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WASHINGTON LETTER.

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SUGAR SCANDAL AVOIDED.

Cowardice of the Senators in Killing the Report of the Committee.—Senator Tillman's Liquor Bill Favorably Reported.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—If Shakespeare were alive and writing about the sugar trust scandal he would probably make Puck say, "What cowards these Senators be," instead of, "What fools these mortals be." The Tillman resolution has not been reported to the Senate, but it is dead—killed by the fears of some Senators and the absolute cowardice of others. An investigation is not wanted by either the sugar trust or its legislative servants, and there are enough Senators so wrapped in what they are pleased to call conservatism and respect for the honor of the Senate who will join in voting against the resolution when it is reported to the Senate to defeat it. Senator Jones, of Nevada, who is Chairman of the Committee to which the resolution was referred, has acted rather queerly. He first told Senator Tillman that the Committee would report the resolution favorably, but now he is opposed to that action and has fallen back on the stock excuse that it is too important a matter to be hurriedly acted upon. There is, however, one consolation in the situation. The sugar trust may escape the exposure that would follow a thorough investigation, but it will also lose much of the money it would have gained by the sugar schedule it had inserted in the tariff bill by the Republicans of the Senate Finance Committee, as that schedule is as dead as a last year's bird nest. How favorable a schedule the trust will be able to secure is yet to be seen. It is fighting hard, and the subject is one upon which crooked work can easily be done, as a sugar schedule is of such a technical nature that it requires careful study even on the part of experts to understand, and is Greek to ordinary folk.

Republican Ex-Congressmen are talking about any old thing of an office that comes within their reach these days. The latest catches in this line were Ex-Congressman Andrews, of Neb., and Ex-Congressman Brown, of Pa., who has been nominated to be Auditor for the War Department.

Senator Chilton, of Texas, a member of the Interstate Commerce Committee the Chairman of which has been so active in trying to push the Foraker Railroad Pooling Bill through the Committee since the Supreme Court decision adverse to Railroad Pooling, took the side of Senator Butler, of N. C., when he declared that there had been "indecent haste" in pushing the bill. Chairman Cullom of the Committee tried to deny the accusation by saying that the committee had been considering a pooling bill long before the Supreme Court decision. Senator Chilton said he had been a member of the Committee for two years but had no knowledge of any attempt to press consideration of a pooling bill until after the adverse decision of the Supreme Court. Senator Butler gave notice that no railroad pooling bill could be acted upon by the Senate until the bill meeting the objection of the Supreme Court to an income tax had been acted upon.

The Tillman bill giving states the same control over liquors imported into their borders which they exercise over liquors of domestic manufacture has been favorably reported to the Senate. It is intended to in part meet the recent decision of a Federal court against the South Carolina dispensary law.

Representative Champ Clark, of Mo. has been booming Representative Bailey, of Texas, for the Presidency ever since they returned from their triumphant campaign for the election of a Democrat to fill the vacancy in the Missouri delegation in the House. Mr. Bailey says he has no Presidential aspirations and is in favor of the nomination of Mr. Bryan in 1900, but wishes to serve one term as Speaker of the House, and then to become a member of the Senate, which he declares to be "the greatest legislative body in the world."

There has naturally been much talk about the very blunt warning given to Boss Hanna by Senator Mantle, of Mont., in a speech on the wool schedule of the tariff bill. Mr. Mantle said the wool manufacturers wanted the cream and were not only willing but anxious that only skim milk should be served to the wool growers. He told Mr. Hanna that unless the wool schedule was made satisfactory to the wool growers he would be retired to private life, instead of being returned to the Senate. Hanna is beginning to show that he has fears of its turning out that way regardless of what the tariff bill may or may not contain. Mr. McKinley has nominated Ellis

H. Roberts, of N. Y., to be U. S. Treasurer to please Boss Platt and his machine, and has nominated Conrad N. Jordan (for a second term) to be assistant treasurer at New York to please the gold Democrats of Wall Street. It is a case of attempting to carry water on both shoulders.

NEW ACT FOR TAX COLLECTORS.

A Law in Which Tax Payers Will be Interested.

Prothonotary Smith has received the new law signed by the Governor for the relief of the different tax collectors of the commonwealth. As it is of interest to every township and borough in the county, it is published below in full.

