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## MCKINLEY AND HIS CABINET.

### AN EFFORT TO FORCE SHERMAN OUT OF THE SENATE.

The "Advance Agent of Prosperity" Securing Material to Fill His Portfolio.—Hanna Wants to be a Senator.

The last plays in the little game arranged by McKinley and Hanna to freeze John Sherman out of the Senate and out of Ohio politics by compelling him to become a member of McKinley's Cabinet will be made this week at Canton, whither Sherman has been summoned. It is believed in Washington that McKinley and Hanna hold all the trumps and that Sherman will bow to the inevitable and go into the cabinet, although he makes no secret of preferring to remain in the Senate, because he would rather do that than to retire to private life at the end of his term in the Senate. Should he enter the cabinet, Hanna will succeed him in the Senate, by gubernatorial appointment, and be a candidate for a full term at the expiration of this one, if the Republicans retain control of the Ohio legislature. The attempts to put the McKinley collar upon other Senators have been dismal failures. Allison and Aldrich have both refused the Treasury portfolio, which had first been refused by Representative Dingley. It is difficult to get men of self respect who are willing to blindly pledge themselves to support McKinley for the reelection in return for a Cabinet portfolio.

It seems that a blackguard speech has to be made at every session of Congress. Representative Johnson, of Cal., who was working with the Huntington lobby for the Pacific Railroad Funding bill, which was disposed of by the House today after four days of discussion, is entitled to the belt for having made one of the dirtiest and most indecent personal attacks ever made on the floor of the House—the speech was so dirty that no newspaper would print it at all. The man attacked was Wm. R. Hearst, who has fought the bill in his New York and San Francisco newspapers and who, Johnson thinks, was instrumental in getting him defeated when he was a candidate for reelection last November.

A Senator who is a close friend of Justice Field of the Supreme Court, said of the revival of the rumor that Justice Field, who has long been eligible for retirement, would retire on the promise of President Cleveland to nominate Secretary Carlisle to the vacancy: "There isn't a word of truth in the story. Justice Field has said that he would not give Mr. Cleveland an opportunity to name his successor, and the old gentleman has a long and unbroken record for living up to his word. But even if he should retire or there should be another vacancy in the Court, it would not be filled by Secretary Carlisle; he might be nominated by the President, but there would be no possibility of the nomination being confirmed by the Senate."

Senator Jones, of Ark., has gone home to be present at the election of his successor by the Arkansas legislature. As he has no opposition, there isn't the slightest doubt of his being his own successor, and the Democrats of Arkansas will make no mistake in sending Senator Jones back, as no man in the Senate has more rapidly come to the front in power and influence than he has since he became prominent in the Wilson tariff bill fight in the Senate. The work he did in the last campaign as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee is known to all.

Whether the speech of Senator Mills today, on his resolution declaring that the expediency of recognizing the independence of a foreign state belongs to Congress, and that the President shall act in harmony with Congress; and further declaring that the independence of Cuba ought to be and is hereby recognized, and appropriating \$10,000 for the salary and expenses of a Minister to Cuba, will open the flood gates of Cuban oratory remains to be seen. It was plain and to the point. Mr. Mills thinks the matter should not be longer postponed, and a short time ago a majority of the Senate thought with him, but influences have been at work, which, if they have not changed opinions, have at least brought about an apparent willingness to leave the whole business for the next Congress and administration to deal with. Representative Money, of Miss., has returned from his investigating trip to Cuba, but says he isn't ready yet to talk for publication of what he found out, or at least of all he found out.

The House passed the Loud bill and it is now in the hands of the Senate Committee, with chances of action in doubt.

—Lewins, Bellefonte, can give you an up-to-date equipment of clothing for less money than any other store in the county. Try him and see.

the tardiness of Speaker Reed in filling the two Democratic vacancies on the Ways and Means Committee. They would unquestionably have been filled before the tariff hearings, but although the hearings are now over, they are still unfilled. It looks like a bit of pure cussedness on Reed's part. The places are merely honorary now, as the Democratic members will not be allowed to have any hand in making the tariff bill.

### Last Year's Peculations.

The record of embezzlements, defalcations, forgeries and bank wrecks the past year is one of these remarkable compilations.

