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WASHINGTON LETTER

THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION PLEASING TO DEMOCRATS.

The American People Will Soon Govern Themselves.—Ohio Republicans Have Trouble for Hanna.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Senator Jones, of Ark., Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, arrived in Washington in a decidedly jubilant state of mind over the results of last week's elections. He said on the subject: "Well, you bet I'm tickled. It makes me feel twenty-five years younger and makes me understand that the American people have not been bought or blinded this time. The results are an omen of coming and greater good. It just takes opposition and sorrow to develop the full strength of the Democratic party. This result convinces me that the silver sentiment grows, grows and grows, and that by the next Presidential election, it will have grown to an irresistible strength. Just mark my words. Error dies from a pin scratch, but truth survives the cyclone. The Democratic party is truth. When it comes to a long race and a hard race, the Democratic party gets there. I am very sorry because of the turn matters have taken in old Maryland, but hope for her is not dead in my bosom yet. Of course it would have been more desirable had Mark Hanna been inhumed under an avalanche of democratic votes, but when a great man saves his scalp only by the skin of his teeth, it is virtually a defeat."

One of the most interesting stories growing out of the Ohio election is now being told in the quiet in Washington, and it finds believers, too. According to this story, Secretary Sherman has been approached by Foraker Republicans and offered an opportunity to get even with Boss Hanna and Mr. McKinley for the shabby treatment they have given him, not only by preventing Hanna's election to the Senate, but by securing his own return to that body. Mr. Sherman is too old a bird to gobble up everything tempting that is placed before him, but he is said to have this proposition under consideration and to be making a quiet investigation, through trusted agents, as to the probability of success should he consent to enter the anti-Hanna combine. The scheme in brief is for the Foraker members of the Ohio legislature to stay out of the Republican caucus, which will, of course, nominate Hanna for the Senate, and to nominate Gov. Bushnell or some other thick and thin Foraker man as the anti-caucus candidate. The Forakerites claim to have members enough to bring about and keep up for an indefinite period, a deadlock in the legislature, and they argue that after Hanna sees his own election to be an impossibility, he will be willing to join Bushnell in withdrawing and in agreeing upon a compromise candidate who can get the entire Republican vote and be elected. That is where the Forakerites tell Mr. Sherman that he can come in. They say that they will suggest him as a compromise candidate for the Senate, and that much as they would like to neither Boss Hanna nor Mr. McKinley would dare to object. There are too many "ifs" in this scheme, but it indicates how harmonious the Ohio Republicans are.

Consul General Lee has received his final instructions and will this week return to Cuba. He is as careful as ever about discussing Cuban matters, but there are good reasons for saying that he is confident that there will be peace in Cuba in a few months. It was because of this belief on his part that he agreed, when urgently requested to do so by Mr. McKinley, to remain in Cuba until the trouble was over.

The army of pensioners still steadily grows in numbers, notwithstanding the assertion of several Commissioners of Pensions that it had reached high water mark and was about to start on the down grade. The annual report of Commissioner Evans shows that there were 5,336 more names on the rolls on June 30, 1897, than there were one year before, notwithstanding the dropping, during the fiscal year for death and other causes of 41,122 names. There were 976,014 names on the roll at the close of the last fiscal year, and, unless death claims an unusually large number, it is probable that the million mark will be passed before the close of the present fiscal year.

From all directions come complaints about the tremendous rise in the price of almost everything, excepting the only article that more than half of our people have to sell—their labor. An expert says of the effect of the Dingley tariff upon the price of men's clothes: "A suit of clothes that could be bought last year for \$15.00 cannot be duplicated now under \$20.00 and that fact is an annoyance to dealers and customers alike. With men of ample means,

who have their clothes made by fashionable tailors \$5.00 or \$10.00 advance on a suit is hardly noticed, and if noticed evokes no complaint. It is very different, however, with those who have to be careful in their expenditures, for to this class \$5.00 represents a considerable sum. The number of men who buy \$15.00 and \$20.00 suits is largely in excess of those who pay tailors \$40.00 and \$50.00 for a suit, and it is from the poor and the middle class that the kick against the Dingley tariff is sure to come."

Interesting Decision.—Can Not by Will Disinherit Heirs Who May Contest the Will.

