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## CAPITOL NEWS

### THE PENSION APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED.

Began Work on the Tariff Bill Which they Will Attempt to Pass at the Extra Session of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—There is a great deal more in the announcement that the Republican members of the House Committee on Ways and Means have begun work on the tariff bill which they are to attempt to pass at the extra session of the next Congress to be held early in the spring, and that the Committee are to grant hearings to manufacturers at once than appears upon the surface. There are reasons to believe that this announcement was hurried up as a part of the plan to elect Republican Senators enough this winter to make a majority for that party. The Republican Steering Committee of the Senate succeeded in getting Mr. Hanna to undertake this job of electing Senators in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Dakota, and Washington, and everybody knows that the only lever Mr. Hanna relies upon for success is money. By giving the men who expect to get big profits through the "protection" of a Republican tariff bill hearings before the Committee they can be shown that they are to get what they want and thus be put into the humor to furnish what Mr. Hanna wants—more cash.

The same talk about a "moderate tariff" which is now being given to newspaper men was prevalent when work was begun on the McKinley bill. The result will be a bill that will probably be more radical than the McKinley bill was. It is true that many of the Republicans would really like to see the bill made moderate, but it is equally true that the men who made Republican success possible this year are determined that the duties shall be high. President Cleveland has gone to South Carolina on a fishing trip and Congressmen are jealously charging him with having run away to escape the ex-Queen of Hawaii, who is coming to Washington to present him with a bill of damages for failure to fulfill his promise, not of marriage, but of a restored throne.

The Populists in Congress are a little shy about expressing for publication any opinion about the rumpus between Senator Marion Butler and Tom Watson, but it is plain that some of them, especially those from the south, believe that Butler will have to do something to show his resentment or lose his influence with the Populists of that section. A Georgian, who is not a Populist, said about the recent phase of it: "There were fighting words in that signed article of Watson's and when I was a young man it would not have been a question of publishing a similar attack upon the other party. To have said that a man 'tells an untruth merely for the casual pleasure of having deceived' would have meant dueling pistols and an early morning meeting in the vicinity of Bladensburg in the good old days." There is no idea that Butler will do anything more than call Watson another.

If McKinley is half as wise as his admirers think him to be he will quickly let it be known among the Republican Senators that Proctor, of Vermont, is not to be the administration leader in the Senate of the next Congress, a position now assigned him by rumor. Senator Proctor is a nice enough man in his way, but he has not, either as a member of Harrison's Cabinet, or as a Senator, shown any of the qualities needed for successful leadership, and there is no reason to believe that he possesses them. There are already a number of Republican Senators who do not feel very cordial towards McKinley, and if he is not very careful, he will be in hot water almost as soon as he is in the White House.

The House made a fairly good showing for the first week of the session, having passed the Pension Appropriation Bill, a number of postal bills, a bill against the sale of liquor in the Capitol building, and a whole batch of private Pension bills. The Senators held only four sessions during the week, and it was very little to show for them. At one of these sessions some commotion was caused by a motion made by Senator Allen to take up the Dingley bill. The motion carried but the only result was the killing of a few minutes time, at the expiration of which the bill went back to the calendar under the rules.

Senator Teller has been quite a busy man since his arrival in Washington. One of the first men he had an extended conference with was Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and the subject of the conference was the future policy of the silver men in Congress. Both Senators declined to be interviewed on the subject and no public announcement is expected until after the conference

of silver leaders, shortly to be held, and it may not be deemed polite then to announce any formal programme.

### MILESBURG PRESBYTERIANS.

Their New Church Formally Dedicated Free of Debt.

After four years of worshipping in their new church, the Presbyterian congregation of Milesburg dedicated the same last Sunday, a form they were unable to go through with prior to this time owing to the debt remaining on the same. The debt having been paid off, with the exception of a small amount, which was easily raised that morning, brought about the happy culmination of the day's services. The services held were very impressive and interesting. They were begun with the singing of the doxology and an invocation, followed by the rendition of a voluntary by the choir. Reading of the scripture lesson and prayer followed by the pastor, after which the dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. John S. MacIntosh, D. D. L. L. D., of Philadelphia, Dr. MacIntosh chose for his text Romans, xiv: 1. "The Father's testimony; the children's trust."