The peculations comprised in these several forms of dishonesty amounted to \$9,465,921, an average of about \$788,826 per month. The losses inflicted in this way upon the confidence of the public were not as great as they were in 1895, and fall far below the figures of 1894—\$25,234,112—when these forms of rascality wrought most destructively in the history of the country. The nearest approach to the record of 1894 was that of 1884, when the people were victimized to the extent of \$22,154,000.

The record by States shows that New York occupies first place, with New Hampshire second, and Pennsylvania a close third. The losses are distributed as follows: Stolen from banks, \$3,996,570; by city and county officials, \$1,393,975; by agents, \$1,045,000; by forgeries, \$341,500; from loan associations, \$479,587; miscellaneous stealings, \$2,200,000. Some may believe the above an exaggeration, but take one year in Centre county alone, only a few years back, when we had the hay-fork-note swindles to upwards of \$5000, with other swindles upon farmers for another \$5000; besides these a leading Bellefonte banker informed us that the notes in the bohemian oats swindle to his positive knowledge ran up to \$30,000!

No doubt there are many peculations which are not reported, being compromised for various reasons. The figures given are for those which became known to the press.

### The Arbitration Treaty.

Strong practical sense has marked throughout the negotiation for a treaty of arbitration, signed on Monday last in Washington City, by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Secretary of State Olney. Wisdom is displayed in trying to avoid all visionary or excessively different aims. The instrument is limited in operative force to five years; it excludes all controversies involving the honor and dignity of either signatory power, all contentions as to territorial claims, fisheries, navigation and all matters exceeding one million pounds sterling in money claims. The treaty sets up provisions for arbitration, committing this to men of the highest legal standing in both countries, whose action in itself will carry to public opinion acceptance as to their findings. In case of failure to agree the umpire is to be selected by the King of Sweden. In one set of questions, the failure of obtaining a majority of five to one in the tribunal of arbitration shall not, of itself, justify recourse to hostile measures, but the occasion of mediation of one or more friendly powers, invited for this purpose.

It is so formulated as to make war a remote possibility between the contracting parties, but it also precludes those fears and rumors of war, which of themselves too often assume the proportions of a national disaster.

### Pay no more Bounties.

The county commissioners of Delaware county have decided to pay no more bounties on foxes, weasels, hawks etc. The reason for this action is because the supreme court has recently decided that the law on this subject is not valid, excepting those statutes which provide for the payment of bounties upon the heads of wolves and wild cats. This information was furnished the commissioners by Dr. B. H. Warren, state economic zoologist, who kept posted upon all such matters.

### For Sale.

The Harpster property now occupied by D. J. Meyer, will be offered at private sale. It is desirably located, and has good dwelling house, stable, and other necessary outbuildings, along with a large building now occupied by A. J. Reesman's stove and tin store. The property will be offered at a bargain. Address

JOHN S. HARPSTER,  
123 Stephenson St., Freeport, Ill.

### Rev. Beasick's Appointments.

Sunday, Jan. 17, at Centre Hall, at 10 a. m.; at St. Johns at 7 p. m.; at Georgia Valley at 2 p. m.

## CALIFORNIA.

### Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

At 8:13 a. m. Wednesday, January 27, a special train of Pullman composite, dining, sleeping, compartment, and observation cars will leave the handsome Jersey City Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, bound for San Diego California, and conveying the first of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's personally-conducted tours to the Pacific Coast.

This train will be the finest that ever crossed the continent, and the tour it carries one of the most elaborate and complete ever conceived for trans-continental and pleasure travel. In charge of an affable and experienced tourist agent, assisted by a highly accomplished chaperon, this party, without fear of missing train connections, and without any of those petty annoyances incident to individual traveling, crosses the American continent with as much comfort and ease as it would spend a week at the Waldorf, stopping too, at St. Louis, Kansas City, Las Vegas Hot Springs, and Santa Fe, and visiting their principal points of interest. A bath room, barber shop, and an upright piano will be found on the train, and every other convenience and luxury of a first-class hotel.