On 11th inst., at Lancaster, an important decision was rendered in court by Judge Brubaker, he taking the ground that a person cannot by will disinherit heirs who may see fit to contest the will. The decision was regarding the estate of Emanuel Carpenter, dec'd., late of West Earl. In his will Mr. Carpenter directed his executor to distribute his estate according to the directions therein contained; and if any of the heirs filed exceptions to the distribution of the executors such heir would forfeit the legacy he or she was to get. One of the sons of deceased was Frank Carpenter, and his children objected to being charged with a note alleged to be due to the estate by the father, but which they claim was paid. They failed to file exceptions because under the provisions of the will they would forfeit their legacy, and they petitioned the Court for permission to file exceptions to the account. Judge Brubaker, in the opinion, said that portion of the will threatening disinheritance would not hold good in law, and the Court directs the grand-children to except to the account.

A Strange Mishap.

A most distressing accident is reported from Elbusville, Bedford county. John Gorion, of that village, went out to the mountains, unknown to his family, for the purpose of splitting rails. He did not return home, and his friends becoming alarmed, a searching party went out to look for him and found him unconscious and nearly dead from exposure and pain. He had split a log, when it suddenly came together, catching one of his feet. He was unable to extricate his foot from the vice-like grip, and remained in that situation for two days and two nights. He was taken home and revived, but it is not thought he can recover.

In a Dead Faint.

The Bellefonte News says on Thursday morning last a young man who is employed at the University Inn at State College was found near the barn in a dead faint. The young man is what is commonly known as a cigarette fiend, and his illness has been brought about by the use of too many of the disgusting things. He was unconscious for ten hours and it was thought that his illness was fatal. But thanks to a strong constitution he is recovering again.

Scriptural Age of Man.

We have all heard the well-worn axiom attributed to the psalmist, "The days of a man are three score and ten," but in Genesis, vi. 3, will be found the following passage: "Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." This passage seems to have been overlooked, and is rarely quoted, although, curiously enough, it exactly corresponds to the theory that man should attain five times the period of reaching his maturity.

Millers and Farmers at War.

A large majority of the roller flour mill owners of Westmoreland county have organized and agree to give only 33 pounds of flour for every bushel of wheat, 3 pounds less than has been allowed in the past. The action has created widespread disgust among the farmers. Meetings of all the grange organizations in the county have been called to protest against the plans of the new organization.

Started the Shops.

W. O. Rearick started his machine shops on Monday after an idleness of several weeks. His specialty is the famous cornplanter and several hundred will be built for the next season. The shops will run on planters until corn planting season.

Will Remove the Office.

Postmaster Brisbin expects to move the postoffice into the building on the Harpster property, which he recently purchased, and now occupied by Andy Reesman. He will remodel the interior and fit up the office with new furniture.

—When you want a suit to fit, of good quality and at a low figure, there is but one store in Bellefonte that can touch all these points. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch is the place.

CHIEF SHIKILEMY'S GRAVE.

Found in the Middle of the Road with Most of His Trinkets Intact.

The recent discovery of the buried body of the famous Indian chief Shikilemy, at Sunbury, has attracted crowds to the grave. A party in search of Indian relics was exploring the sight of what was regarded as an old Indian cemetery, when the grave of the chief was accidentally uncovered.

Shikilemy was one of the Indian chiefs who signed the William Penn treaty in 1763. He was a Grand Sachem of the Lenni Lenapes, and deputy governor appointed Iroquois upon their conquest of the Susquehanna Indians. The grave was found in the centre of the road that leads to the Northumberland bridge, about midway between the southern end of the bridge and the Hunter mansion. The party had dug down two feet when it came to the body. The skeleton was in a good state of preservation. The skull was still covered with a mass of long black hair. But when raised a little of the hair fell off and crumbled to dust. After the party had removed the earth they began to examine the trinkets beside the bones. Lying on the chest of the Indian were a number of blue glass beads still in a semi-circular form, but the deer thong that had held them had rotted away. Beside the head was a peculiarly shaped bottle. It was empty. By the left hip, as if once carried in the pocket of a burial robe, was an oval tobacco box of tin. It was slightly rusty, but still worked on its hinges. In it were a fishing line of fine twine, in a state of sound preservation, some tobacco, an English cent and half cent, bearing the head of George III. The party found in the grave the rusty barrel of an old horse pistol whose stock had long since worn away; an iron tomahawk; a hunting knife, of English make, with a bone handle; several thin copper bracelets, which were still around the bony wrist; steel buttons of English make; bells and dangles; three copper finger rings and one silver ring with the significant handclasp design.

