

THE CENTRE REPORTER

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CENTRE HALL, PA., THURS. Feb. 4

"Fifty-three cent dollars" are all the go, with gold nowhere, and all glad to take 'em. Bryan still lives and that's what worries the gold bugs.

It does not yet look as though Mark Hanna were marked for U. S. Senator. He is likely to be "sheared" out of Sherman's seat.

The fight between the sugar and the coffee trusts has broken down the price of coffee. The Milton stores are advertising Arbuckle's and Lyon coffee at 15 cents per pound.

The Pittsburg Post gives accounts of great suffering among the poor of that city, all the worse for the very cold weather we have had. Some are destitute of food and fuel. The Post is raising a fund to help the destitute.

On to Canton was the amiable and diplomatic Dr. Atherton, of State College, to see President McKinley and urge Gov. Hastings for a cabinet position. Dr. Atherton has some weight at Canton but is num as to the Governor's chances.

The Pennsylvania legislature has been in session one month and has done nothing but one faction of the Republicans trying to "lick" the other—Quay against Wanamaker. But, we almost forgot, there was a bill presented to create more new offices with fat salaries attached.

Delaware has three claimants for the vacancy in the Senate: Col. Dupont, who was chosen by a Republican faction about a year ago, but the Senate last winter rejected his credentials, yet he is still holding on. The Democrats of the present legislature two weeks ago elected Mr. Kenny, and a few days later another Republican faction elected Mr. Addicks. The seating of Kenny seems to be a certainty.

A member has presented a bill in the Legislature empowering the Principal of public schools in a town or other district to select sub-ordinate teachers, taking this duty out of the hands of the school board. Such a law would act viciously. It would open the door to bribery—Principals might buy their positions in order to obtain boodle from teachers whom they might thus be "persuaded" to appoint over schools under him. There is enough of that kind of corruption in politics—let's keep the schools pure. There are honorable teachers who would not stoop to this but the dishonorable ones would likely get ahead same as the boodle politician.

AFTER the news of the burning of the capitol had spread over our town Tuesday, the following were some of the interrogatory expressions picked up:

Who set it on fire, Quay or Wanamaker?
Were any high salaries burned?
Were the barn and live stock saved?
Was Gov. Hastings burned?
Will Hastings have to move back to Centre county now?
Won't a new capitol cost at least twenty thousand dollars?
Ans.: It'll cost about 6 millions.
Well then its not so bad after all?

TREASURY INVESTIGATION.

The Quay and anti-Quay factions in the legislature are tugging at each other over a resolution to investigate the books of the state treasury, covering a period of twenty years. The one faction desires it to be a white-washing committee; the other faction wants a committee that will take the lid off the pots and show up how the state funds have been used to enrich Republican bosses amounting to an outright robbery.

Some eighteen years ago the late Judge Orvis, in a speech in the lower house, proved from the records that over a million dollars were pilfered from the state treasury by the rascals who ran the machine. The charge was never disproved. This speech of Judge Orvis would be a good starting point for an investigating committee that meant to investigate. Since that several millions more have gone in the same direction and none of the thieves have gone to the penitentiary except Bardsley, and he was pardoned last fall because he threatened to tell on the other treasury thieves if he was not pardoned.

A "FRIENDLY" INVESTIGATION.

Representative Stewart and other members of the Legislature who are trying to reform the State Treasury are met with efforts to postpone action by an investigation made in the interest of the State Treasurer and of the present system of keeping large

