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WASHINGTON LETTER.

REPUBLICANS NEED SUPPORT OF MINORITY MEMBERS.

To Resist an Underhand Attack by the Administration on a Protective Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—That queer things occur in politics everybody knows, and nobody expects to see Republican members of Congress trying to get Democratic members to assist them in resisting what they call an underhanded attack on the protective tariff system of the Republican administration. Yet that is precisely what is being done. Republicans representing sections which produce articles affected by the tariff reciprocity treaties, negotiated under the Dingley tariff law, which require the approval of the House as well as the ratification of the Senate, are trying to get Democrats to help them do it.

Mr. McKinley pulled off his New Year reception without a scrap between those who have been fussing for weeks over whether Gen. Miles or Admiral Dewey should be given precedence under the rule which has always been followed.

There is another row on between Gen. Miles and Adjutant General Corbin. It was started by the recommendation of Gen. Miles that this year's West Point class be graduated in February, instead of June, in order that the graduates, instead of civil appointees, might fill the numerous vacancies in second lieutenantcies in the regular army. For some reason Gen. Corbin bitterly antagonizes this recommendation—of course, he, as Adjutant General of the Army, has no personal interest in the appointment of civilians to be second lieutenants in the regular army. Secretary Root is said to lean towards Corbin a little, although he has not actually decided the question yet.

While no one in Washington seriously believes that the Republican caucus will dare to endorse the bill of Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, which proposes to reduce the Congressional Representation and the electoral votes of a number of southern states, Representative Wilson, of South Carolina, who is an able constitutional lawyer, has gathered a number of resolutions showing that Congress has no constitutional authority to do that. Mr. Crumpacker's bill proposes, even if it had the inclination, which it doubts. Mr. Wilson queries several decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court, one of which contains the following plain language: "The right to vote is a privilege regulated by municipal law and inhering exclusively in the state."

He also points out that the right to vote has been denied by a large number of states. For instance, in an educational qualification is required by Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Colorado, and Wyoming, while the payment of certain taxes is required before citizens can vote. Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Delaware, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Nevada. Mr. Wilson says the educational qualification imposed by Massachusetts bears a larger number of citizens than are effected by the constitution or laws of any southern state, and that he feels sure the best sentiment of the country, regardless of politics, sustains the solution which the suffrage laws of South Carolina and other southern states have secured to the people of intelligence of those states.

Secretary Gage's expressed willingness to answer any questions Congress may ask of him, concerning his policy of a New York bank to receive on deposit all moneys collected from internal revenue taxes,—about \$1,000,000 a day,—and to distribute the same to banks in all parts of the country, as may be ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury, is likely to be put to the test very soon, as there are several things about this transaction which may Senators and Representatives would like very much to know. For instance, even among those who concede the legal right of the Secretary of the Treasury to give the free use of Government money to some banks and not to others, which many do not, there is a curiosity to know why a bank controlled by one of the biggest and wealthiest of the trusts,—The Standard Oil Company—was made the distributor of these funds, and how long that bank is allowed to retain the money before distributing it to the other favored banks, and whether those banks are given the free use of the money for any specified time. It was this same New York bank that bought the Custom House property in New York and while questions are in order, Secretary Gage will be asked to explain the legal jugglery in delaying the transfer of title from the government to the purchaser, by which the bank

has escaped the payment of city taxes amounting to more than \$120,000. Boss Hanna was right when he said that the talk about Secretary Gage resigning was boah. The interests which put Mr. Gage in the Cabinet have more work for him to do for their profit, and nobody knows it any better than Boss Hanna. Mr. Gage could not resign, even if he really wished to, without queering himself with those interests.

Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent 27 to 31 and January 2 to 6; next will reach the Pacific coast about 7, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 8, great central valleys 9 to 11, eastern states 12.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 7, great central valleys, eastern states 11. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 10, great central valleys 12, eastern states Jan. 14.

Temperature of the week ending at January 15 will average below normal in the great central valleys, and Atlantic states and above on Pacific slope. Rainfall will be below normal in the great central valleys and Atlantic states and about normal on the Pacific slope.

January will be a cold month in the east of Rockies except in the New England states. Very cold in the great central valleys, warmer from the vicinity of the Rockies westward.

Rainfall of January will be from about to above normal in the Ohio valleys and eastern states, below in the great central valleys and about on the Pacific slope.