The old chief lived in the village of Shomoko, now Sunbury, many years, but his burial place was not known before. One of the coins in the grave is unmistakably a medal given in recognition of some valued service. It bore the head of the king, and on the reverse side was an Indian scene, representing a warrior hunting the deer from behind the trunk of a tree. This is supposed to be significant of the English friendship and of the trade which the Indian in turn agreed to engage in. Another significant discovery is that of a series of copper rings, one of which is designed to represent clasped hands. Wampum in large quantities proclaim the high dignity of the former owner and various other trinkets give irrefutable evidence of his distinction. The most convincing of all were the nails and hinges of a coffin, the only one ever discovered in an Indian burial ground, proving beyond reasonable doubt that it held the body of Chief Shikilemy, the only old warrior hereabout who received a Christian burial. It is also evident from the appearance of the teeth of the dead Indian that he lived to an advanced age. Vive King Shikilemy, as he was called, was in every sense a good Indian, a true representative of everything that is grand in Indian character; who never proved untrue to his word, never betrayed a white man, and never condoned a crime.

Queer Election Board.

Sunbury Daily: On election day, in East Cameron township, the election board consisted of five persons who were all brothers-in-law. It is not often that one family can run an election, and we doubt whether such an other case has ever occurred in the State. In part the board consisted of Emory Henninger, Monroe Whary and Joe Whary. The three above named married sisters by the name of Weikel. The balance of the board were Benjamin and Oscar Weikel, brothers to the girls who had married the other members of the board.

Have Left Town.

Contractor Malone and his helps took their departure on last Saturday, and were an orderly set of men. No work is now being done for the new water plant, except refilling parts of the ditches to prevent accidents.

The Trouble Over.

A prominent man in town said the other day: "My wife has been wearing out her life from the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and Indigestion. Her case baffled the skill of our best physicians. After using three packages of Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves she is almost entirely well." Keep your blood in a healthy condition by the use of this great vegetable compound. Call at G. H. Long's, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial bottle free. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

FROM ALL AROUND.

LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS OF WIDE INTEREST.

The New Grange Hall to be an Imposing Structure.—A Klondike Yield of a Union County Teapot.

The new grange hall now in course of erection is to be the finest building of the kind in the town, according to all reports. It will be of brick, and will cover a large ground space. The building will be modern in design, and along with the lodge room for the order, there will be office rooms and a large store room on the ground floor. The excavation has been completed, and work will soon begin on the foundation by the masons. The grangers desire to complete it as early as possible, and work will be pushed along as the weather permits.

Left Gold for Her Benefactors.

While overhauling a cupboard in the little old house in Millinburg, in which aged Mrs. Reuben Kremer died several days ago, friends of the dead woman came across an old-fashioned teapot, the weight of which induced them to make an examination of its contents before throwing it away. Stowed away in the old pewter vessel was \$700 in gold. The discovery of the yellow coins was quite a surprise, since the aged woman, in her declining years, was a charge on friends, and was not known to have any means whatever.

Give Us the Information.

A local newspaper is often accused of bias in regard to giving personal notices—of mentioning the coming and the going of some and omitting of others. The fault is with the people and not with the editor. He is always willing, and even anxious, to tell who comes and goes, if he can only find out. If you have visitors let us know who they are and where they are from; if anything happens in your vicinity let us know of it; if there is a party at your house furnish us with the particulars; if you know of anything worth printing let us know about it. You will find us as ready to notice one as another, patron or otherwise, friend or foe. Our object is to give the news.

Foiled With a Loaded Gun.

By the careless handling of a firearm one man was instantly killed and another fatally injured Sunday morning at East Salem, Juniata county. Saturday Daniel Van Ormer bought a new gun and Sunday morning showed it to some friends. One of the young men took up the gun, then opened it to examine the lock. In attempting to shut the gun the weapon discharged the contents of both cartridges into the faces of Cloyd Brubaker and John Forrey. Brubaker was killed instantly, the whole top of his head being blown off. Young Forrey is so badly injured in the head and face that he cannot live.

