



CAPITOL NEWS

NO ALARM FELT OVER SHIPMENT OF GOLD.

The Finances of the Treasury in Good Shape.—The Silverites Will be the First to Place a Man in the Field.

Secretary Carlisle will return to Washington this week. He will find the business of the Treasury department moving along smoothly and satisfactorily. The first shipment of gold drawn from the Treasury since the last sale of bonds, took place last week and, although there is a disposition in Republican quarters to make that little shipment of a quarter of a million dollars appear to be the beginning of a determined raid on the gold in the Treasury, it is not regarded as either significant or important by Treasury officials. One of them speaking about it said: "It was merely a shrewd dodge on the part of an obscure banking firm in New York to obtain some free advertising. They know that such a shipment at this time will be commented upon by all the large newspapers of the world, and they hope to make this advertisement of their firm pay in other ways. That is all there is to it."

The midsummer political dullness of Washington was stirred up a little by the announcement that the men who manage the Bimetallist League, otherwise known as the Silver party, had changed their minds about waiting until the old parties had nominated their presidential ticket and now intend that the silver ticket shall be the first in the field. It has also been announced that the same gentlemen have concluded that Sibley, who made a talking tour as the suggested candidate of the silver party, will not do, and they are looking around for a new candidate. It is no secret that this change has been brought about by the certainty felt by the League people that the Democratic party will not split on the silver question, but will fight the Presidential campaign united on the platform adopted by the National Democratic Convention to be held next year.

An employee of the office of the Comptroller of Currency—Mr. W. L. Seeley—who has just returned from an official trip to Tennessee, on business connected with several national banks which are in the hands of receivers, says of the business and political situation of that state: "I found a very satisfactory condition of business and a feeling of confidence among the people that an era of good times was at hand. In middle and western Tennessee the free silver sentiment undoubtedly predominates. In the eastern part of the state the silver feeling is not so strong. The Democrats will not split on that issue, however, but will make a straight fight inside party lines and the minority will bow to the expressed will of the majority."

Mr. J. S. Clarkson, of Iowa, the ex-Republican boss is one of the few members of his party who isn't afraid to condemn the methods Mr. Theodore Roosevelt has adopted since he became Police Commissioner of New York City to boom his candidacy for the U. S. Senate. He says: "Roosevelt is enforcing laws that eighty or ninety per cent of the population of New York City disapprove of, and I frequently hear New Yorkers say they regret that they voted the Republican ticket last fall. We had an average Republican majority of seventy thousand in Iowa until we got prohibition. Then the state became Democratic by twenty thousand. Roosevelt is like a boy with his first pair of skates, and the Republican party is sure to be held responsible for what he does." While Mr. Clarkson doesn't use as vigorous language as Senator Hill did to convey his opinion of Roosevelt it is evident that they do not differ very much on that subject, although wide apart upon many others. Roosevelt's senatorial aspirations are likely to prove a mighty good thing for the New York Democrats.

Secretary Herbert is not alone in thinking that the six new gun boats provided for by the last Congress and for the construction of which he is now asking bids will prove to be about the most useful vessels in our Navy. They will be small, compared to the cruisers and battle ships, and of light draught, and the cost of each is not to exceed \$230,000, exclusive of the armor. Three of these gun boats are to be provided with sails as well as steam power. They will be just the vessels needed in various foreign waters in which we have to keep a vessel of some sort nearly all the time. They will carry small crews and will be cheaply maintained and they can perform the duty of looking out for American interests in lots of places just as effectively as one of the cruisers which costs ten times as much to keep up.

Secretary Lamont has returned from his long western trip. He speaks in the highest terms of the reception he met with, and is especially enthusiastic in his praise of the western people and their whole souled hospitality. He is glad he went and wants to go again.

The Wide Tire Law.

It is a well settled fact that more good roads are spoiled by narrow wagon tires than by any other means, and in many of the cities and towns in the country ordinances are being passed compelling the use of three and four inch tires on heavy wagons. Where thousands of dollars are annually expended in rebuilding and repairing streets and roads it is only wisdom to prevent their destruction by narrow tired wagons. In this state a law has been passed and approved by the Governor allowing a rebate of five dollars from the taxes of all persons using wide tires on their heavy wagons. This of itself should stimulate the use of wide tires to say nothing of the heavier loads that can be hauled, and the preserved and improvement of the roads. Wide tired wagons with the front axles a little shorter than the rear ones make effective road rollers and thereby improve the roads instead of putting them up with deep ruts as is done with narrow tires on axles of equal length.

