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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE COMING DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP IN THE HOUSE.

A Lively Campaign Ahead in Selecting the Right Man—Henderson to do McKinley's Bidding.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Representative Richardson, of Tenn., is the first one of the four candidates for the Democratic nomination for speaker of the House, which carries with it the Democratic floor leadership during the Fifty-sixth Congress, to reach Washington and open headquarters. Mr. Richardson says he has received more pledges of support than any one of the other three candidates—Bankhead, of Ala., De Armond, of Mo., and Sulzer, of N. Y.—and expresses confidence in his success, but the friend of the other candidates also express confidence of the success of their man in this good natured contest for the Democratic leadership in the House. Mr. Bailey, of Texas, has not yet reached Washington, but he stated during the last session that he would not again be a candidate, but would support Mr. Bankhead for the honor. Some are predicting that there will be a deadlock in the caucus and that the friends of all the candidates will compromise by nominating Mr. Bailey again.

If there were any doubt about Representative Henderson having been the administration's choice for Speaker, it would have been dissipated by what has occurred since his arrival in Washington. Almost before he had removed the dust of travel from his clothes, he called at the White House to know whether Mr. McKinley had any orders to give to the Committee assignments, aside from the packing of the Committee on Banking and Currency in favor of the single gold standard bill, which was ordered last summer. Mr. Henderson is going to be a McKinley Speaker, and this House, instead of registering the will of Charles Reed as the last one did, will register the will of Mr. McKinley.

In order to get control of the Senate Finance Committee of which a majority have for years been silver men, even since the Committee was controlled by the Republicans, the gold worshippers are going to reorganize the Senate Committee, giving the Republicans nine members in those consisting of thirteen and seven in those consisting of eleven. Even then the good men will only have a majority of one in the Finance Committee, as Jones, of Nevada, classed as a silver Republican and Wolcott, of Colorado, who calls himself a Republican bimetalist, can be counted upon to act with the silver men on the question of reporting a bill to enact the single gold standard. The four Democratic members of this Committee are Vest, of Mo., Jones, of Arkansas, Daniels, of Va., and Chilton, of Texas, all staunch silver men. Unless Mr. McKinley gets frightened by those Republicans, who although willing to vote for a gold standard bill if compelled to do so, believe it will be bad policy to pass one on the eve of a Presidential campaign, such a bill is likely to be jammed through at this session of Congress. It will depend largely upon the attitude taken by Mr. McKinley in his message to Congress.

Nothing could more clearly show the close relations existing between Secretary Gage and the Wall street speculators, and the absolute control of this administration by the money kings, than the manner in which Secretary Gage went to the rescue of the Wall street crowd, by purchasing \$25,000,000 worth of Government bonds. Not two hours before the order was officially issued by those bonds, Secretary Gage assured newspaper men that no bonds would be bought. Later he received his orders from Wall street, and promptly obeyed by ordering a purchase of bonds. When the Wall street gang squeezes the public, the government never goes to the relief of the public, but let the screws be turned a few times on the big speculators, and the treasury dumps a big wad of public money into Wall street to ease the pinch, and the gullible public is expected to accept the statement that it is a patriotic act, done to prevent a financial panic, when it is well known that it is really done to prevent loss on the part of the big speculators, who do not hesitate to make situations threatening a money panic whenever they think it profitable to do so, because of their knowledge that the U. S. Treasury is behind them. There will come a time—it will have to come—when Wall street speculators will not dictate the actions of the U. S. Treasury, but it will not come until there is an administration in power that does not owe its election to money put up by the great speculators of the country. There will be a chance to elect such an administration next year.

Although the election is over, Ohio Republicans are still getting fat slices

of pie from the official counter. One of the last to be fed was Mr. H. W. Hart, a young lawyer of Alliance, who has been appointed U. S. Consul, at Dusseldorf, Germany, considered a very desirable post, to fill a vacancy caused by death.

The statement that Boss Hanna had told Mr. McKinley that he would not remain at the head of the Republican national committee is believed to be nothing more than a ruse to head off the fight against Hanna, by prominent Republicans. Hanna may retire, but if he does, it will be because he knows it is a choice of going apparently of his own will and getting kicked out.

Odd Contentions on Catching Fish.

