



## CAPITOL GOSSIP

### ENGLAND HAS MODIFIED HER BLUFF.

A Creditable Diplomatic Victory Won from Great Britain.—The Arrival of the Spanish Minister Anxiously Awaited.

It looks now as though the administration had won a very creditable diplomatic victory from Great Britain in that little affair of Nicaragua, and that Great Britain had greatly modified that bluff about bombarding Nicaragua's seaports. Nothing official has been given out about the diplomatic correspondence in this matter within the last few days, but there are good reasons for stating that Ambassador Bayard has been most positively assured by the British government that nothing will be done in its dealings with Nicaragua that can be properly construed into a violation of the Monroe doctrine. This assurance was naturally very gratifying to President Cleveland and the other members of the administration. It was saying in a roundabout way that Great Britain never really meant to carry out that bombarding threat, and it was also in a way a recognition of the Monroe doctrine. That this assurance from Great Britain was the result of the courageous position taken by the administration as to the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine is certain. And nothing was lost by the knowledge on the part of Great Britain, that the United States had a sufficient naval force in the South Atlantic to back up the position assumed.

The arrival of the new Spanish minister is anxiously awaited in Washington, as it is believed that he will have several important communications to make to this government. The Alliance incident is still open, and the belief is growing that Spain is trying to play a double game in connection therewith, notwithstanding its promise to make it satisfactory as soon as it was in possession of the necessary information. As the new Spanish minister is to spend a week or ten days in Cuba before coming to Washington he will be expected to acquire all the needed information and if his government then still delays making a satisfactory settlement he may find himself very disagreeably surprised soon after his arrival. And his surprise is not likely to be displeasing to the Cuban revolutionists.

Postmaster General Wilson dropped into his new duties as naturally as though he had been dealing with postal affairs all his life, and he is the same urbane gentleman in dealing with his numerous callers that he always was during his extended Congressional career. He has long ago proved himself well protected against that insidious disease known to ordinary folk as the "big head"; therefore no one is surprised to find him just as accessible now as when he was a member of Congress.

The projectors of the new silver party profess to have encouraging reports from a number of states, but their professions are largely discounted by their claims as to the states of Pennsylvania and Connecticut. The only claim these people make that is backed by common sense and hard facts, is that a large majority of voters of the country are bimetalists. That claim is unnecessary because it is known by everybody, but that doesn't mean that all the bimetalists are ready to drop their party affiliations and unite in an assistant Republican party, which is about all the new silver party is.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the income tax cases is disappointing to everybody, and probably to nobody more than to members of the court. The constitutionality of the law stands, not by an affirmative decision, but because the eight justices sitting were evenly divided. Incomes from rents, municipal and state bonds are exempted from the tax. But what most disappointed the members of the court was the stealing of a copy of the decision in advance of its being officially made. It was sold to the correspondent of a Chicago paper and telegraphed to that city. The decision will make lots of worry and litigation for the government, but Secretary Carlisle is very positive that it will not make necessary the calling of an extra session of Congress, although the exceptions will probably reduce the receipts from the income tax at least one-half. But even if not a nickle was received from that source by the Treasury, Secretary Carlisle says there will be money enough and to spare to carry the government until the regular session of Congress without any embarrassment.

A Chicago Democrat of the sort that cannot be discouraged is Mr. Wm. P. Wood, at present in Washington. He says: "The Democratic party suffered a bad defeat the other day, but we will pull ourselves together in time for the big battle next year. I have no doubt

whatever that Illinois will cast her electoral vote for the Democracy, providing, of course, that our candidate is made of the right sort of stuff. Business is booming at a great pace. Everywhere I have been in the last few weeks I found trade improving. I look for a general revival of business this summer, and that is all the Democratic party needs. With good times next year Democratic success is assured."

### Old Nick After Parker.

The 7 Mountain region is full of excitement over the appearance of the devil in that territory and capturing one of the prominent characters of that section of Potter township, as the REPORTER has been informed.

Mr. Parker recently fitted into another house, just like many of us mortals do without the devil knowing where to find us. But somehow Old Nick got wind where Parker flitted to, and for some mysterious reason his Satanic Majesty got his dander up and concluded he'd leave the lower regions for a little spell and go for the inoffensive Parker, and perhaps settle an old grudge, or perhaps because he was tired waiting for Parker to come down where he could give him a warm reception.

The first night Parker slept in his new domicile, cozy in bed, in steps the devil, horns, big eyes of fire, caudal appendage and hoofs, and without using any diplomacy, he lifted Parker out of bed, carried the frightened and struggling man down stairs, and in the kitchen gave him a good trouncing. Parker was too much skered to do any big fighting but he kept up such a lively kicking, biting and spitting that Old Clootie couldn't manage to force him thro the door and carry him down to his place, and now Parker remains on terra firma yet and made up his mind if the devil wants to cook any one in his kettle of bilin' brimstone he will have to go for some other feller.