How's this One.

Two young ladies who are spending their vacation with John Harman's family at Hillside met with quite an adventure last week says the Lock Haven Democrat. While engaged in picking cherries from a small tree, they observed a large rattlesnake on a branch about six inches from their face. Of course, they screamed, but did not lose control of their senses so far as to forget their bucket of cherries, which they quietly stole from the tree. Then notifying the family, his snakeship was quickly dispatched. He was found to measure four feet carrying ten rattles. This was the first rattlesnake ever known in the traditions of Antes Gap to climb a cherry tree.

There Was No Groom.

On Wednesday Miss Nellie Rodgers, of Bellefonte, was in readiness to be wedded to Rollen Wile, also of that place, but the groom failed to appear and the wedding is therefore deferred indefinitely. Mr. Wile quietly departed on an early morning train and his whereabouts are unknown. Miss Rodgers on Wednesday evening took a train for Altoona.

Wyle came from Aaronsburg and was employed for several years as clerk in Rowe's furniture store, and passed as a Beau Brummel among the fair sex. The forsaken bride is a daughter of George W. Rodgers, an inventor, of Bellefonte, and is of a well connected and respected family.

New Evang. Churches.

The new church of the United Ev. Church, near Tusseyville, is nearing completion, and mechanics are at work on the steeple, and will be dedicated about beginning of September.

At Loganton work begins next week on a new brick United Evangelical church, and expected to be ready for dedication by Thanksgiving week.

At Swisssdale, Clinton county, the foundation walls for a new United Ev. church are completed and the building will be ready for dedication early in October.

Withdraw the Suit.

The assault and battery case between Mrs. M. Dougherty, Mrs. Mallory and Mrs. Kane, which took place at Axe Mann several weeks ago, has been fixed up and it may not come before the judge or jury. This is a sensible way of closing up a case of this kind—where one party was as deep in the mud as the other was in the mire. Financially it is the best.

Will Keep for Years.

Don't forget in the early summer jelly making, that fruit jellies may be preserved from mouldiness by covering the surface one quarter of an inch deep with finely pulverized sugar. Thus protected they will keep for years.

Season Closed.

Monday, 15th, the season for legal trout fishing closed for the year. The catch this year was a fair one, but not large, and no remarkable hauls were made. The streams are being fished out, and there is need of more protection for the gamey fish.

—Owing to the fact that Lyon & Co., of Bellefonte, must make room for a large stock of spring goods, they now offer their entire winter stock at such prices never before heard of in this county. See their advertisement in another column on page five.

OPPOSITION AT HIS HOME.

Anti-Hastings Delegates Announce Themselves in Centre County.

Facts divulged in Bellefonte confirm a rumor current the past few days that Governor Hastings will not have smooth sailing for the delegates even in Centre county. The regular anti-Quay delegates are Hastings and Capt. S. H. Benson, and a few days ago it leaked out that A. A. Dale, esq., an attorney at Bellefonte, and Victor Gray, of Phillipsburg, are being boomed quietly as Quay delegates. Although it would generally be supposed that Hastings could carry the county unanimously, yet there is every evidence of a large Quay following all through the county; and, especially is this so in Phillipsburg, where everything is for the senator.

Berries Plenty.

The berry crop in our mountains is an abundant one. Blackberries and red and dark raspberries are plump and full in the mountain districts along the flats cleared by lumber operations. The low huckleberries are also very plenty and the higher and later ones are also full of the berries that ripen in a few weeks.

On Monday morning three men from Millheim got on the train at Coburn and left it at Poe Mills. Strapped to the back of each one was a wooden box that would hold no less than a bushel, and each one carried a basket that would hold a half bushel. With our fishing rod we walked two miles up the Poe valley tram-road with these men, when we took to the creek, and the trio struck across the mountain for Little Poe valley where huckleberries are plenty. They intended remaining over in the mountain and getting home next day each one with 1½ bushels of berries which would have to be lugged at least three miles afoot before striking the Paddy Mt. station.