Piscatorialists and newspapers outside of Pennsylvania are manifesting both interest and amusement over a novel contention in law that has been before the Monroe county minor and higher courts since last May. The question at issue is whether a landing net may be used in catching trout after the fish are hooked. The counsel for the commonwealth claims that the fish are not caught until in the actual possession of the angler, and that if the net were not used the fish might have escaped. In view of it being illegal to catch trout with a net, the disputed point now raised has important bearings. The defendants are wealthy members of the Pohoqualine Fishing club.

County Appointments.

Sheriff Brungart will retain the present deputy, Harry Jackson, as his deputy. A wise act for a starter.

The Commissioners, Heckman and Meyer, have chosen J. C. Meyer as attorney for the Board, and Dr. M. A. Kirk for county physician.

A. Boyd Musser has been appointed Commissioners' Clerk.

Sheriff Brungart has chosen Orvis & Bower for his attorneys.

The newly elected officials have selected good material.

The Commissioners, it is said, have made selections for clerk and courthouse janitor, but have not yet announced the names.

Made it Hot for Curwinstown Robbers.

Wednesday night, 15th, as jeweler Kerns was closing his store, two strangers stepped in and requested change for a \$50 bill. While Mr. Kerns was in the act of opening the safe door to get the money, each of the strangers covered the jeweler with revolvers and demanded all the money that was in the safe. A tussle ensued, in which Kerns succeeded in grabbing one of the weapons. He made such good use of it that both the strangers ran out of the store and disappeared in the darkness.

Out Early.

Despite the fact that the spring primaries are off eight weeks yet, there's a quiet hustle on the part of some of our citizens who have a municipal office buzzing under their bonnets. Tax collector and assessor, the best paying offices on the list will be filled. Tax collector Sandoe is again a candidate for reelection and he has a worthy competitor in the person of Lymnan Smith who also wants the job. Both candidates have been quietly putting in their good work. Burgesses, councilmen, school directors and other offices must be filled.

Dr. Robinson Married.

Dr. John I. Robinson, of State College, was married to Miss Morgan, at Philadelphia Friday last, by Rev. Dr. Colfelt. The Dr.'s bride is a resident of Scranton, Pa. The Dr. and his bride arrived at his home at the College on Saturday, where they will reside. Dr. Robinson is a rising young physician, and in Centre Hall he has many friends made during but a few weeks residence in the town.

New Money Order.

The new money order blanks are making their appearance. In some respects they seem to be an improvement over the former blanks, but they give postmasters more work to handle them.

Cost is High.

Several sportsmen met in the prothonotary's office in Clearfield some days ago and after counting up the number of pheasants killed by them this year it was found that the cost of each was \$7.84.

Grab Worms.

Grub worms seem to be eating the young growing wheat in some fields in Millin county and farmers are going to use salt on their ground to clear them out.

Known Here.

John M. Neubauer, a book-keeper of Erie, formerly pleasant landlord of the Brockerhoff House, Bellefonte, asked to be declared a bankrupt; his liabilities \$14,928 and his assets \$295.16.

STEER FATTENING.

Experimenting in a Glass Case at State College.

Supt. Patterson and Prof. Watson, of State College, purchased two carloads of steers at Pittsburg, a few days ago, to conduct experiments with the animals in the best modes of feeding. The experiment will consist in feeding the cattle a ration of corn chop and bran and corn fodder and hay compounded, which is claimed to have unusual fattening qualities. The value of water as a fattening ingredient will also be determined by this process.

The idea is to determine the value of heat or fuel producing foods as used in the feeding of cattle, and is nothing more or less than shutting up in a glass cage a steer for 48 hours and feeding him a certain compounded food substance, noting the effects it will have in the fattening process.

A suitable building, 45 feet wide and 65 feet long, has just been completed at State College, at a cost of nearly \$8000. In this building are now being placed different kinds of apparatus which are furnished free by the Department of Agriculture at Washington, and which will be used in the coming experiment.

The plan is to encase the special apparatus with glass, to be made airtight. Inside in boxes or troughs prepared for the occasion will be placed various cattle-food stuffs of a heat producing nature. A 2-year-old steer will then be harnessed within the glass cage for two days, being fed nothing except the prepared compounds.

By means of an air pump fresh air will be supplied the animal all the time. The air that is discharged will be analyzed, as also any of the food that may be left.