The great object of this tour is to escape the insalubrious climate of the East and to sojourn for a time amid the transcendent beauties of California, breathe its invigorating air and bask beneath its matchless sky. A grander attraction could not be offered nor a more perfect method of reaching it.

Five weeks will be allowed in this "Paradise of the Pacific," during which tourists will visit Los Angeles, Pasadena, "Ye Alpine Tavern," Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Mt. Hamilton, and the garden spot of the earth, Del Monte.

Returning, tourists will stop at Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Denver, and Chicago. Two days will be spent visiting the famous and sublime freaks of nature in the Manitou region.

Tickets for this tour, including railroad transportation, Pullman accommodations (one double berth), meals en route, carriage drives, and hotel accommodations going and returning, and transportation in California, will be sold at rate of \$310.00 from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburgh.

Apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, at 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

### Opposed to Tobacco.

There is great consternation among the male portion of Centre county teachers. When the county directors met in annual convention during the teachers' institute, they passed resolutions denouncing the use of tobacco in any form whatever by teachers, and endorsed the law prohibiting the use of the same. Furthering their good work, they demanded that in the future the county superintendent enter on every certificate granted whether or not the holder is a user of tobacco in any form. The directors are now, in almost every precinct of the county, quietly investigating to find out how many of the teachers use tobacco, with a view of demanding that they either quit its use or resign from teaching. As a good many of the male teachers either chew or smoke when not engaged in teaching, there is every promise of considerable reform along the whole line of teachers, or a great number of dismissals.

### MCKINLEY'S CABINET TROUBLES.

McKinley has trouble to get a cabinet; Sherman and a number of others have refused half dozen times. A late guess gives the following as part: Sec'y of State, John Sherman, Ohio. Sec'y Navy, Cor. N. Bliss, N. Y. Sec'y War, Gen. Alger, Mich. Sec'y Agriculture, J. A. Wilson, Io.

### Tis Venus.

The brilliant star seen in the western heavens in the early part of the evening is Venus. A story has been going the rounds that it is an electric light sent up several miles by a Pittsburgh firm, and the fake tale deceived a great many people.

### A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes London Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, and Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills.

## THE JANUARY TRIAL LIST.

### A BIG GRIST TO BE GRIND BY THE COURT.

The Civil List is Larger than Usual.—Other Local Matters Concerning the Near Neighborhood.

January court, commencing Monday January 25, 1897.

### FIRST WEEK.

Use of Joseph Ketner vs. Jno. Stoner, Samuel Granley, exr., vs. Jacob B. Hazel.

J. Connel & Co. vs. Celia Ratowsky, Funk & Emertine vs. Celia Ratowsky.

Reitzmeyer & Zelenke vs. Celia Ratowsky.

J. Kohen vs. Celia Ratowsky.

Henrietta Kline vs. O. P. Boggs twp.

E. L. Orvis, exr. vs. A. Brockerhoff, adm'r.

Use of Thos. Meyer vs. Margaret F. Alexander et al.

Centre County Banking Co. vs. H. M. Meek et al.

W. H. Williams, et al. adm'r vs. James Mattern, et al.

### SECOND WEEK.

Frick Co. vs. Joseph Carson.

Michael Canavan vs. O. L. Schoonover.

David Rothrock, adm'r vs. Henry Rothrock, et al.

James Auman vs. C. B. R. of Pa.

Ellis L. Orvis, exr. vs. A. Brockerhoff, adm'r.

Thompson & Schuldt vs. Wm. Oswalds.

Montgomery & Co. vs. R. C. Irvin, et al.

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M. Nicholas vs. McClain & Co.

John A. Mann vs. Geo. Deitz, et al.

Wm. Mann, Sr. vs. Geo. Deitz, et al.

Witchey & Griffith vs. Wm. Parker.

John M. Long vs. Wm. L. Leathers; ex.

Rose S. Lyon vs. Gustave Lyon.

Rose S. Lyon vs. Gustave Lyon, et al.

S. A. Shumaker vs. D. M. Butts, et al.

Mary M. Frank vs. Howard boro.

C. L. Beck vs. Dr. J. A. Bright.

Francis M. Atherton, use of vs. M. F. Alexander, et al.