It provides "That in all cases in which the period of two years, the limitation of the warrants in the duplicate of county, city, township, ward, school and borough tax collectors have expired, in all cases where the power and authority of said tax collectors has expired or shall expire during the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, by virtue of the expiration of their term of office, and said collector or collectors have or shall become liable for the amount of tax on said duplicates without having collected the same, the said duplicates and warrants, and the powers and authority of said tax collectors in all such cases are hereby revived and extended for a period of one year from the passage of this act, and said collector or collectors are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed and collect said taxes from all persons who have not paid taxes assessed to them residing in the district within which it may have been assessed, as well as all persons who removed from said city, ward, township or borough, and have neglected to pay as aforesaid assessed with like effect as if said warrants had not expired by the limitation of two years as aforesaid or the term of office of said tax collector had not expired.

Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to warrants issued prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety, and that nothing contained in this shall release any bondsman or security.

A Warning for Officials.

From the papers this week one can read of a prosecution just now in Schuylkill county against officials for spending public funds illegally and several thousand dollars are to be charged back to the officers and to be refunded by them or go to the penitentiary. Scores of such prosecutions in the past have resulted in the same way against borough, township and county officers. At this very time one entire school board is serving a term in the penitentiary, and in another case the mayor and town council, some three weeks ago, were put to jail for illegal actions.

Let this serve as another warning; officers who think they can recklessly spend the people's money because they own no property, should bear in mind that the penitentiary is before them, on the complaint of any one or more taxpayers.

No Extra Session.

The chances for an extra session of the legislature are slim and when many of the members are assured of this fact they may agree to extend the session. Many members would like to have an extra session to get an additional \$500 and mileage. Gov. Hastings' friends say he will not call an extra session. If the proper revenues are not raised by July 1 the institutions failing to receive appropriations will have to struggle along for two years without state aid.

Mr. Isaac Horner, proprietor of the Burton House, Burton, W. Va., and one of the most widely known men in the state was cured of rheumatism after three years of suffering. He says: "I have not sufficient command of language to convey any idea of what I suffered, my physician told me that nothing could be done for me and my friends were fully convinced that nothing but death would relieve me of the suffering. In June, 1894, Mr. Evans, then salesman for the Wheeling Drug Co., recommended Chamberlain's Pain Balm. At this time my foot and limb were swollen to more than double their normal size and it seemed to me my leg would burst, but soon after I began using the Pain Balm the swelling began to decrease, the pain to leave, and now I consider that I am entirely cured. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pdaier, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

—One of the largest stocks of Spring and Summer clothing ever received in this part of the state, was received recently by Lewins, at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte. It is a tremendous stock and the prices are as low in comparison, and will move it.

CHURCH FURNISHINGS.

Equal in Amount Nearly the Cost of the Building.

The announcement that it cost nearly \$70,000 to furnish Grace church as a temporary meeting place for the legislature is rather startling, but that is the amount the bills run to. When it is considered that there is now a cry going up that the state is running short of money; when it is known that the session will continue only for about six months, and that the members only sit three and four days a week, it seems that a due regard for existing conditions should have demanded that a temporary place could have been made ready for occupancy at something less than \$10,000 a month. But this expenditure seems to be in keeping with the reckless extravagance of the men at the state capitol who seem to think that when an article of any kind is needed the highest price must be paid. The statement of the cost of fitting up the building was made public last week for the first time. The cost is \$56,500.30, exclusive of the cost of 210 desks at \$38.64 for the house, 60 desks at \$37.68 for the senate and 8,934 pounds of galvanized sheet iron at fifteen cents a pound to cover the heat pipes in the cellar. These items will add nearly \$12,000 to the above. The bills have been approved by Governor Hastings, Auditor General Mylin and State Treasurer Haywood.

The Patriot says: A meeting of the house buildings committee was held to examine the bills and arrange for their payment. Their size was so great that the committee postponed action for a week. A member said that they would have to be scaled down before they were paid. The cost of fitting up the church is within a few thousand dollars of the original cost of the building.

The bills in detail approved by the governor and his colleagues on the board of buildings and grounds follow: Insurance, \$1,706.65; plastering, \$100.28; removing metallic cases, \$387.50; electrical fixtures, \$1,575.29; wall paper and shades, \$757.35; carpets, \$4,970.05; furniture, \$16,331.68; carpenter work, etc., \$1,272.53; lumber, carpenter work, etc., \$7,527.42; steam fitting, \$12,827.96; plumbing, \$3,810.57; painting, \$4,322.65; hauling, \$202; fire hose, reels and extinguisher, \$372.05; clocks, labor, material, rentals, etc., \$228.38.

