



CAPITOL NEWS

THEY WILL RETAIN THE CONTROL OF THE SENATE.

Democratic Ideas of Economy in Public Expenditures Have Been Put into Effect Wherever Possible.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—With few exceptions Democrats are agreed that it is the duty of the Democratic Senators to retain the control of the Senate until they are forced to give it up. There will be no occasion to fill the vacancy in the office of pro tem of the Senate so long as Vice President Stevenson is on hand every day to preside over the Senate, and he can be counted upon to be on hand unless prevented by serious illness. It is understood that the Democratic steering committee of the Senate will recommend following this line of policy; also, that every measure which comes before the Senate shall be fully debated by the Democrats, in order that the position of the party may be thoroughly understood by the country. The Republican Senators can, of course, obtain control of the Senate at once with the assistance of the Populists and without their aid if Dupont is seated from Delaware when the Utah Senators take their seats, which will probably be early in the coming year, if they can agree among themselves, but up to this time they are a long ways from agreeing, and by harmonious and skillful tactics the Democrats may remain in control during the entire session.

As the annual reports of the heads of the various branches of the government service are made it is easy to see that Democratic ideas of economy in public expenditures have been put into effect wherever possible. The grand aggregate of all the saving effected may be found in the footings of the ordinary expenditure column of the U. S. Treasurer's annual report. Those footings show that for the fiscal year ending June 30, last, the government spent for ordinary purposes \$11,329,981 less than was spent during the previous year.

Few people in Washington take any stock in the story that comes from New York to the effect that Mr. Harrison has made a combination which is to place Ex-Senator Warner Miller on the tail of the Harrison ticket. Washington people know Mr. Harrison for one of the shrewdest politicians the country has ever had, notwithstanding the impression of some people that he is too dignified to get down to the level from which political wires have to be pulled, and knowing that they cannot believe that he has made any deal with such a has-been as Miller. If he could get Gov. Morton to enter a combination for the nomination of the old—'98—ticket he'd jump at it, but Morton has not love enough for Mr. Harrison to do so, even if he desired to again become a candidate for Vice President,—he remembers '92. Falling to make a deal with Mr. Morton, Mr. Harrison has made one with Senator Allison, it is said, for the express purpose of opposing both Reed and McKinley. Incidentally they have agreed that if at any time during the convention their combined strength will nominate either, it shall be given to the one controlling the largest number of votes. Harrison next to getting the nomination for himself wants to keep both Reed and McKinley out of it.

Some people have queer ideas of what is good taste. For instance, Hon. John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, who was for years in the employ of one of the Pacific railroads—only resigned within the last ten days, although his salary as Senator began March 4, last—and who is said to owe his election to the U. S. Senate to the influence of the corporation, proposes to inaugurate his senatorial career by introducing a bill providing for a settlement of the debts due the government from the Central and Union Pacific railroads. He says that while his bill differs in details from the settlement recommended by the government directors of those roads its result will be the same. This may be true, but when his past relations with these corporations are remembered suspicion will naturally arise that he is merely continuing to do their bidding by introducing this bill.

Senator Hill has started much gossip by renting a large house in Washington and reports as to his intentions cover every imaginable thing from getting married to opening a political club-house for the starting of a new boom for the presidential nomination. It is probable that his personal convenience was his only reason for setting up housekeeping.

Mad Dog Scare.

There is a mad dog scare in Tyrone, and as a consequence scores of curs are being shot and killed.

About Gossip.

Whenever a bit of gossip is afloat there are always those who will keep it in active circulation. They will do more than that; they will put themselves to some inconvenience if thereby they can let the subject of evil remark know just what rumor has been saying. Some people think the retailer of gossip does it to hurt others; some think it is the outcome of ignorance.

However that may be it is safe to say that the true lady or gentleman is not a retailer of trivial gossip. No word is uttered to wound the heart of another because of any low motive or passing curiosity. When it becomes necessary to hurt one in order that a greater good may follow, then the plunge is made. But not otherwise. There is within the right thinking heart an indisposition to hurt anyone.

Roughness and coarseness are not less repulsive qualities than the inveterate disposition to empty one's load of gossip upon others. They are possessions which do much to interfere with the popularity of the men who boast of them, imagining that he is some great thing because he has the faculty of saying insulting things to those who are infinitely above him in the scale of gentle breeding and good manners. Frankness is a virtue, but one can be frank and still continue to be a gentleman.