### Cannot Tax Peddlers.

Every town in Pennsylvania is indirectly affected by a decision rendered last week by Judge Scott, of South Bethlehem, Pa. The case was brought by that borough against a New York firm for the recovery of a penalty for the violation of a borough ordinance. This ordinance requires persons not engaged in permanent retail business, before beginning the sale of any goods whatever, shall pay a license fee of \$50 a month. A penalty of a fine not less than \$100 is provided for the violation of the ordinance. The defendants contended the ordinance was in violation of the Interstate Commerce law. Judge Scott declared the ordinance void, because the act of 1893 does not limit the amount of the fine to be imposed. The ordinance was also declared to be unlawful because it is in contravention of the rights of interstate commerce.

Our better halves say they could not keep house 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.

### Mileage Books Not Withdrawn.

It is announced that the Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to continue the issue of annual clerical orders and all clergymen who hold orders of this company's issue which are valid for use until March 31, will be furnished with orders good for the remainder of the year at an early date, and it will not be necessary for them to make further application. Neither have mileage books been withdrawn as was stated in a previous issue.

### Union County Deaths.

Hartleton, 28 March, Elizabeth, wife of Philip Witmer, aged 61 years and 7 months.  
West Buffalo, March 30, Henry Gotshall, aged 41 years.  
Near Mazeppa, 19 March, Sara Bowerson, aged 74 years.  
Vicksburg, on 27 March, Elizabeth, wife of Amos Groff, aged 63 years.

### Not Dead.

The news circulated last week that the ill and venerable John Carper was dead, and also that the aged Queen Victoria had died suddenly, was premature, as both were living at the time, and may they be spared yet.

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.

## HOW TO PREVENT FLOODS.

A Muncy Man Has a Plan to Protect the Residents of the West Branch Valley.

John F. Manville, of Muncy, has a plan now to settle the perplexing flood problem so far as Williamsport and Muncy and Montgomery are concerned. He proposes to cut a tunnel through Bald Eagle mountain just above Williamsport and to buy enough land through which to dig a channel down the White Deer valley, to a point on the south side of Penny hill, of sufficient depth and width to carry off the overflow when the river is more than bank full, and thus save our exposed towns from all devastating floods in the future. As the distance would be very much shortened, and the fall proportionately increased, an immense volume of water could thus be made to flow away. He is entirely confident of the practicability of the plan, and would be willing to insure its successful operation if the towns interested will furnish the necessary funds. As to the matter of cost, Father Manville says he has not taken time to figure on that. And as to the magnitude of such an undertaking, he thinks it would be only a small job compared to the ship canal that the French are now talking of making to connect the Mediterranean sea with the Atlantic ocean. The distance would not be great, as a glance at the map of Lycoming county will show. The West Branch river makes a wide sweep around the base of the end of the Bald Eagle mountain in Muncy valley.

### No More Kissing the Bible.

The legislature has passed one sensible act and Gov. Hastings has signed it, the Fow bill abolishing the kissing of the Bible in the administering of oaths and substituting therefor the laying of the hand on the open Book. The approval of this bill abolishes a law almost as old as this nation. Judge McPherson abolished the custom in the county of Lebanon nearly two years ago and subsequently it was done away with in the courts of Dauphin county. Mr. Fow's bill was endorsed by the state board of health because of the great danger of spreading infectious diseases by the indiscriminate kissing of the Bible by witnesses and others in criminal courts.

### Most Stick.

The supreme court of Indiana rendered a decision in a divorce case in these words: "You voluntarily chose a drunkard for a husband, and you should discharge the duties of a drunkard's wife. His failure to keep a pledge of reformation made before marriage does not justify you in deserting him. Having knowingly married a drunkard you make yourself content with the sacred relationship." Let this be a warning to Centre county girls, and not allow drunkards to court them.

### The Income Tax Decision.

The U. S. Supreme court has decided upon the constitutionality of the income tax. Part of it is declared unconstitutional and the balance stands as constitutional. The court declares it unconstitutional to tax incomes from rents of houses and lands or government bonds, national, state, county or towns. The tax upon incomes from all other sources stands as constitutional. This may cut off about \$15,000,000, or half the revenue expected to be collected under the income tax law.

### Gen. Miles for President.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles is a Democrat, and it is stated that friends of his, in Illinois and New York, believe that he would make a strong candidate for the presidency if nominated in 1896. This is the first mention of Gen. Miles's name in this connection. Gen. Miles is a Centre county man, and we are proud of him too.

### A New Rule.

Under a rule issued for the information of the baggage masters of the Pennsylvania railroad under the date of April 1, children's carriages will only be carried free when no other checked baggage accompanied them. They then will be charged extra. The same rule applies to bicycles.