A Republican politician, good at figures, has shown the exorbitant cost of the painting and the work connected with it. He says: "All the painting done in the church is of the plainest character. At prevailing prices of material and labor, 40 per cent. of the total cost must represent the amount paid for material, and the balance, or 60 per cent. is the cost of the labor. On this basis, of the \$4,322.65 expended for painting, \$2,593.59 was used for labor, and at the present wages for painters, \$2 per day, the latter amount would be sufficient to pay for 1,296 2/3 days' work, or, in round numbers, it would pay 100 men for 6 1/2 days' work each, or give work to one man for four years and one month at the same job. As to the \$1,729.09 which represents the cost of the material used by the painters, the oil would cost 20 per cent or \$445.01, and the lead the balance, or \$1328.20. At 33 cents per gallon, the current price of oil, it must have required 1,048 gallons, or 32 1/2 barrels, of oil; and at the prices of the best white lead, it must have required 12 1/2 tons, which amount, of course was not used."

Conflicts With the Constitution.

Governor Hastings vetoed the bill to allow common school houses to be used for Sunday school and religious purposes, on the ground that it is special legislation and is in conflict with the constitution. His veto does not forbid directors from allowing school houses to be used for the purpose. He does not deem it wise to place upon the statute books any legislative authority for the use of public school houses for any other purposes than that for which they are created.

The People Pay.

Bill Andrews' Lexow report (a big farce): cost \$70,000. Furnishing Grace church for the legislature; cost \$60,000—a clean steal of about \$50,000.

Junket to New York—\$8,000.

How much is it going to cost the state to put Grace church in repair after the legislature vacates the edifice?

Pig iron has jumped up \$1 per ton—a jump in wheat would have been of greater benefit.

The German Dunkers have their annual meeting near Frederick, Md., at which there was an attendance of 40,000 people.

At Princess Anne, Md., yesterday, a negro was taken from jail by a mob for an outrage upon a white woman, and hung.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

COL. SPANGLER PRESIDES IN THE CHAIR.

Support the Chicago Platform and Denounce Hastings.—Proceedings Harmonious.—Nominations Made.

Although the day was a wet one the Democratic convention at Bellefonte on Tuesday, was a very enthusiastic one. Col. J. L. Spangler, who was downed for congress last fall, presided as chairman, and made a ringing speech, deploring the present depressed condition of business and reaffirming allegiance to the silver platform adopted at Chicago.

County chairman Hugh S. Taylor called the convention to order at 12:30. He made a brief opening address in which he endorsed the Chicago platform and William Jennings Bryan. At the close of Mr. Taylor's address the work of organization was proceeded with. Boyd A. Musser, the secretary then read the call for the convention and list of delegates. Nearly all were present or sent substitutes.

D. F. Foreman, of Potter township, acted as reading clerk; A. S. Garman, of Bellefonte, and C. A. Faulkner, of Phillipsburg, as tellers; Joseph E. Emerick, of Walker, and R. C. Gilliland, of Snow Shoe were secretaries.

There were only two nominations on the county ticket, and these were County Surveyor, J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte; and Jury Commissioner, J. J. Hoy. Capt. Hugh S. Taylor was re-elected county chairman. John Smith, A. P. McDonald, Hammon Sechler, A. L. Cassanova and John P. Condo were elected delegates to the state convention, and instructed for James A. Stranahan for state treasurer.

The usual resolutions were adopted denouncing the state legislature and Governor Hastings for their extravagance, and urging a reduction of salaries to compare with revenues.

Hon. James Schofield was called upon and addressed the convention on issues of the day. No further business before the body, adjournment followed.

Democratic State Convention.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic State Committee met at State headquarters, Harrisburg, last Wednesday for the purpose of fixing the date of holding the next State convention.

There was not a little discussion over the time for the meeting, Mr. Garman advocating an early date, while the majority were not in favor of a long campaign. Finally Tuesday, August 31, was selected, and Reading the scene. While the committee was in secret session the question of ousting William F. Harry from his place on the National committee was discussed, but it was not quite clear as to how the committee, of itself, could do it.