Following the sermon pledges were made for the lifting of the debt on the edifice and after the prayer of dedication and the benediction the morning services were at an end. Dr. MacIntosh again preached a stirring sermon in the evening. In addition to the presence of Dr. MacIntosh there were present Dr. William Laurie, of Bellefonte; Rev. G. W. King, of the Milesburg Methodist Episcopal church, and the pastor, Rev. W. O. Wright.

### A Good Showing.

Messrs. James Strohm, Frank Adams, and George Goodhart, the present board of County Commissioners will retire from office next month which they have filled with credit for the last six years. Since they first entered upon their official duties the business in the commissioner's office has more than doubled itself, and became more complicated in character. Besides paying all bills when due and keeping the county clear of debt the commissioners have paid out \$30,117.00 for extraordinary expenses during their terms of office as follows:

For fitting up Prothonotary's, Commissioners' Register's and Recorder's vaults with new steel filling furniture, \$5850.00; new water closet at Court House, with drainage system extended to jail, \$700.00; new water closets and plumbing at jail, \$300.00; park at court house, \$1,500.00; erecting seven iron bridges entirely within county, \$8,067.00; seven iron bridges on county line, Centre county's share, \$7,600.00; damages and costs for condemned turnpikes, \$4,500.00. They have also recaptured the court room and jury rooms; repapered the offices and covered the floors with linoleum, put in new furniture and a new safe in sheriff's office.

### No More Presents for Teachers.

Saturday morning the public school directors of West Goshen township, Chester county, met and decided to put a stop to the custom of pupils clubbing together and purchasing presents for the teacher. They argue that the matter is one of taxation, in which the children cannot enter because of their circumstances, and this has caused trouble. Pupils may make individual gifts if they so desire, but those of the combination order must in the future be omitted.

That is a level headed board, and its example is worthy of imitation in Centre county, and it might as well be extended to cover individual gifts, for the sole reason that where the children of well-to-do families give presents to the teacher, the poorer ones think they should do likewise and put an expense upon parents who can't afford it—bouquet or other inexpensive testimonial excepted.

### His Conscience his Own Accuser.

George Erb, aged 34, a stone mason, who formerly lived at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, called at Harrisburg police headquarters a few days ago and confessed his participation in a murder at Fort Smith, Ark., last March. He and a woman, named Ella Hicks gave Edward Nutter, weighmaster, knockout drops for the purpose of robbing him and he subsequently died. Erb said he could not keep the secret longer, his conscience tormented him day and night. He is in jail.

A fine gold pen in a beautiful holder, put up in a fine plush case, from \$1.75 to \$3.00. Just the thing for Christmas; at Bushman's Jewelry Store, Centre Hall, Pa.

Fine Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Dried Beef, large new Mackerel, Salt, coarse or fine, 14 lb., 28 lb., 50 lb., 140 lb., bags and 280 lb. bbl. —Sechler & Co., Bellefonte.

### TOURS TO CALIFORNIA.

Three Tours Arranged for the Season of 1897 by the P. R. R.

California has been most fittingly termed the "Italy of America." All the delicious balm, the cloudless sky, and the rich verdure of the great European peninsula are duplicated in this sunny land of the Pacific. Here nature basks in the sunshine of her own beauty; and here she has established her own sanitarium, where eternal spring inspires everlasting youth. With the snow mantled peaks of the Sierras upon the one hand, the calm Pacific with its soft breezes upon the other, and a veritable paradise of flowers, fruits, and plants between, man can find and needs no lovelier land. To visit such a country is a privilege, a blessing.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, recognizing the need of a more comfortable and pleasant way of crossing the continent, inaugurated a series of annual tours to California, running a through train of Pullman palace cars from New York to the Pacific Coast, and stopping at the principal points of interest en route. The great popularity of these tours demonstrates the wisdom of the movement.

For the season of 1897 three tours have been arranged to leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, January 27, February 24, and March 27.