C. Seutman et al. vs. Rebecca Parker et al.

J. P. Sebring, vs. F. G. Ingram.

Mattie E. Garland vs. Amos Garland.

Geo. R. Boak vs. Geo. Bowes, et al.

J. H. Reifsnyder vs. Hannah Reed.

John A. Hunter vs. John I. Thompson, et al.

O. Williams, adm'r, vs. Terrance McAlarney's exr's.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been granted the past week:

Albert E. Bartges, Millheim, and Chestie Tibbens, Penn Cave.

L. A. Miller, and Edith A. Muma, Rubersburg.

John A. Heckman, and Elizabeth Belle Boal, Potter twp.

James Peters, Oak Hall, and E. Olive Houser, Lemont.

Wm. T. Moore, Millin Co., and Ella Crozier, Centre Hall.

James P. Wioh, Bellefonte, and Antoinette Briggs, Youngstown, O.

### Election Data.

Election, February 16, 1897.

January 23, 1897—Last day for filing nomination papers, county or city, with the county commissioners, 21 days before the election.

January 29, 1897—Last day for filing certificates of nomination for township and borough offices with the county commissioners 18 days before the election.

February 1, 1897—Last day for filing nomination papers for township and borough offices with the county commissioners, 15 days before the election.

Time for filing objections—Feb. 4. In the case of certificates and papers designed for borough and township officers at least 12 days before the days of election.

When candidates may withdraw: February 4, 1897—For township and borough officers, 12 days before the election.

February 5, 1897—The county commissioners shall send to the sheriff an official list containing the names and party or political affiliations of all candidates, at least 19 days before the election.

### Another Monument to Curtin.

The executive and monument committees of the Grand Army of the Republic Association of Pennsylvania, met on Tuesday in the G. A. R. rooms at Harrisburg, to receive petitions sent out for G. A. R. signatures and complete them for presentation to the legislature. The petitions are for the erection of a monument to the late Governor Curtin on the site of old Camp Curtin at Harrisburg.

## NEW RULING ON PENSIONS.

### A Decision that Will Interest Many Children of Soldiers.

An important pension decision has been rendered by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds, in the case of Eva E. Cobb, of Washington, Pa. Until the age of 16 Miss Cobb drew a pension as minor child of Edmund Cobb, deceased, late of Co. C, 203d Regt. Pa. Vol. Then her name was dropped from the roll under the provision of the general law. Her guardian applied for a restoration on the ground that being subject to epileptic fits she was permanently helpless and incapacitated for earning a living by manual labor. The pension bureau denied the application and nothing was done in the matter until 1894, fifteen years after Miss Cobb was dropped from the roll. Then a second application was made, which was also rejected. This year Congressman Acheson brought the case before the board of final review, where it was again rejected, and the pension commissioner, on appeal, affirmed the decision. Another appeal was taken to the secretary of the interior, and Assistant Secretary Reynolds has reversed all former rulings and ordered Miss Cobb's name placed on the roll at \$10 per month from July, 1894. The decision is regarded as a very important one, bringing an entirely new class of cases within the provisions of the pension laws.

## BRIEF POLITICAL NOTES.

In Philadelphia after a hot fight the anti-Harriet Democrats carried a majority of the delegates.

The Republican fight in Philadelphia for city officers resulted in favor of the Dave Martin, or anti-Quay, faction.

The latest seems to be that Sherman may no longer refuse to go into McKinley's cabinet.

McKinley's cabinet trouble comes from Hanna's wanting to boss all. If Sherman goes into the cabinet it is reported Hanna will get his seat in the senate.

Democrats of Centre, in making choice of local officers look to the good of the party—trading has done great harm as all can now see. No true Democrat will engage in trading.

The oleo bill was defeated in the lower house of congress on Tuesday.

The Dem. Co. Chairman, Hugh Taylor, has completed his list of district chairmen. The work of these is to look after the welfare of the party in their respective districts and aid the Co. Chairman in his efforts to build up the organization.