Old Hotel Stand Sold.

That old land-mark, known to ancient Penn's valley teamsters as Stitzer's Tavern, now Reish's hotel, located in the Union county end of the Penn's valley narrows, has been bought by J. K. Reish, of Vicksburg, Union county, for \$1000. It was a favorite stopping place for our farmers when they hauled their crops to Derrstown, for at Stitzer's they always got a good square, steaming hot meal, and the horse was never cheated in its mess of oats. The tavern years ago, had a good trade, but the advent of the railroad two miles south, put an end to teaming and the tavern lost its trade. Those old days of hauling crops to market at Derrstown (Lewisburg), were jolly ones for our farmers, who would always try to have a string of teams made up for the trip, and many a "Reporter" patron, now reading this article, will remember having had his share of the teaming and stopping at Stitzer's tavern.

A Word With Parents.

Just a word with parents and citizens generally. Visit our schools oftener. Watch your children at the work of forming their characters. Give to teachers and scholars the stimulus and encouragement of your frequent presence and give them your criticism if necessary. Do not be satisfied by thinking you have got your children out of the way when they are inside the schoolrooms. Go and see them there. Take the same interest in their class work you do in their home study. Your visits will benefit yourselves, your children and their instructors.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week: James Summers, Benner twp., and Katie Gingerich, Spring twp. H. D. Wise, Zion, and Mary E. Bidle, Cowan. James C. Jackson and Annie M. Bryan, Spring Mills. Wm. H. Brown, Mt. Eagle and Katie McCumblings, Howard. Jas. C. Derr, Spring twp., and Annie McMullen, Bellefonte. Edwin O. Barner, Parvin, and Catharine Detwiler, Aaronsburg.

A gang of burglars visited Bloomsburg early Sunday morning and entered twelve houses. Each house was entered in the same manner, a window on the ground floor being forced open. The thieves confined themselves to the lower floor of the houses. At L. E. Willer's they tarried long enough to eat a meal. Thomas Wayne found a bundle of silverware in his barn Sunday morning which was afterward identified by Mrs. I. S. Kuhn as part of the property stolen from her.

The West Stormswept.

A terrific wind storm swept over parts of the west on Monday night. At Cincinnati trees were uprooted, buildings unroofed or wrecked, telegraph poles and wires blown down. At Cleveland roofs and chimneys were torn from their fastenings. At Detroit wires were blown down, trees destroyed, and business badly interfered with. At Port Huron, Mich., there was snow a foot deep and the velocity of the storm was 70 miles an hour.

Mr. MacDonald, the post-master at Altoona, having died last week, the assistant post-master, Reamer Hoke, has been appointed acting post-master.

COUNTY NEWS.

From all Around, Clipped and Condensed.

A defective flue was the cause of the dwelling of Frank Brown, of Blanchard, burning down a few days ago.

Col. Aust. Curtin has left Jersey and gone back to Roland, driving the entire distance of 300 miles.

A party of hunters went from Pinegrove to Stone Gap but got no deer.

Harry Camp, formerly of our town, is traveling for a wholesale Chicago candy house, and so handsome a fellow should sell lots of candy.

Squire Kichline who held the accounts, informs us that nearly all the millers of our county have paid over the royalty on the reduction process. This time millers got tolled.

In some parts of Spring township it is said farmers drive their stock three miles to water.

George Dale, of College twp., raised 4000 bushels of potatoes this year. We wish you would get 50cts. per bushel for them, George.

Joseph Bitner, of Spring Mills, while riding horse-back, the animal fell and broke its neck and Mr. Bitner had his collar bone broken by the tumble. Surely, these were bad breaks.

Christmas week there will be a musical convention held in the Rebersburg Lutheran church, and the proceeds to be applied towards remodeling the church.

Amy, daughter of A. Huey, died at Millheim, Tuesday of last week, aged 15 years.

John Mallory, in the insane asylum at Danville, for the second time got back to Rebersburg, making the trip on foot each time.

Millheim is to have a six-room brick school-house, that will be a credit to that live burg.

Mrs. Nestlerode's smoke-house, at Madisonburg was destroyed by fire, a few days ago with its contents.

