



WASHINGTON LETTER.

McKINLEY FEEDING THE HUNGRY HORDE.

He Favors a Modification of the Civil Service Laws, to Make Plans for the Claiming Thousands.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Mr. McKinley, by working over time and by using a shovel on the pie, managed to send more nominations to the Senate since Congress reassembled than have before gone in in any single week since he took charge of the pie counter, but it has not lessened the pressure on him for pie even a little bit. For every hungry mouth he has filled there are a thousand asking to be filled. There is a suspicion that Mr. McKinley, instead of being opposed to the warm fight that is being made in the House for a modification of the civil service law, is really in favor of it. Lacking the backbone to use his authority to modify the rules under the present law he will do nothing. But if Congress adopts any legislation he will allow it to become a law, probably without his signature. The ground for this suspicion is ample. Many of Mr. McKinley's warmest friends are engaged in this fight, and every member of his Cabinet has gone on record as favoring some modification. The bill now before the House civil service committee limits the law to those positions paying from \$900 to \$1800 a year.

The Senate has taken up the Hawaiian annexation treaty and, if its supporters have their way, will consider it daily until a vote is reached.

Senator Butler, of North Carolina, has offered a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment that would revolutionize the U. S. courts. It proposes that all U. S. judges, including those of the Supreme Court, shall be elected by the people, for terms of eight years, and provides for a division of the country into circuits for their election. Speaking of his resolution, Senator Butler says: "There was a time when all the states thought it incumbent upon them to appoint their judges for life. Now the life tenures of a judge in a state is the exception. I believe in placing the power over the judiciary in the hands of the people. If the system of stated terms is good in the states it ought to be equally good for the Federal government."

Many Democrats in Congress favor beginning the congressional campaign of next fall at once, on the floors of Congress, and keeping up a red hot, aggressive fight upon the Republicans from start to finish. Among them is Representative De Armond, of Missouri, who said on the subject: "We ought to be aggressive. We want to force the fighting. We ought to lose no time in exposing the hypocrisy and cowardice of our political opponents. We can lose nothing by being aggressive. Those who followed the standard of Democracy and Bryan in the last campaign are as enthusiastic and as earnest as ever, and we who are here in Congress representing that sentiment ought not to lag."

Senator Chilton, of Texas, says of the civil service hubbub in Republican ranks: "In my opinion, if Mr. Bryan had been elected instead of Mr. McKinley, the fly specks which Republican orators in Congress now imagine to be blood spots on the civil service system would have escaped their attention altogether. Their sudden realization that the idea of civil service reform has been carried too far is due solely to their purpose to get Republicans into places now filled by equally capable Democrats, and no Democratic senator or representative should give them aid or comfort in their designs."

Czar Reed is the one Republican in Congress who has never buckled down to Boss Hanna. On the contrary, he not long ago made Hanna eat a big chunk of humble pie. It all came about in connection with the appointment of a light house keeper in Mr. Reed's district, a place Mr. Reed had asked for one of his constituents. Instead of the appointment Mr. Reed got a letter from the headquarters of the Republican national committee, signed M. A. Hanna. That made him mad. He isn't a profane man, but his demand for an explanation from the Treasury Department as to what M. A. Hanna had to do with appointments in his District was as "hot stuff" as anybody on Secretary Gage's staff cared to hear about. An apology quickly followed, as did the appointment of Reed's man. But that didn't mollify the Czar. He went after Boss Hanna and made him apologize also.

Senator Teller made a manly and able speech in reply to the numerous newspaper stories alleging that some of the silver men in Congress have no proper conception of the financial question, and are trying to force it to the front merely to make a breach between

Mr. McKinley and his Secretary of the Treasury. He said that it was ridiculous to suppose that Mr. Gage would remain in the cabinet an hour if he and the President were not in financial accord; also that the Republican party was to-day fully committed to the gold standard. Every eye in the Senate was upon Mr. Teller when he uttered these ringing words: "I attack the Republican party because it is the party of the gold standard. I hope to see it go down in 1900, and I pledge that I will do everything in my power to drag it down. Its policy is not such as is demanded by a great and free people. I have no quarrel with the President, but he stands for the gold standard, a policy which in my opinion will impoverish and wreck our people."

