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DOMESTIC AFFAIRS IN A PROMISING CONDITION.

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President Cleveland is taking things easy and enjoying these delightful May days at his suburban home, only coming in to the White House on Cabinet days. For the first time in many months the wheels of the government are moving without a jar. All the threatening foreign complications have been peaceably straightened out, or have reached a stage at which they are no longer threatening; and our domestic affairs are all in a promising condition, notwithstanding the extra time put in by some people in concocting sensational stories about the condition of the Treasury, and the regular weekly newspaper resignation from the Cabinet. If this period of quietness lasts it is probable that the President will accompany Mrs. Cleveland and the children when they go to Gray Gables for the summer.

The Supreme Court has decided the income tax cases, but the nature of the decision will not be known until next week, unless some enterprising newspaper man finds a way to get it before it is officially announced, as was done with the first decision. There are surface indications that Justice Jackson voted to uphold the constitutionality of the law. His vote was practically the decision, unless there has been some change among the other eight justices, who were equally divided as to the constitutionality of the tax when the first decision was made.

Secretary Carlisle is being deluged with invitations to make financial speeches in Kentucky, but he has not yet finally decided how many speeches he will be able to make in that state nor at what places or time they will be made. It is probable that he will go from the Memphis sound money convention to Kentucky.

Admiral Reed has proven that the administration had excellent grounds for fearing to put him in a position where a war with a foreign country might depend entirely upon his discretion, by showing that he has no discretion. His published interview while in New York not only showed him to be a man without discretion, but to be what no army or navy officer should be—an intensely bitter political partisan. It is the opinion of naval officers that Admiral Meade's injudicious and bitter public criticism of the government has made him liable to be tried by court-martial, under article 235 of the Naval Regulations, which prohibits officers communicating, by interview or otherwise, any comments or criticism of any department of the government. Under that same article a court-martial is to convene next week to try Medical Inspector Nersher, upon charges made by Admiral Meade. The personal popularity of the hot headed, but brave and generous Admiral, may be sufficient to keep him from being court-martialed; but should any officer of the navy make formal complaint against him the President would be almost compelled to either order a court-martial or an examination as to the mental responsibility of Admiral Meade. It is understood that Secretary Herbert has asked him for an explanation.

Ex-Congressman Vance, of Ohio, says of the political situation in his state: "Democratic sentiment is preponderantly in favor of the nomination of Ex-Governor Campbell. He is for sound money, and would make the best race on account of his personal popularity and good campaigning ability, and he would draw both elements of the party around him, the silver as well as the sound money men. Of course the party is divided on the silver question, but the leaders are almost all for sound money, among the exceptions being Allen G. Thurman, jr., chairman of the state executive committee, and Secretary Taylor; but looking the state over I find that the big men of the party are for sound money, and believe that the Democratic state convention will on sober second thought so declare itself. As for the Republicans, they will probably adopt a resolution referring the whole matter to the incoming Republican Congress."

Democrats generally regard the position taken by Senator Gray concerning that alleged election of Col. Dupont to be a U. S. Senator by the Delaware legislature as the correct one, and believe with him that the Senate will not allow Col. Dupont to take his seat. Even as radical a Republican as Senator Mitchell, of Oregon, expresses doubt of Dupont's claim. Senator Morgan, of Ala., doesn't believe that Dupont will be seated, nor that the U. S. Senate has any Constitutional right to question the legality of Gov. Watson's vote as Senator while acting Governor of the state. Senator Morgan also calls attention to the fact that only one man has been allowed during his Senatorial career to take a seat in the Senate without first presenting the Governor's certificate of his election. That man was Roscoe Conkling, but in his case the certificate had been sent by the Governor of New York, but was delayed in the mails. Dupont will not it is certain, get a certificate from Gov. Watson.