balances in bank upon which the State gets no interest. The movement made to get back to the House the Senate resolution for an investigation was evidently concerted, for, before anything had been said about it, Senators in touch with the administration and officers from the Treasury and other executive departments were on the floor of the House using their influence to persuade members to vote for the return of the resolution and for concurrence therein. They were partially successful, the resolution having been brought back by a majority vote, but one which fell short of the 103 votes required to pass a bill. As the Ledger has before remarked, the abuses and wrongs of the present system are well known. No investigation is needed to inform the members of the Legislature of the means to effect a decided reform. As a matter of fact the investigation is proposed by the friends of the Administration, and its sole purpose is to secure delay and nullify the efforts at reform by a whitewashing report. When the Senate resolution first came before the House the Quay members voted against and defeated it because they thought it was a hostile measure. Having been since informed that the investigation was to be a friendly one, they have now voted to recall it from the Senate with the purpose of passing it. The friends of real reform should oppose it to the end. As the resolution is joint and requires the signature of the Governor, it is held on good authority that it can be passed only by a majority vote of all the members, and this majority can not be commanded if the true character of the resolution and the proposed investigation shall be expressed. The mere fact that executive officers are using their influence with members to force an investigation is sufficient to demonstrate that it is to be a "friendly" investigation intended to cover up rather than expose.—Philadelphia Ledger.

LINDEN HALL.

The Happenings and Events in the Neighboring Town.

Miss Sallie Barr, a former Centre Co. teacher, was visiting among friends and acquaintances a few days last week. William Haffley and sister, of Anaroburg, are at present visiting their sister, Miss Nora, and their cousins, Misses Lillie and Sallie Bohn. Harry Bratters, of Pine Grove, is assisting Mr. Bible in hauling logs to Centre Hall. This snow is just what they want and a little more would be better.

Hale Ross' saw mill at Fair Brook which is still in progress, and many souls are turning to Christ. Many thanks is due Mr. and Mrs. McClellan for so kindly opening their doors to their congregation, when they were debarred from worshipping elsewhere. On Tuesday afternoon the new house at the wharf, about one half mile west of town, caught fire and burned to the ground. The house was occupied by Adam Blazer and family; nothing was saved from the second story. A trunk containing valuable papers and money was destroyed in the flames. The cave adjoining the house and containing potatoes, apples, lard and canned fruit all perished. The community deeply sympathize with the unfortunate family. The fire was caused by the pipe which went up through the second floor, which was without a pipe conductor, and the pipe becoming too hot and ignited the floor.

Potters Mills.

Samuel McCoy left on Tuesday morning for Williamsport, where he will be married today, Thursday. Rev. and Mrs. Potts, of Youngstown, Ohio, arrived Tuesday to attend the wedding of her brother Samuel. Miss Lizzie Faust, of Centre Hall, is at home for a short time. Miss Sadie Goodhart expects to leave for the west soon. Miss Ida Long is in this place in charge of her brother's store for a short time. The Potters Mills band has purchased a clarinet and have elected J. H. Strong as a member; he takes the new instrument. The Allison dam at this place has supplied more ice for the size than any other in the vicinity; about 200 loads have been taken away. Tuesday was ground hog day; as he did not see his shadow the winter is almost over. The fox hunters of this place have a new way of getting their game; they shoot them so full of lead they get tired carrying the load and hole up and then they dig them out.

I have given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a fair test and consider it one of the very best remedies for croup that I have ever found. One dose has always been sufficient, although I use it freely. Any cold my children contract yields very readily to this medicine. I conscientiously recommend it to all who are afflicted with croup, wholes in children.—Geo. Wolfe, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Grandina, Fla. Sold by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

THE STATE CAPITOL BURNED.

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which detached but still blazing fell crashing on them. A number of reckless persons went into the ruined building before the fire was extinguished to look for souvenirs and some had close calls with their lives. Thousands of spectators were kept close behind the ropes and out of harm's way and very few except firemen or capitol attaches got inside. Two or three times young men became disorderly and abusive when ordered outside and there were numerous attempts to break past the line, but they were unsuccessful.

It was a thrilling yet almost pathetic scene when the flag that had floated proudly over the dome waving through the dense smoke was burned. The halcyons on which it swung from the pole were burned and the flag slowly sank, as if being lowered by hand, into the tongues of flame that were bursting from the woodwork of the dome and covering it with fire. The crowd silently watched the flag sink into the fire and one man who stood near the State street steps reverently raised his hat until consumed.