The first tour will run direct to San Diego via St. Louis and the Santa Fe Route, and return from San Francisco via Salt Lake City, Denver, and Chicago, allowing five weeks in California.

The second tour will run via the Mammoth Cave and New Orleans to San Diego, stopping at the "Crescent City" during the Mardi Gras Carnival. This tour will return via Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha, and Chicago, allowing four weeks in California.

The third tour will run via Chicago, Denver, and Salt Lake City, allowing passengers to return by regular trains via different routes within nine months.

All of these tours, either going or returning, will pass through the famous Colorado region, Glenwood Springs, Leadville, and the garden of the Gods.

Rates from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad system east of Pittsburgh: First tour, \$310; second tour, \$350; third tour, \$210 round trip, and \$150 one way.

For detailed itineraries and other information, apply at ticket agencies, special booking offices, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

### County News Clipped.

The Central R.R. is now completed to Pinegrove.

H. E. Weaver, of near Penn Hall, is the proud pa of twins.

Next re-union of the Mattern family at Warriorsmark, June 10.

Christian Endeavor sociable evening of 31 Dec., in Lucas hall, Howard.

Kate Osmer died at the home of Nathaniel Krape, Buffalo Run, last week from stomach trouble.

A big family gathering honored the venerable John Hamilton, now aged 93, at his home in Bellefonte.

Pinegrove trots out these big porkers: John Musser two of 468 and 448. James Decker one of 444. Sam. Martz 433.

The Centre Democrat prints photographs of its Normal scholarship prize winners, Miss Mary Twintyner, of Pleasant Gap, and Wm. B. Rerick, of Benner twp., both good looking.

### Directors Go to Jail.

Here is another warning for county, borough and township officers:

James Kenna, J. C. Clemens, Mich. Conroy, Mich. Whalen, Michael Brennan, the Blythe township, Schuylkill county, school directors who were found guilty of defrauding the district, were sentenced by Judge Bechtel to one year imprisonment, to pay a fine of \$100, the costs and to restore the property.

It is a violation of law for any officer to be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract, work, material, hauling, etc., etc., which comes under the jurisdiction of his office, and auditors are equally guilty for passing such accounts.

### Important Real Estate Sale.

In another column will be found a large batch of real estate advertised at public sale by attorney C. P. Hewes, trustee for the estate of George Grossman, dec'd.

We have the finest assortment of canned goods, evaporated fruits and fine groceries ever offered to the trade in Bellefonte. Goods in this line are fine in quality and very reasonable in price.—Sechler & Co.

## WEDDING BELLS

### SEVERAL CEREMONIES PERFORMED THE LAST WEEK.

Perry Luse and Miss Esta Spade the Contracting Couple.—John Luse and Miss Eva Carter.—Big Wedding Today.

Last Monday evening there was a small gathering of friends and relatives at the home of Mr. J. J. Zabler, a short distance west of the toll gate this side of Spring Mills. The people had assembled to witness the marriage of Perry H. Luse, one of Centre Hall's steady and rising young men, and Miss Esta G. Spayd, of Bellefonte, Ohio.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Rerick, of Centre Hall, and after congratulations had been showered upon the happy couple, the guests sat down to an elaborate supper that had been prepared for them by Mrs. Zabler, and the guests had little trouble in spending the evening as they desired.

Perry and his bride took a short trip and will finally settle down in Centre Hall. His bride came in from Ohio, where she has her home, several weeks ago, and has been the guest at the home of her cousin, Mr. Zabler.

### Married at Tusseyville.

Last Monday evening John M. Luse of this place, was married to Miss Eva D. Carter, of Coburn, at the home of Mr. John Strunk, at Tusseyville. Rev. Goodling performed the ceremony, and a number of guests were present to witness the wedding. The bride received a number of useful and ornamental presents. Mrs. Strunk, the aunt of the bride, had an elegant repast prepared for the occasion, of which the guests did not hesitate to heartily partake. John is one of our best young men in town and the Reporter joins with the rest in extending him congratulations. He will bring his bride here, and make Centre Hall their home.