"The convention," said Secretary Matt Savage, "will certainly indorse free silver. It will simply reaffirm the principles of last year and indorse the national platform—that is about as strong a thing as we can do on the silver question."

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Blanchard D. Ross, of Logue, Potter Co., and Frances Ebberts, of Martha, Centre Co.

J. Henry Stitzer, of Rebersburg, and Lydia S. Spayd, Madisonburg.

Wm. H. Brouse, of Pine Grove Mills, and Emma V. Williams, of Boalsburg.

Wm. H. Antis and Anna Baine, of Phillipsburg.

Chas. W. Corl, of Linden Hall, and Lizzie Myers, of Boalsburg.

Levi E. Williams, of Wilmington, Del., and Effie E. Lucas, of Chester Hill, Pa.

Wm. G. Heaton, and Lizzie Emenhizer, of Boggs twp.

Elmer R. McClellan and Emma S. Detwiler, of Tusseyville, Potter township.

Lewis C. Wetzel and Ida E. Gerberich, of Bellefonte.

New Mail Carrier.

A young man by name of Horner, has obtained the contract for carrying the mail, daily from Centre Hall to Pottery Mills, taking in Centre Hill, Tusseyville and Colyer, for \$220 per year. Mr. Horner lives near Colyer, and as the service requires the greater part of a day with horse and buggy, the pay is quite low.

Bitten by a Setter.

W. J. Stine, of Scotia, near Bellefonte, was bitten by an English setter. Next time he passed Stine shot the dog. The owner sued and secured judgment for \$50. The L. A. W. has appealed and will push the cause for a test case.

STRINGENT GAME LAW.

The Measure that Revolved Gov. Hastings Signature.

Governor Hastings has signed the new game law drafted by the State Sportsmen's association. It deals with the protection of song and insectivorous birds, and provides that persons who desire to collect birds, their nests for eggs for strictly scientific purposes shall obtain a certificate from the board of game commissioners at a cost of \$5. The money derived from these permits heretofore issued by prothonotaries at a cost of \$1 per year will be devoted to the use of the game commission. From this source a revenue of perhaps from \$200 to \$300 annually will be obtained. The law has been so framed that the game commission cannot give a permit which will enable any person to collect game birds or their nests and eggs out of season.

The bill prohibits the sale of game of all kinds killed in the state, and likewise the removal of game from the State. If men kill game illegally they will be sent to jail if their fines are not paid, a day for every dollar of fine imposed. A man now found with a ferret in his possession when hunting rabbits will be liable to a severe fine.

Under the new bill woodcock can be taken in the month of July and from October 15 to December 15 inclusive. The seasons, so far as they relate to wild ducks, reed birds, snipes, plover, doves and wild pigeons are the same as under the old laws. Pheasants, squirrels, quail and wild turkeys can be legally taken from October 15 to December 15. Mongolian or English pheasants, which have been introduced in a few of the localities with a view of naturalization, cannot be killed for a period of five years.

A limitation has been placed on the number of birds, etc., which a gunner can kill in a day. It is as follows: Woodcock and pheasants, 10; quail, 15; wild turkey, 2. And no person is allowed to kill more than two deer in any one season.

Found Dead in Bed.

Wm. Jones, aged 77 years, of Bellefonte, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. Mr. Jones had been sick about a week. He was one of the best known men of Bellefonte, and for 20 years was connected with the First National bank in that place. Deceased was a native of Yorkshire, England. He came to the United States during the fifties and served in the navy during the war of the rebellion. He was quartermaster of Gregg Post, G. A. R. for twenty years. Mr. Jones was a Republican and served a number of years as tax collector of Bellefonte.

Two New Dwellings.

John Luse broke ground this week for a new dwelling on the lot adjoining Mr. Poulson's residence. He expects to complete it as soon as possible. The new Presbyterian parsonage will be started at once. This dwelling will be of modern architecture with all conveniences. Along with these two dwellings one or two more are in contemplation and may be rushed through before the winter.

A Dangerous Place.

At the station the council made their new street over three feet high, making a very narrow and high fill in the hollow. It is in a dangerous condition and if allowed to stand there will be an upset one of these days and the borough will pay a decent sort of a bill for the carelessness. It was intended that both sides of the new road would be covered with slag or cinder, but as yet it has not been done.

Next Monday Flag Day.