General Notes.

William H. Shultz, of Milesburg, has been granted an increase of pension.

Mrs. Nack has made a confession that she and Thorn planned the murder of Guldensuppe.

A three-story frame hotel, at Bellwood, unoccupied, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. Loss \$8000.

Secretary Ailman in his report to the state grange says the enrollment for the past year was over 4000.

Sagasta, the Spanish premier, has sent a note to Washington which is for peace and not at all war-like.

Candidates for master of the national grange are Messrs. Woodman, Hale and Rhone. Col. Thomas is proposed for master of the state grange.

The judges of courts in Philadelphia have opened a number of election boxes and discovered big frauds, and many election officers are now under arrest.

Over a dozen papers in different counties of the state have copied the Reporter's suggestion to celebrate the Centennial of the Tusseyville church plot.

Wintersteen, the dynamiter, has left Bloomsburg on a promise never to return to this state if he is kept free of a new trial. He has now gone to New York city.

The members of Sugar Valley lodge of Odd Fellows, at a meeting Saturday night, decided to erect a new hall in Loganton, Clinton county. The new building will be three stories high and of modern style of architecture.

A returned gold seeker pictures life on the Klondike something like this: When the thermometer is several degrees below zero, take your shovel and pick, go out into the woods and dig a hole 16 feet deep; then return in the evening, eat some stewed buffalo robe, and sleep in the woodshed.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Governor Hastings Calls Upon the People to Observe November 25.

Governor Hastings issued the usual Thanksgiving day proclamation Tuesday, calling upon the people to observe the day, November 25, in a fitting manner. He says:

"We have abundant and unusual cause for gratitude. No pestilence has invaded our borders, and peace has prevailed. The willing hand of labor has found employment, industry has been rewarded and the field and farm have yielded bounteous harvests. God's love has spared our lives, made our homes happy, increased our devotion to country, and should inspire a nobler manhood and a grander statehood. Let Thanksgiving day be one of praise and rejoicing; let the family circle be reunited and the ties of home and fireside strengthened. May our usual places of worship be filled with God-fearing, thankful and patriotic worshippers, and may the influence of the day's observance find fruition in years to come, in that rectitude of life, that devotion to home and country, that performance of every duty which shall be well pleasing to Him, and let the best pledge be the bountiful hand with which we remember the needy and the unfortunate who dwell in our midst."

Work of a Swindler.

This, taken from the Huntingdon Monitor, is another instance of a person learning by dear-bought experience that it is safest to patronize home dealers: A sleek swindler has been fleecing some of the innocent farmers of Hart valley, and Israel Quarry is among the number duped. The individual would visit farm houses, exhibit various kinds of dress goods and then offer to sell the entire outfit for a certain sum. To further fool his victims he stated that a friend of his, a practical tailor, would be along in a few days, locate temporarily in the valley, and make the goods into suits at the small sum of \$2.00 per suit. His scheme worked like a charm, but it is not known how many persons he fleeced. Mr. Quarry purchased a piece of cloth, which he was told would make twelve suits and one overcoat, and paid for the same the sum of \$125 in cold cash. Then he awaited the coming of the tailor. The latter never appeared. Mr. Quarry brought his goods to this town, took it to a tailor and from him learned that he was the owner of a piece of very cheap goods, out of which five or six suits might be cut, and that the whole thing was not worth \$25.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Wesley C. Williams and Retta Rank, of Phillipsburg.

E. Noeman G. Meyers, of Milesburg, and Maude Daughenbaugh, of Howard Boro.

Andrew J. Kern and Mary J. Williams, Lemont.

Edward D. Mosel and Nancy M. Potter, State College.

Alvin R. Smith, Milesburg, and Mary Ida Fisher, Reading.

Jesse W. Peightol, Phillipsburg, and Agnes Shoemaker, Chester Hill.

Wm. H. Miller, Lock Haven, and Jennie Yearick, of College twp.

Charles Lockington, of Woodland, Clearfield Co., and Miss Maggie Morgan, Bellefonte.