A Sad Accident.

A sad accident which resulted in the death of John Miller, a young man of 18 years of age, occurred on the 19, in P. & E. freight yards at Lock Haven. Young Miller, says the Republican, was not in the employ of the railroad company, but was assisting the men in the lower freight yard in coupling cars while the trains were being made up. He was struck by a shifting engine, he fell, his right leg lay across the rail and the wheels of the front truck passed over it crushing his leg between the knee and thigh. He never rallied from the shock and died in the evening. He was the only son of Mrs. Annie Miller.

A Criminal Attorney's Opinion.

Hon. A. B. Richmond, the noted criminal lawyer of Meadville, is now engaged on his one hundredth murder trial, being employed by the commonwealth against Anthony Erheart, at Erie. Mr. Richmond has been for the defense in a large number of the cases and has had only one client hanged, Andy Tracy, of McKean county, who murdered his sweetheart. He ascribes over 70 per cent. of the murders directly due to the result of drink, and says the same will hold good in the 4,000 criminal cases in which he has been engaged in his long career.

A Brilliant Council.

By reason of Ordinances having been illegally passed by Councils and adversely passed upon by the Supreme Court, as well as by the Court of Blair county, the city of Altoona is now compelled to provide means for the payment of nearly \$400,000 of street paving.

Every now-and-then we have accounts of the courts putting their foot upon the illegal doings of town councils.

THE RAINFALL.

The rainfall is expressed in hundredths of inches given in decimal fractions, 10, 17, 45, &c. Registered at the "Reporter" office: Snow Thursday night 21, depth 4 in. making .04 water.

Saturday, Nov. 23, forenoon, .24 in. rainfall. At night .12 in.

Monday morning, 25 Nov., .12 in. During the night .40 inch rain, with high and warm wind until Tuesday.

Tuesday morning, 26, from 9.10 to 11 a. m., .45 inch rain; wind turned from warm to cold.

Sixty Dead.

Sixty-two bodies of which 37 were the remains of women, have already been recovered from the ruins of the cartridge factory at Palma, Island of Majorca, which was blown up on Monday. It is now said that the explosion was caused by a workman who had been dismissed.

Turkeys are so plenty in Berks county that farmers do not find a very ready sale for them at 8 and 9 cents per pound.

CENTRE COUNTY

INDIAN OCCUPATION—THE TRIBES INHABITING THE COUNTY.

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

(Concluded.)

In 1754, Tanacharis, a Seneca chief, otherwise called Half-King, as representative of the Six Nations, had charge of the lands south of the West Branch, with his post at Aughwick, on the present site of Shirleyburg, in Huntingdon County. He died shortly after Conrad Weiser's council with the Indians there in September, 1754, and was succeeded by Scarrooyady, an Oneida chief.

The Indians, true to their compact, withdrew gradually north of the limits of the purchase, 1754, and John Shikellimy speaks of the numbers coming to the West Branch and its tributaries, and complains as early as June, 1755, of the encroachments of white settlers north of the limits, which indicates early inroad of settlers into the southerly limits of Centre county. The defeat of Gen. Braddock almost completed the removal from Aughwick, and on September, 1755, Scarrooyady is at Shamokin with twenty of his men, "got this far," and with Shikellimy's three sons was organizing a company against the French.

In October of this year a force of French and Indians computed at about fifteen hundred made their appearance near the mouth of the Bald Eagle from Fort Duquesne, intent on making the Susquehanna the line of the French possessions. It was one of the advance parties of this expedition that swept all the settlers from Penn's Creek on the 16th of October, 1754. Logan, who was friendly to the English, sent word of this invasion, and thereupon posts were established at Fort Lytleton, now in Fulton county, Fort Shirley, at Aughwick, Fort Granville, at the mouth of the Kishacoquillas, now in Mifflin county, and one called Pomfret Castle, on the present borders of Juniata and Snyder counties; near Richfield. An advance body of Indians in the French interest had reached George Gabriel's where Selingsgrove now stands, and proposed building a fort at Shamokin, where in the following year, although the land was not yet purchased of the Indians, at the request of the friendly Iroquois, Gov. Morris directed Fort Augusta to be erected.