The loss on the burned building is estimated unofficially at about \$500,000 with an insurance of \$200,000. The loss of records in the school department is great. Nothing but a few books were saved and the loss can never be made good. The fire took with it these separate things: The senate chamber, offices of the clerk and senate librarian, senate committee rooms, forestry commission, lieutenant governor's apartments, office of the superintendent of public instruction, the house chamber, committee rooms, speaker's office, resident and chief clerk's apartments and newspaper rooms.

The principal records of the house and senate were saved, but a vast quantity of documents were lost which can never be replaced. Some bills in the desk of the chairman of committees were undoubtedly lost, but all the duplicate bills placed on file for the members of the press by a recent rule were saved. These are certified copies.

The estimates of the loss on the building and contents vary. Superintendent Delaney says it will reach \$1,500,000. Other state officials believe \$500,000 or \$600,000 is enough.

The treasury department officials say that there are about \$200,000 insurance on the building. The exact amount cannot be ascertained as the matter is in the hands of a Philadelphia agent.

The loss in documents is heavy. This is especially so in the department of education. There is no vault in the office and the papers are nearly all destroyed. The most important are the school appropriation books. They have been lost. This will leave these accounts tangled for a time. There were also a great many valuable records in the department destroyed. They cannot be replaced. The bust of Higbee purchased by the schools of the state a few years ago was destroyed.

The senate journals since 1890 were destroyed. They cannot be replaced. The senate journal for the session was saved. In the house time was given to save all the records. In Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon's room there was a very valuable library of archives and law books. They were all destroyed.

In the committee rooms there were libraries. They contained the state laws. In the basement of the senate were stored about 500 tons of reports. They had just come from the printer and were ready to send out.

Governor William Findlay laid the corner stone of the capitol at noon Monday, May 31, 1819, formal ceremonies following. This stone bears outwardly no distinguishing marks and while it is not positively known where it is located it is generally agreed—an agreement based upon the recollection of old inhabitants—that it is at the southwestern corner of the building. A story of the time relates that "when Governor Findlay went through the form of laying it he accidentally broke his mallet, which was considered by the assemblage of people as a bad omen." The senate and house first occupied the building on January 2, 1822. The annex for the state library was built later. The entire sum set apart for the cost of the main building was \$135,000. "For the purpose of constructing the columns and capitals of brown stone and to cover the roof of the dome" \$15,000 were appropriated.

The main building of the capitol, destroyed yesterday, was 180 feet front, eighty feet deep and two stories high. The lower story contained vestibule and stair case, the chambers of the senate and house of representatives and several small apartments for the accommodation of the members and officers of the legislature. The second story contained rooms for the state library, canal commissioners, supreme court, school department and committees. The main entrance was by a circular portico the whole height of the building, sustained by six Ionic columns of red sand stone, painted white, four feet in diameter and thirty six feet high, the portico receding thirty-seven feet to a circular wall. The floor of the portico, upon which the columns rested, was about six feet from the ground, reached by steps of sand stone and paved with massive

flags of the same material. From the floor to the top of the cornice the distance was forty-six feet and the whole height of the front was fifty-six and one-half feet. From the top of the cornice to the top of the dome it was fifty-seven and one half feet, making the whole height 130 feet.

The rotunda above the roof was composed of sixteen columns twenty-two inches in diameter and seventeen feet high, and was forty-eight feet in diameter outside of the columns. There was a space of three feet between the columns and wall. The diameter of the inside was thirty-four feet. The dome was forty feet in diameter. It contained eighty windows and eight niches. Four of the latter were partly covered with the faces of the clocks and the remainder were originally designed for the reception of statues.

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To Florida via Pennsylvania R. R.