### Wedding Today.

Today at noon, Charley L. Grimm, the popular young man of Madisonburg, will be wedded to Miss Minnie J. Coates, of Tyrone. The ceremony will take place at the fine new home of John Shook, at Spring Mills, and a great many people will be in attendance.

### Married at the Parsonage.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Roland Zettle and Miss Cora Condo, both of Georges valley, were united in marriage by Rev. Rerick, at the Lutheran parsonage.

### The Grangers for Free Trade.

The State Grange which met at Altoona, last week, shows by the report of the finance committee a balance of \$9,000 in the hands of the grange treasurer. The legislative committee is of the opinion that tariffs are no longer beneficial to the farmer and demand that Pennsylvania farmers be given the privilege to compete with their products in the world's markets.

The election of officers resulted as follows: State Master, Leon'd Rhone, of Centre county; State secretary, J. T. Allman, of Juniata county; State lecturer, W. F. Hill, of Crawford county; State overseer, J. C. McClure, of Westmoreland county.

### The Trocha.

The trocha, read of in Cuban news, is a military highway; first is a three feet high barbed wire fence, behind which are sentinal posts. Then there is a small canal with three feet of water; then the military highway; beyond, along the trocha, are barracks and fortified stations, all making the trocha a dangerous line to pass. The pronunciation is "trotch-a," accent on first syllable. The is as brief as we can put it for the Reporter reader.

### Straightening the Walks.

The council is moving those walks along Main street which have been out of line and there is now almost a straight line out to the station.

### Accepted a Call.

Rev. S. M. Davis, over a year ago pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of this place, has accepted a call from the church in Hastings, Minn.

Don't be persuaded into buying liniments without reputation or merit—Chamberlain's Pain Balm costs no more, and its merits have been proven by a test of many years. Such letters as the following, from L. G. Bagley, Hueneme, Cal., are constantly being received: "The Best remedy for pain I have ever used is Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and I say so after having used it in my family for several years." It cures rheumatism, lame back, sprains and swellings. For sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and William Pealer, Spring Mills.

### MACEO DECEYED INTO A TRAP.

Cuban Leader and His Staff Shot Down in Cold Blood.

J. A. Juau, agent for the Cuban junta at Jacksonville, has received a letter from a friend in Cuba confirming the report of Maceo's death and giving particulars. Maceo died by the treachery of the Spaniards and his own staff surgeon, Dr. Zertucha betrayed him. The letter to Juau says that Dec. 4 Maceo received a request from Marquis Ahumada, acting captain general of Cuba, for a conference with a view to ending the war.

Suspecting nothing, Maceo, with his staff of thirty-four, repaired to the appointed place. On his arrival the Spanish soldiers there acting under orders, actually saluted the rebel chieftain as he passed and after reaching the rendezvous, the Cuban leader was surprised to see, instead of the Marquis of Ahumada, a large body of Spanish soldiers, who seemed to come from every side. The actions of the Spanish troops were so suspicious that Maceo felt that they had him cruelly trapped and his suspicions were confirmed when a peremptory order came from a splendidly mounted officer to surrender.

"Never," was the reply, and hardly had the word been uttered when volley after volley was poured into the little band of patriots who, although hemmed in on all sides and outnumbered almost one hundred to one, stuck spurs to their horses, and with cries of "Cuba Libre" rode gallantly to their death. Maceo is reported to have fallen at the first fire with a bullet through his head, breaking his jaw. Another hit him in the abdomen. Both were fatal. Gomez was the next to fall, and in a few moments a number of bloody corpses, shot almost beyond recognition, were all that remained of the gallant Cubans who trusted to Spanish honor. The reason that his body was not recovered is because the Spaniards hacked it to bits.

It is regarded very singular that Maceo's physician, Maximo Zertucha, was allowed to surrender. Instead of putting him in chains and rushing him off to a dungeon, he is treated with distinction, is paraded before newspaper correspondents and has that freedom of speech which is a novelty in Cuba. Zertucha, it is said, was once suspected of complicity in a plot to murder Gomez, but was saved from court martial only by the intervention of the commander himself. He was formerly a surgeon in the Spanish army.

