



## CAPITOL MELANGE

### SHREWD DIPLOMACY OF THE CABINET.

The U. S. Act Independently of European Powers in the Trouble with Turkey. — Scramble for Office.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—President Cleveland has more than once been charged—sometimes by members of his own party—with being deficient in diplomatic skill. His declination to accept the invitation extended by the government of Great Britain to form an alliance with that country for the purpose of protecting British and American interests in Turkey shows that he had diplomatic skill enough to defeat a well planned scheme of British diplomacy. When that invitation was extended it seemed a natural sort of thing to do, but the present situation in Turkey shows what a dangerous thing it really was. As things now stand there is every probability that Great Britain will be involved in a war with one or more countries as a result of the present complications in Turkey, and had President Cleveland not seen through the scheme this country would have been involved with her. As it is, the U. S., by acting alone has secured better protection for Americans in Turkey than has been accorded to any other foreigners in that country, and when the fighting begins Uncle Sam will be merely an onlooker, only interested in selling the combatants everything they can pay for.

How completely Mr. Reed will dominate the Republican majority in the House is shown in the scramble for the other offices of that body. Although a number of candidates have been in the field for some time they have been able to get very few members to commit themselves; they are all waiting to find out Reed's choice before announcing their own. By the way, speaking of Reed and his method, there is something for those Republicans who have been yelling "Wall street domination" at the Democratic administration and Congress to ponder over in the Republican announcement that Mr. Reed has been consulting Wall street bankers to learn what their wishes were concerning financial legislation.

Captain H. W. Howgate, whose wholesale embezzlement of government was a national sensation some fifteen years ago, having exhausted all legal quibbles, or his money, will this week be taken to the Albany penitentiary to serve the eight-year sentence imposed on him by a jury that saw things somewhat differently from the jury which at an earlier date declared him not guilty as charged in the first indictment, and confirmed by a decision of the Court of Appeals against a new trial for him. Notwithstanding Howgate's known guilt, and his known whereabouts during all the thirteen years after he was allowed to escape, justice was slow in overtaking him, and the sentence imposed upon light when compared with those given ordinary thieves. Had not Secretary Morton ordered his arrest he would still be at liberty, although everybody in Washington appeared to know that he was living in New York.

The wisdom of the government in printing its own postage stamps is shown by the annual report of Mr. Claude M. Johnson, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where the work is done. Although the postage stamps have been better printed than ever before the government paid less by between \$50,000 and \$75,000 than it ever paid before for the same amount of work.

Wholesale abuse of the franking privilege caused it to be wholly abolished for a long time. Although only existing in a modified form for the last few years there is no doubt of its having been abused. It is known that the Republican campaign committee used it to send out documents that were not frankable during the Congressional campaign of last year and the last presidential campaign. But a case has recently come to the knowledge of Secretary Morton which shows that individuals have also been abusing it to their own profit. The case will probably be referred to the Attorney General in order to decide whether any legal wrong has been done. It came to the knowledge of Secretary Morton that a second hand book dealer was selling government publications and giving Congressional franks to those who wished to mail them. An employe of the Department of Agriculture was sent to purchase one of these publications and obtain one of the franks. He easily did so. The frank bears a rubber stamp fac-simile of the signature of ex-Representative Tom L. Johnson, of Ohio, and the book dealer claims that he came legitimately by them and acknowledges to have used

a considerable number of them sending books through the mail for his customers. It has been ascertained that it is a common practice for the clerks of Senators and Representatives to sell government publications to book dealers and to furnish Congressional franks for mailing them.

**Tours to the Golden Gate and Florida.**  
That the public are quick to recognize the advantages of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's perfect personally-conducted tourist system is exemplified by the annual increase in the number of participants in tours organized under that system. Aside from this, the growing desire of Americans to see the wonders of their land is also an important factor in advancing this healthy sentiment in favor of travel.

This season's tours to California will be conducted in all respects as those of preceding years, and will leave New York and Philadelphia February 12 March 11, 1896. On the first tour a stop will be made at New Orleans for the Mardi-Gras festivities, and four weeks will be allowed in California. On the second tour four and one-half weeks will be allowed in California.