It frequently happens that a publisher receives word from distant postmaster that a copy of his paper addressed to a certain subscriber "remains uncalled for, party moved." It is a common occurrence for subscribers to enquire publishers by quietly slipping away and not paying what is due on the paper. The new postal laws make it larceny to take a paper and then refuse to pay for it, and acting on this a newspaper proprietor brought suit against forty-three men who would not pay their subscriptions, and obtained judgment in each case for the amount of each claim. Of these twenty-eight made affidavit that they owned no more than the law allowed, thus preventing attachment. Then, under the decision of the supreme court, they were arrested for petit larceny and bound over in the sum of \$300 each. All but six gave bond, which six went to jail. A subscriber is in duty bound to pay his subscription the same as any other debt and the law is right and just, as it should be. If he would contract a debt at a grocery he would expect to be made pay for it. The same is true of subscription. He contracted the debt and should be man enough to pay for it.

Lycoming will celebrate her centennial July 1 to 8. Williamsport is making big preparations for it. The residents near Washington furnace state that the establishment of a terra cotta manufactory at that place is being agitated. Brockwayville boro has been sued for \$10,000 damages by Jacob McCauley whose wife a year ago died from injuries received from tripping on a defective sidewalk in that place. While John Romig, of near Selinsgrove, and Frank Weller, of Mt. Pleasant Mills, were engaged, in hauling rails last Thursday, the horse ran off. Mr. Weller fell from the load of rails, broke his neck and died immediately. He leaves a large family.

The action of the pension bureau in construing the legal meaning of dependence under the act of June 27, 1890, has been reversed by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds in a decision on a dependent mother's case. The ruling provides that where the property possessed by a mother having no other means of support is so small that it will not yield an income sufficient to support her during her life, it should not deprive her of the right to a pension. By "adequate means of support" the law is interpreted to mean not merely enough to supply the necessities of life for any limited period of years, but a comfortable maintenance of the pensioner during the remainder of her life.

Prof. E. W. Crawford will begin instructing his singing class next Saturday evening. All are invited to join the class. Mrs. N. B. Spangler, of Bellefonte, was visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity last week. Miss Maggie Rossman is seriously ill of pneumonia, having taken sick a week ago. Mrs. John Spangler is recovering from the long spell of sickness which confined her to the house. Frank Bible is farming for Mr. W. Rishel; hope he will meet with success in his work. Constable Harry Swabb captured our coachmaker and saddler last week.

Shortidge Gives \$5,000 Bail. The case of Professor Swithen Shortidge, the murderer of his pretty young wife, whose release from the Norris-town insane asylum has been asked for, was heard by Judge Clayton in the court house, at Chester, Pa., and after taking the testimony of an expert and others, the court released the defendant, but required him to file bonds in \$5,000 to keep the peace toward Dr. Mary Jones and her son, the mother and brother of the murdered wife.

When they are Alike. There are only four days each year in which sun and clock time exactly correspond. April 15 was one of those days. The other three are June 14, September 1 and December 24.

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LAWYERS WANT THE BILL.

Should the State Tax Conference Scheme Become a Law It Would Give Them More Business.

The new revenue bill passed second reading in the house Thursday with an ease that was surprising to its most sanguine supporters. The measure will come up Tuesday for third reading and final passage and will probably pass this stage by a comfortable majority. The advocates of the bill are confident it will go through the senate. Governor Hastings is said to be opposed to the proposition, although it is thought he will approve it if it should ever reach him. It would raise considerably more revenue than the present system. This would probably serve an incentive for the governor to approve the bill.

The corporation lawyers are anxious that it shall become a law. It will entail endless litigation and that is what the lawyers want. All the disputed questions in the present law have been practically decided. Should it become a law it would make a vast amount of work for the attorney general's department the next three or four years in interpreting for the auditor general the various questions raised by corporations and defending it in the courts.

The revenues will be affected in three ways by the bill. First by diverting to the counties the minor civil divisions certain taxes which now go to the state. Second, by changes in the methods of levying taxes on certain of the subjects of taxation. Third, by the taxation of corporations that now escape taxation. Under the action of the first of these changes the state revenue will be reduced, under the action of the second and third it will be increased.

