



TARIFF BILL DEAD

THE REPUBLICANS DARE NOT TOUCH THE QUESTION.

The House sounds the death knell on Free Silver.—A Congress Which Proposes to do as Little as Possible.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Reed tariff bill is apparently as dead as a last year's bird nest, and it was killed by Republican Senators at that. The scheme of the high tariff Republican Senators was to take up the free coinage substitute for the tariff bill, which was reported to the Senate from the Finance committee, vote that substitute down with the aid of anti-Silver Democrats, and then with the aid of Populists to pass the tariff bill without amendment. But it struck a snag in the shape of a Republican revolt as soon as the very first move to carry it out was made, and the revolt was led by the Chairman of the Republican National Committee—Carter, of Montana, who with three other silver Republican Senators voted against taking up the tariff bill. The high tariff Republicans are now engaged in trying to beg or bulldoze the revolting silver Republicans into coming back into line and carrying out the decree of the Republican caucus by voting to pass the Reed tariff bill without amendment, but there are no indications of their succeeding.

The vote in the House—215 to 90—against the free coinage substitute for the House bond bill makes it certain that whether the Senate passes the free coinage substitute or not, free coinage is as dead for this session as the Reed tariff bill, and that brings forward the question, what is this Congress going to do anyway? It looks now as though the Republicans would spend the time not devoted to passing the regular appropriation bills in making moves for or against the various presidential candidates, and that the final result of the session would be the appropriation bills.

It may be that Representative Howard, of Alabama, the author of the dirtiest book ever sold in Washington, was really ill when he was taken out of the House the other day, and not drunk as he was reported to be, but his reputation was already so bad that it really makes little difference. He has never been associated by any of his colleagues except the populists.

Representative Talbert, of S. C., who made a little "break" several weeks ago on the secession question, turned the tables very nicely on Representative Hardy, of Ind., who tried to goad him into saying something more about secession by abusing South Carolina. After Mr. Hardy had used up his stock of epithets, covering South Carolinians from John C. Calhoun to the present Congressional delegation, Mr. Talbert effectually squelched him by remarking that he was glad that Canada had been heard from—Hardy was born in Canada, and did not serve in the Union army. Later Mr. Talbert took occasion to say that he had noticed that those who had taken no part in the war were loudest in their proclamation of patriotism and their denunciations of those who had fought against the Union, and amid the laughter of the House he quoted the expression that "those who are invincible in time of peace are generally invisible in time of war."

Secretary Herbert gave the House Committee on Naval Affairs the benefit of the knowledge he has acquired during his long service on that committee and since he became Secretary of the Navy, at the last meeting of the committee. He stated without qualification that the United States can today beat the world in the building of warships so far as efficiency goes, although it has not quite distanced all countries in the race to lower the price of construction, but he believes it will in the near future. Already we are building warships cheaper than either France or Germany has been able to do, and almost as cheap as Great Britain does. Mr. Herbert told the committee that in addition to the specific recommendations in his annual report, he was in favor of any and all proper methods of strengthening our Navy.

While it is generally recognized that Senator Quay's candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination was announced solely for trading purposes, some of the friends of the other candidates are afraid of him. They know his ability as a political schemer and they are afraid that he may be able to sneak that nomination for himself. A Republican who has before given me correct information concerning moves made by Quay says of his latest: "Quay is trying to bring Reed to terms. He is for Reed and has so declared himself to Reed, but for once he found out that he committed himself too soon, for when he wished Reed to give him certain promises the Maine man utilized his Yankee cunning by

adroitly dodging. Then it was that Quay determined to become a candidate himself. With Pennsylvania's vote behind him he will compel Reed to voluntarily make him all and more promises than would have at first satisfied him, or he will make a dicker with some other candidate, and Tom Platt is in the same boat with Quay."

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The Grip.

That mysterious disease born in Russia and best known as the grip has appeared this winter about as generally as it was found the first winter it was known here. From every part of this country we hear of people who are down with it. In many instances the disease comes in a slightly changed form from that which was experienced. A distinguished physician asserts that a peculiar form of laryngitis, in its symptoms almost like whooping cough which is now prevalent, is nothing less than the grip in a new disguise. The effort is much the same as that caused by the disease which spread such havoc a few seasons ago. There seems to be little doubt that the same troublesome microbe is at the bottom of this latest disorder. A physician says that the only way to successfully classify the grip is to set it down as a form of influenza of which there are 37 known varieties.

Snap Shots of Local Interest.

Monday morning was a snorter, from 7 to 10 below zero.

Wm. From will not move from Rising Springs to Shamokin for the present.

Last week's sleighing played out under Saturday's mild sun.

Rev. Goodling held a very interesting Communion service in the United Evangelical church near Tusseyville, 57 partaking of the Lord's supper.