In addition to the tours to the Golden Gate, a series of tours to Jacksonville has been arranged. The tours will leave New York and Philadelphia January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, and March 3, 1896, and allow two weeks stay in the "Land of Flowers." Detailed itineraries of these tours will be sent on application to Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Room 411, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

**Lotteries and the Mails.**  
Postmaster General Wilson has issued a general order to the postmasters throughout the United States in reference to the various foreign lottery companies whose matter is transmitted through the United States mail.

He says it has been made to appear to him on satisfactory evidence that the Honduras national lottery company, Paul Conrad, president, and a number of other lottery companies in Mexico, Canada, San Domingo and San Francisco are engaged in conducting lotteries or similar enterprises through the mails in violation of the anti-lottery law of the United States. He forbids postmasters to pay any money orders drawn to any of the parties named, and directs that the remitter be so informed. He further directs that any mail received by postmasters from these parties be sent to the office of mailing, to be delivered to the senders marked fraudulent. If the name of the sender cannot be ascertained the matter shall be sent to the dead letter office fraudulent.

**Tyrone News.**  
Tuesday morning the residence of Wm. Stonebreaker, in the 7th ward, was destroyed by fire with all its contents. Thought to be of incendiary origin.

The sheriff of Mifflin county arrived in Tyrone on Tuesday morning from Houtzdale and had in charge a Mrs. Ferguson, of Lewistown, who had been convicted in the court there of keeping a house of prostitution and who, when she was convicted, jumped her bail, a Mr. Trout having innocently gone on her bond for \$600. The gentleman accompanies the sheriff and smiles had taken the place of the deep furrows in his brow.

**Upper Berths of Sleepers.**  
An organized effort will soon be made by many of the leading railways in the country to induce the Pullman company to reduce by 25 per cent. the price of upper berths in sleeping cars. The movement originated with the Pennsylvania company, and already a majority of the lines have agreed to join in the appeal to the Pullman company for the reduction.

The complaint is made by the roads that so many people object to the upper berths that they are often compelled to run extra sleepers, in order to provide the requisite number of lower berths. They are obliged to do this, or see the passengers go to competing lines, if the desired lower berths can be obtained there.

**Killed by a Fall of Rock.**  
William Beaver, of near Kratzerville, who was a day laborer in the limestone quarries at Winfield, Union county, on last Thursday, almost instantly killed by a mass of rock falling upon him.

**A Late Game.**  
A game of Base Ball was played on last Saturday at Center Hill between the boys of Egg Hill and Center Hill Schools. The score was 12 to 9 in favor of the Egg Hill club.

—Winter is coming, and Lyon & Co. want you to decide where you will buy your winter goods. Read their ad. on page five. A price list is the

## COUNTY NEWS.

From all Around, Clipped and Condensed.

Charles Stover, of the Aaronsburg bakery, has moved to Bellwood, where he will engage in the same business.

The John Homan farm in Haines twp., was sold a few days ago to F. P. Bower.

The plastering contract for the new Reformed church in this place, was given to Harry Hile and Wm. Harrison, of Pleasant Gap.

J. B. Showers, of Gregg township, had his jawbone broken by a kick of his horse that was being shod in a smith shop.

George W. Harter will move back from Spring twp. to Millheim.

John Mulfinger of Pleasant Gap can boast of some large porkers. It may hustle him to beat George Durst of our town.

The Gentzels of near Zion are out again on a hunt to the Green woods, hope this time it wont be blue woods for them.

### Catherman Re-union.

The children of Daniel Catherman recently held a reunion in Union county. Mrs. Daniel Catherman died in 1882, but there were seventeen children, all of whom are living. There were present at the reunion ten sons and five daughters with their wives and husbands, fifty grandchildren with their wives and husbands, about one hundred great-grandchildren, many of them with their husbands, wives and children, making in all nearly 400 direct descendants. Of the seventeen living children the oldest is in his seventy-eighth year and the youngest in her fifty-second year. The combined age of the family amounts to 1,119 years and the average age nearly sixty-six years. At the reunion table was a cake sixteen inches in diameter and twenty-two inches high, which was cut into more than 500 pieces.

### Winter Excursion Tickets on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On November 1 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company placed on sale at its principal ticket offices excursion tickets to all prominent winter resorts in New Jersey, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Cuba. The tickets are sold at the usual low rates.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with its many connections, make this the favorite line for winter travel. An illustrated book, descriptive of winter resorts, and giving routes of travel and rates for tickets will be furnished free on application to ticket agents.