On the West Branch a part of the Shawanese and such of the Delawares as remained, influenced by Logan, John Tachnachdoarus, his father, and Andrew Montour, remained true to the English, and offered to collect their people at Shamokin and make it a post against the French. From that post they constantly transmitted the Governor such information as they received affecting the interests of the province. In November they sent word that two messengers had come from the Ohio to the Indian town at the Big Island, (mouth of the Bald Eagle,) and seeing an Englishman that by accident happened to be there they said "kill him." "No," said the Indians of the Big Island, "we will not kill him or suffer him to be killed. We have lived in peace many years with the English here; if you are so bloodthirsty go somewhere else for blood; we will have no blood spill here." The messengers were hostile Delawares.

Logan and his two brothers, with all friendly to the English, were compelled to retire up the North Branch to Wyoming in the fall of 1755, and the whole West Branch country as far down as Sunbury was under the full control of the French and their Indian allies, the Delawares, as far up the North Branch as Nescopeck there were no friendly Indians, except Paxinos, a Shawanese chief, who resided on the west of this river, a few miles from Wyoming.

The scouts who, on the 3d of June, 1756, preceded Col. Wm. Clapham's regiment, ordered to build Fort Augusta and occupy the confluence of the two rivers, report McKee's house burned, George Gabriel's at the mouth of Penn's creek, where Selingsgrove now stands, destroyed, and Shamokin uninhabited, the houses being burned to the ground. Col. Clapham built the fort in July and August, and the succeeding winter Maj. James Burd was in command, having arrived on the 8th of December. He represents the winter to have been exceedingly severe, the West Branch frozen over, and the path up it so blocked with snow that the Indians he tried to send through to Chinklacamoose, Clearfield, on the 1st of February, 1757, had to return. On the evening of the 7th of April, after dark, he started Capt. Wm. Patterson, with ten men up the West Branch in search of intelligence. He returned on the 25th from Chink-

lacamoose, having seen no French or Indians on their march; also that the great path from Buchaloon's, on Lake Erie, passed by Chinklacamoose, and forked on the south side of the river forty miles this side of that place, one path taking to Fort Augusta, the other to Cumberland county; that the houses at Chinklacamoose were all burned, and that no Indians had apparently lived there for a long time; that he and his party lived on walnuts three days, they could find no game to kill, and had returned down the river upon rafts.

The next light that gleams upon the topography of our region is from the journals of the heralds of the cross. In the summer of 1758, C. Frederiek Post undertook a perilous mission on behalf of the proprietary government to the Delawares of Ohio. He took the path along the east or left bank of the West Branch, and crossed the river at the Great Island on the 29th of July. Here he says, "My companions were very fearful, and we slept away from the road without a fire, but we could not sleep for bugs or mosquitoes." On the next day he forded Beech Creek on the left bank of it, came to the forks of the path; one branch led southwest along the Bald Eagle, past the nest to Frankstown, near Hollidaysburg, the other due west to Chinklacamoose. Post took the latter; it led over the Moshannon, which he crossed on the last of August. Next day he arrived at the village of Chinklacamoose, in "the Clearfields." Here he saw three hoops on a bush, to one there remained long white hair. On his return on the 18th of September he came to Great Island, "where we had nothing to live on, and had to lie by to hunt." Here he met twenty warriors returning from the inhabitants, with five prisoners and one scalp; six of his warriors were Delawares, the rest Mingoos.

As indicated by Post's Journal, the paths through Centre and Clinton counties were really only war paths for incursions of the hostile Delawares and Shawanese in 1758, and this condition of things remained so for some years. In June 1763, John Shikellimy, Nutimus, and a few other friendly Indians occupied the Great Island, but the great conspiracy of Pontiac, which carried desolation around the whole frontier drove them all to Fort Augusta. On the 25th of August, Capt's Patterson and Bedford arrived at Fort Augusta with one hundred and fourteen men on their way up the West Branch to destroy the Indian towns, but on the Muncy Hill they fell in with a strong party of Indians, and had a severe engagement, and after the loss of some men they fell back upon Fort Augusta. On the 11th of Sep. Col. John Armstrong, who reached the Great Island from Cumberland county with a large party of volunteers burned two hundred acres of corn, and destroyed, as the account has it, a prodigious number of Indian houses along the river down as far as where Lewisburg now stands, whence he turned off to go the nearest way to Carlisle. In the following year—Nov. 14, 1764,—on the banks of the Muncy, Col. Bouquet compelled the Indians to give up their white prisoners and sue for peace, ending all the troubles with the Delawares and Shawanese until the drums of the Revolution began to echo along the shores of the West Branch.

