m Centre Hall, Pa.

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.

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.

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ONE JUDGE'S OPINION.

Reading of the Bible in Public Schools Practically Declared Illegal.

By a decision of Judge Gunster at Scranton, in the Waverley borough school case the reading of the Bible in the public schools of Pennsylvania was practically declared illegal. A preliminary injunction was granted by Judge Gunster against Professor Hanyon, the principal of the Waverley borough school, forbidding him to conduct religious exercises in the school. A demurrer was taken by Professor Hanyon to the injunction, in which it was held that the court had no jurisdiction in the case, but the school directors alone had the power to regulate the reading of the Bible in the public schools. Judge Gunster dismissed the demurrer and ruled that the only question to be decided was one of law, and on that point there was no doubt. In this opinion the judge said:

"It is too plain for argument that denominational religious exercises and instruction in sectarian doctrines have no place in our system of common school education. They are not only not authorized by any law, common or statutory, but are expressly prohibited and forbidden by our constitution, the fundamental law of the Commonwealth."

Quoting from the constitution and acts of assembly which comment thereon, Judge Gunster concluded his ruling as follows: "If it be true, as charged in the bill, that Professor Hanyon is conducting sectarian or denominational religious exercises with the pupils under his charge, whether these exercises be according to the form of the Methodist Episcopal church or of any other church, he ought to discontinue doing so and it is the duty of the directors, if the abuse exists, to see that it is eradicated at once."

Don't Clip Your Postal Cards.

It is ruled by the postal authorities that any reduction of the size of a postal card by clipping, rounding off the corners or otherwise, will subject the receiver of the card to a charge of one cent on delivery. This makes the cost of a postal card equivalent to letter postage. Many persons enclose postal cards to correspondents in envelope too small and imagine that a little clipping won't make any difference. Others round off the corners for ornamental purposes or for convenience in handling.

Getting Ready for Pensioners.

Captain Skinner is getting ready for the quarterly rush of pensioners which will begin next Thursday. There are 2,100 pensioners in the district who will be benefited by the new law providing that all pensioners shall receive not less than \$6 a month. One-half the number were getting \$2 and the rest \$4, which will make an increase of \$3 a month. As they get the benefit of the new law for only one month, this quarter the increase in the amount of money to be paid out will be only \$6,300.

Will Likely Pass.

The bill pending in the house allowing justices of the peace to try certain cases with a jury of six will probably pass. The cases which would come up under the provisions of the law are blasphemy, assault and battery, larceny where the amount does not exceed \$10, disturbing public meetings, cruelty to animals, selling unwholesome provisions, revealing telegraphic dispatches, cheating inn keepers, firing woods, malicious trespass and cutting down timber.

The Blindfolding of Justice.

Three prisoners who were placed in eastern penitentiary, of this state, recently, proved how unevenly the scales of justice sometimes swing. Walter Driver, a poor colored man, of Norris-town, convicted of stealing chickens, was sentenced four years. At New Bloomfield Ex-Bankers Sponsler and Junkins, found guilty of embezzling about \$112,000 of depositors' funds, were punished by sentence of one year each.

A Supervisor Sent to Jail but Paroled.

Albert Forsht, supervisor of Logan township, was taken before the court at Hollidaysburg on an attachment for contempt. Mr. Forsht could give no reasonable excuse why he had not collected sufficient taxes to pay the claim held by G. A. Glunt against the township. He was sentenced to jail, but was subsequently paroled on pledges that a temporary loan would be effected and the indebtedness canceled by Wednesday.

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EDWARD C. HUMES

THE BELLEFONTE VETERAN BANKER DEAD.

One of Bellefonte's Most Esteemed and Influential Citizens.—He Was Very Wealthy.