FLORIDA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

With its matchless climate, its orange groves, its rivers and lakes, its boating and bathing, its fishing and hunting, and its primeval forests, Florida presents unrivaled attractions for the valetudinarian, the lover of nature, the sportsman, and the explorer.

The first Jacksonville tour of the season via the Pennsylvania Railroad, allowing two weeks in Florida, leaves New York by special train Tuesday, January 25. 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; Wilkesbarre, \$50.35; Pittsburg, \$53.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. Jan 13-21

Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from January 8 to 12, and 14 to 18. The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about the 18th, cross the west of Rockies country by the close of the 19th, great central valleys 20th to 23d, eastern states 23d.

A warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 18th, great central valleys 20th, eastern states 22d. A cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about the 21st, great central valleys 23d, eastern states 25th.

The temperature of the week ending January 22 will average about normal in the northern and above normal in the southern states. The reader will not forget that January is to average above normal east of the Rockies and below west of that line. In the southern states a great rise in temperature will occur from the 8th to 20th of January. This rise in temperature was predicted to occur in the Northern states from the 5th to 13th.

The heaviest rains and snows of the month will occur in the northern states from the 9th to 15, and in the southern states from the 17th to 23d.

Boys, Take Warning.

A young man in Albany, crazed by cigarette smoking, committed suicide recently. He left a note to his brother asking him to quit smoking for his sake, and stating that cigarettes were the cause of his death. The young man's mind had become affected by the use of the weed, and he could no longer endure the agony, and shot himself. Young man, if you are a victim of the cigarette habit, stop it before you are ruined mentally, morally and physically.—Cambria Herald.

Results Not Satisfactory.

In his annual report State Superintendent Shaeffer points to the fact that the largely increased state appropriation to the public schools has not had the expected and desired result. Many of the districts particularly the rural districts, have simply decreased local taxation in proportion to the increase of state appropriation, and have neither increased the length of the school term, provided better facilities for instruction nor paid increased salaries to teachers.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

That of the State of Pennsylvania Doing Good Work.

Thomas J. Edge, secretary of agriculture, has submitted to Governor Hastings his annual report for the year just ended. The secretary reports that the past year has been one of advance all along the line of work falling under the care of the department. Through various acts passed by the last legislature the efficiency of the farmers' institute has been increased, the work of the dairy and food commissioner extended and the forestry commissioner enabled to more efficiently carry on the duties imposed upon him. The state veterinarian, through the live stock sanitary board, has also been enabled to not only increase the efficiency of his work, but to greatly extend its scope and usefulness and to exercise control over milk cows and breeding animals brought into the state and to shut out diseased animals.

"Every division of the department has a work to perform which, when properly appreciated by our farmers, will more than repay the cost of all of the divisions," adds the secretary. "Thus the work of the analysis of commercial fertilizers much more than repays the whole cost of the department; the benefits obtained from farmers' institutes, especially in localities where they are understood and taken advantage of, more than repays the total expenses incurred in supporting the department; the benefits gained by the work of the state live stock sanitary board, who, with the exception of the governor, are all officers of the department, in its work of suppressing tuberculosis, glanders and other contagious diseases, has been the means of saving live stock of much more value than the entire cost of the department, and the work of the forestry division in educating the people of the state and members of the legislature, which rendered the forestry legislation of the last session possible, will also more than repay the outlays on account of all of the work accomplished by the department during the year."

Promise of a Mild Winter.

Thus far we have experienced only one real cold wave and that was not a remarkable one. We are now in the very heart of winter, in the midst of warm airs, and the grass on the lawns and in the fields is green. We have had little familiarity with snow and ice. While it is always rash to make predictions about the weather, and while even the weather men, with the benefit of all their observations, frequently miss it when they only make prophecy for 24 hours in advance, still according to precedents drawn from former experience, we are warranted in the belief that the winter is going to let us off easy. If the cold does not get a good grip prior to this time in January it is seldom able to catch on. Last winter was similar to what this one promises to be. It gave us few really cold waves and those were not of long duration.

