



WASHINGTON LETTER.

A LITTLE SURPRISE IN STORE FOR THE MAJORITY.

No Further Masquerading Will be Allowed on the Financial Question.—The Settlement on Pensions.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3rd.—Senator Teller has a little surprise that he intends to spring on those Republicans who, although pretending to be bimetalists, are doing nothing to counteract the effect of Secretary Gage's efforts to have the entire world believe that Mr. McKinley and the Republican party stand for gold monometallism. Senator Teller believes that there should be no further masquerading on the financial question; that the constituents of every Senator have a right to know to a certainty whether he favors bimetalism or gold monometallism, and that his little surprise, in the shape of a resolution he intends offering and pressing until a record vote is taken on it, will do the trick. This resolution did not originate with Senator Teller, but was written by the late Stanley Matthews, a Republican Senator from Ohio, and was adopted by Republican votes in the Senate in 1878. It declares that "all the bonds of the United States, issued or authorized to be issued, (under the refunding act of 1870, the act to provide for the resumption of specie payments, etc.) are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the U. S., containing 412 grains each of standard silver; and that to restore its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not a violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor." Reckless assertions have been made concerning alleged changes among Senators on the silver question. For that reason, if for no other, Senator Teller's idea is a good one. In addition to smoking out the would-be straddlers, a vote on this resolution will doubtless convince Secretary Gage and his goldbug assistants in and out of Congress, of the hopelessness of their efforts to secure from this Congress legislation authorizing the issue of gold bonds for the funding of our public debt, or for any other purpose.

The administration has put itself in a position to get a new batch of trouble, by meddling in the contest among the Maryland Republicans over the election of Senator Gorman's successor. It was supposed that when the administration ascertained that it could not force the election of Postmaster General Gary to the Senate, it had dropped out and decided to allow the Maryland Republicans to choose their own Senator, but that was only a supposition. Within the last three or four days the administration has openly shown its advocacy of Judge McComas for the Senate, and has compelled Gov. Lowndes to withdraw in favor of McComas.

Ex-Pension Commissioner Murphy, is opposed to the publication of the entire pension roll by the government, because of the large expense, but he thinks it would be productive of good results to furnish the newspapers with the complete list of all pensioners within the radius of their circulation. When Mr. Murphy was in charge of the office, all newspapers that applied for lists of pensioners in their localities were promptly accommodated. The Republicans are doing more crowing over the small surplus shown by the Government receipts and expenditures for the month of December, than they will over the big deficit that January will certainly show. Mr. Dingley has taken advantage of the situation to issue a rosy statement in which he easily makes it appear, on paper—that the deficiency of \$44,000,000, for the first half of the current fiscal year will not be increased during the last half, upon which the country has just entered, as though that was something of which he and his party had a right to be justly proud. What would the stockholders of a big business corporation think of a management that reported a loss of \$44,000,000 in six months and only promised that the next six months should not increase the loss? They would probably change the management as quick as they could, just as the people intend to do as soon as they get an opportunity to cast their ballots against the present mismanagers of our affairs.

The Democrat who isn't pleased with the political outlook, must be hard to please. The issue of this year's Congressional campaign and of the campaign of 1900 has been made and the argument furnished upon which it will be won by the Democrats by this administration, which after going through the farce of sending three eminent bimetalists to Europe as a Commission for the alleged purpose of securing the consent of European governments to international bimetalism,

does not even wait until the members of that commission have officially reported, before it announces to all the world, through its financial spokesman, Secretary Gage, that it doesn't want bimetalism at all, either national or international, only gold monometallism.

Many Lawyers in Congress.

The preponderance of lawyers is especially heavy in the membership of the present Congress, says the St. Louis Republic. Of the 89 members of the Senate 69 are lawyers of more or less experience and renown. Of the 358 men who now sit in the House 245 are members of the bar.

The preponderance of lawyers is one of the heaviest ever known. The history of the legislative branch of the government shows that members of the legal profession always have been particularly favored by the people in choosing lawmakers, and it would seem, from the ordinary point of view such matters, that the statutes ought to be so perfect as to need no interpretation by the courts. Yet litigation is more flourishing in this country than in any other of the world. Nor does any other country in the world depend so much upon lawyers for the making of its laws as does this. The parliaments of Europe are not now, and, without notable exception, never have been, so dominated by lawyers. Old world legislators are chosen from every department of activity. Laborers, artisans, musicians, artists, cab drivers, men skilled and unskilled in the professions abound in the parliaments on the other side of the Atlantic. And we do not hear that the laws of Europe are any the less skillfully drawn than in the United States.

