



### IN A HOLE

#### THE REPUBLICANS HAVE A DEAD LOCK ON THEIR HANDS.

In a Deal With the Populists They Must Show Their Hands.—The Venezuela Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Democrats are naturally disposed to look complacently upon the deadlock which has followed the first attempt of the Republican Senators to make use of the power they acquired by taking possession of the Senate committees, through a deal with the Populists. It is a Republican funeral and the Democrats while willing to be spectators, have no idea of taking the part of mourners. The Republicans thought they were playing it very fine when a bill for the free coinage of silver was reported to the Senate as a substitute for the House bond bill, which they never wanted sent to the President anyway. They found their mistake when the Finance committee attempted to carry out the caucus decree to report the House tariff bill without amendment. Senator Teller, of Colorado, informed them that the tariff bill must be amended so as to provide for the free coinage of silver, and he rubbed it in by telling his fellow Republicans that no bill dealing either with finance or the tariff should be reported to the Senate without amendment providing for the free coinage of silver. The result was a deadlock, which so disgusted Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, a Republican anti-silver member of the Finance committee, that he at once left town, announcing that he would not return for a week or more. The anti-silver Republican Senators now deeply regret that bargain with the Populists which resulted in the reorganization of the Senate committees, and the Democrats are very well satisfied to play a waiting game, prepared to take all the advantages which come their way.

Secretary Olney took part in the second meeting of the Venezuelan boundary commission. As matters pertaining to the plans to be followed in the work of the commission were discussed the meeting was not a public one. Secretary Olney's relation to the commission is merely that of an adviser. The commission will, of course, make use of the knowledge Secretary Olney has acquired by a long study of the case, but its action will be entirely independent of either Mr. Olney or the President.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, is a Republican, but he does not wear the collar of Speaker Reed, as do most of the Republican members of the House. He has spasmodic attacks of independence. One of these caused him to propose an amendment to the Reed rules, compelling the Speaker of the House to recognize the member who was the first to attract his attention. While the attack lasted Mr. Hepburn charged that Speaker Reed had abused the right of recognition by gradually evolving from the long established practice a rule of his own to overlook all such as he chooses not to recognize on the floor and to recognize only those whom he thinks ought to be allowed to address the House, and very truly said that business in the House should be done by the people's representatives and not by the Speaker alone, but after Representative Bell, of Colorado, who said the Speaker had not recognized a single Populist up to this time, had strongly seconded his amendment Mr. Hepburn's independence suddenly deserted him—he couldn't stand the pressure—and he showed the white feather by withdrawing his amendment, thus closing the incident as the diplomats say.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is credited with having made one of the best speeches in favor of the free coinage of silver ever heard in the Senate. While as strong in his belief in silver as any man in Congress Mr. Jones is free from the radical opinions, the expression of which by some of the silver men has done the cause for silver far more harm than good. He spoke for about two hours, and made a very conservative statement, calling especial attention to the unfavorable attitude of Great Britain, Germany and France towards silver, and the certainty that this attitude is not likely to be changed for a long time to come. While admitting the great responsibility of the U. S. in attempting the re-establishment of bimetallicism, he advocated it as a duty that should not be shunned.

The impression appears to be growing among intelligent Democrats that the custom of the party in power holding the first National Convention will not be followed this year, and that the Democratic convention will not be held until after the Republican convention has made its platform and nominations. The National committee will this week decide both the time

and place for the convention to be held. The House and Senate Foreign committees have referred all the resolutions which have been offered concerning Cuba to sub-committees, which indicates that no hasty action will be taken, notwithstanding the clamor in and about Congress for the reporting of a resolution for the recognition of Cuban belligerency. The only thing that would bring about that action on the part of Congress would be the capture of Havana by the insurgents.

The Monroe doctrine is to be upheld by a strong resolution. That has been formally decided upon the Senate committee on Foreign Relations, and a sub-committee appointed to draft the resolution.