On the afternoon of the same day we saw perhaps a dozen of persons on the train with buckets and baskets filled with fine blackberries picked along Cherry run.

Perhaps some inquisitive one may want to chip in here and inquire how many fish we caught. Well, that's not germane to the subject.

The Owner of the Cow Dead.

Mrs. Catharine O'Leary died in Chicago on the 3d. She was the owner of the fractious cow, which in a barn in the rear of No. 137 Dekoven street, on a memorable night in October, 1871, kicked over a lamp and started a blaze which cost Chicago \$190,000,000. Since the night of that historic conflagration Mrs. O'Leary's life was burdened by the charge that she was responsible for the loss of life and enormous destruction of property. She denied the story vigorously, and before the committee which investigated the fire and its causes made affidavits that the allegations about herself and the cow and the lamp were not true.

Three Old Ladies.

The Lock Haven Republican give the names of three aged Nittany Valley ladies, viz: Mrs. Hunt, of near Lamar, is 82 years old; Mrs. McKibben, of Abdera, is 83, and Mrs. Margaret Brown, of Salona, is 93 years.

In our town, still hale and hearty, is the widow of Adam Shafer, formerly of near Madisonburg, now with her son-in-law landlord Bartges, in her 81 year.

Death of Mrs. Benj. Smeltzer.

Mrs. Benjamin Smeltzer died at her home in Dakota, Ill., on Tuesday of last week, from the effects of a paralytic stroke some three weeks previous.

Mr. and Mrs. Smeltzer were natives of this county and formerly lived at Madisonburg, and left there some 20 years ago for Dakota. She was a sister of Joseph and Albert Hoy, of State College, also of John Hoy, of Hubersburg, and of Mrs. Louisa Stover, of Madisonburg.

Does the Business.

Christ Decker, of Zion, having grown tired running all over the surrounding country to find his roving turkey flock, tied a small bell on each one's neck and now has little trouble locating them in the evening. The scheme works like a charm.

Lock Haven Truck Prices.

Butter 15; eggs 15; potatoes 20c per peck; apples 20c per peck; oats 40c per bushel; huckleberries 5 to 7 per qt.; raspberries 10, blackberries 5; peas, shelled, 12c per qt.; spring chickens, 25c apiece.

Clay Wosterd Suits, worth 12.00 and 15.00, our price, 7.00 and 8.00. Lyon & Co.

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EARLY CHURCHES.

FIRST CONGREGATIONS IN THE COUNTY.

In Gregg Township—When Organized—Names of Committees, &c., in the Building.

The first Union Church in Gregg tp. was the one that formerly stood on the Musser farm. It was erected by the Presbyterians. In 1810 it became a Union Church, and was remodeled by the addition of a pulpit and seats, which necessary adjuncts it had lacked until then. The expenses were shared equally between the two sects. The earliest of the Reformed preachers was probably the Rev. G. Geistweit, who is believed to have begun his labors about 1801. In 1828 the Rev. B. S. Schneck had charge of all the Reformed churches in Penn's valley. His successor was the Rev. P. S. Fisher—both have gone to their reward as faithful servants of the Master.

There was a dissolution in 1859 and the Reformed erected their own edifice, with Rev. L. C. Edmonds as the first pastor.

The first elders were Jacob Moyer and Michael Ziegler.

The Lutherans erected their present brick edifice near Penn Hall in 1859.

—The St. John's Church, better known as the Union Church, was erected in 1853, by the Lutheran and Reformed organizations. The ground was donated by John Rishel, esq., father of M. L. Rishel, esq. The building committee consisted of Michael Musser and George Durst. The ministers assisting at the dedication, Nov. 13, 1853, were Revs. Ruthrauf, Smith, Anspach and Linebach.

—The oldest burial-place in Gregg twp. is that known as Heckmans. The ground was set aside in 1785 by John Shook, to be used by him and his neighbors, and thus came in general use. The first burial is believed to have been a child of Shook's. The remains of most of the old settlers rest within it, viz: the Mussers, Shooks, Heckman's, Marks, Longs, Sunday and others. It is still kept up with care for burial purposes.