The midwinter exodus has begun. The discomforts and dangers of wet winter weather are here, but to the southward, from a cloudless sky, beams a beautiful sun upon a blooming land.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia Feb. 9.

Excursion tickets, 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; Pittsburg, \$55.00, and at other 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. feb4-2t

BRUSH VALLEY.

Madisonburg Will Have a Musical Convention Next Week.

Supt. Gramley, of Rebersburg, left for Ferguson township on Monday morning.

Thomas Auman, who is teaching the Woodward school, was home over Sunday.

Calvin Zeigler, who was teaching school near Unionville, is again going to school at Rebersburg.

Miss Lydia Gutelius, of Millfinn, was seeking for Mrs. Harvey Miller last week at Rebersburg.

Our Brush valley young people are taking advantage of the extra good sleighing; all have jolly good times.

One of the Rebersburg merchants, Samuel Waite, will have auction in a week or so and will continue until sold out.

Samuel Strohecker and wife, of Rebersburg, were over to Sugar valley Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. Lamy.

Ed. Nerhood, who is clerking for Wm. Wolf at Centre Hall, was among his Rebersburg friends last Saturday evening.

Last Thursday evening Mr. Charles Bierly and Miss Ada Weber, both of Rebersburg, were married by Rev. Moses George, at the bride's home. May life be long and happy.

Apparently the ground hog was unable to see his shadow on Tuesday, so according to the old saying the remainder of the winter will be open more or less, and not continually cold.

Scott Kerstetter, who had been sawing lumber for Mr. Yearick, in Huntingdon county for the last year, came back to Brush valley last Saturday for good; he will begin to saw for C. C. Loose.

The Reformed and Lutheran people of Madisonburg will hold a musical convention next week, in the town hall, beginning Monday evening; Prof. Enos, of New York, will conduct the convention; all are cordially invited to attend during the week, and especially the concerts Friday and Saturday evenings.

Guilty of Second Degree Murder.

New Bloomfield, Pa., Jan. 31.—Dr. Thomas L. Johnston, who shot and killed Dr. George S. Henry at Duncannon, Sept. 28, was yesterday found guilty of murder in second degree. Johnston called Henry into his office and then called Mrs. Johnston, and accused them of infamy. He immediately shot both Henry, dying within two hours, but Mrs. Johnston recovered. The plea of the defense was insanity.

A few months ago Mr. Byron Every, of Woodstock, Mich., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. His right leg was swollen the full length, causing him great suffering. He was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One bottle of it helped him considerably and the second bottle effected a cure. The 25 and 50 cent sizes are for sale by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

PENNSYLVANIAN R.

Philadelphia & Erie R. R. Division and Northern Central Railway.

Time Table, in effect Nov. 15, 1896.

TRAINS LEAVE MONTANDON, EASTWARD. 9:31 a. m.—Train 14. (Daily except Sunday) For Sunbury, Williamsport, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 5:00 p. m., New York, 5:53 p. m., Baltimore, 8:10 p. m., Washington, 4:10 p. m., connecting at Philadelphia for all local stations. Through passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore. Parlor cars to Philadelphia.

1:25 p. m.—Train 8. (Daily except Sunday.) For Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 6:22 p. m., New York, 9:25 p. m., Baltimore, 6:10 p. m., Washington at 7:15 p. m. Parlor car through to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

5:04 p. m.—Train 12. (Daily except Sunday.) For Williamsport, Hazleton, Pottsville, and daily for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 11:15 p. m., New York 2:15 a. m., Baltimore 10:40 p. m. Passenger coaches to Williamsport and Philadelphia. Parlor cars to Philadelphia.

8:02 p. m.—Train 6. (Daily except Sunday.) For Sunbury, Harrisburg and all intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 1:00 a. m., New York at 7:23 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:20 a. m.