When he leaves here, Evangelist Ryland thinks he will put in his next work at Erie.

A spirited protracted meeting was held in the Zion Evangelical church continuing over a week.

Send in, or bring in, the local happenings of your neighborhood.

Merchant Crawford is arranging to have some trout fry shipped here this spring to be placed into different trout streams. Every lover of speckled beauties will thank Frank for his efforts in this direction.

Rev. Goodling, of the U. Ev. church began a protracted meeting in the M. E. church, of this place, on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Illingworth closed his protracted meeting at Sprucetown, on Tuesday evening, after a successful two week's labor for the redemption of souls.

Attorney Bower, of Bellefonte, still remains indisposed from stomach trouble.

Rev. Robt. Wolf, of Eureka, Ks., is still seriously ill of typhoid fever.

The large sale posters printed in the Reporter office are pronounced the finest in the county.

To Examine Teachers.

The committee on teachers' permanent certificates will hold the annual examination in the court house at Bellefonte, beginning Friday, March 20th.

State Notes.

While Alfred Bower, aged 35, was in the act of raising a glass filled with beer to his lips at Collier's hotel, Hamburg, on Saturday evening, he suddenly reeled and fell to the floor, expiring almost instantly of heart disease.

WEALTH IN PHOSPHATE ROCK.

Deposits in Juniata County May Prove a Bonanza.

The great beds of phosphate rock that are said to have been discovered at Reed's Gap, Juniata county, may prove a bonanza. The United States Geological Survey has received samples of phosphate rock recently found. Analyses show from 12 to 50 per cent. phosphoric acid. The highest is found in modules somewhat resembling the coprolitic forms found in South Carolina.

Professor Ihseng, of State College, has visited the locality and made over 150 analyses, with varying results. Much more prospecting will be done in the spring, and it is said that if the beds prove large it will be a matter of great importance to the fertilizer factories in Philadelphia and other places.

Raised a Point of Law.

A novel case came up before Alderman Walter Wadsworth, of Allegheny, on Monday. The proprietress of a boarding house sued one of her boarders for an attempt to avoid paying his board. Such an act is punishable by fine and imprisonment. The defendant pleads that all the time he boarded with the lady she failed to post in conspicuous places, and in the sleeping apartments of her boarders, the act of assembly governing the payment for board and lodging. In looking up the subject, the alderman has discovered that the defendant is right, and that the act makes her or any other hotel or boarding house keeper forfeit all right to payment for food and shelter, when they neglect posting the act where it can be seen. The alderman says this is the first time that point has been brought to the attention of the law in a boarding house case.

Will be Brought to Lock Haven.

District Attorney Hall, of Lock Haven, on Monday made application to Governor Hastings for requisition papers for Lena Flora Straw and Joseph Salviro, now under arrest in Cincinnati, Ohio. On December 14, 1895, Mrs. Straw left her husband at Lock Haven and eloped with Salviro. The woman took with her \$800 in cash, and two notes for \$100 and \$200 respectively. With this money she and Salviro opened a place of business in Cincinnati.

When first arrested Mrs. Straw said she would waive requisition papers, but when an officer from that city went for her she refused to accompany him back.

The New Woman.

We read much now-a-days of the "New Woman," but in reading items like the one below, the old woman may be the one to stick to after all:

"Michael Becare, of Bens Creek, a few days ago made an information before Alderman Lehman against Mrs. Elizabeth Kioez, of the same place, charging her with perjury. Becare alleged that he and the woman were at Ebsenburg and obtained a marriage license, the woman announcing her intention of marrying him. Afterward she refused to marry him, and instead became the wife of a man from Bennington, near Altoona."

Becare be-careful with the "new woman" hereafter.

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A Cowardly Bull Dog.

A farmer named Karns, residing a short distance from Altoona, was robbed Wednesday night. He kept a huge bull dog in his kitchen to guard the premises, but the burglars, who evidently were well acquainted, took the dog outside, tied him and then went through the house undisturbed, securing \$18.

Farmer Karns had best shoot his big bull-dog and send in here for Mike Condo's white dog.

Death of an Editor.

William Frysinger, formerly editor of the Lewistown True Democrat, died in Brownstown, Indiana, on Friday, after a short illness, in the 59th year of his age. He was editor of the Brownstown Banner, and a brother of Edward and George G. Frysinger, of Lewistown. He leaves a widow and three married daughters.

EVENTS 1779-84.

ANOTHER CHAPTER OF LOCAL HISTORY.

The First Iron Company—Return of the Inhabitants. The Country Abandoned in 1779.