Next Monday has been set apart as flag day and we hope that our citizens will duly observe it by hanging out their flags. It is proposed to have the day formally set apart by the governments of the several states and territories, so that it may become a national institution, to awaken and instill patriotism in the hearts of the people.

Reunion.

June the 18th the First Annual Reunion of the Students of the Pine Grove Academy will be held at Pine Grove Park. Special trains will be run over the Bellefonte Central railroad during the day.

The brewers are forming a trust embracing all breweries in the state.

Lynn, Mass., had a snow flurry yesterday afternoon.

About 500 fishermen were overtaken by a storm off the coast of China and drowned.

A mob in Batavia, Ohio, are after a tramp to lynch for assaulting a woman, Mrs. Curtis.

Wintersteen's case in court in Columbia county, goes to the jury tomorrow.

ALL AROUND.

Local Notes of Interest from All Around the Town.

We have been getting rains without coaxing or praying.

Thus far the week has been damp and cool since Sunday.

Mr. Strohmeier informs us his peach orchard indicates a good crop of fruit this year.

Buy of those merchants who advertise in the Reporter and you will find them liberal in prices.

A cool spell set in on Sunday evening and if it continues any time will check the growth of corn.

Work on a new water works has not begun yet, but councilmen say when all is ready work will begin.

Won't this cool weather be of more benefit than harm in keeping down grasshoppers and other insects?

Two Good Things.—'77' for Grip and Colds; No. 10 for Dyspepsia. For sale by all druggists—25cts.

Grass can be mowed along the sides of streets in Centre Hall, two feet high since cows are ordinances not to run at large.

Horses in this vicinity are attacked by a new disease, which affects the under jaw and extends up into the head.

The hay crop in our county may be a good one, but not as large as it would have been if the late cool weather had not set in.

A little boy on Friday caught a 17 1/2 inch trout on a fly, in the creek by the Bush house. Summer boarders make a note of it.

Doctors Jacobs and Emerick inform us there is comparatively little serious illness in the valley. The doctors seem to have their bad streaks too.

Emanuel Harter's woods west of Rebersburg will be used for a Campmeeting next month, to begin July 27 and continue ten days.

Ira C. Mitchell, Esq., of Bellefonte, has been in Ohio for some time past where he has conducted a very successful series of revival meetings at Danville, near Cincinnati.

The board walks in town are in safer condition at this time, we are pleased to note, than heretofore. Glad that the repeated good advice given by the Reporter, is having some effect.

Work has not yet begun on the new water works. We understand the desire is "to go slow but sure," a commendable idea and should also be applied to street work and borough debt.

One who had a good paying job on our street work made the remark privately, "that while he takes all the work he can get, he was surprised the tax payers submitted to paying for work that costs double what it should."

The Centre Hall water company's springs at the present time have a flow of water sufficient to supply a town of 25,000 population. In the driest season on record the flow into town was an average of 12 barrels daily per family. The present head is over 200 feet which could be increased to about 400 feet if desired. Perhaps no other plant in the state can boast this except Centre Hall.

No little town in the state has as pretty a natural park as Centre Hall adjoining the Ref. church. The town should own it as a preserve; the money unlawfully spent for building and keeping in repair a board walk for one who was in the council and for work on the road when owned by the pike company, would have paid for the park.

The memorial address at Bellefonte on Decoration day, was delivered by Hon. O. A. Furst and was a fine oration. The Bellefonte Democrat says he delivered an eloquent and appropriate address that contained much that was of interest to his hearers and drew many valuable lessons from the observance of this day. His closing remarks to the memory of Hon. A. G. Curtin, dec'd, was a beautiful tribute to the departed statesman.

Millheim depending upon a few wells and cisterns, some of its live citizens advocate water works, which is commendable. Their next best enterprise would be an electric road to Coburn. We are of the notion that if the Reporter were there to help push both these needed improvements would be an accomplished fact same as the water works and railroad at Centre Hall against which certain elements kicked so viciously.

An old and esteemed subscriber of Gregg township, in remitting his subscription near two years in advance, writes: "I can't help but say the Reporter deserves credit for its fearlessness and as having accomplished great good to the people of our valley and county in its successful work to secure us a railroad and establishing other enterprises and as a constant champion of the interests of the farmer. No paper in the state has a nobler record." Thanks for the compliment.