#### IMPORTANT TO PENSIONERS.

##### A New Rule Has Been Adopted by the Pension Department.

Owing to the fact that many magistrates, before whom pension vouchers are executed, have been in the habit of forwarding such to pension agents for payment enclosed in envelopes which do not have the proper amount of postage thereon, thus putting the pension agent to the trouble and expense of paying overdue postage before such packages can be delivered, it has become necessary for the pension department to adopt a stringent rule for the correction of such abuses. Pension agents have therefore been instructed by the department at Washington to hereafter refuse payment of such deficient postage and allow all such packages to go to the dead letter office. Speaking upon this subject Captain Skinner, the pension agent at Pittsburg, says: "This abuse has grown to such proportions that I have been obliged to pay as much as \$3 in one month in such deficient postage."

The fault is not with the pensioners who mail their own vouchers, because a single letter stamp is always sufficient for the transmission of a single voucher, but with certain magistrates and claim agents who are in the habit of transmitting each quarter a large package of vouchers with a single postage stamp thereon, evidently expecting that the pension agent will pay the deficient postage rather than delay payment to the pensioners. We have sought to correct these petty abuses by saving the envelopes and returning them to the senders thereof, but this course has had little effect in stopping what might be called a system of petty swindling, because we are informed that many of these magistrates collect two cents for postage from every pensioner whose voucher they execute and then fail to use such stamps for the purpose intended. In view, therefore, of this recent order from the pension bureau at Washington, I trust that all pensioners and magistrates in the district may pay close attention to this matter of postage in the future. If they do not they may expect great delay in transmission of checks, because all such packages deficient in postage will surely go to the dead letter office.

#### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week: Adolphus Fields and Elsie Hassinger, of Patton township.

Roy Flegal and Maggie Cowder, of Phillipsburg.

John P. Tate, of Spring township, and Minerva A. Stone, of College township.

Jacob Sharer, of Potter township, and Jennie Hetzel, of Aaronsburg.

Mike Bille and Yulo Teso, of Clarence.

The Constantinople representative of the United Press, telegraphing under date of Monday, says that more complete tables of the persons killed and property destroyed in the provinces of Harpoot and Diarbekir show that 176 towns and villages containing 8,050 Armenian houses were burned. The Armenians in these towns and villages numbered 92,000 and of these 15,845 were killed. This excludes the uncertain reports of killing.

M. Cambou, the French ambassador, estimates the total number of Armenians killed in Anatolia at 50,000.

It is stated that the French government, thro the influence of Munir Bey, the Turkish ambassador, will agree to surrender to the sultan the Turkish subjects in France who are wanted by the Porte.

This is a queer Republican congress—it went in with a big flourish, and now it lacks the courage to tackle any of the important questions, and is split on the tariff. The McKinley measure will not meet with favor by the Reedites, and the high-protective, will not touch Reed's moderation in regard to the tariff, and the upshot will be the Wilson tariff will remain undisturbed as good enough.

#### JOHN P. MEYER, ES.

Died Monday Morning After an Illness of About Two Weeks.

John P. Meyer, son of Wesley Meyers, of Boalsburg, died early Monday morning at his home. Mr. Meyer was a most excellent young man and for the last two years was a student at Franklin and Marshall college, Lancaster.

Before entering college he was engaged in teaching several terms in the public schools of the county. He took his preparatory course under Professors Wolf and Neff.

As a student he had the ministry in view, and in his work was a most sincere and faithful student. He was popular with the faculty of the institution as well as the student body at large. They all regarded and esteemed him as an honest, upright and promising young man.

He was connected with the different college organizations and was an earnest and enthusiastic supporter of athletics and all popular movements.

With all his other relations, his duty to his Master was performed with an earnest will. He ever had at heart the acute difference between right and wrong, making the welfare of the church and the gospel his aim, he early turned his whole attention thereto.

On the day of his death he was aged 22 years, 9 months and 23 days. The cause of his unexpected death was due to a severe attack of erysipelas together with rheumatism, which centered at his heart and hastened his departure.