The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial bottles free at J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

The supreme court has declared that the city of Williamsport cannot assess non-abutting property owners for the cost of sewers. The same section of the law also says that owners of non-abutting property can not be made pay for improving, grading or guttering of streets, yet in some towns the owners of such property are taxed in violation of law. No tax-payer need pay such assessment, the courts have decided this a dozen times and last week the supreme court confirms it.

TUESDAY'S Patriot says the clerkship in the state economic zoologic department has \$1500 pay in it per year, and that the place is only a sinecure—nothing to do but to draw the salary. Us farmers should all stick a pin there as behind it is the fact that there was no one at Harrisburg last winter who cared a snap for the interests of us tax paying farmers. Our "watchers" all turned to boddlers.

THIRD TERM FOR CLEVELAND.

Secretary of Agriculture Morton Favors the Idea.

Secretary of Agriculture Morton comes out flat footed in favor of a third term for Cleveland. Mr. Morton disclaims authority to speak for the President, but the declaration, coming from a member of the President's official family, cannot help being regarded as significant.

In the course of the interview Secretary Morton said: "Why should President Cleveland be opposed to a third term any more than a bank president? This is not stating that President Cleveland is a candidate for a third term, for as to that no one knows but himself. The talk of third term has been confined only to newspapers, and there is no one who can say he ever heard Mr. Cleveland give an expression on the subject. "I am not in a position to state whether Mr. Cleveland will be a candidate or not. There is one thing I can say, however—the management of the government is a business, as is the management of a bank. In a bank the business is entirely confined to the management of the finances of many people.

"If a bank president has proved himself competent and faithful he is reelected, not only once or twice, but a dozen times. The business of a government is that of managing and preserving the interests of the people of a nation and maintaining life, liberty and property, and if a bank president is elected many times, why should it not be so with the President of the United States?"

A Snyder Co. Patriarch.

Daniel Stuck died in West Perry twp., Snyder county, at the advanced age of 98 years, and was the oldest inhabitant of Snyder county. Conrad Stuck, the father of the deceased, was one of the early pioneers of that county and his name has a conspicuous place in the various histories of Pennsylvania. Daniel's stepmother and her two children were killed by the Indians in the famous Stuck massacre, near Globe Mills, where the Stucks then lived.

Edward Bassler, of Freeburg, is dead aged 78. He formerly resided in Selingsgrove, and was engaged in the mercantile business for many years. He later moved to Freeburg, where, during the past 30 years, he engaged in the same business. He was also prominently identified all his life with the Democratic party.

The Decline in Wheat.

The wheat market has declined to the lowest point touched since last March, and it is within four cents of the lowest prices recorded for the year to date. It is 25 cents lower than the high price current in the early summer, when a phenomenal advance was followed by a slow decline which has apparently not yet ended. The shrinkage represents a loss to the farmers on this crop alone of about \$15,000,000. The average is down nearly to the low level reached during the panic, when values of nearly everything were depressed. The decline has occurred in the face of statistics which are generally regarded as warranting an advance, which makes it all the more puzzling.

It May Do as Much for You.

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a severe kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began the use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to the cure of all kidney and liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. for large bottle. At J. D. Murray's Drug Store.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION is a feast that comes not once a year, but once a week. It is not only always an appetizing feast, but always strengthening and refreshing, too. This being Thanksgiving week, THE COMPANION has, like everybody else, provided an unusual supply of dainties and good things, with special courses appropriate to the season.

The town council of Littlestown, Adams county, has passed an ordinance to the effect that any body under 15 years of age on the streets after the ringing of the curfew bell, at 8.30 p. m., without a good excuse, will be fined fifty cents or put in the lockup.

Wouldn't be bad to try this in Centre Hall and other towns. The night-prowling boys generally go to the bad.

The pope is ill. A dispatch received from Rome says that the pope's condition was more serious on Sunday morning and that some concern is expressed among the Vatican officials. The pope is an old man and respected for his liberal views and conservatism.