Gen. Potter writes to President Reed: "Penn's Valley, May 19, 1779. "Capt. Carberry (of Hartley's regiment) left last Sabbath with ten of his horsemen, leaving his lieutenant and seven horsemen. He is gone to Buffalo valley. In a few days I expect the lieutenant to follow him. We will then be left in this valley with one lieutenant and fifteen men in three forts as a guard, and on the 4th of June their time will expire, and then most probably we in this valley will have to fly. There are no inhabitants but in Penn's valley, and they in forts."

The departure of Hartley's regiment from the West Branch valley to join Gen. Sullivan's expedition was followed by the temporary abandonment of the settlements in Penn's valley, in July, 1779, and Armagh township (then in Cumberland) became the frontier. Gen. Potter retired to his farm on Middle Creek (now in Snyder Co.). He was elected a member of the Supreme Executive Council in 1780, and in May, 1781, dates his letters from Middle Creek, and in 1781 and 1782 is upon the assessment list of Penn twp. (now in Snyder County). In September 1781, he marched a body of one hundred and seventy men on a tour about the frontiers. On the 14th of November, 1781, he was elected vice-president of the State, and served as such until November, 1782.

A letter from William Brown, Esq., shows the fact that Armagh township was still the frontier in April, 1782, and the assessment books of 1782 show there were no inhabitants taxed in Bald Eagle, Potter, Muncy, or White Deer townships in that year. Col. Hunter's letter of the 8th of April, 1782, showing that the inhabitants refused to return to the neighborhood of Muncy, though he endeavored to get them to do so.

As appears by George McCormick's testimony, the country was entirely abandoned in the hard winter of 1779-80 and spring of 1780, and its history is a blank until 1784.

July 26, 1784, Benjamin Davis, Maj. Lawrence Keene, and Joseph J. Wallis entered into an agreement to take up a large body of lands. The cost of the lands were to be defrayed by Benjamin Davis, the locating and surveying by Messrs. Keene and Wallis, Davis' interest to be one-half, and Keene's and Wallis' one-quarter each. Joseph J. Wallis was deputy surveyor. The agreement covered twenty-four tracts which had been applied for before, and warrants issued for July 1, 1784. The twenty-four tracts were surveyed, or at least returned as surveyed, the 22d to 29th of November, 1784. The leading warrant, Benjamin Davis, commenced at the S. E. white-oak corner of the George Gabriel warrant, in Benner township, where the line ran S. 30 E. 497 perches to a pine; thence the line of the warrants ran S. 35 E. to the Rock Iron-Works' land, Gen. Benner's; thence southwesterly 6 miles thro what is known as the Barrens, to near the Penn's Furnace Co.'s lands to a peak. . . . In a contest with Benner and others, Col. Miles failed to establish his title for the southern portions of these three warrants, and the Barnhill warrant seems to have been abandoned, as subsequent warrants of quite a late date have been laid there.

Gen. John Patton bought Joseph Wallis' interest as early as May 8, 1790, and subsequently Benjamin Davis' interest, and, in connection with Col. Samuel Miles, these tracts with other lands were held as appendant to Centre Furnace and the Milesburg Iron-Works.

Samuel Hunter, member of the Council of Censors, having died, Gen. James Potter was elected in his place, and took his seat July 7, 1784.

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Proposed Fish Laws.

The following abstract of the fish law prepared by the Pennsylvania fish protective associations, will form a special bill to be presented to the next legislature for consideration:

Fishing with nets in the inland waters and set lines is positively prohibited by the laws of the state. Penalty \$100, with forfeiture of nets, boat, &c.

Fish weirs, fish baskets and pyke nets are prohibited by the laws of the state. Penalty \$20 for first offense and \$100 for second offense.

The use of torpedoes, giant powder nitro glycerine dynamites, electricity, lime or any other poisonous explosive substance of any kind for catching or taking fish is strictly prohibited. Penalty \$50 and imprisonment.

The catching of black bass and wall-eyed pike under sixteen inches and trout and rock bass under five inches in length is prohibited in any of the waters of the state except the Delaware river, where it is illegal to take black bass or wall eyed pike under nine inches in length. Penalty ten dollars for each fish.

Trout fishing allowed only between April 15 and July 15, except in Pike county where the season is from May 1 to August 1. Penalty \$10 for each trout taken out of season.

Black bass fishing is allowed only between May 30 and January 1. Penalty ten dollars for each fish taken out of season. Rock bass, same close season as black bass.

Wall eyed perch (pike perch or Susquehanna salmon), same close season as black bass.

Fish wardens, constables or any officer of the state are authorized to arrest any person violating any of the fish laws. One half of the penalty goes to the informer.

A Very Neighboring Man.