He was home from college on his Christmas vacation when taken ill. The day following his arrival home he took sick. John was a robust, hearty young man, always in a happy mood, and to be cut off in the prime of life shows the strange workings of God, whom he tried to serve.

His loss will be keenly felt by his beloved family, friends, and the institution with which he was connected. Though removed from this earth in person, his influence and example will still work unbounded good among those whom he knew.

His classmates showed their sincere sympathy and esteem for him and his parents by sending a representative body to his funeral together with several beautiful floral designs.

He was buried on Wednesday, 10 a. m. in the Boalsburg cemetery; Rev. A. A. Black his pastor officiated: Rev. S. H. Eisenberg of Centre Hall also made an address.

The college faculty of Franklin and Marshall was represented by Dr. J. S. Stahr, Pres. of the institution. He made a noble talk on his relation to the college.

The funeral was very largely attended as the young man had won many friends by his excellent qualities.

#### TO THE GOLDEN GATE.

##### Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Undoubtedly California offers more genuine attractions to the pleasure traveling public than any other part of the American continent. The fame of its climate is world-wide, and it is sought even by Europeans, who find it more charming than their own southern shores. To Americans its worth is too well known to necessitate a description of the many advantages to be enjoyed.

Personally conducted tours via Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia February 12 and March 11, 1896. In addition to the many other points of interest visited 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.

An addition to the magnificent train heretofore used for these tours is a thorough Pullman compartment car.

The car, which will be the very best that the Pullman Company can supply, will contain nine inclosed compartments—two drawing rooms and seven state rooms—and will be attached to the special train at Jersey City and run through to San Diego, Cal., on the first tour, and San Francisco on the second.

This will be the first car of its kind to be run on a transcontinental train, and that it will be thoroughly appreciated by participants in the tours is evidenced by the fact that already several of the compartments have been reserved.

Applications for space or itineraries giving all information should be made to Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Room 411, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

653—for Philip Durt's Hog.

Philip Durt's big hog, killed the other day, dressed 653 pounds, which puts him in the lead, and he will stay up head until next fall at least.

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### ELECTED OFFICERS

#### CHOSEN FOR THE ENSUING YEAR BY THE INSURANCE CO.

The Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company Elected Officers at their meeting on Monday.

The annual meeting and election of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Centre Co. was held at the Centre Hall hotel on Monday last. The attendance was the largest had in 25 years, and a larger vote was cast than perhaps at any previous meeting, which indicates that the members are taking a live interest in the affairs of the company which is the proper spirit. Three new directors were elected, the other nine members of the board were elected by a practically unanimous vote from 107 to 112. One female policy holder cast a ballot, the first instance of the kind since the organization of the company, and is just what all female policy holders should do when convenient.

The President in a few brief remarks referred to the death of Maj. J. B. Fisher, a charter member and long a useful member of the Board, and appointed a committee to draft resolutions of respect in memory of the deceased.

The following 12 directors were elected for the ensuing year:

- Col. F. W. Reynolds, Bellefonte.
- Frederick Kurtz, Centre Hall.
- Jacob Bottorff, College.
- Sam'l Gramley, Miles.
- Aaron Weaver, Aaronsburg.
- Wells Evans, Gregg.
- John Shook, Gregg.
- H. C. Campbell, Ferguson.
- J. G. Bailey, Ferguson.
- H. E. Duck, Penn.
- Frank M'Farlane, Harris.
- Samuel Brungard, Miles.

The new Board organized by unanimously electing the following officers for the ensuing year:

President: Frederick Kurtz.

Vice President: H. C. Campbell.

Treasurer: B. F. Arney.

Secretary: D. F. Luse.

The annual statement found in another column, presents the affairs of the company in the most prosperous condition, which speaks well for its management, and will prove gratifying to the policy holders, which their strong vote on Monday, in re-electing nearly all the old board, would indicate.