The state revenues in 1894 amounted to \$12,875,786, of which \$3,416,683 is not affected by the bill. The revenues proposed to be diverted to counties amounts to \$1,499,523.54, but the state would be relieved of collecting the money at an annual cost of \$13,165 and with other loss escaped the net loss to the state would not exceed \$1,470,000. President Weeks, of the state tax conference, estimates that the bill will raise about \$10,800,000 revenue annually. This is an increase of about \$800,000 a year over the present revenues.

Centre County.

Centre county was organized February 13, 1800. It is the largest in area, 1227 square miles—755,280 acres, allowing ten acres to a family averaging four each, our county could sustain a population of 314,112, and then not be half as thickly settled as China. We have the natural elements of wealth to make this one of the richest counties in the state. Our county has furnished heroes for every war from the revolutionary war on down, and a big lot of governors. Pennsylvanians has more churches than any section of our state of equal population. The seating capacity of these churches is double that of the entire population of the valley.

Three Boys Badly Burned.

At Sandy Ridge, this county, Charley and Johnnie Pfoutz, aged three and eight years, respectively, and Troy Twigg, aged seven, were badly burned a few days ago. The latter boy had gotten hold of a quantity of mining powder and applied a match to it. An explosion immediately followed. Troy's hands were burned to a crisp and his face was beyond recognition. He died a few hours after. The other two boys were severely burned about the face, hands and legs. The oldest one is in a critical condition.

A Hint for All.

Don't lick postage stamps, cries a British medical authority. They pass through many hands, from the manufacturer to the office boy. They are torn off, folded and carried about through postoffices in disease stricken localities and sometimes carried in mail bags dirtier than anything. They may give you diphtheria, smallpox or scarlet fever. They have on tap any kind of disease that you call for. Therefore, don't lick them. Moisten them with a wet sponge.

Sunbury Man Suicides.

Harry Bourne, one of the auditors of Sunbury, was found in a dying condition in bed by his wife Saturday. He had shot himself while in a fit of despondency. Before physicians arrived he expired.

Four at a Time.

A cow owned by Jonas From, who lives on the Cameron Burnside farm, east of Bellefonte, recently gave birth to four well-developed calves. Two of the calves were accidentally killed, but the other two are alive and doing well.

—Save 30 per cent. and buy your Merchandise from—C. P. Long, Spring Mills.

BLEW OFF HIS HEAD.

Harry Herbert, of Munson, the Unfortunate Young Man.

A distressing accident occurred at Munson station on Saturday morning last, by which a young man by the name of Harry Herbert lost his life, says the *Phillipsburg Journal*. About 10.30 o'clock he informed his parents that he was going down to the Moshannon creek to shoot some wild ducks, which he heard were on the stream. So he took his loaded shot gun and started, and had not gone more than three hundred yards when the gun was accidentally discharged, the contents of which blew the head off his body. The unfortunate young man was aged about 32 years.

Brief Local Items.

John H. Keller, one of our oldest citizens, now about 82 years of age, is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Conly.

The report that Rev. Hoshour, of Bellefonte, had accepted a call from another charge, is not correct, and is likely to have originated from a call he received, but did not accept.

Our boro schools close this week. Wesley Smith and merchant Crawford left for Lamar, Nittany valley, a few days ago, to fish for trout. We wish them big luck.

May be Sent Back Again.

Some fifteen years ago Judge Mayer, of Lock Haven, was legislated out of the Clearfield, Centre and Clinton judicial district and became judge of the Clinton, Cameron and Elk district. If the judicial apportionment bill now in the house passes, Judge Mayer's present district will be wiped out, although there is a probability that he may be sent back into the Clearfield-Clinton district again. The whirligig of time brings about peculiar changes.

Taken to the Asylum.

On Monday Miss Maggie Dooley, having been adjudged insane, was conveyed to the insane hospital at Danville, says the *Daily News*. Miss Dooley was a bright girl but has had many troubles and these weighed so heavily on her mind that the strain was entirely too much for her and she succumbed mentally.

Church Services.

There will be service in the Reformed church at Spring Mills on next Sunday at 2.30 p. m. No service in the Union church at Farmers Mills; the pastor, Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, will be absent attending the meeting of West Susquehanna Classis which convened last evening at Millinburg, Pa.