### Struck Bear and He.

The Potter Democrat says that Lyman Clinton, of Savoy, recently killed a bear within fifty rods of his home which dressed 425 pounds. Some fifteen quarts of oil was rendered from the fat taken from the animal. It took six shots from a Winchester rifle to make bruin give up the ghost.

—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.  
—Subscribe for the REPORTER.

## NEW LICENSE LAW

### A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE LIQUOR LAWS.

To Take the Place of the Brooks High-License Act.—Probable Strike Among the Soft Coal Miners.

It is announced from Harrisburg that it is probable that a bill will be presented to the State Senate week after next to take the place of the Brooks High-License Law. The committee appointed to investigate the workings of the present law has made the following recommendations for the new bill:

First, the license fee to be \$50 instead of \$1,000; second, hotel bars and saloons to close from 12 o'clock, midnight, until 6 a. m.; third, the prohibition of music and entertainments where liquors are sold; fourth, to issue no bottles' license, leaving that traffic to brewers and wholesalers; fifth, to prohibit distillers wholesalers and brewers from assisting retailers in fitting up their places by making the money they advance uncollectable, and forfeiting their license; sixth, to compel all wholesalers, brewers and distillers to swear that they will not furnish any unlicensed person, firm or club with liquors to sell at retail under penalty of having their license revoked.

### A Strike Probable.

It is asserted at Altoona that before the month is over all the bituminous coal miners between that city and Pittsburg will strike for the advance they failed to get by last fall's strike. The raise has been granted elsewhere, consequently the miners are becoming indignant and greatly aroused. At a recent meeting in DuBois the organized miners, it is said, decided to strike. The men in the Cambria-Blair section are not organized, so had no representatives present, but the organization can be quickly effected, says the DuBois Courier, and if the threat of the DuBois meeting is brought to a climax there is little doubt that it will be joined by all the miners in that entire district.

### No Licenses for Churches.

An odd point of the theatrical license law came before County Treasurer W. W. Yon, of Blair county, last Monday a week. The managers of the Altoona opera house urged the treasurer to collect a license fee of \$50 from the Second Presbyterian church of Altoona or the State College Glee club that was to give a concert in the church. The treasurer decided that, under the instructions he had received from the attorney general, a musical concert is not a theatrical exhibition, and the provisions of the license law of 1893 do not apply.

### Telephone Rivalry.

What the Bell Telephone Company has been fearing since its patents expired has now assumed definite shape. This is nothing more nor less than that a competing concern is in process of construction, the mission of which will be to fight the Bell people in the entire territory where they operate. According to reports a telephone company has been formed in New York by a number of wealthy men. The capital stock of the company is given as \$100,000,000.

### Flood of Sheriff Candidates.

Westmoreland county takes the cake for Republican candidates for sheriff, of whom there are just thirty willing ones. Twenty-nine will be left and, oh snakes, what a howl there will be! Centre county has never yet crept up to such a figure, but in these days of greed for office there is no telling what may happen.

### Judges to be Pensioned.

The Ritter bill retiring on full pay judges who have reached the age of seventy and have held office continuously for twenty years or altogether for thirty years, passed second reading easily. The only beneficiaries of the act are Judges Hare, Allison and Finletter, of Philadelphia.

### Commendable Measures.

The bill to prohibit the killing of deer in the State under a penalty of \$200, for five years after October 1 next, passed finally in the House. A similar bill as to the shooting of quail and other game birds and the taking of fish from the public streams likely to follow.

### Death of Old Persons.

Jonathan Reedy, of Millmont, a pioneer of Buffalo Valley, died on Sunday, aged 97 years.  
Mrs. Rebecca Caldwell, mother of Major John M. Caldwell, 12 Reg. N. G. P., is also dead, aged 80 years.  
—Every well-dressed young man gets his clothing and gents' furnishing at Lewins, Bellefonte.

## FOSTER'S PREDICTIONS.

A Storm Wave Along the Pacific Coast About the 15th.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from April 5 to 8, and 11 to 15. The next will reach the Pacific coast about the 15th, cross the western mountain country by the close of the 16th, the great central valleys the 17th to 19th and the eastern states about the 10th.

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about the 15th, the great central valleys the 17th and the eastern states the 19th. Cool wave will cross the western mountain country about the 18th, the great central valleys the 20th and the eastern states the 22d.

Readers will please note that forecasts are made for 8 p. m. of the dates mentioned, and the weather events predicted must occur within twenty-four hours before or after that hour; otherwise the forecasts fail. The change is made from sunset, in order to agree in time with the weather maps published at 8 p. m. each day by the national weather bureau at Washington. These daily maps give us the best record of the actual state of the weather in all parts of the United States and southern Canada at that hour, Washington time.