For several weeks Mr. Edward Humes, of Bellefonte had been in ill health, and gradually grew worse, until last Wednesday evening it became evident that his death was near but he lingered until Thursday morning about nine o'clock, when he passed peacefully away in the sleep of death. His demise removes a very important figure in banking circles. He began life as a clerk in his father's store and finally succeeded his father in business and as he was very industrious and attentive to business soon acquired some surplus money over and above the demands of his mercantile interests. About forty years ago he associated himself with Hon. James T. Hale and Hon. H. N. McAllister, and they together established a private bank in Bellefonte. This enterprise developed into a very important banking concern and largely through the management of Mr. Humes, it became recognized as one of the most solid financial institutions in the state. This bank was changed to a National bank about twenty-five years ago, and Mr. Humes was elected president and has filled this position continuously up to the time of his death. Hon. A. G. Curtin was one of its directors for many years. Mr. Humes has been a large stockholder and director of the Blair county bank in Tyrone for many years. In banking circles Mr. Humes was regarded as a most wise and capable financier and in consequence of his abilities in this direction he commanded considerable confidence among the various banking houses of this country. For many years he has been one of the most prominent figures in Bellefonte. He was a very consistent member of the Presbyterian church in Bellefonte and was one of the elders of this church for a long time. Although he attained the advanced age of eighty-five years, his mental powers never failed him and he was engaged in actual business until within two weeks of his death. He leaves a daughter, Miss Milla, and one son, Wm. P. Humes to mourn their loss. Besides his large banking interests he was the owner of a number of fine farms near Bellefonte and his estate will no doubt aggregate in the neighborhood of a million dollars.

HOW THE MARSHALL BILL WORKS.

The Marshall pipe line repealer swept through the Legislature just as neatly as any of its most ardent advocates could have desired. The Governor signed it after giving the very reasons for his action that these same advocates expected him to give. In ten days' time oil jumps from 75 cents to \$1.12, and the Standard monopoly's harvest begins. This the consumer will find to be a lovely affair as the days go on. The condition is the very one the Standard has been laboring for since 1883, and now that they have it oil tolls will go up. An increase of thirty-seven cents in the market rates since the Marshall repealer came into force shows what the harvest will be and what the tolls will amount to by and by, says the Philadelphia Times.

Items of Interest.

Remonstrances have been filed against all license applications in Tyrone. Last year remonstrances were filed against a few of the applicants but this year all are included.

There are four unique mountains in Lower California, two of alum, one of alum and sulphur mixed and one pure sulphur. It is estimated that in the four peaks named there are 100,000,000 tons of pure alum and 1,000,000 tons of sulphur.

New Coupler Device.

A number of passenger coaches of the Pennsylvania railroad have been equipped with a new device for uncoupling Janney couplers, which takes the place of the old vertical lever pivoted on the platform. The new device is a vertical shaft terminating at the top in a hinged lever. It is considered an improvement on the old style.

Death of an Infant.

Ruth V., the seven-month old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gettig, died at Tusseyville last Saturday a week.

Lyon & Co., Bellefonte, are making a big drive in shoes. They carry a full line in this department, and at prices that are way below their competitors. It is useless to pay a big price for shoes when you can get the same article several dollars cheaper at Lyons. Don't pay any dealer an extravagant price, until you inspect their stock.

News of Adjoining Counties.

Travelers on the Tyrone and Clearfield branch will be glad to learn that the man who enters the car each morning selling "the three beautiful balls," and who "has a wife and three children to support," has recently been converted and is now living happily with the wife whom he deserted, and makes it a point to announce the fact before entering upon the sale of his poetry. It takes well.

The Williamsport Sun says: The newly organized Lock Haven Traction company proposes, if they can secure the money, to extend their road to Jersey Shore during the present year. If this is done it is more than probable that the Williamsport Passenger Railway company will extend their line to meet the Lock Haven road. The next generation will see a line of electric road extending from the eastern end to the western end of the West Branch valley.

Four lumbermen arrested for killing two deer on Lick Run, Clearfield county, settled their case on Saturday by paying a fine of \$100 and costs, making about \$122 as the price of their fun and venison. The fact that the men committed the act unthinkingly prompted the prosecutors to withdraw the suit upon the payment of the legal fine and costs of preliminary hearing. It is likely this costly experience will serve as an object lesson for the strict observance of the game laws in the future.

Don't Change Your Clothing Yet.

Whenever we chance to get a fine, bright, warm day there is a strong temptation to throw off winter clothing and don that which from its weight and warmth feels oppressive. It should be borne in constant mind that such changes are fraught with danger always, and that it is far better to endure a little discomfort than to incur such risk. For some peculiar reason there appears to be that in the atmosphere that is inimical to human life, and especially to those who at any time have been subjects of the grip. It is well to bear in mind that the weather during the winter has been exceedingly treacherous, that it cannot safely be trusted and that consequently there should, in street parlance be no monkeying with it. Don't change your clothing until the spring has well advanced and there is positive assurance that the weather has assumed a settled condition.

Rain in the West.

Iowa and other western states were suffering from want of rain, but within the past few days copious showers brought relief to the great joy of the farmers.