### FLORIDA.

#### Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

It would be hard to find any condition of human ailment that a winter visit to Florida would fail to improve, while those who enjoy good health cannot realize, without experience, what true enjoyment there is in life passed under the golden skies of the "Land of Flowers."

In order to give the public an opportunity to visit Florida at a very reasonable cost, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a series of tours to Jacksonville. Since the system of personally-conducted tours inaugurated by that company has been in effect, none but words of commendation have been received. Its unexcelled train service, experienced Tourist Agents and Chaperons, and above all, its moderate charges, leave nothing to be desired.

The tours to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks' stay in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25, and March 3, 1896. The rate, including transportation, meals en route, and Pullman berth on special train, is \$50.00 from New York, and \$48.00 from Philadelphia; proportionate rates from other points.

For further information apply to Ticket Agents, or address Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Room 411, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, to whom application for space should also be made.

#### Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thomas Eggers, 139, Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at J. D. Murray's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

#### Well Provided For.

One hundred licenses have been granted and twenty seven refused by Judge Gordon of Clearfield county.

### ARGUMENT COURT.

#### List of Cases Disposed of and Other Business Transacted.

School district of Taylor township vs. Vinton Beckwith, Andrew Weaver and Thos. Merryman. Settled.

Appeal of H. Y. Stitzer from amount of triennial assessment. Appeal dismissed at cost of county.

Com. vs. Geo. Rowen. Dispute as to whom should receive the \$20 reward for detecting the horse thief at Unionville. Awarded to Policeman Keller, of Lock Haven.

Petition to vacate a road in Boggs twp., near the Advent church. Confirmed absolutely.

Sanford Newman vs. Thomas Merryman, dispute about the payment of costs. Plaintiffs to pay costs of appeal from justice.

Com. vs. Burdine Butler. Appeal from the judgment before a justice. Appeal dismissed.

Daniel Baney vs. Geo. Shensley. Rule on defendant for a new trial. Discharged.

S. R. Pringle vs. Cowher. Rule on defendant for a new trial. Discharged.

J. A. Lukens vs. Owen Jones. Rule on plaintiff for a new trial. Discharged.

Petition for a new road from Hublersburg to R. R. Station. Rule on petition to show cause why report should not be referred back to reviewers. Discharged and review confirmed.

J. R. McClellan's executors vs. Melinda Fye. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Discharged.

F. F. Coudriet vs. John W. Ward. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Discharged.

Centre Hall Implement Works vs. John Snavely. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why a credit of \$62.56 should not be entered. Discharged.

Geo. Rhyestone vs. J. H. Reifsnnyder. Rule on plaintiff to show cause why judgment should not be opened. Rule absolute.

C. H. Murray, Esq., appointed to hear and determine upon exceptions filed to account of assignee in estate of Wm. Meyer.

Commonwealth vs. Boyd Stonerode. Rule on County Commissioners to show cause why petitioner, E. Hugg, should not be relieved from paying any costs. Rule absolute, and verdict imposing one-half the costs on the prosecutor is set aside.

S. D. Gettig, Esq., appointed auditor on assigned estate of W. L. Goodhart.

### TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

In memory of Daniel Bartges the undersigned, appointed a committee by Spring Mills Grange, No. 158, P. of H., to prepare resolutions on the death of Brother Daniel Bartges, who was a member of said Grange from September 4, 75 to the time of his decease, Dec. 27, '95, respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That we mourn his death but are consoled in the knowledge that in that most trying hour he was happy in having the Great Comforter at his side.

Resolved, That the vicinity in which he lived for so many years has lost a good citizen and kind neighbor, whose example in his daily walk of life is worthy of imitation.

Resolved, That the charter of Spring Mills Grange be draped for the space of thirty days, that a copy of the resolutions be spread on the minutes of said Grange, and that a true copy be sent to his last place of residence, and that the same be published in the county papers.