The absence of long period of extreme cold means a great deal. It results in a great saving of fuel: it takes less to feed people, and it lessens the death rate, since extremes of temperature always prey upon the weak among us, while moderation prolongs life.

Before Taking Inventory.

We have decided to greatly reduce our large stock of Suits and Overcoats. Therefore have made the following clean out in prices:

\$20.00	Overcoats to \$15.00
18.00	Overcoats to 14.00
15.00	Overcoats to 12.00
13.00	Overcoats to 11.00
12.50	Overcoats to 10.00
8.50	Overcoats to 6.50
7.50	Overcoats to 5.50
5.00	Overcoats to 4.00

Also a lot of Boys' Overcoats, Reefers and Suits, at greatly reduced prices as we wish to clear our tables, and you will secure genuine bargains. A lot of Mens' Suits; broken sizes, go at about one-half price, so do not allow this opportunity to pass.

MONTGOMERY & Co. Bellefonte.

County Auditors at Work.

The county auditors have been at work the last week going over the accounts of our various county officials. Their report will be given to the public about the first week in February.

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 your Cough Remedy, 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.

MILESBURG'S BIG FIRE.

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN GUTTED.

Bullock's Carriage Works and Livery Stable, two Stores, and a Fine Residence in Ashes.—Loss Heavy.

Last Sunday evening the borough of Milesburg, across the mountain was visited by a very disastrous fire, and before the flames were under control several business houses and a manufacturing establishment were in ruins.

The flames were first discovered in the hay mow of L. Bullock's livery stable. From the stable the fire communicated to Bullock's large carriage works, and these two buildings were soon in ashes. From Bullock's buildings the flames next spread to the Bogg's building and to the old Boileau hotel, and to the Essington block, a large brick building.

The residence of Miles Greene was in the path of the flames and completely destroyed.

For a time it seemed that the greater portion of the town would be destroyed and assistance was asked from Bellefonte. A fire engine and company was sent down, and the fire got under control.

The district burned was closely built up, the buildings being mostly frame structures the fire spread rapidly.

Bullock lost twelve buggies and all stock in his carriage works, but succeeded in recovering all stock from the livery stable. His loss will be heavy.

The two stores of A. T. Boggs and Wm. Shawley were a total loss. The rooms of the G. A. R. and of the American Mechanics were in the Essington block. These orders lost all.

The total loss is about \$16,000, partly covered by insurance.

Centre County in Good Standing.

According to the several returns of the assessors of Centre county at the triennial assessments for 1898, there are 12,564 taxables, 1,946,504 acres of cleared land, and 138,313 acres of timber lands, the aggregate value of which is \$10,852,397. The property exempt from taxation is valued at \$1,597,623. The horses and mules in the county subject to taxation are 7,357, valued at \$104,957. The value of occupations is put down at \$468,191. Judgments, mortgages, etc., assessed for state purposes, are valued at \$2,854,063. The unassessed lands number 327,851 acres, valued at \$926,292. The county commissioners held appeals at their office in Bellefonte on Jan. 7th and 8th. The county is out of debt, having been able to meet all financial demands, and at the end of the year had a nice surplus to carry into the year 1898.

During the year ending Dec. 1, there were born in Centre county 1,168 children, as returned, being an increase of 83 over the year 1896. In the meantime 479 persons died, an increase of 20 over the death rate of 1896. College borough, Harris, Marion, Miles and Union township decreased their birth rate from 1896, while Snow Shoe increased its birth rate more than any other locality in the county for 1897.

TORNADO KILLS 50.

\$1,000,000 Worth of Property Destroyed at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Last night, about 11.30 o'clock, a tornado struck the city of Fort Smith, Ark., tearing its way through the entire city.

Men, women and children, asleep in their homes, were without a moment's warning awakened to meet death under falling walls or in the flames that soon engulfed many of the wrecked buildings.