A wave of moderate temperature will cross the continent from west coast about 1 to 7, followed by a low temperature wave.

From about 7 to 20, temperature will continue to slowly rise but with frequent waves of higher and lower temperatures.

The center of a drouth period will pass the great central valleys not far from 16 covering nearly two weeks and slowly moving eastward.

Snows may be expected in the northern states from 20 to 27 and rains in the southern states.

School Statistics for the State.

The school report contains these statistics of the schools of the state: Number of school districts, 2493; number of schools, 27,968; number of graded schools, 16,905; number of superintendents, 140; number of male teachers, 9,999; number of female teachers, 19,469; average salaries of male teachers per month, \$44.27; average salaries of female teachers per month, \$37.84; whole number of pupils, 1,152,452; average number of pupils in daily attendance, 558,177; cost of school houses—purchasing, building, renting, etc., \$3,569,820.94; teachers' wages, \$10,740,713.38; cost of school text books, \$782,235.50; cost of school supplies other than text books, \$408,146.30; fuel, contingencies, fees of collectors and other expenses, \$4,708,852.82; total expenditures, \$20,308,768.95; estimated value of school property, \$49,491,585.50.

In Philadelphia the report shows, there are 193 male and 3278 female teachers. The average monthly salary of the male teachers is \$167.21 and that of the women \$63.11. The number of pupils in school at the end of the year was 145,302, and the average attendance was 128,285. The cost of school houses and repairs for the year was \$832,923.90, and for books, fuel, stationery and contingencies \$551,014.56.

Instantly Killed.

A mimic skirmish by boys representing United States and Spanish soldiers was given a tinge of realism on Tuesday afternoon, by the mortal wounding of one of the combatants. While the lads in the role of troops were at play William Hiden, aged 12 years, shot William Bessinger, aged 11, in the back with a target gun, the ball penetrating the heart and causing instant death. The accident occurred at Lewistown.

Three Men Killed Near Lewisburg.

While hauling ice at Chillisquaque, on Tuesday, Samuel Whitmyer, Fremont Wolfe and Wm. Wensel were killed by a train on the track when the Niagara express came along and struck them. Both horses were killed and the wagon torn to pieces. Wensel leaves a wife and two children, and Whitmyer a wife and seven children. Wolfe was 18 years of age.

Counterfeiters at Jersey Shore.

During the last week counterfeiters have been at work in Jersey Shore and palmed off quite a large number of spurious coins on the merchants of that place. One business man found three bad dollars in his money drawer and several others have one or two. The storekeepers are of the opinion that the "queer" was passed on them during the holiday rush.

Reign of Terror.

A reign of terror prevails in the locality of Spruce Creek, east of Tyrone. This lawlessness exists without any danger, apparently, of punishment to those who are guilty of it. Three deliberate murders have been committed within as many months; the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday and to minors is said to go on undisturbed.

The whole community is said to carry concealed weapons. Several thefts and burglaries have been made and nearly every section of the penal code has openly been violated. The most peculiar feature of this condition of affairs is that the county authorities are not responsible for the lax administration of the law, since they are almost powerless to remedy the evils. The Pennsylvania railroad company is making extensive changes and improvements between the stations so as to obtain room for two additional tracks in the narrow gorge through which the Juniata river flows.

Two bridges are being built just above Bairee on which these tracks are to cross the river and a second tunnel is being driven through the mountain at Spruce Creek near the old one made when the road was built 50 years ago. About 400 men are employed more than half of whom are negroes from southern states and most of them are engaged to work in the tunnel. Many of the other workmen are Italians. The negroes have scarcely any regard for law or morals and it is believed they are offenders concerning them to the officers.

Not Much Chance for Pension.

Not many of the railroad men expect to be ever able to get the pension, says the *Pittsburgh Post*, as they think that one man out of a thousand, in active railroad work, can expect to live seventy years and hold his job. One of the engineers says that about once a year they are examined for eyesight, hearing, etc., and that these tests are becoming more severe and rigorous, and many men over forty are in doubt as being able to pass the coming test. Before many years they will expect a man to stand thirty five feet from a mosquito and count his winks, and if one wink is missed he will be lowered in the ranks. They will also insist on a man being able to hear a bed bug crawl at a distance of forty-five feet and a wheel with 500 spokes, all of different colors, will be revolved at an amazing rate, and the candidate for a position will have to stand a mile away and tell the color of each spoke, and the number of spokes. The wheel bed bug and mosquito test will knock out men before they are forty not to say anything about three score and ten.