Picnics at Hecla Park.

Hecla Park, on the line of the Central Railroad of Pa., is already booked for about three picnics each week during the coming season. The Park has been greatly improved since last season, and will undoubtedly be the centre of all attraction in Nittany Valley this summer.

Philadelphia Grain Market.

Wheat No. 2 red 65 and 69. Corn, No. 2 mixed, 55. Oats, No. 2 white, 36. Butter, Penn'a creamery, extra, 17, and Penn'a prints, extra, wholesale 21 and 24.

Counterfeit Dimes.

Be on the lookout for counterfeit ten cent pieces—many are now in circulation. It requires close scrutiny to detect them. They are of leaden characteristic to the touch, and the lettering lacks the sharpness of the genuine.

Box Sociable.

A box sociable will be held above Harper & Kramer's store, on Decoration day, by the Ladies Aid Society, for the benefit of the Reformed church.

—We believe that every person should have the value of a dollar when he earns it and when he spends it. This belief of ours you can have ratified by buying from us.—Wolf & Crawford.

A lady in Tooleys, La., was very sick with bilious colic when M. C. Tisler, a prominent merchant of the town gave her a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says she was well in forty minutes after taking the first dose. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

—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.

Wanted, at Lyon & Co's store, Bellefonte, 50,000 lbs. of Wool.
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WOODWARD.

Interesting Items of the Past Week Given by Our Correspondent.

A. M. Harter made a business trip to Lewisburg on his silent steed last Saturday.

James Dolan, of Bellefonte, storekeeper at the Woodward distillery is again here attending to his duties.

C. W. Hosterman is having his store house painted and it presents a fine appearance.

The farmers in this section have all finished planting corn.

The heavy thunder storm that passed over this part of the valley on Saturday evening was welcomed by everybody; Sunday followed very cool and stormy.

The thermometer registered 95 degrees in the shade last week. Old "Sol" is at his work again.

A Union Sunday school has been opened in the Pine Creek school house. John H. Brumgard, G. W. Frank and Martin Shade will leave for some point up the West Branch to peel bark.

Whether it is willful negligence or not we do not know, but our supervisors allow stones to be hauled upon the public road leading from here to Coburn as large as common sized pumpkins and then do not break them until weeks afterward. Complaints are being made by a number of persons and trouble may follow.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the United Evangelical church will hold a festival in the grove near this place some time in June.

Rev. W. C. Hoch and wife, of Spring Mills, visited at Harter & Co's lumber camp one day last week.

L. D. Orndorf our enterprising grocer expects to erect a new house in the near future.

The P. O. S. of A., of this place, are having nightly drills preparatory for service on Decoration Day.

Died to Win a Bet.

A crowd of men on Monday morning went into a saloon at Shamokin to see Joseph Swartz drink a quart of whisky for a wager, and they emerged in a little while bearing his corpse. It was a tradition that Swartz could drink two quarts of the reddest liquor at one time, and when the question arose as to whether he could swallow the quart Joe shrugged his shoulders contemptuously. Without ceremony he ordered the fiery liquid. Down his throat coursed the stuff, and his eyes sparkled. Finally the last drop was down, and Joe cast a triumphant glance at his companions. Then he sang a song and danced a jig. His brain had been turned, and he said his nerves tingled as though a thousand needles were pricking him. Faster went his feet, until he suddenly threw his arms in the air and groaned, dropped to the floor and the merry shouts of his comrades died into exclamations of alarm. They rushed to his side, and he seemed in awful agony, but unable to speak. He became senseless in a few minutes and then died.

Ventilate your Cellar.

Cellars should not only receive a thorough cleaning every spring and fall, but care should be taken at all times that decayed vegetables do not accumulate and thus endanger the health, if not the lives of the family. This unsanitary evil is strangely overlooked by housewives who evidently consider their cellars a sort of a dumping ground. These damp, poorly ventilated and ill-ventilated basements are frequently the source of disease. The wise and truly cleanly housewife will be as proportionately careful of her cellar as her parlor.