The Line to be Built.

The Millheim telephone company has received sufficient encouragement in Bellefonte and Centre Hall to merit them extending their lines to these points. They propose starting building the extension as soon as the winter breaks, and in the course of two months to have the phones in and the line working. They will invade the districts covered by the Bell people and a lively telephone war can be looked for.

Endeavorers' Convention.

The State convention of Christian Endeavor societies will be held at Harrisburg this year in the Chestnut street market house, which has a capacity of accommodating 5,000 people. Twenty-eight societies of Harrisburg are actively preparing for the convention, which will be held in October.

Sale Bills.

Parties intending having sale this spring will do well to send their dates determined on to the REPORTER office and inserted in the sale register. When the bills are printed at this office no charge is made for inserting the date. The neatest and most attractive posters printed at this office cheaper than elsewhere.

CALIFORNIA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

American and especially trans-continental travel has been revolutionized by the Personally-Conducted Tours of the Pennsylvania Railroad. California, the "land of promise," the dream of the tourist, has been made easily and comfortably accessible. Through trains of palatial appointments run between the Atlantic and the Pacific, affording ample opportunity to visit the most interesting points en route, and insuring a degree of comfort and special attention not otherwise attainable. The next tour to California under this matchless system will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg Thursday, January 27, visiting St. Louis, El Paso, San Diego, Riverside, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorado Springs and Manitou, Denver, etc. Round-trip rate, including transportation, meals, carriage drives, hotel accommodations, and Pullman accommodations, en route, and Pullman berth Los Angeles to San Francisco, and transportation in California, \$310.00 from all stations east of Pittsburg; with hotel accommodations, meals, transfers, and carriage drives through California for four weeks, \$125.00 additional. An experienced chaperon will accompany the party for the benefit of the lady tourists.

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Candidates Out.

Hammond Sechler, of Bellefonte, will seek the Democratic nomination for Assembly, and has announced his intention of being a candidate. Robert Foster, of State College, the present member, will ask the customary re-nomination from his party. For Prothonotary there are three candidates who have been quietly putting in a word here and there for themselves. They are Robert Hunter and Mitchel Gardner, both of Bellefonte, and C. U. Hoffer, of Philipsburg. All are good Democrats and competent men.

HANNA THE SENATOR.

At the joint session yesterday in Columbus, Hanna received 73 votes, a majority of 1. Cramer, Democrat, the sick member, was not able to be present.

Before the vote was taken members arose in their seats and announced that Hanna had offered to buy their votes and demanded a bribery investigation, but the matter received no attention.

His Voice Came Back.

William Gheer, of Williamsport, a few months ago lost his voice and was compelled to give up his business. One day last week while hunting on the mountain near Nesbit he started on a run to get a good aim at a turkey which was some distance ahead. While running he fell violently to the ground, which caused him to utter an angry exclamation. To his surprise he found that he could speak and talk, and his voice since then has been fully restored.

Six Eclipses.

The year 1898 will have six eclipses, three of the sun and three of the moon one of the latter occurring last Friday evening. This and a total eclipse of the moon December 27 are the only two visible in the United States. The sun is the reigning planet this year.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Frank Bartley, of Hubersburg, and Lydia I. Minplek, of Nittany.

John F. Raymond and Mary E. Gill of Spring twp.

Roland L. Miller, of Bellefonte, and Sarah A. Eckley, of Benner twp.

W. O. Strunk, of Centre Hill, and F. O. Schnars, of Quewaden, Clearfield Co.

Edward T. Lewis and Maggie Harris, of Patton twp., Centre Co.

Wesley O'Day and Mary Young, of Bellefonte.

GRAIN AND CATTLE MARKET.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.

Wheat, contract, 86 1/2.

Corn, No. 2 mixed, 33.

Oats, No. 2 white, 30.

Butter, fancy western creamery, 20a 21; Pennsylvania prints, 21a 22.

Eggs, fresh, 20.

Chicago, Jan. 12.