### Mifflin County Deaths.

At Newton Hamilton, Nov. 7, Sax-fears Heckley, aged 70 years.  
At M'Veytown, Nov. 7, widow of James Forgy, aged 65 years.  
In Decatur twp., Nov. 1, widow of Daniel Wieder, aged 54 years.  
In Lewistown, Nov. 8, widow of David Hopple, aged 84.  
In Lewistown, Nov. 8, at her daughter's Mrs. Orr, Matilda Kline, aged 80.  
In Decatur twp., Nov. 2, Susanna Peters, aged 81 years—deceased was the mother of 14 children, 55 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:  
Clarence E. Taylor, of Milesburg, and Emma C. Garis, of Bellefonte.  
Huey Best and Viola Machlin, of Rush township.  
Charles W. Atherton, of Phillipsburg, and Carrie McComb, of Scottdale, Allegheny county.  
Percival Thorpe and Nettie A. Reese, of Penn township.  
Bond V. Fisher and Ada Shuey, of Spring township.  
Albert Page, of Rebersburg, and Mable Maize, of Aaronsburg.

### For the Odd Fellows' Home.

In Sunbury Saturday representatives of 2,000 Odd Fellows in Central Pennsylvania met and decided that the grand lodge should be petitioned for permission to erect a home for the widows and orphans of Odd Fellows near that place. The petition will be presented at the semi-annual session in Philadelphia. If the grand lodge gives the desired permission a charter of incorporation will be applied for.

### Located in New York.

G. H. Rishell, a former Centre Haller, has left Rochester, and located in New York city, in the employ of the American Wringer Co., as formerly.

THERE didn't seem to be a single fellow around the legislature last winter who cared a picayune for the farmers' interests; all were in cahoot with the corrupt for higher salaries, more offices and doubling prices of coal oil.

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## CENTRE COUNTY

### INDIAN OCCUPATION—THE TRIBES INHABITING THE COUNTY.

The Shawanese Tribe the First Aboriginal Indians in our County.—Other Tribes Prominent in History.

The Shawanese Indians were the earliest aboriginal inhabitants of the territory of Clinton and Centre Counties of whom we have any reliable information. The Muncy tribe, one of the Delaware tribes, had preceded them, but as early as 1728 had removed farther westward to the head-waters of the Allegheny. According to Reichel, the Shawanese were a tribe of Southern Indians who were expelled from their seats by the Spaniards of Florida and migrated northward.

In 1698 sixty families of them, the first to come to Pennsylvania, settled at Conestoga, with the knowledge of Markham, the Deputy Governor, and the consent of the Conestogas; the Governor holding the Conestogas responsible for the good behavior of the Shawanese. From Conestoga they moved up the river, and built a town at "Pextang" (Harrisburg now), and in April, 1701, William Penn ratified a treaty of friendship with the king of the Conestogas, and with the king of the Shawanese inhabiting at the head of the Potomac.

The Delawares and Shawanese were under the dominion of the Iroquois, better known as the "Six Nations," who had their council-house at Onondaga (now Syracuse, N. Y.). The executive deputy of the Grand Council of the Six Nations was Shekillyny (father of the celebrated Logan), and altho the Delawares and Shawanese had their own kings, he was their real ruler as the representative of the Six Nations. In 1728 he was appointed to reside among the Shawanese, and in that year came down and took up his residence at an old Muncy town, the site of which is about three miles above Lewisburg, on the west bank of the river, where he was visited by Conrad Weiser in March, 1733, and accompanied the latter on his journey to Onondaga. Shekillyny subsequently removed his post to Shamokin (Sunbury now), where he died Dec. 14, 1748, and was succeeded by his son, Tachnachdoarus, better known as John Shekillyny.

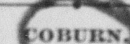
The Shawanese villages extended as far north on the North Branch as where Pittston now stands, and as early as 1732 a part of them drifted off to the Ohio country, and the Six Nations were asked by Governor Gordon to compel them to return. In 1739, Richard Penn treats with deputies of the Shawanese, who "were scattered far abroad from the Great Island to the Allegheny." By the great Island is here meant Duncan's Island, at the mouth of the Juniata. In a message from the Six Nations to the Governor, in 1743, they say they had given the river Juniata "to our cousins the Delawares and our brethren the Shawanese for a hunting-ground, and we ourselves hunt there sometimes," and requested the Governor "to take the Dutchman [meaning John Harris, who was clearing fields at the mouth of the Juniata] by the arm and to throw him over the big mountains within his own borders." They also desired that he would remove by force all those who live on the Juniata. In April, 1749, they again complain to Conrad Weiser, at Shamokin, that some of the white people had settled almost at the head of the Juniata, that this country is their only hunting-ground, because "further to the north there was nothing but spruce-woods, and the ground was covered with palm brush; not a single deer could be found or killed there."