An ancient burial-place is that located on the Musser farm, where the old Union church formerly stood. It was used as early as 1790, altho all traces of the early graves have long ago become extinct. The only remaining grave which bears any distinguishable marks is the one of the Rev. James Martin, the pioneer Presbyterian pastor in this valley.

—St. Paul's German Reformed and Lutheran Church, in Haines twp., was erected in 1852, corner-stone laid on 13 of June. The Lutheran pastors assisting, Revs. Alliman and Ruthrauf; Reformed, Revs. Tobias and Smith. The building committee were John Hess and John Hosterman; trustees, Jacob Stover and John Hubler. The original members of the Lutheran congregation numbered 95. Among them were John Hess and wife, George Weaver, Henry Hess Adam Weaver, Philip Stover Sr., Jacob Stover, Jacob W. Stover, Martin Stover, Henry Stover, Benjamin Stover, David Miller, George Vonada, Jacob Motz, and Elizabeth Motz. The first elder was Adam Weaver; deacons Henry Weaver and Henry Stover.

The Reformed congregation of this church was organized May 8, 1853, altho the members worshipped in it previously. The first elders of the congregation were David Neidigh and Charles Smith; elders, Samuel Kremer and Daniel Wartz. The original members were John Hubler, Thomas Hubler, Catherine Orndorf, Margaret Weaver, Elizabeth Harper, Jacob Orndorf, John D. Hubler, David Orndorf, David Vonada, David Hosterman, Sarah L. Weaver, Henry Reinhart, Thomas Harper, Jacob Geistweit, Maria Hubler, Jacob and Sophia Hosterman, Juliana Weaver, Catherine Haines, Samuel M. Motz, Amelia Hosterman, Matilda Geiswelt, Mary A. Hoffman, Matilda Rote, Rebecca Lotz, Sarah Hubler, Susanna Schneider, George Geiswelt, Susan Geistweit, Henry and Mary Ann Vonada. (The facts above, are mainly from Linn's History.)

What's Law.

A man can't hold two offices, with two or three unimportant exceptions. Directors can put hydrants and fire-plugs on school premises.

A public officer can not have an interest in any contract or job of work coming under his jurisdiction.

An auditor can not sit or act upon an account in which he is interested.

Every boro ordinance must be advertised before it is lawful.

All citizens are on an equality under the law, no matter how or in what county or state—a citizen of California has the same rights in our state as any of its inhabitants.

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MUST SUPPORT PARENTS.

A New Law That is of Importance to the Whole State.

The bill passed by the legislature was signed by the Governor providing for the maintenance of parents by their children as of great importance to the whole state. The new law says that in addition to the remedies now provided by law, if any male child of full age, being within the limits of this commonwealth, has neglected or hereafter without reasonable cause shall neglect to maintain his parents not able to work or of sufficient ability to maintain themselves, it shall be lawful for any alderman, justice of the peace or magistrate of this commonwealth, upon information made before him under oath, or affirmation, by said parent or parents, or by other person or persons, to issue his warrant to any police officer or constable for the arrest of the person against whom the information shall be made as aforesaid and bind him over with sufficient surety to appear at the next court of quarter sessions, there to answer the charge of not supporting his parent or parents.

The information and proceedings thereon shall be returned to the present, or the next court of quarter sessions, when it shall be lawful for said court, after hearing, to order the person against whom complaint has been made, being of sufficient ability, to pay such sum as said court shall think reasonable and proper for the comfortable support and maintenance of the said parent or parents, not exceeding \$50 per month, and to commit such person to the county prison, there to remain until he complies with such order or gives security by one or more sureties to the commonwealth and in such sums as the court shall direct for the compliance therewith.

The costs of all proceedings by virtue of this act shall be the same as allowed by law in cases of desertion, or non-support of wife and children, and all proceedings shall be in the name of the commonwealth.