M. L. RISHEL.  
W. L. BEARICK.  
J. S. MEYER.

### TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his allwise providence to remove from our midst, by death, one of the valued members of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Ins. Co. of Centre County, Maj. J. B. Fisher, who was one of its honored charter members, and also for many years, up to the time of his death, a member of its Board of Directors, therefore

Resolved, that the members of the said Board, hereby tender their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and commend them to the care of the good Shepherd, who doeth all things wisely.

Resolved, That a copy of this action be entered upon the minutes of the company, also a copy be furnished the bereaved family, and a copy be sent to the Centre Reporter for publication.

H. B. HERRING,  
JAMES C. SMITH,  
SAMUEL BRUNGARD,  
Committee.

### Is Popular.

John A. Woodward, superintendent of the Chautauqua course of home reading in agriculture, says the new departure has caught on immensely with the farmers, and that persons in other States are already corresponding with him regarding the course.

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### SPRING MILLS.

#### Items of Interest Gathered for Our Readers.

Our late visitors who have been home spending the holidays, and after presenting and receiving their Christmas remembrances, and of course enjoying the turkey dinners, are now leaving us for their respective colleges, all anxious (!) no doubt, to again apply themselves and resume their usual studies.

During the holidays our Sunday school entertainments here were highly interesting. The exercises consisted of singing, recitations, dialogues, etc. Some of the recitations were rendered in a very artistic manner, and the speakers evinced abilities somewhat histrionic. The singing was excellent and the infant department did unusually well.

Commercial men are again on the move; all report business a little off, but then our country merchants are now busy figuring the profit and loss columns, and will not replenish stock until later in the month; of course very few will say they have had a satisfactory year, they never do, even if they have. At the same time I hardly believe that much money has been made this year, as competition and the desire to do and force business has wiped out pretty much all margins and profits. The other day a merchant told me that he was selling goods just as if he was giving his customers a paper dollar for a silver one; rather a tough story that.

The constabulary battle here is assuming a martial attitude; we have now two candidates on the "war path" and possibly that many more in the vista, all Democrats, of course. Reuben Kline, of Penn Hall, is the present incumbent, and has been for the last decade or more, and by the way has been a very good officer, and I think will again ask the nomination, although William Smith, furniture man of Spring Mills, a very popular young man, will evidently crowd him uncomfortably, as apparently he has considerable strength, and likely to have a strong following. The township is overwhelmingly Democratic and the Republicans offer no opposition, consequently a nomination is tantamount to an election.

C. P. Long of our village will be a candidate before the next Republican Convention for Treasurer of Centre county. This has been *on dit* for several weeks, and I am also well aware that for some time past, he has been repeatedly urged by his many friends, not confined to party, to enter the political field as an aspirant for this office, and not until this week has it been positively announced that he would be a candidate. Mr. Long is a gentleman of considerable ability and a thorough business man, and his nomination would be an exceedingly strong one, as he is not only favorably and well known west of the mountains, but is very popular and influential throughout our valleys, and if nominated would undoubtedly poll a large complimentary vote in addition to his party strength. At present as you are well aware, Mr. Long is the enterprising and successful merchant engaged in business at Spring Mills. I have heard of several gentlemen mentioned for treasurer by the Democracy, but nothing very definite, merely rumor; when the report assumes a more reliable shape of course I'll make a note of it.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rows, of Hollands, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had la grippe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

#### \$200.00 Given for Selling a New Book by Talmage.

In another part of our paper you will notice an advertisement of The R. H. Woodward Company, Baltimore, Md. They are making a most generous offer of \$200.00, and also other liberal inducements to anyone who will sell their new book "Gems of Religious Thought" by Talmage. This book has just recently been issued, but is having a great sale. Agents often sell from 10 to 15 copies a day.

They also advertise their book "Talks to Children about Jesus." This book has been out several years, and over 150,000 copies have been sold, and is one of the most popular books of its kind ever published. They give liberal inducements on this also, and their agents are making handsome profits in selling both of these books. Write them at once.

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