A Leading Daily.

The Pittsburg Dispatch is one of the leading dailies of the country, and for the coming year promises to maintain its position, on home and foreign topics of vital importance. The Dispatch has a complete cable service, with its special correspondents in all parts of the world, to chronicle all important events, early and accurately.

On important political events to occur in 1898 The Dispatch will maintain its independent stand. During the year will be held the Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templar, in Pittsburg by the efforts of The Dispatch.

The Sunday Dispatch will be an interesting volume of information and illustration and fit for any fire-side. Frank G. Carpenter, the well-known Dispatch correspondent, will make an exploring tour, 25,000 miles in extent, through both civilized and darkest South America, his letters alone will be worth the price of The Dispatch. The woman's column, sporting page, &c., are pleasing features with all Dispatch readers, pure in tone and charmingly conducted. Address: The Dispatch, Pittsburg, Pa.

Would Gladly Take Silver Now.

We don't hear encouraging reports from all parts of Pennsylvania, but we do hear them from one point about half way between Cumberland county and the western limits of the State, remarks the Carlisle Volunteer. The assignee of one broken bank up there has given notice through the newspapers that he will be able to pay the depositors 15 cents on the dollar, and the assignee of another has given notice that he will be able to pay three cents on the dollar. The three-cent institution had deposits to the amount of \$409,000, and both of the busted concerns were run by "sound money," all as "honest dollar" McKlincy men. The depositors would be glad to take "dishonest" silver dollars in exchange for their claims, dollar for dollar.

Recent Union County Deaths.

In Montandon, Cyrus Murray, aged about 75 years.

In New Columbia, Mrs. Mary Campbell, aged 81 years.

In Lewisburg, Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, aged 83 years.

Near Kreamer, Snyder county, Mrs. Mary Benfer aged 74 years.

Broke an Arm.

A little 8-year old son of H. D. Rossman of near Penn cave, while playing on a sled with a dog, fell over the sled breaking his left arm above the elbow.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—EDGER W. WHITTEMORE, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

SOLDIERS' WIDOWS.

A Measure to Protect Uncle Sam from Being Defrauded.

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the senate committee on pensions, acting on the recommendation of the commission of pensions, endorsed by the secretary of the interior, has presented a bill intended to protect old pension drawing soldiers, and also the government from designs of wily young women who marry these pensioners of the government with the hope of falling heir to the paternal care of Uncle Sam.

Women who lost their husbands during the war, or married soldiers during or soon after the war, are entitled to the kindest care and protection the country can afford, but not so the women who now marry pensioned veterans, mostly with the end in view of getting their hands on the pittance a grateful country pays its wounded and decrepit soldiers.

By an act passed March 3, 1873, the widows of pensioned soldiers are entitled to receive the pension drawn by the husband during his life, and by an act passed some eleven years later the pensions of widows drawing less than \$12 per month were increased that amount, such increase not to apply to soldiers' widows who married pensioners after the passage of that act. They might marry soldiers or sailors in active service, however.

In June 1890, a law was passed giving pensions to incapacitated soldiers and dependent widows of soldiers, married previous to the passage of the act. There are over 4,000 pensioners receiving pensions under acts previous to that of 1890, and only a limited number of aspiring spinsters with an eye on the benefits and enjoyments to be derived from the position of a soldier's widow, will be balked in their ambitions, but the nation will benefit considerably by it. A grateful country runs little risk of being too generous in pensioning the heroes and victims of the struggle for freedom, but it should not fall an easy prey to dishonest schemers.

Gold Output of the World.

The Director of the Mint from information now at hand says that there is substantial evidence that the world's product of gold for the calendar year 1897 will approximate, if not exceed, \$240,000,000, an increase of nearly 20 per cent. over 1896. The gold product of the United States for 1896 was \$53,100,000; for 1897 it will approximate \$61,500,000.

The product of Africa for 1896 was \$44,400,000. For 1897 it is estimated to be \$55,000,000.