What It Cost to Collect a Dollar for Uncle Sam.

According to the annual treasury report, the aggregate receipts at the port of Philadelphia, the last fiscal year, amounted to \$22,343,071.51, while the expenses were \$469,508.64, showing that the cost of collecting each dollar was only 21 mills.

At Boston it costs 42 mills to collect \$1, at Detroit 113 mills, at Chicago 24 mills, at San Francisco 50 mills and at Tampa, Fla., 61 mills. These are the lowest. The cost at the other ports goes on increasing until it reaches some custom houses where it costs \$100 to collect a single dollar.

Not Such a Snipe.

Those who have their lines out to hook a census taking position will find that it is one of the poorest political jobs afloat if they manage to land it. Enumerators are only paid \$2.50 for each 100 names turned in, and taking into consideration the fact that they must ask a long list of questions for every name put down and make out three copies of their report, it may be estimated that the compensation for the work is small, in no instance aggregating \$125.

Roster of State's Troops.

Adjutant General Stewart has put a number of clerks to work at Harrisburg in preparing a roster of all soldiers and sailors of Pennsylvania who served in the Spanish-American war. One thousand dollars have been provided for the performance of all necessary clerical work. The number of Pennsylvanians who performed military and naval service during the late war was about 15,000, of whom more than 1,000 went to the Philippines.

Important to Fishermen.

Judge Albright of Lehigh county, last week handed down a decision relating to the rights of fishermen and owners of streams. He rules that a fisherman is guilty of trespass who enters a stream and fishes without the consent of the land owner, although he wades the stream and does not touch the dry land, and the fact that the state has stocked the stream with fish does not make a public stream.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Democrats Again in Control of the County Management.—New Officials Sworn into Service on Monday.

The retiring Sheriff, Wm. M. Chronister, and Register George W. Rumberger, have filled their positions with fidelity, and to the entire satisfaction of the public. The Democrats made no mistake in electing these gentlemen, and thereby gave the people two faithful public servants.

In the Commissioners' office, the new member, Prof. Meyer, is found at his post, obliging and attentive, and will study to become familiar with the county affairs, and to enable him to discharge his duties faithfully, which is his aim and desire. The familiar face of Danny Heckman was voted to remain "because he does what's right." The Republicans seemed to think Mat Riddle was their best man to retain and so expressed themselves by their votes.

For sheriff we have that royal fellow, Cyrus Brungart, affable and every inch a gentleman. Proof, he received the highest vote.

Boyd Musser, new commissioners' clerk, is a good selection, and popular with all, and pleasant to a finish.

J. C. Harper retires from the Recorder's office with no room for fault-finding—his duties were faithfully discharged.

That fine old gentleman, the new treasurer Mr. Speer, will serve that office well and will go out with an un tarnished name. Mr. Speer succeeds Harrison Kline who filled the office creditably.

Register Archey is winning good opinions already and will prove an excellent official in full keeping with his good name and manliness.

Nels Robb, the Recorder, was the best man the Republicans had to offer, and we think he will do his duty.

A SAW MILL BURNED.

The Large Plant at Linden Hall Goes up in Smoke.

On Saturday evening the large saw mill of the Linden Hall Lumber company, a short distance west of Linden Hall, was totally destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered about six o'clock, from an unknown origin, and the large plant was soon a mass of flames. A large lot of lumber was piled within one hundred feet of the mill and for a time the flames threatened to consume this, but by hard work on the part of the men, the flames were confined to the mill.

The plant was one of the best equipped in this part of the state, and the loss is about \$5,000, partly covered by insurance. A large lot of shingles in the mill were destroyed.

Cressinger Hanged.

Edward Cressinger, aged 19 years, the slayer of Daisy Smith, expiated his crime on the gallows in the county prison at Sunbury yesterday morning. The condemned man spent a quiet night, and appeared to be unconcerned about his approaching death. The procession to the scaffold was led by Sheriff Zerling and Rev. Brosious, Cressinger following unaccompanied. The doomed man ascended the steps to the gallows firmly, and on the platform he confessed his guilt. After he had said farewell to the spectators the noose was adjusted and the trap sprung. In six minutes he was pronounced dead. One of the most interested spectators was Henry Smith, father of the murdered girl.