Wheat, cash, 91; July 81.1-4.

Corn, cash, 29 1/2; July 30.

Oats, cash, 22.

Live Stock, East Liberty.

Prime cattle, \$4.90a5.00. Common \$3.25a3.60; bulls, stags and cows, \$2a 3.70.

Sheep, choice, \$4.60a4.70; common, \$3.24a3.75; choice lambs, \$5.75a5.85.

Veal calves, \$6.50a7.25.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Dee Butschertzeit is now ferby.— Dee Brodewersht sin all g'fresse; Next sin dee public sale Lunch, Selle muss met net fergesse.

Peace reigns again in Warsaw. The general health of our county is still good.

The mild atmosphere of the last few days has put an end to sleighing.

If you have sale bills to print, give the Reporter office a trial, for a good job.

Smith & Crawford have opened their new store in Bartholomew's stand at the station.

Lawyer S. D. Gettig has removed his law office to the rooms with Orvis and Bower.

Since beginning of the week the atmosphere has been damp and chilly with signs for rain.

The man who says he enjoys winter more than he does summer may not be a liar, but we have a right to our opinion.

The wife of ex-sheriff D. Z. Kline, after an illness of some six weeks, died on Thursday morning, Dec. 30, aged 69 years.

Wednesday evening lightning flashes were observed but too distant to hear the thunder. Storm last night and to-day.

Mrs. Quay Allison died Saturday evening at Abdera, aged 55 years. Funeral Wednesday. Interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Barick's appointments for Sunday, Jan. 9: At Centre Hall, at 10 a. m.; at Spring Mills at 2 p. m.; at Tusseyville at 7 p. m.

The townships of Walker, Spring and Benner will hold a district institute in the M. E. church, at Pleasant Gap, next Saturday.

Capl. Taylor, the efficient Democratic Co. Chairman, in another column announces the names of the new district chairmen.

Judge Mayer, on account of his illness, is holding court in the parlor of his house, hearing argument in the Edna Crider murder case.

John Overton, aged 100 years, and Mrs. Mary J. Henderson, aged 77, were married in West Virginia. They drove 20 miles to the groom's residence after the ceremony.

A down east newspaper with the beginning of the year urged its readers to be careful and write it '98 and no more '97. Yet its own date-line still carried the figures 1897.

Simon King, a former Aaronsburger but of late years a resident of Shick-shinny, will be the next landlord at Coburn. Simon has had considerable experience in that line.

A minister asserts that marriage is a preventive of suicide, and a married man retorts that suicide is a preventive of marriage. That seems to settle that little controversy.

When our farmer friend Jacob Shearer, comes to town, it is always behind a span of the cleanest and sleekest horses in the valley, reminding one of old times when fine farm horses were so common.

Dr. Jacobs and landlord Will Runkle has each supplied himself with a gramophone—a talking machine—to reproduce speeches and all kinds of music. Hope they'll keep the little wonders from telling gossip and lies.

James Hamilton, 94 years old, gave a Christmas dinner to his children, grandchildren and other members of his family. He also gave his wife and each of his children and grandchildren presents of money amounting to \$170.

The widow of Peter Rote, of near Bellefonte, died suddenly on morning of Dec. 30. Her daughter Harriet had gone to the cellar for some bread and on returning found her mother had expired while sitting in her chair. She was 93 years of age and was born near Woodward.

One seeker after information, on reading over the trial list in the Reporter, inquired of a friend at his elbow what et al meant. The reply was that it must mean a suit for a board bill in which the one party ate all and paid nothing.

The third peach orchard is to be planted near Aaronsburg, Rob. Boob and Luther Wert having purchased 22 acres of land from John Yerger on the north-west side of that town, and will plant it with 2000 peach trees. Last years large crop down there has emboldened others to venture in the business of peach growing.

The State College Dairy School has just made up its list of forty students for the Creamery Course to be given January 5th to February 16th, 1898. These students were selected in the order of their application, preference being given to those who had had previous experience. It was necessary to reject nearly thirty other applicants on account of a lack of room.