1:29 a. m.—Train 4. (Daily.) For Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 6:42 a. m., New York 9:45 a. m., week days, 10:38 a. m. Sunday, Baltimore, 6:20 a. m., Washington, 7:40 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars to Philadelphia and passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

4:18 a. m.—Train 16, daily for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia, 10:20 a. m.; New York 1:13 p. m.; Baltimore 8:56 a. m.; Washington 10:16 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars and passenger coaches to Washington.

WESTWARD. 5:27 a. m.—Train 3. (Daily.) For Erie, Du Bois and Canadagoa and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 10:00 a. m., New York at 11:50 a. m., Baltimore, 8:45 a. m., Washington, 10:00 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars to Erie and Rochester.

10:00 a. m.—Train 21. (Daily.) For Lock Haven and intermediate stations, and daily except Sunday for Tyrone, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Pittsburg and the West, with through cars to Tyrone. 1:21 p. m.—Train 11. (Daily except Sunday.) For Kane, Tyrone, Clearfield, Philipsburg, Pittsburg, Canadagoa and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 10:00 a. m., New York at 11:50 a. m., Baltimore 8:45 a. m., Washington 10:00 a. m. Through Pullman sleeping cars and passenger coaches to Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Train leaves New York 9:00 a. m., Philadelphia, 12:25 p. m.; Washington at 10:50 a. m., Baltimore at 12:00 p. m., Williamsport 3:17 p. m., arriving at Montandon at 5:30 p. m. week days, with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore. Train 13 leaves New York 2:00 p. m. Sunday, Philadelphia 4:20 p. m. week days, 4:30 p. m. Sundays, Washington 3:40 p. m., Baltimore 4:20 p. m., arriving at Montandon 9:45 p. m. Through Parlor Car and passenger coaches from Philadelphia.

Train 5 leaves New York at 8:00 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore, 11:50 p. m. (daily) arriving at Montandon at 8:27 a. m. with through Pullman sleeping cars from Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR MONTANDON FROM EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 21 leaves New York 12:15 night, Philadelphia 4:30 a. m., Baltimore 4:55 a. m., Harrisburg 5:05 a. m., Williamsport, 7:30 a. m. Daily except Sunday, arriving at Montandon 10:00 a. m. Train 11 leaves Philadelphia at 8:30 a. m., Harrisburg 7:50 a. m., Baltimore, 8:50 a. m., Williamsport 10:15 a. m. (Daily except Sunday) arriving at Montandon 1:21 p. m., with through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and through passenger coaches from Philadelphia and Baltimore.

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LEWISBURG AND TYONE RAILROAD. Daily Except Sunday.

Table with columns: Westward, Eastward, P.M., A.M., STATIONS, A.M., P.M.

Additional trains leave Lewisburg for Montandon at 5:20 a. m., 9:47 a. m., 1:05, 5:45 and 7:50 p. m. returning leave Montandon for Lewisburg at 4:15 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 5:07 p. m., 6:00 p. m. and 10:01 p. m. On Sundays trains leave Montandon 10:05 a. m. and 5:05 p. m., returning leave Lewisburg 10:55 a. m. and 5:07 p. m.

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CENTRAL RAILROAD OF PENNSYLVANIA. Condensed Time Table.

Table with columns: Read Down, Read Up, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, May 18, 1896, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, No. 9.

Philadelphia Sleeping Cars attached to East-bound train from Williamsport at 11:30 p. m. and West-bound from Philadelphia at 11:30 p. m. J. W. GEHART, General Superintendent.

BELLEFONTE CENTRAL RAILROAD. To take effect May 23, 1896.

Table with columns: EASTWARD, WESTWARD, STATIONS, P.M., A.M., P.M., A.M.

Morning trains from Montandon, Williamsport, Lock Haven and Tyrone connect with train No. 7 for State College. Afternoon trains from Montandon, Lewisburg and Tyrone connect with Train No. 11 for State College. Trains from State College connect with Penna. R. tr. at Bellefonte.

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