The Pency's Pension System.

The officials of the Pennsylvania railroad company are at work on the employees' pension list which they hope to put into effect on January 1, 1900. The company has 3,000 men in their service who are over 60 years of age; fifty who are over 80 and ninety-nine men who have been in their service 45 years; one 63 and another 61 years. Their pension system goes into effect January 1 next, and 775 will be on the list, of whom 692 will be over 70 years of age. The system provides for 75,000 men, and will require about \$325,000 annually. Employees between 76 and 79 years of age who have served the company 30 years will be allowed to retire from active service.

Foot Shot Off.

Melvin Williams, of Oacoela, who butchers at Munson, while on his way up to Oacoela Monday evening on the A. & P. C. R. train, lost his left foot in a very remarkable manner. A gun belonging to Harry Spanogle of Munson, was leaning up against the rear seat of the end car and Williams was sitting on the cross seat near it, with his foot up on the steam pipe. In some way the gun went off, striking Williams' left ankle, shattering the bone and leaving the foot hanging by strips to the ankle.—Phillipsburg Ledger.

No Services.

The services announced for next Sunday evening in the Reformed church, to be held by Rev. Fiore, of Williamsport, have been recalled. It will be impossible for the Rev. to fill the pulpit as announced.

Rev. Biekel, pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed church, will occupy the pulpit in the Reformed church in this place next Sabbath evening, to take the place of Rev. Fiore, of Williamsport, who was compelled to cancel his engagement.

Organizing an Order.

M. M. Hunter, of Howard, Deputy Head Consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, has met with encouragement in his efforts to start an order in Centre Hall. The order is a beneficial and fraternal one, and will start with a membership of about fifteen.

Well Attended.

The series of meetings conducted by Rev. Chilcote in the Methodist church for two weeks past continues with large audiences each evening. Rev. Rearick occupied the pulpit last evening for Rev. Chilcote.

Big Fish or Good Lie.

The nerves of the Bellefonte disciples of Izaak Walton were made to tingle on Wednesday by a sight of a trout, described as being two feet in length, disporting itself in the waters of Spring creek opposite the Bush House.

Court Week.

Next Monday the November session of court opens at Bellefonte. There are several cases on the civil list which attract attention out of the ordinary.

Try the Reporter for all job printing.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A Thieving Gang Hard to Convict by Law—Snow Shoe's Citizens Threatened to do some Lynching.

The Phillipsburg *Bliminious Record* says: "Should the law abiding citizens and property owners of the Snow Shoe country take it into their heads to organize a vigilance committee and hang a few of the members of the gang of thieves which has infested that country for some time past the responsibility for the breach of peace by the owners of stock will rest clearly with the county authorities. This gang began operating several years ago, then confining themselves to the robbing of hen roosts, stealing of turkeys and minor thieving. Emboldened by their many successes and encouraged by the fact that when arrested peculiar influence at Bellefonte secured their release without the least punishment, they have gone on and on until they have stopped a little short of any crime. Lately they took to the stealing of cattle, and to such an extent have their depredations gone in this direction that there is hardly a dozen head of beef cattle to be found in the township. Not only this, but adopting the tactics of the Jesse James gang, they have brought about almost a reign of terror in the community, citizens being afraid to make any complaint on account of the threats of the gang to burn the property of such citizens as may inform on them."

"On two recent occasions when members of the gang were arrested and sent to Bellefonte, the evidence being clear against them, not a thing was done to them. Such being the condition of affairs it is no wonder that talk of a Vigilance Committee is heard, and that citizens have concluded that if the county will not protect them in their persons and property they will appeal to Judge Lynch's court, and then ascertain whether few hangings will not rid the community of a gang the law seems powerless to remove or punish. The District Attorney can view this article in any light he pleases, but we assure him of this one fact, that the property owners of the Snow Shoe country have reached the conclusion that if the county will not protect them in their property they will protect themselves."

TO MARK A FAMOUS SPOT.

A Move to Erect a Monument to Local History.

The agitation in connection with the erection of a monument to the memory of the late ex-Governor A. G. Curtin of Bellefonte, has aroused interest in some of our citizens that a monument be erected marking the graves where a white man and an Indian lie buried.