Australasia for 1896, \$45,200,000, for 1897 the indications are that it will be \$51,000,000.

Mexico for 1896, \$8,530,000; for 1897 it is estimated at \$10,000,000.

Canada for 1896, \$2,800,000; it is estimated for 1897 at \$7,500,000.

India's product for 1897 is estimated \$7,500,000, an increase of \$1,400,000 over 1896.

Russia's gold product for 1896 was \$21,550,000; for 1897 it is estimated at \$25,000,000.

The indications for the United States are that Colorado will lead in the production of gold for 1897, as it is estimated by Ex-Governor Grant that it will not be less than \$20,000,000. California will follow with a product of probably \$19,000,000. With the exception of the States of the South Appalachian range, it is believed that there will be an increase in every gold producing State and Territory.

THE GREAT PRESS ALMANAC.

An Encyclopedia of Useful Information Which Everybody Should Have.

The Philadelphia Press Almanac for 1898 is not only worthy of the great newspaper whose name it bears, but is fully the equal in most respects, and in some the superior, of the nation's foremost almanac publications. It is a well printed volume of over 500 pages, and contains information on all topics which the student, the professional man, or the workman can possibly desire to consult. It will be especially interesting, because of its local statistics, to every resident of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Special attention has been given to matters of vital importance to the farming and agricultural interests. The Philadelphia Press Almanac is, in brief, a comprehensive and exact supplement to the great encyclopaedias and dictionaries of the country, bringing their wealth of information up to date. It will answer any question in the scope of an almanac, which may be placed before it. Its low price, 25 cents, renders it indispensable to all.

Married.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, Jan. 5th, by Rev. J. M. Rearick, Mr. Jasper A. Wagner and Miss Catharine E. Lingle, both of Georges valley, were united in marriage.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

THE MILLHEIM COMPANY TO COVER THE COUNTY.

Work to Begin on the New Line April 1st, and in Operation by July.—A Canvas Made in Different Towns.

W. L. Goodhart, secretary of the Millheim telephone company, was in town a few days ago making a canvass among business men for the introduction of the 'phones of his new company. He met with success here, and we understand he made contracts for nine instruments in the town. It is the intention to extend the line through to Bellefonte where sufficient encouragement was met with to establish an exchange. About seventy-five contracts were made in Bellefonte. It is intended to begin work on the line about April 1st, and have it completed about July 1st. From Bellefonte the lines will be extended all over the county, with the likelihood of another exchange at State College. All subscribers will be given long distance instruments and the lines to be of metallic circuit. The subscribers will also be given the privilege of the lines through Union, Snyder and Northumberland counties free from tolls, touching Lewisburg, Milton, Sunbury, Shamokin, Middleburg, Selinsgrove, Mount Carmel, and other points. The rate offered is \$2.00 per month.

A Play in Words.

A tall girl named Short long loved a big Mr. Little. Little, little thinking of Short, loved a little lass named Long. To make a long story short, Little proposed to Long and Short longed to be even with Little's shortcomings. So Short meeting Long threatened to marry Little before long, which caused Little in a short time to marry Long. Query: Did tall Short love big Little less because Little loved Long?

COBURN.

A Breezy Letter from this Point With Much of Interest.

Have you all turned a new leaf? We are not dead, only silent at long intervals.

Ephraim Bartholomew is reported on the sick list.

A happy and prosperous New Year to the REPORTER and its friends and patrons.

The teachers' local institute which was to be held at Millheim on the 7th and 8th of Jan., failed to materialize.

James Burd and daughter Bessie, of near Lewisburg, called upon their many friends at this place last week.

Alvin Eisenhuth and family, of State College, spent over a week in this vicinity visiting friends and relatives.

A series of meetings were commenced at Paradise church on last Sunday evening, Rev. Brown, of the Spring Mills circuit officiating.

Mr. Keister, of Lamar, Pa., and his newly wedded wife, spent a few days at the home of the lady's father, A. J. Campbell, at this place.

Charles Weiser, a student in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, spent his vacation of two weeks at home with his mother, near this place.

Hiram King, the gentleman who will occupy the hotel at this place in the spring, was here a few days looking up his business in that direction.

Last week one evening, a party of young people to the number of twenty-two, had a sleighing party to the hospitable home of J. W. Kerstetter. That they had a good time goes without saying.