### New Version of Maceo's Death.

The Spanish legation at Washington, furnishes a cablegram from Madrid, which says Maceo's death took place in loyal fight at Punta Brava and was caused by our soldiers' bullets. This is evidently proved by the letter written by the son of Gomez in which he states that he killed himself in order not to abandon the body of his general.

### REDUCED RATES.

To Washington on Account of the Inauguration via P. R. R.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates: From New York, \$8.00; Philadelphia, \$5.40; Baltimore, \$1.60; Harrisburg, \$5.06; Williamsport, \$8.79; Buffalo, \$11.20; Rochester, \$10.48; Altoona and Pittsburg, \$10.00; and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country. The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania Railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions.

### Lutheran Services by Rev. Rerick.

Sunday, Dec. 20, at Centre Hall, at 10 a. m.; at St. John's at 2 p. m.; at Georges Valley at 7 p. m.

### One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

The Philadelphia Branch leads in common sense clothing at common sense prices—hard time prices. They look for only a fair profit there. In many of the goods they sell they don't get any.

### Home Hash.

We can sing the hymn, "And December as pleasant as May."

When the musical conventions set in, look out for sleighing. So hurry up the music.

What mild symptoms of diphtheria showed up in this section last week, passed over without any serious results.

In a number of towns councils have adopted curfew ordinances, which forbid children running on the street after night. Our town needs such an ordinance.

If the next legislature does not pass a law to prevent the killing of deer for the next three or five years, and thereafter only in alternate years, the noble animal will become extinct for it is close to it now.

### OAK HALL.

What Our Correspondent from Up the Valley Has to Say.

Butchering is about over at this place.

Samuel Zettle, of near Shilo, Sundayed at E. B. Peters.

Mr. D. Korman and wife spent Sunday at Shannon McCormick's, near Pine Hall.

Jared Kreamer and wife, of Centre Hall, dined at D. Korman's on Monday.

Miss Bessie Searson, of Linden Hall was the guest of Miss Anna Dale on Sunday.

Austin Dale, of this place made a trip to Altoona last week.

Mrs. Irvin left on Tuesday for Hollidaysburg, where she expects to spend part of the winter with her daughters.

A birthday party was given on Saturday evening at William Sellers, for Miss Cora, by some of the young people of this place.

The little daughter of Wm. Smith-gaul and infant daughter of I. Korman are both on the sick list.

E. B. Peters and Edward Sellers made a trip to Bellefonte Tuesday.

### Late News.

Philadelphia and that section of the country had six inches of snow and a big blizzard from Tuesday night to Wednesday night. Up this way we had only cold and high winds.

Congressman Kulp, of Shamokin, is seriously ill of pneumonia.

In many cities all over the country men are enlisting to help the brave Cubans to free themselves from the Spanish yoke.

The state bankers held a convention in Pittsburgh this week. If they could devise a plan to prevent bank cashiers speculating with depositors' funds and robbing them, all the people will say Amen.

Silver Republican Teller, in the Senate, on Wednesday, made the declaration that he was not certain that his candidate for President, Bryan, had been defeated; he thinks McKinley's election was bought—and right Teller tells it.

The Republicans will have to let this session of congress end without passing the Dingley tariff bill, because they can't agree.

### Vacation Next Week.

The schools will close next week for the holiday vacation. The teachers will attend institute. Only one week will be given the scholars, but later the directors decided to give another week.

### How to Prevent Pneumonia.

At this time of the year a cold is very easily contracted, and if left to run its course without the aid of some reliable cough medicine is liable to result in that dread disease, pneumonia. We know of no better remedy, to cure a cough or cold than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it quite extensively and it has always given entire satisfaction.—Olagab, Ind. Ter. Chief.

This is the only remedy that is known to be a certain preventive of pneumonia. Among the many thousands who have used it for colds and la grippe, we have never yet heard of a single case having resulted in pneumonia. Persons who have weak lungs or have reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, should keep the remedy at hand. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.

—One-half dozen Roger Bro's silver fruit knives, in case, \$2.25, would make a nice Christmas present for mother; at G. W. Bushman's.

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