### A Remarkable Capture.

On a recent Sunday afternoon while Messrs. David Koegh and Andrew Yeckley, of Gallitzin, were crossing Luke mountain, near Lloydsville, they were attacked by a huge female bear. The two men, although taken by surprise, made a brave fight, well knowing their lives were at stake, and finally succeeded in gaining the mastery. It was a desperate struggle as the torn clothes and lacerated flesh well testified. The bear was of extraordinary size, and, upon examination, it was found that the ears of the bear were marked in a peculiar manner, the right one being branded with a V and the left having three holes punctured in it. They paid no particular attention to this, and, after binding up each other's wounds as well as they could, were about to resume their interrupted journey, when they heard a muffled growling issuing from a neighboring thicket. They at once determined to investigate and proceeded with extreme caution toward the spot from which the subdued sounds emanated. A few steps more and lying on the ground all huddled together, they saw four little cubs. They were as playful as kittens, and at the risk of securing a few slight scratches were picked up and taken home.

Saturday a telegram came from Geneva, O., from a representative of Walter L. Main's show. He had heard of the capture, and the marks found on the ears of the mother bear were identical with those of the huge grizzly that escaped from the wreck at Vail, near Tyrone, in May, 1893. It will be remembered that at the time of this wreck among the animals that escaped was this large bear.—Ebensburg Herald.

### 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.

It will be an agreeable surprise to persons subject to attacks of bilious colic to learn that prompt relief may be had by taking Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy. In many instances the attack may be prevented by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

### Local Laconics.

Tuesday evening brot a brisk shower and all vegetation shows the good effects in living green.

Rev. Ira C. Mitchell's next lecture will be in the Lutheran church of this place, Sunday evening, April 21.

There are still a number of cases of sickness in this section, from colds, la grip and pneumonia, tho not as numerous as a few weeks ago.

From the upper and lower ends of our valley callers at the "Reporter" office report the general health good.

—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.  
—Subscribe for the REPORTER, \$1.50

## MURDERED IN HIS HOVEL.

Henry Bonaka Had Made a Hard Fight for His Life.

Henry Bonaka, a German aged 65 years, a bachelor, and without known friends in this country, was found murdered at noon Sunday in the cabin or hovel which he called home, at 1702 Seventeenth avenue, Altoona. The old man who was not of a very strong mind, was a former employe of the Pennsylvania railroad company, and was supposed to have some money. He lived alone and did his own cooking, but neighbors frequently made their way to his home with provisions. It was such an errand as this that led a neighbor to discover the murder on Sunday, as when the door of the cabin was locked, a look into the window revealed the old man lying upon the bed partly covered with a blanket and apparently in death. Investigation showed that a terrific struggle had occurred before the old man gave up. One portion of the stove was found in another part of the room, and the old man's glasses in a remote corner, and everything about the room was in the greatest disorder.

The body showed that murder was not the original intention, as he was gagged with a handkerchief, which was tied tightly around the neck. In addition to this a shirt was tied around the neck with the knot tight under the chin. On the left side of the head was a long gash, evidently made with some blunt instrument. All the pockets were turned inside out and one trouser leg was cut entirely off. The bed upon which the body lay was filled with long straw, and this showed that it had been raked over and over and jabbed through in a large number of places with a large iron poker. The old man was last seen alive on Thursday noon, and the supposition is that the murder was committed either Thursday or Friday night.

### Take Away the Rubbish.

There should be a united effort on the part of the people and the borough authorities this spring for the sanitary improvement of the town and it should be started as soon as the weather breaks. Few people realize that spring is one of the most dangerous seasons bearing upon the public health. All the refuse matter that accumulates in the yards, streets and alleys during the closing weeks of the fall season and remain covered by snow and ice during the winter, makes its reappearance in spring with direful effect, and aided by the rays of the sun throws off gases of a most dangerous character. Some people get the notion that it is one of the laws of nature that there must be sickness in the spring. These people are gravely in error. Sickness does not come in that season as a part of the program of nature, but as a result of one of her most important laws, cleanliness or sanitary precaution. The borough authorities should set the example at the earliest possible opportunity, and when the example is set let the people fall into line willingly and with vigor.

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 it cured them up in a week. 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

### NOW—THE TIME TO MAKE MONEY.

Last month I cleared, after paying all expenses, \$175.46; the month before, \$149.93, and have at the same time attended to my regular business. I believe anyone, anywhere, can do as well, as I have not a particularly good location and no experience. When you have an article that every family wants, it is very easy selling it. It seems strange that a good, cheap Dish Washer was never before placed on the market. With the Climax, which sells at \$5, you can wash and dry the dishes for a family in two minutes, without putting the hands in water; as soon as people see the Washer work, they want one, and that is why so much money can be made so quickly. For full particulars, address the Climax Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio. I feel convinced that any lady or gentleman, in any location, can make from \$5 to \$10 a day, as every family will very soon have a Dish Washer. Try it, and publish your experience for the benefit of others.