Champion Corn Husker.

While Penns valley can boast of big corn crops, Sugar valley boasts of the champion corn husker. Otto Reighard, of near Loganton, a few days ago gave another exhibition of his skill as a corn husker. In one day, from 6 o'clock in the morning until 6 in the evening, he tore the husks off 110 bushels of ears.

The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros., of that place; and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

—Guyer, Knox, Youman, Dunlap, Imperial and Young's Hats—All colors—Soft and Stiff, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50 and 3.00—Montgomery & Co., Bellefonte.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Collings of More than Ordinary Interests from Everywhere.

"Mary had a Billy goat, Its tail is sort of bent, And everywhere that Mary goes That goat is sure to went. He followed her to school one day, Which made her hot as fire, For Mary had ridden on her wheel, And Billy ate the tire."

Tuesday noon, after the rain, cold blasts set in.

Henry T. Hall was appointed postmaster at Lock Haven.

George W. Jackson, of Bellefonte, had \$108,000 life insurance.

We have not learned of any deer being killed so far this season.

A thin shell of ice showed on outdoor puddles Wednesday morning.

The lovers of sausages and buckwheat cakes will soon be in clover.

John P. Meckley, of Bellefonte, has been granted an increase of pension.

The corn in this county turns out to be of good quality.

Read the new ad. of Benner's Star Store. Prices tempting.

A new board walk has been put down in front of the Lutheran parsonage.

Advertise in the Reporter, it goes to every section of the county and is read by all.

Last Saturday raw and cold storm set in followed by rain early Monday morning.

Several hind quarters of beef wanted on subscription between now and February. Report soon.

The late rains have helped the cisterns, springs and streams, and had a good effect upon the fields.

There is still considerable corn husking to do, notwithstanding the very favorable weather this fall.

Mrs. Rose W. Cole, proprietor of the Logan House, at Loganton, died on Monday forenoon, aged 67 years.

The report going end of last week that a man named Wm. Yearick had committed suicide, was incorrect.

The rains within the past week have filled the earth with water and many overflow springs show evidence of it.

Stones are being hauled for the foundation of the new grange hall, which will be one of our creditable buildings.

The compulsory school law requires the attendance of every child at school at least 70 per cent. of the term until 13 years of age.

Our sportsmen have fair success in shooting squirrels, pheasants and rabbits. We observe, too, that this kind of game is larger and fatter, than usual.

Mr. James Moore, of Flemington, Clinton county, is the owner of a hen that furnished a remarkable egg on Saturday. The egg measured 6x9 inches and contained three yolks.

Our esteemed friend, Peter Breon, of near this place, who appeared to be recovering from his illness during the summer, has had a back-set lately and is now in a precarious condition.

Adam Harter's Millheim planing mill has been enlarged by introducing a 50-horse power steam outfit into his establishment, a sign that his mill is having an increase of business.

D. A. Roozer, the harness dealer and liveryman, has had his show windows decorated with the firm's name and business. Squire Dauberman also took a try at the same. An itinerant sign painter did the work.

The flour and grain firm at Bellefonte, of which George W. Jackson was the head, will be succeeded on December 1st by a new firm composed of W. Fred Reynolds, Joseph Montgomery and Curtis Wagner.

Since all school children are by law compelled to attend school, the teachers have it in their power to make all study their lessons in the evening and thus keep any from howling on the streets at night.

If you keep—If you keep a horse, cow or dog, send for Dr. Humphreys' Veterinary Manual and learn about their treatment and care. Mailed free. Address Humphreys' Medicine Co., cor. William & John sts., New York.

Of all the children born one-fourth die before 11 months, one-third before the 23d month, half before their eighth year, two-thirds of mankind before the 59 year, three-fourths before their 51st year, and of about 12,000 only one survives a whole century.

The Journal says a large porker, weighing about 400 pounds, belonging to J. C. Snook, of Millheim, died a few days ago. The grunter might have waited a little longer and had the pleasure of kicking the bucket amid a butchering frolic.

John Uzzle, of Snowshoe, claims to have a turkey gobbler that weighs 52 pounds. Gosh, how we'd like to see something like that on our Thanksgiving table with Uzzle to do the carving. Our Snowshoe friend always has the largest and best about him.