The proprietaries of Pennsylvania always recognized the Six Nations as the owners of the soil of the province, and made their treaties of purchase with them. In July, 1754, during the conference which resulted in the deed of the 6th of that month, which, in the description of the land purchased, really embraced the greater part of the territory of Centre county, Weiser and the Indians had before them Lewis Evans' map, which they had all along consulted in their debates. They thought, therefore, that the waters of the Juniata (which were intended to be included in the purchase) ran a good way northward of the mouth of the Kaarondinah (Penn's Creek). Accordingly they agreed upon the course in the deed, northwest and by west from a mile above the mouth of the creek, as including and conveying all the waters of the Juniata. But when they found out that the line as run by the compass would include the waters of the West Branch, they were very much dissatisfied. The massacre by the Indians of all the settlers on Penn's Creek, in October, 1755, followed, and the serious consequences likely to result to British interests from

insisting on the written boundary occasioned an application to the proprietaries by the government to limit the bounds of the purchase. Accordingly a commission was sent over directing a treaty to be held for that purpose, which, after great exertions to bring about an accommodation with the Delawares and Shawanese, was accomplished at Easton on the 23d of October, 1755. By this treaty the northern limit of the purchase was defined by stopping the northwest course from the mouth of Penn's Creek at Buffalo Creek, and thence running due west to the Allegheny hills, whence the left line deflected southerly along the Allegheny hills to the south limit of the province.

At the treaty held at Albany in 1754, above referred to, the Six Nations in their council placed John Shekillyny in charge of all the lands on the North Branch and those north of the West Branch, and on the 24th of December, 1754, he in person complains to Governor Morris of the encroachment of the Connecticut people upon the Wyoming lands. These encroachments were the result of a purchase by John Lydius, of Albany, N. Y., by deed of 11th of July, 1754, on behalf of the "Susquehanna Land Company," from some of the chiefs of the Six Nations, of that portion of our State supposed and claimed to be within the charter bounds of the colony of Connecticut. The southern limit of their claim ran thro Centre county a few miles north of Bellefonte, and included nearly the one-half of the present territory of Centre and all that of Clinton county. (Linn's History.)

(To be Continued.)



Frederick Auman Died Sunday of Typhoid Fever.

R. J. Snavely and family and his sister Cora spent Sunday with friends at Milroy.

Zeb. W. Barthurst, of Bellefonte, spent Sunday at this place the guest of J. H. Fryer.

W. H. Kerstetter wears a very broad smile, and says it's a boy.

Rev. Wolf will hold Communion services in the Lutheran church at this place on next Sunday forenoon at 10 o'clock.

The Reformed Sunday school have decided to hold a Christmas entertainment in their church at this place.

Mrs. J. F. Garthoff has been confined to a bed of sickness for the last two weeks; at this writing she is slowly recovering.

The telephone between this place and Millheim, which was discontinued over a year ago will again be re-established by the citizens of the two respective places; work on the new line has already begun. It was a mistake on the part of the citizens to allow the old line to be discontinued.

Frederick Auman, who lived in the mountains about two and one-half miles south of this place died on Sunday morning of typhoid fever from which he had been suffering for several weeks. Deceased was about sixty-five years of age and at the time of his death was a member of the school board of Penn township. His remains were interred on Wednesday at Paradise church. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn their loss.

### Of Interest to Hunters.

The last legislature passed a new trespass law which will be of interest to gunners, now that the season for rabbits is open. Under an old law the smallest penalty for trespassing was \$5, but under the new act of assembly the penalty imposed cannot be more than the damages done. There is an idea prevalent that hunters cannot be arrested when there are no notices posted or published forbidding trespassing on individual property. This is a mistaken idea. Suit can be brought against hunters even if there are no notices, altho recovery can only be had for the actual amount of damages.