A. J. Campbell came up from Shamokin the day before Christmas, and spent the holidays with his family at this place, and departed for his field of labor, on Tuesday morning of this week.

The members of Trinity Y. P. S. C. E. are observing the week of prayer in the Lutheran church. Their meetings should have the encouragement of all church going people, regardless of sect.

The protracted meeting conducted by the U. Ev. congregation at this place, Rev. Lohr pastor, closed last Thursday evening with about a dozen converts, and several accessions to church membership.

The fall of the beautiful on last Friday made merry the hearts of many a young swain. For now the merry jingle of the bells is heard everywhere, as they scud along over the snow with their best girls by their side.

Reuben Boyer, the retired merchant, will move his family to Colyer, this county, some time in February and will engage in the mercantile business at that place, in the room formerly occupied by Mr. Crawford.

The entertainment given by the members of the Reformed Sunday school on Sunday evening, Dec. 26, was a grand hit. The children acquitted themselves very creditably by rendering their parts in a very able manner.

Jacob Lee, the accommodating and efficient railroad clerk, who for the last year has been employed in the station at this place, was transferred to the main line at Sunbury. He left for his new position on Monday, with the best wishes of his many friends for his success. Kreider W. Stover has accepted the place made vacant by Mr. Lee's transfer.

On Tuesday James E. Harter, the new merchant, took charge of the goods of Reuben Boyer, at the station, and removed the same to the building on the corner owned by M. D. Rockey. After he has his goods on the shelves he no doubt will be pleased to have his friends call upon him and get prices.

Merchant J. W. Glasgow, vacated the store room owned by George D. Croll, of Ashley, Pa., which he occupied for about ten years, and removed his goods to his own spacious building on the first of the year. Mr. Glasgow now has the most convenient room in town, and now the people can look out for slaughter in prices as Jimmy is bound to win.

What Has Occurred of Interest in Our Neighboring Burg.

Sleighing and moonlight nights go well together, of course oyster suppers and dancing parties are now in order.

Commercial agents have been scarce for the last week or ten days; all home no doubt, enjoying the holidays, and assisting in invoicing stock and counting up profit and loss.

Last week a few trimmings in the store window of merchant C. A. Moyer, of our village, ignited from a lamp explosion. The flames were soon extinguished—damage trifling.

The snow storm of Friday last was quite severe down this way. Travel was very much impeded, in some places it was difficult to force a passage way through the drifts. The snow here was about a foot in depth.

Harry Frankenberger, of our village, a young man of rare abilities, formerly clerk and assistant postmaster at W. P. Pealer, is now engaged with C. P. Long. Mr. F. will prove a valuable acquisition.

Dr. W. V. Runkle, of Philadelphia, formerly of this village, died in that city on 25th inst. His remains were brought here to his mother's residence and on the following Wednesday were interred in the cemetery at Tusseyville.

Archibald Allison, Esq., one of our venerable and highly esteemed citizens, died with the family of his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Condo, at State College, on Christmas. Mr. Allison remarked that the occasion was a most delightful one.

James Leitzell, Jr., one of our active citizens, might now be called the great "medicine man" of Penns valley. He is selling the ingredients for a compound said to be a sovereign remedy for all the ills that flesh is heir to. Some say it even cures hams.

The bright pages of the REPORTER were universally missed last week. We are so accustomed to its weekly appearance, and always finding in its columns the latest intelligence from all quarters, that a single omission of an issue is a loss we keenly feel; of course the editor and compositors must have a day off too, on holidays, like everybody else, so we'll not complain, but on the contrary wish them all a happy New Year.

Politics in this neighborhood is remarkably quiet, and the atmosphere singularly free from political electricity, notwithstanding it is said the Republican machine in Bellefonte, has a slate already "doctored up" for the rank and file to swallow, of course its a trifle early for any special racket, but its generally understood, that both parties are sick and tired of machine and boss rule, and will use every means fair or foul, to overthrow the incubus. Naturally, lively times are ahead.

Christmas and New Year day were celebrated here in about the usual manner. Presents exchanged, royal dinners enjoyed, and of course the little folks were made happy with candies and toys rule, and will use every means fair or foul, to overthrow the incubus. Naturally, lively times are ahead.