Married in the West.

One of our boys who had gone west to seek his fortune has joined the band of Benedicts and taken unto himself a wife. This time it is John Sweeney, son of George Sweeney, west of Centre Hall, who was married about three weeks ago to Miss Daisy Rankin, of Mound City, Kansas. John left here about ten years ago, and of late has been located in Pueblo, Col., where he has a good job in the machine department of the D. & R. G. railroad. The many friends of John hereabouts will be pleased to learn of this move on his part and will join with the *Reporter* in wishing them success through life.

A Prominent Physician Dead.

Dr. L. R. Hensyl, a prominent physician of Howard, died at his home in that place on Monday afternoon. He was a prominent Republican and highly respected citizen of his town. He was aged about 60 years, and leaves a wife and six children.

Missing broken sets of teeth and naking new ones, guaranteed at reasonable prices, by Dr. C. S. Jacquemin, at hotel, January 8th to 15th.

Try the Reporter for all job printing.

LATE NEWS NOTES.

Croker, the Tammany chief, was thrown from a horse in England and had a leg broken.

Queen Victoria is troubled with insomnia, owing to the condition of affairs in South Africa.

The transportation of wheat from the west to the seaboard means millions of dollars a year to railroad and ship owners.

The Boers were driven from Colesburg by the English under General French, on Sunday night. The Boers were taken by surprise.

It is very cold in Germany, and the island of Room is now reached over a frozen arm of the North sea, a condition unknown in twenty years.

The new registration now being taken in Philadelphia has turned up already to be fraudulent in several of the precincts. The penitentiary does not seem to have any terrors for the rascals.

After ballot box has been opened in Philadelphia, and more evidence of fraud found. The boxes are stuffed like Christmas turkeys, so far as they have been opened. Philadelphia stands head and shoulders above any other city in the land for ballot frauds.

A vile plot was uncovered in Manila. One thousand rebels organized to slaughter Americans. It had been planned to throw bombs among the foreign diplomats during General Lawton's funeral. A big uprising was prevented by the discovery of the plot.

The insurgents do not have a great force in the field any longer, and Aguineldo with about 200 followers is still in flight to distant parts of Luzon. His wife died last week in giving birth to a son. A guerrilla warfare is likely to be kept up, which may last a year or longer.

Quay has damaged his own shaky case, although founded on a burly Stone. His enemies were working in Washington while he was down in Florida fishing, and made some better hauls than he did. It is not believed the ex-Senator will allow his claim to be voted on in Committee.

Lancaster county's treasurer, Emanuel H. Hershey, has gone to parts unknown, and his account is short in the sum of \$65,042.41. This amount was ascertained from his books by his deputy, his son, Clarence M. Hershey, and Co. Auditor Thos. J. Marsh, who were at work on the books for over a week. Speculating in stocks, poker and gambling swamped him.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Harry Munson and Annie F. Bears, Phillipsburg.

Wm. D. Walker and Mary M. McCool, Wolfs Store.

Thomas A. Hosterman and Ella C. Cornan, Coburn.

Era W. Carson, Spring township, and Catharine I. Shreffler, State College.

Wm. A. Briggs and Florence Wian, Bellefonte.

Frank C. Croyle and Mary Pilkington, Phillipsburg.

John Bowers, Julian, and Lidle Bathurst, Mt. Eagle.

Charles H. Croak, Lock Haven, and Lydia Butler, Romola.

Floyd O. Biddle, and Ella I. Williamson, Julian.

Frank L. Carter, Punxsutawney, and Bell Saylor, Bellefonte.

Herbert Coran, Frandsville, and Anna E. Rossman, Spring.

O. P. Smith, Feldler, and Nellie Brindle, Rebersburg.

Forest J. Stover and Lottie Leitzell, Aaronsburg.

Alfred W. Winkleblech, Penn, and Lulu Derstine, Aaronsburg.

Andy Jurin and Annie Pacusus, Clarence.

Frank Cowen and Sarah Robinson, Taylor.

Thos. G. Boalich and Vera L. Jones, Phillipsburg.

Clarence L. Weaver, Ferguson, and Annie Young, Patton.

Harry E. Garbrick, Bellefonte, and Louise E. Criesman, Pittsburg.