The rain on Sunday throughout Wisconsin was general and the farmers are grateful for it. The last month has been so dry that many were beginning to fear for this year's crops, but this rain is an assurance that the farmers will be able to plant their grain as early in this State this year as ever before in its history.

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 all 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.

Brought Fair Prices.

Tuesday there were nineteen horses sold at public sale at Bartge's hotel. The horses had been shipped from Iowa and were mostly draft horses. The highest price paid was \$105, and the least \$31. The sale averaged \$68 to the horse. This is a fair price considering how little horses are in demand, and the low prices some were disposed of this spring. The sale was well attended by buyers from the surrounding towns.

Scarlet Fever Prevalent.

We are informed that there are several cases of scarlet fever in Penn Hall and vicinity, but so far no deaths have occurred, and the disease is under control. A malignant disease of that nature has made severe ravages in some vicinities in the county, and every precaution should be used to abate it.

Select School.

Miss Ella C. Mersinger will open a select school at Oak Hall, on Monday, April 15th. Her ability as an instructor is unquestionable, and all branches will be taught. A moderate tuition will be charged.

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

FOSTER'S PREDICTIONS.

It Will be Some Time Before Gentle Spring will Drive Winter Into Retirement.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm-wave to cross the continent from March 29 to April 3, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about April 3, cross the western mountain country by the close of the 5th, the great central valley from the 6th to 8th, and the eastern states about the 9th.

This storm will bring remarkable extremes and radical changes in the weather. Summer heat will prevail for a few days previous to the storm wave dates, and then a drop in the temperature that will send frosts far southward. This cool wave, in places a real cold wave, will keep the temperature below normal for a week following.

Severe local storms may be expected accompanying this storm wave, and, making allowance for a month's progress toward summer, the weather will be very like that which occurred about following March 10.

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about April 4, the great central valleys the 6th, and the eastern states the 8th. The cool wave will cross the western mountain country about the 7th, the great central valleys the 9th and the eastern states the 11th.

During the period covered by this storm wave, including the cool wave, rainfall will be very light in the northern states. More rain will fall in the southern states, but will not be well distributed, and a few localities will have too much, many others not enough rain.

The third storm wave of April will reach the Pacific coast about the 10th, cross the western mountain country by the close of the 11th, the great central valleys from the 12th to 15th, and the eastern states the 16th.

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about the 10th, great central valleys 12th, eastern states 14th. The cool wave will cross the western mountain country about 13th, the great central valleys 15th, and the eastern states 17th.

This storm wave will cause a more general distribution of rainfall, and, taking the whole country, an increase in precipitation. The weather will average much cooler than in the first week of the month.

Important Decisions.

All "Reporter" readers are interested in the following decisions:

Judge Barker has decided that the scalp law is unconstitutional, therefore no bounty will be paid by the commissioners of Cambria county for fox scalps. The case has been pending for some time and the commissioners had refused to grant orders for last year.

The Lancaster court decided that peddlers representing a Rhode Island company have a right to sell their wares any place in Pennsylvania without a license.

Any citizen of any state in the Union has the same rights in Pennsylvania as our own citizens have.

Our better halves say they could not keep home without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is used in more than half the homes in Leeds. Sims Bros., Leeds, Iowa. This shows the esteem in which that remedy is held where it has been sold for years and is well known. Mothers have learned that there is nothing so good for colds, croup and whooping cough, that it cures these ailments quickly and permanently, and that it is pleasant and safe for children to take. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

A HAPPY MOTHER—\$72.50 IN A WEEK.

MR. EDITOR:—I feel so happy that I must tell, through your valuable paper, what I did, so others can be happy and make money too. Things looked blue; these hard times had thrown my husband out of work; the interest on the mortgage was coming due and no money. I saw an advertisement of the Rapid Dish Washer and thought I could sell them. I sent \$5.00, got one, and my husband washed the dishes because he did not have to put his hands in the water, and did not have to rub them nor dry them; they came out all nice and clean and ready for the shelf. He also took care of the house and baby. I got the agency and sold ten the first day, and have cleared this week \$72.50, and will by next week have enough to pay the interest, and am sure we will have money all winter. Anyone out of work should send to W. P. Harrison & Co., Columbus, Ohio, and get a circular, have a happy home, and make money too. Times are going to be hard this winter, and much suffering can be saved if mothers and daughters would do as I have.

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