## Two Weeks in Florida.

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with old ocean's waves when lakes and rivers at home are all icebound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of good skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting or fishing will take his accommodations along with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the North for the delightful and Spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally-conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad which leaves New York by special train January 23. Excursion tickets for this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, \$48.00; Canandaigua, \$52.85; Erie, \$54.85; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburgh, \$53.00, and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, tourist agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

## It Likes the Calendar.

The figure 9 dropped into the calendar January 1889, and will stay there 111 years from that date, or until Dec. 31, 1999. No other figure has had such a consecutive run, and the 9 itself has only once before been in the race which lasted over a century in which it continuously figures.

## Local Primaries.

Chairman Taylor has given notice to the boro, township and precinct committees to hold Democratic primaries on Jan. 23, to make nominations for local offices.

## Local Jottings.

Little ice and thin snows so far. Bring your sale bills to the Reporter office for a good job.

See adv. of small farm for rent by Henry Emerick.

Hastings, Quay and Penrose are going to Florida.

Bring your sale bills and other job work to the Reporter office.

Cameron's Cuban recognition resolution is surely dead in the senate.

Some of the by-roads were very bad last week, caused by freeze and thaw.

Gregg township was largely represented at Monday's insurance election.

The late deputy sheriff Cal. Weaver has moved to his former home at Aaronsburg.

John Slack, an old and esteemed citizen of Potter, is moving on a farm near Bellefonte.

A general arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States was signed a few days ago.

Jas. C. Smith, of Millheim, has taken his daughter, Minerva, to Philadelphia for medical treatment.

The house and lot of the Sam. Harpster estate in the central part of this place is adv. for sale in another column.

The venerable Samuel Kreamer, of Woodward, now aged 84 years, a short time ago left on a visit to Illinois.

The only prominent thing brot before the legislature so far is a bill to create more new offices with big salaries.

Our townsman and ex-landlord Bartges will occupy his newly purchased (Durst) farm at Earlstown, the coming spring.

Mrs. Sarah Treshler, of Glenn Iron, writes she can't do without the Reporter hence pays it ahead into '98—that is worthy of imitation.

Colds and Grip.—Are so similar that the skilled physician is oftentimes baffled. Dr. Humphreys' "77" cures both Colds and Grip—25c.

Sheriff Cronister has given himself a very competent deputy in the appointment of Harry Jackson, a pleasant and sterling young Democrat.

Cyrus Brungart, of Millheim, during the late freeze, lost a valuable horse, it having escaped from the stable, slipped on the ice, breaking a leg.

A number of lady policy holders voted at Monday's insurance election. This is commendable and shows that ladies can set an example that men might follow.

Weather reports for to-day say storm coming from the south-west to the north-east; and rain for this afternoon; raining in the central section this morning.

Postmaster Lander, of Newberry, on Saturday shot councilman Foresman with intent to kill. Lander's post-office affairs were in bad shape and Foresman was one of his bondsmen.

Our town on Monday showed a larger crowd present at the fire insurance election than at a general election and all from the better class of citizens; let them always manifest this interest in their home company—the more they see and learn of the workings of their company the better they will be pleased with it. Many left with more favorable impressions of the company than ever.

## Wedding.

On last Sunday evening Albert E. Bartges, of Millheim, and Miss Chestie Tibbens, of Penn Cave, were united in marriage by Rev. Eisenberg, at the Reformed parsonage. The bride is one of the estimable daughters of Mrs. Michael Tibbens, and Mr. Bartges has certainly made no mistake in the choice of a helpmeet to dispel the loneliness of his bachelor life on a farm. We wish them bon voyage through life.

## Evening Service.

On next Wednesday evening Rev. Eisenberg will begin service in the Union church at Farmers' Mills. He will be assisted by Rev. A. A. Black, of Boalsburg. Service begins at 7.30 o'clock.

## Two Eclipses This Season.

Two eclipses of the sun are scheduled for the year 1897. The first one will take place, the astronomers say, Feb. 1. It is what is known as an annular, or ring, eclipse, which means that the moon will pass across its centre in such a way that if an observer were in a favorable position he would see a large black spot in the face of the chief luminary, with a wide ring of light about it. The eclipse will be visible to North America, south of a line drawn through Boston, Memphis and La Paz, Lower California. It will be observed in this country from the Southern States. The second eclipse is due July 29, and will be visible in all parts of the country.

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