Should any person against whom an order shall be made by virtue of this act abscond, remove or be found in any other county of the commonwealth than the one in which said warrant shall issue, he may be arrested therein by the said warrant being backed by any alderman or justice of the peace or magistrate of the county in which such person may be found as is now provided for in backing warrants by the third section of the act of thirty-first of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

That the inability of the parent or parents to relieve and maintain themselves shall be taken into consideration by the court, and, whenever the court shall under the second section of this act commit the person complained of to the county prison, there to remain until he comply with the said order and give such security, to discharge him from prison.

He Walked 96,360 Miles.

One of the famous umbrella menders, Stephen Boaler, died Monday night in the Almshouse at Williamsport. He was fifty years old and his father is eighty-one. They were known as "Moody and Sankey," and had a route covering Lycoming, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry and Dauphin counties, which they traversed. They have walked 96,360 miles in 33 years in plying their vocation.

Editorial Excursion.

The State Editorial Association started on its annual excursion for Niagara Falls by special train on Tuesday morning and will visit Elmira, Rochester, Buffalo and other points in York state during the week. The "Reporter" is represented by a gentleman and lady, and the party will, as usual, have a week's enjoyment.

For West Point.

Centre county has a number of applicants for the Cadet appointment to West Point. There are also three applicants from Clearfield county and three from Elk, but the appointment will likely come to Centre.

A Good Crop.

One man in the vicinity of Tusseyville, reports having raised 60 bushels of strawberries off of a small patch of ground. That would pay as well as a two-horse farm. There is money in raising berries, always.

Death at Millinburg.

Mrs. Hayes, mother of Dr. R. G. H. Hayes, of Bellefonte, died at her home in Millinburg, on Tuesday of last week.

No Service.

There will be no Lutheran preaching in the Penns Valley charge for the next two weeks.

Does It Fit You?

A county superintendent in a neighboring county recently asked every teacher at the county institute who took their local paper to hold up their hand, and out of about one hundred present only six responded, at which he expressed great surprise and said: "You do not spend one dollar a year with these papers, yet you expect them to print, free of charge, notices of institutes, insert long programmes of same, and full reports of what you may say and do on these occasions, and thus expect them to advertise you and your abilities in your profession, thus assisting you to climb the ladder to higher positions and better salaries without a cent postage in return." He closed by saying: "Your condition in this matter would lead me, were I an editor of these papers, to promptly throw into the waste basket any communications sent in by any society the members of which were too proud or too stingy to take a paper, or if I inserted it to demand full advertising rates for every line published." The above speaks for itself and reveals a fact all too true. Simple courtesy to the editors of your local papers, as well as a public spirited interest in the affairs of the community, demand that you read and subscribe for the local paper.

A Short Hay Crop.

The farmer who has hay to sell this year will find it a paying crop and generally through the states east of the Alleghenies there has been enough rainfall to bring the yield nearly to the average. But in the valleys of the Ohio, the upper Mississippi and the Missouri a deficiency of from six to eleven inches in the rainfall during the spring months has made the grass crop unusually short, a large proportion of the meadows being scarcely worth cutting.

The hay crop of last year was nearly eleven million tons less than the crop of 1893, and the prospect of another and much greater deficiency in the marketable surplus has put a fancy price upon the available supply out west.

Farmers can generally provide for home use a substitute in the form of corn fodder, or eke out a deficiency of clover and timothy by turning under winter wheat stubble and sowing millet.

But a shortage in the hay crop is a big loss to the country. The farm value of this crop of 1893, according to the statistician of the Agricultural Department was \$570,882,572, or more than twice the farm value of last year's wheat crop and \$18,000,000 more than the value of the last year's corn crop.

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: "I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist church at Rives Junction she was brought down with pneumonia succeeding La Grippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little interruption and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results." Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed in the spring, when the languid exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alternative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison, Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. Only fifty cents per bottle at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

The Adulteration of Milk.

An act passed at the last session of the Legislature of this State provides punishment for the adulteration of milk offered for sale. The act prohibits the sale of milk for human consumption to which has been added boracic acid, salt boracic acid, salicylic acid, salicylate of soda, or any other acid drug, compound or substance, and provides that the use of such drugs should be a misdemeanor, and punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or an imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both, or either, at the discretion of the Court.

Clearance Sale.

One Price. Cash. MONTGOMERY & Co. Merchant Tailors, Bellefonte.