Reeder Takes Hold.

W. E. Gray, who has been county chairman of the Republican party in this county the last three years, completed his term of service Tuesday and handed over the party reins to Colonel Wilbur F. Reeder, ex-deputy attorney general and a strong anti-Quayite.

Vacation Over.

The public schools opened again on Monday morning after a vacation from Dec. 19th. The schools will now finish the term with no further vacation for the scholars.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining in the post-office at Centre Hall unclaimed for Jan. 1, 1900: Miss Della Swartz, James Stephenson. Persons calling for above letters please state they are advertised.

G. M. Boat, P. M.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

A Century From Now.

If you and I should wake from sleep
A century from now,
Back to the grave we'd want to creep,
A century from now.
We'd witness such a startling change,
Find everything so wondrous strange,
We'd hurry back across the range,
A century from now.

A woman, forty, fat and fair,
A century from now,
May warm with grace the Speaker's chair,
A century from now.
The cabinet may be a flock
Of girlish, gay of hat and frock,
Who talk, but who won't mend a sock,
A century from now.

The people all will fly on wings
A century from now
(Not heavenly, but patent things)
A century from now.
They'll soar aloft devoid of fear
On pinions of a chainless gear,
And change their "flyers" every year,
A century from now.

There'll be no restaurants at all
A century from now,
The home will have no dining hall
A century from now.
The chemists all our wants will fill
With food in tablets, and to still
Our thirst we'll simply take a pill,
A century from now.

Henry Geiswelt, Bellefonte, was allowed a pension, \$6.

Got the first sleighride, Les Jacobs, Sunday before Christmas.

Thomas E. Royer has been appointed postmaster at Rebersburg.

There will be lots of sales coming spring, say auctioneers J. L. Neff and Will Gohsen.

During the past year there have been 1020 births in Centre county and 482 deaths. We are forging ahead.

Big hogs are still on deck yet. H. Duck, esq., of Millheim, killed a porker which dressed 582 pounds.

It is believed that nothing short of an earthquake could destroy the Washington monument, so solid is its foundation.

We have had a siege of ten days of extremely cold weather; the ground is frozen deep and the ice is from eight to ten inches thick.

A citizen from Axeman desires the Reporter to say, that thieves in that section will have a hearing if they do not watch themselves.

Mr. Hoekman, of Farmers Mills, whose sale is on the list, will move on the Zimmerman farm, near Hecla, which he purchased recently.

The cold Christmas snap is reported to have been felt in many parts of the country and may mean the exit of a most delightful fall. What next?

D. F. Fortney, esq., put his strong shoulder to the educational wheel during teachers' institute and directors' day. Fortney can't be else than useful.

John Shirley, aged 71, chief promoter of the Tussey Mountain Mining & Smelting Co., Huntingdon, dropped dead during the progress of a meeting of the stockholders.

The January number of McClure's Magazine will contain some reminiscences of Blaine and Conkling, and their rivalry in the Republican Convention of 1880, by the Hon. George S. Boutwell.

Prices on coal having gone up, Bellefonte's steam heat has followed suit and gone up too, bringing out a non-like growl from the citizens of that religious burg, with threats to go back to gran'ma's 10 plate stove and tallow dips. "Prosperity" has struck the steam heaters, sure, too.

M. F. Johnson, the Clearfield jury commissioner charged jury padding, who disappeared before the issuance of a warrant for his arrest and who was arrested at Marion, Indiana, was lodged in jail at Clearfield. Chief of Police Burt White, who captured him will get the \$500 reward.

Washington society, official and lay, is pictured in its full brilliancy by Archibald Willingham Butt, in his short story called "Behind the Lines," written for the January "New Lippincott." The title alludes to the group of the elect which stands behind the receiving lines at an official reception.

Another warning against bad roads comes from Clearfield county in an award of damages of \$2000 to Miss Virginia Beers, a school teacher, who was injured by a fall from a bridge that had no side protections. She was riding a bicycle at the time of the accident. Limestone township must meet the loss for its negligence.

We had a white Christmas after all misgivings, thanks to the rain and slush of day previous, Sunday, followed by a cold blizzard, that gave the roads an icy bottom for Christmas, on which a snowball put some of the "beautiful" to the depth of apple butter on the school boy's bread, and some folks came out in their sleighs and had a screechy ride.