A New Apportionment.

A new congressional apportionment reported by committee, constitutes Centre, Mifflin, Juniata, Snyder, Montour and Northumberland the 18th district. Whew, what a string.

Col. Spangler Appointed.

Gov. Hastings has appointed Col. J. L. Spangler one of a dozen members of the cotton states exposition commission.

Price of Wheat Raised.

The price of wheat was raised from fifty-four to sixty cents in the past week. This is encouraging news for our farmers.

—Our new stock is here; the largest assortment ever brought to town; prices lowest. Don't fail to see them.—Wolf & Crawford.

—Before buying elsewhere come and examine our fine stock of dress goods. We have the best assortment and the best quality to select from, and at prices to suit all.—Wolf & Crawford.

—Every well-dressed young man gets his clothing and gents' furnishing at Lewins, Bellefonte.

To Prevent Washing of Roads.

The washing of roads is due to two faults in the making of them. One is the failure to round the surface, so that the water may flow off to the sides. The other is the absence of culverts to carry off the water that thus flows from the roadbed. The too common water bars on country roads are an injury, rather than a benefit, for they soon cause the hollows thus made to become deeper and collect the water, thus becoming soft; every vehicle passing digs out the hollow and makes it worse. Culverts should be made under the road at proper distances to take the water from the side ditches and lead it to the other side, thus checking the flow materially and preventing washing out the ditches. As often as may be possible, the ditches should discharge their water off the road. But even this method is only a make-shift; the right way is to take the water of the culverts in covered drains, thus wholly avoiding the common washing of the side ditches.

The Cloud Burst.

The *Johnstown Tribune* says: Tuesday afternoon between 12 and 1 o'clock the village of Scalp Level was visited by a terrible rainstorm, which caused great damage in that vicinity. The ominous clouds, which could be plainly seen from this city suddenly began to pour down torrents of rain, and in a few minutes the village was enveloped in a sheet of water. Gardens were entirely destroyed, in some cases the soil being washed away to the depth of two feet. Board sidewalks and fences were moved from their places and the streets covered with debris of all kinds. Potatoes, corn and other spring crops were entirely destroyed by being washed away or covered with soil and gravel. Wheat and rye also suffered considerably, and the loss to farmers will be large.

Persons who sympathize with the afflicted will rejoice with D. E. Carr of 1235 Harrison street, Kansas City. He is an old sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism, but has not heretofore been troubled in this climate. Last winter he went up into Wisconsin, and in consequence has had another attack. "It came upon me again very acute and severe," he said. "My joints swelled and became inflamed; sore to touch or almost to look at. Upon the urgent request of my mother-in-law I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm to reduce the swelling and ease the pain, and to my agreeable surprise, it did both. I have used three fifty-cent bottles and believe it to be the finest thing for rheumatism, pains and swellings extant. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Half Holidays.

The board of directors of the Pennsylvania railroad have decided the long-considered half-holiday question. The half-holiday period will begin May 15 and end on September 15. Heretofore the period commenced on June 15 and ended on the September date as given above. The employes are therefore given an extra month of Saturday half-holidays. The proposition to have Saturday half-holidays on the lines west of Pittsburg was rejected on the ground that it would seriously interfere with the operation of some departments.

—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.

For whooping cough Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is excellent. By using it freely the disease is deprived of all dangerous consequences. There is no danger in giving the remedy to babies, as it contains nothing injurious. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville.

Keep your Eyes Open.

Spring has come and with the advent of warm weather look out for a host of crooks, sharpers and fakirs from the cities on their annual pilgrimages to fleece the unwary. Already our exchanges are teeming with complaints, but if all our readers adhere to the rule to pay no money to strangers for future delivery of goods, sign no papers for traveling sharpers, kick lightning rod swindlers off their premises and refuse to patronize glib tongued peddlars, they will have nothing to fear.—Ex.

—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.

Figured China Silks, 20c. a yard. Striped Wash Silks, 30c. a yard. Lyon & Co.