There is a gentleman of Clinton county who is sort of an all round man. His name is Samuel Matter and he resides in Wayne township. When he desires to go to the election polls he travels nine miles to McElhattan. He sends his children to school in Crawford township; he goes to Lamar township for his water for family use, and goes to Greene township for his mail. Mr. Matter says that if he wants to kill game he must go to Clearfield county for deer; if he wants bear and coon he must go to the mountainous twenty miles northwest of Lock Haven, as he claims that Fred Brown, of Lock Haven, and John Q. Dice, of McElhattan, have killed all the coons but one, and that one John Q. now wants.

Struck by a Running Log.

A frightful accident occurred on the mountain opposite Loganton Tuesday. John Stamm, who was working along the slide of Douty Brothers' lumbering operations, was struck by a log and fatally injured. The mountain is very steep and the log, which jumped from the slide, struck Mr. Stamm in the side and knocked him a distance of thirty feet. He was picked up unconscious and was taken to the nearest house. Doctors Houtz and Goodman attended him. They have no hopes of his recovery. The injured man's wife was immediately sent for, as the physicians did not favor his removal to his home.

Judge Beaver Raising Funds.

Ex-Gov. Beaver is a member of the committee appointed by the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to raise \$1,000,000 as a fitting memorial of the 25th anniversary of the re-union of the two branches of the church. Half of the large sum has already been received in cash. One hundred thousand dollars more has been pledged, and a similar sum is in sight, making only \$300,000 more to be secured in the three remaining months.

A Perry County Sensation.

In the Perry county court on Monday night, Judge Lyons committed William A. Sponser, formerly president of the wrecked Perry County bank, to prison for contempt. Sponser was the committee for Ephriam Clouser, an insane veteran, and collected over \$3,000 of Clouser's money, for which he failed to account. Sponser was committed to prison until he would purge himself of the contempt.

The Dog Feels Ashamed.

Mike Condo assures us his white dog feels ashamed since the ferocious attack the animal made upon him last week. There are some two legged dogs who won't show as much conscience as that.

"Bacteria do not occur in the blood or in the tissues of a healthy living body, either of man or the lower animals." So says the celebrated Dr. Koch. Other doctors say that the best medicine to render the blood perfectly pure and healthy is Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

A SILENT WITNESS.

Ownership of a Strip of Land Settled by Marks on a Birch Tree.

An interesting case, made so by a peculiar witness, was before the board of property at Harrisburg last week, says the Centre Democrat. The land in controversy is a strip lying along Elk creek, in Miles township, Centre county. It embraces some sixty acres and is part of the John Smell tract, surveyed in 1788. For a number of years it has been in the ownership of Thomas and Reuben Stover. The claim was made by Nathan Hough that it was not included in their survey and therefore vacant and application was made by him to the department of internal affairs for a warrant to the land. He based his claim on the supposed fact that the line tree was not the birch tree long understood as the true tree, but that it was a hemlock tree standing further north, although surveys showed differently.

Among the witnesses was County Surveyor J. H. Reifsnyder, of Millheim, who had made a survey and brought with him the witness who was present at the notching by the surveyor. Squire Reifsnyder had cut a section from the tree and laid it before the board for examination. The section had in it the marks of the axe, which were very distinct, and showed by count of the rings that 108 years of growth had been added to the tree since it was notched, May 23, 1788. At the time of marking it was 2 1/2 inches in thickness, and it has now attained a growth of about two feet. The more than a century gave evidence that could not be gainsaid and the board decided that the land remained in the ownership of the Messrs. Stover.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Quay has a boom in Georgia, and we may add, a fishing smack in Florida and an unoccupied seat in the U. S. Senate.

Dupont, of Delaware, is to be seated in the Senate, right or wrong, as per the report of the Republican committee.

The Thermometer, at various points in the State registered as follows last Monday morning: Pittsburg 2 below zero; Wilkesbarre 10 to 12 below; Ashland 8 below; Scranton 17 below; Easton 11 below; Reading 0. Said to have been the coldest in 25 years with the exception of two days.

LINDEN HALL.

News of the past week Gathered by our Correspondent.

Mr. David Frantz attended services at Houserville on Sunday evening.

Quite a number of our young people attended the F. L. C. convention at Tusseyville on Saturday.

Miss Ida Wilson of this place spent Saturday and Sunday with friends at Lemont.

Our town was quite lively occasioned by the musical Convention which was held last week, in the Evangelical Church.

Mr. H. C. Gettig of Pitcairn formerly of this place was home to see his mother and many friends a few days of this week.

Miss Kate Weaver of Pleasant Gap was a pleasant guest at the home of Mrs. Wm. Gettig a few days of this week.

On last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClellan held a grand "Ball" to which they invited their many friends they danced until the "wee sma" hours appeared when they departed to their respective boarding places with tired feet and heavy heads.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with anything. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

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