The incident brings up a tale which has been handed down to posterity from the early pioneer days of our valley. About one mile east of the Old Fort is a road leading to Centre Hill from the Spring Mills pike. The story goes that during those days when our valley was the home of the dusky men of the forest, a settler and an Indian met in deadly combat. Their fire arms becoming useless, they engaged in deadly combat around a tree with their knives. They were found lying side by side, both dead from knife thrusts inflicted by the other. They were buried together in one grave, which is marked by a few stones and is but a few feet beyond the railroad tracks which pass over the road.

The stones have become broken and in course of time the marks of the grave may be obliterated. Ex-County Treasurer D. C. Keller has aroused interest in the incident and is at the head of a movement for a monument. He suggests that a large mountain stone be erected at the place inscribed with the historic tale, and that the members of the Daughters of the Revolution be asked to assist in the move. A large rock can easily be had off our mountain, and Mr. Keller will haul same free to the place provided others will assist him in the work.

Additional Tax on Judgment Notes.

Collector of Internal Revenue McClain has received word from the Commissioner at Washington that ordinary judgment notes will hereafter be considered as bonds, and taxed fifty cents each under the War Revenue law, and if a power of attorney is embodied in the note it must bear an added stamp of 25 cents.

Prices Going Up.

At a meeting of the Middle States furniture manufacturers held at Williamsport this week an advance of 10 per cent was agreed upon. The demand for furniture is so great that some makers have had to recall their traveling men, not being able to fill the orders sent in.

ROAD LAW COMMISSION.

The Grangers Have No Use for the Present Law.

The officers of the Pennsylvania state grange have declined to appoint a member of the commission authorized by the last legislature. The Patriot says that the resolution creating the commission called for seven members, including an appointment by the officers of the state grange, but through an error in transcribing the grange was omitted. The grangers have ignored the state administration since the dismissal of a daughter of former Worthy Master Rhone as a clerk in the Department of agriculture and they have refused to have anything to do with the road commission, which originated with Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton.

The commission consists of A. J. Cassatt, of Philadelphia; Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield, and H. M. Breckenridge, of Natrona, appointed Tuesday by Governor Stone; H. C. Snavely, of Lebanon, representing the farmers' alliance; ex-Governor James A. Beaver, of Bellefonte, appointed by Secretary Hamilton, and Hibberd B. Worrell, of Philadelphia, representing the League of American Wheelmen.

A New Railroad.

There is every prospect of a new railroad being built from Selinsgrove to a point in Maryland, Hancock being the probable terminus. Engineers in the employ of Thomas Moorhead, president of the Tuscarora Valley railroad, have been surveying the old abandoned road bed of the Selin's Grove and North Branch road and will finish that portion of the work this week.

It is said the intention of the new corporation is to use electricity as the motive power for passenger trains, or cars, but will probably use steam locomotives for the movement of freight trains.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Harry P. Hassinger, Spring township, and Annie M. Kelly, of Boggs ship.

Frank L. Ball, Clearfield, Pa., and Christina Shope, Milesburg.

Wm. A. Slote, Elizabethtown, Pa., and Georgia A. Swires, Milesburg.

Wm. F. Thompson, State College, and Anna M. Coble, Lemont.

Thomas S. Mallory and Jennie E. Lucas, both of Axemann.

Will Advance Prices.

By their action in convention in Bellefonte Wednesday, the blacksmiths and carriage builders of Centre county decided to do away with competition and combine to not only raise, but keep up prices for work. About fifty of the one hundred tradesmen were present and an organization was perfected to be known as the Carriage Makers and Blacksmiths' Protective Association of Centre county, with the following officers: President, C. O. Whippo, Lovelle; vice president, G. Mallory, Bellefonte; treasurer, L. C. Bullock, Milesburg. As a committee on constitution and by laws Daniel Hall, L. C. Bullock and George Mallory were appointed. About three hours were occupied in discussing a suitable scale of prices, and finally a scale was adopted that is about a 20 per cent advance on present rates charged for work.

Knows How to Raise Corn.