From daylight 'til midnight, our merchants not yet having learned the up-to-date rules adopted by nearly every village and town in the state, of closing their stores at noon on all holidays to afford their employes a breathing spell and an opportunity to see the fashion, etc. Why is Spring Mills in this respect, so "backward in coming forward?"

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

THE NEW YEAR.

Here's a Happy New Year!
Sunshine in the sky.
Join the throng
And swell the song,
That comes a-floating' by.
Wear a smile for strangers;
Welcome all yer kin;
Carve the roast
And give a toast
To folks that happens in.
Wish we all may prosper
In whate'er we do.
An' we must
Ef each'll just
Help the others through.
—Washington Star.

To-day the sky indicates more snow. Chicago is quiet now in its wheat market.

Ohio is steaming hot over the Hanna and anti-Hanna fight.

John Griffith, of Pleasant Gap, has been granted a pension, \$8.

We had a white Christmas but no sleighing, yet all seemed happy.

The giving way of a ball in London, Canada, caused the loss of thirty lives a few days ago.

Baled hay is worth \$5.50 on track at this station. The farmer should have at least \$10 for it.

Our enterprising citizen, Wm. Colyer, at the station, slaughtered a hog which dressed 540 pounds.

Centre Hall is still short of houses and a half dozen new ones are in contemplation during this year.

The projectoscope and talking machine exhibition had a large run during three nights last week.

Sam Runkle's royal grays with deep toned continental bells, make one think of old-time winters.

Last Friday's deep snow, followed by high winds, caused many of the byways to be closed by deep snow drifts.

January is named from Janus, an ancient Roman divinity, and was added to the Roman calendar 713 B. C.

Some lover of chickens entered Ad. F. Harter's coop, at Millheim, a few nights ago and stole most of his chickens.

R. O. Brauch, landlord at Coburn, will leave that stand next spring and take charge of Decker's hotel at Millfinburg.

J. M. Dale, esq., of Bellefonte, was appointed receiver of the Pennsylvania Building and Loan Association of Altoona.

Musical conventions in this county, for the first time in fifteen years, have fallen down to one or two, in number this winter.

Sleighing in the county is good except where snow drifts interfere, and the lovers of sleigh rides are making good use of the opportunity.

One Centre Hall youngster tells the Reporter he haled 32 persons with the "My-Christmas-Gift" yell, and out of these five hit the mark.

This Christmas was white enough to suit any taste. Now let's wait and see whether a white Christmas brings a green Easter, as the saying is.

Have your public sale bills printed at the Reporter office, which is supplied with every facility for doing first class work at reasonable prices.

A mandamus has been issued to compel the Schuylkill Haven Town Council to produce their books, illegal expenditure of borough funds being alleged.

The following are Rev. Rearick's appointments for Sunday, Jan. 2nd: At Centre Hall at 7 p. m.; at St. Johns church at 10 a. m.; at Georges valley church at 2 p. m.

Centre Hall bids fair to have a giant in James Sando. Jim is 18 years old and his length is already 6 feet 1 inch, with youth enough for 2 to 3 inches more in prospect.

Young Leiter, the new wheat boss of Chicago, sold his 7,500,000 bushels of wheat to several parties at 91c—the greatest wheat deal on record. His profits were about \$1,500,000.

In Zurich, Switzerland, Dr. Schlatter some three months ago removed an ailing woman's stomach entirely and joined the esophagus to the intestine leading from the stomach. The woman recovered, eats and digests food, and is doing her work.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Cough Remedy, my baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

GRAIN AND CATTLE MARKET.

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—Wheat 95.1-2.

Corn, No. 2 mixed, 33.

Oats, No. 2 white, 30.

Butter, fancy western creamery, 22½.

Penn'a and western prints, 24c.

Eggs, fresh, 21.

Live Stock.—East Liberty, Jan. 6.—Cattle, prime, \$4.90; common \$3.25a3.60; bulls, stags and cows, \$2 to 3.70.

Hogs, prime medium, \$3.70a3.75.

Sheep, choice, \$4.75; common, \$3.25a3.75; choice lambs, \$8; common \$4.50a5.75.

veal calves \$6.50a7.25.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Wheat cash, 89.3-4.

Corn, cash, 29½.

Oats, cash, 21.