Farmers are beginning to object very strongly to the large number of men with their dogs, who roam over their properties in the pursuit of game, claiming that many fences are broken down or opened to pass thro and never closed, and it is also alleged that many have no scruples against bagging turkeys and chickens, when no one is about. The part of the new trespass law affecting gunners says that "anyone who shall trample or in any way injure any grass or grain, shall pay a penalty not exceeding \$50 for each offense."

### It's a Gamble.

The fellow now predicting a hard winter, may miss it, providing the other fellow who is predicting a mild winter don't hit it.

—Lyon & Co. have made a still further reduction in all lines. They published their prices, and you get the same at their store.

## MILLHEIM NEWS.

A Breezy Letter on the Happenings of a Week.

The funeral of John H. Musser, at Aaronsburg, on last Thursday, was largely attended by relatives and friends.

If any one has a desire to look at the condition of our fine boardwalks, we cordially invite them, and will take great pleasure to introduce them to our boro dads, who have been so busy in regard to this matter, making them as they are at present. Such elegant and safe walks are not to be found in any other boro in this commonwealth.

"Who frowned dat last brif fust," ask the coon at the Musser house. This same old coon says that "Lasses has gone up, and no more cakes baked at dis house for de present, until we find out de pusson dat spilled de lasses on de chile's har."

W. H. Culbertson, of Paddy Mountain tunnel, was in town last week attending to business connected with the John F. Duncan timber and lumber job, of which he is superintendent.

Link Musser and wife, of Fillmore, and Michael Hess and wife, of Boalsburg, were among those who attended the funeral of J. H. Musser, and on their way home called on their friends and relatives here.

John Kauffman, of Sunbury, a former merchant of this town, was a visitor here one day last week looking after business interests. His sons, Dan., Frank and John are at present living at Pennsburg, where they are running a planing mill.

D. C. Keller, the popular and well-known proprietor of the Hotel Haag, of Bellefonte, was in town one day last week.

Butchering is all the go here at present, and nothing is talked of now, not even the defeat of the Democracy throughout the country, but big, fat hogs, ponhaus, liverwurst, etc. "Lus yader esse was aer will," Abe says, "Ich will kein schwein fleisch."

The public sale of the personal property of the late Uriah Reifsnnyder last Saturday afternoon, was well attended, and goods did not bring high prices.

Our public schools under the present management of teachers, are doing well, only the attendance of some of our young boys is not what it ought to be. Parents should see that their boys and girls are regular in their attendance. There is too much loafing in the stores and shops, and the proprietors should not allow it.

Miss Etta Huey, daughter of Augustus Huey, of Main street, died on Monday evening after a long and protracted sickness. She was fifteen years of age. Her disease was typhoid fever.

As far as heard from, our hunters encamped at Slate Ridge, have shot and killed two deer—one a doe and the other a fawn. They were shot by Barber Springer and Milford Stover.

Last Saturday evening our town was crowded with people, shopping was lively and the merchants and the oyster saloons were kept busy attending to the wants of their many customers.

W. A. Tobias this season raised a mammoth sunflower which measured in circumference 51 inches. He had intended counting the seeds, but the "fowls of the air" had stolen the greater part of them ere he discovered the deperdition.

Peter Keichline, of Bellefonte, was in town last Monday, and was accompanied by a gentleman who is looking up the millers in regard to the infringement of a patent. We understand that our millers are paying the \$100.

Frank and Ed. Stam, of Milton, were in town a short time last Monday. They had been to Boalsburg visiting friends, and were on their way home. Dr. J. W. Stam, formerly of this place, is an uncle.

Our markets are as follows, wheat, 60; corn, 30; oats, 20; potatoes, 20; apples, 30; butter, 20; eggs, 20; chickens, live, 5; turkeys, 8; geese, 8; ducks, 8. Alec. Hoover, of Paddy Mountain tunnel, moved into the house of Lydia Musser, on North st., last Tuesday.

You may eat cheap food and not be seriously hurt by it; but you cannot take cheap medicines without positive injury. If you use any substitute for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, you do so at the peril of your health, perhaps of your life. Insist on having Ayer's and no other.

ESTRAY.—A red heifer, about 1 1/2 yr. old, with white star on forehead, came to the premises of the undersigned 2 miles east of Boalsburg, about middle of October. The owner is requested to pay charges and remove the heifer. 21st JOHN K. FROM.

### THE RAINFALL.

Registered at the "Reporter" office: Tuesday night, 19 Nov. 35-100 inch. High winds and colder.