Noah Rupert, residing in Sadsbury township, Clinton county, near Nine Points, is the champion in raising corn. His yield per acre is 118 bushels, 26 pounds of corn of 72 pounds to the bushel; or, 227 bushels three pecks of shelled corn. This is certainly a yield worth farming for when it is not only one acre, but the field of ten acres which averages the above. Mr. Rupert checks his corn, having the rows 3 feet apart. When cut it made 84 shocks to the acre. He gives the ground a heavy coat of manure and uses 600 pounds of rock to the acre. For the last five years his crop has averaged over 100 bushels to the acre.

Good Work Done.

A spirited revival, conducted by Rev. Solver, is in progress in the Evangelical church near Tusseyville, having won four seekers with others on the same path.

A Sure Sign of Croup.

Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Many mothers who have croupy children always keep this remedy at hand and find that it saves them much trouble and worry. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Pottery Mills; H. F. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

A Vigil.

Once a maid for Love's delight
Set a candle-beacon burning;
"Near the window, dark the night,
That's for him returning."
Every night the beacon shone,
Every morning sighed the maid;
Every eye: "Shine on, shine on,
I will wait for him," she said.

Love, that knew no fear, no doubt!
Love that never drew the curtain!
"Never shall my light go out;
He will come for certain."
Every night her beacon beamed,
Every morning fancy fed;
"I was weeping and I dreamed
He would come to-day," she said.

Seventy years the beacon shone,
Seventy years—and wrinkles spreading!

Still she said: "Shine on, shine on,
Light him to the wedding!"
Loyal heart and loyal hand,
Seventy years and not afraid!
"Will you never understand?
"I must go to him," she said.

—Boston Journal.

Fine: the weather.
Lovely day: Tuesday.
Threatened: rain Wednesday.

Mr. A. S. Kerlin is still confined to his home, we regret to say.

Some half a dozen scholars of the town schools have taken the chicken pox.

Maurice Otto, of Bellefonte, broke his leg while playing football at State College on Saturday.

Miss Louisa Haas, of Reepsburg, this county, died Monday of consumption, aged 22 years.

H. E. Duck, of Millheim, opened up the sausage season by killing porkers weighing 467 pounds.

George Lose died Sunday at Rote, Clinton county, aged 92 years, survived by three sons and four daughters.

The population of Lewistown and suburbs, including Lewistown Junction, is estimated at between 6,000 and 8,000.

Rev. Resick's appointments, Sunday, Nov. 26: Centre Hall 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville, 2 p. m.

Turkeys are over-plenty in Philadelphia, boarders complain having too much of it, being cheaper than any other meat.

Snyder county is behind in corn-husking; can't the Times or Post spur on the job before corn-planting overtakes 'em?

Up at Gaines, where John Bitner is making his home with his daughter Mrs. Shadle, oil has been struck, opening new oil territory.

Company C, Hollidaysburg's Fifth regiment company, was unable to pass a proper inspection and its disbandment has been ordered.

Dont tease children to provoke them to angry expressions or crying; on the other hand give them kind words and delight them with kind action.

Trinity Reformed congregation, of Potstown, Rev. L. Kryder Evans, D. D., pastor, will shortly observe the sesqui-centennial anniversary of its organization.

Through the kindness of Jacob Shearer, who killed a deer while out with the Regulars on a hunt, we were enabled to feast on some choice slices of venison, and we extend a dozen thanks for such kind remembrance.

About a dozen deer have been killed in the Seven mountain region this season. We remember of one season fifteen years ago, fifty deer were killed, in the same territory. The number is growing beautifully less as the years pass.

The Hartborn, Missouri, editor, who believes in all the comforts of home, says: "We would prefer living in a small town where people will sympathize with you in trouble, and if you haven't any trouble they will hunt some up for you."

David F. Mauger, one of the most popular of Reading's younger lawyers, and Assistant District Attorney, will be a candidate to succeed his chief, Mr. Rothmell, when that official's term expires. Mr. Mauger, some ten years ago was principal of the Centre Hall schools and boarded at Mr. J. D. Murry's.

"McClure's Magazine" for December will have an inside view of "The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson," being an account of the historic trial and all its circumstances by ex-Senator George S. Boutwell, who was himself one of the official Managers of the trial.

Josiah Candor, a prominent citizen of Lock Haven and veteran of the Civil war, died on 17, aged 68. He served 51 months as a member of the 7th Pa. reserves. In early life he was a conductor on the Penn'a railroad, and had charge of the first passenger train ever run to Lock Haven.