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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### A MARKED CHANGE OF POLICY BY MCKINLEY.

As on Silver His Views are Quickly Changed on the Tariff.—Government for Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—No President ever made a more abject surrender than Mr. McKinley has made on the Porto Rican tariff bill, now before the House. He stated positively in his annual message that he favored free trade for Porto Rico, and when the Republicans in the House first talked about putting a duty on Porto Rican products, he even went so far as to intimate to Democrats he met that he would be glad if they would help defeat the proposed duty. Now, he has turned a complete somersault, and announced, in advance of its passage, that he will sign the bill imposing a 25 per cent. duty. No wonder Republicans in Congress laugh when Mr. McKinley is spoken of as their leader.

The bill providing a territorial form of government for Hawaii now before the Senate, which means that Hawaii will ultimately become a state, naturally raises the question of why the Hawaiians should be so much better treated than the Porto Ricans. Surely no one outside of the clique which is shaping the Republican policy can see any good reason for making Hawaiians American citizens and the Porto Ricans Colonial subjects.

Senator Tallaferra, of Florida, in addition to making a public and most positive denial of the story published over the signature of Jay C. Holland, an alleged Florida detective, charging him with having conspired with Major G. W. Ruthers, U. S. A., and Mr. C. B. Rogers, of Florida, to defraud the government in connection with the sale of a lot of bacon, has had Holland arrested for criminal libel, and employed eminent lawyers to assist in prosecuting him. Senator Tallaferra expressed the opinion that ex-Senator Call had something to do with the publication of Holland's story, but Mr. Call says he had nothing whatever to do with it.

Representative John Allen, of Miss., can deal with facts as well as humor, as he showed while the House was discussing the responsibility for the confessedly large number of inefficient clerks on the government pay rolls in Washington. When Mr. Allen got up to speak, those who can see in him only the humorist, expected something "funny," but they didn't get it. Although inclined to take many things humorously, Mr. Allen is one of the hardest working members of the Appropriation committee. He began his speech by saying that there was sufficient law to get rid of clerks who become inefficient from age or other causes, and that the department officials should not be allowed to saddle the blame for their retention upon Congress. He said he had made an investigation and had official figures to show that the average age of eleven hundred of the clerks reinstated by the present administration, exceeded 60 years, and he naturally thought these reinstatements explained a large part of the complaints about inefficient clerks being kept in office.

A caucus of Democratic Senators was held to discuss the general line of opposition to the Republican policy towards the island possessions of the U. S. A committee was authorized to confer with the Democrats of the House, with a view to having the party in both branches of Congress act along the same line. While no program was adopted, there was a unanimous sentiment in favor of continuing the opposition, and a committee was authorized to arrange a program.

Ex-Governor Peck, of "Bad Boy" fame, is one of the two hundred citizens of Wisconsin who are whooping up Milwaukee, as the Democratic National Convention city. He says that everybody tells him Milwaukee will win, but that the hustling is going to be kept up until the National Committee decides where the Convention is to be held.

Notwithstanding numerous denials of the story that Boss Hanna had threatened to take the Republican National Convention away from Philadelphia, if the money promised by the Committee representing that city to the Republican National Committee, was not forthcoming. Such a threat was made. And as a result, Boss Hanna has received a check for \$25,000 on account, and a promise that the other \$75,000 will be raised and turned over before the Convention meets. The two Democratic members of the Conference Committee—Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and Representative Cox, of Tennessee, now considering the gold standard bill passed by the House and the substitute therefor, passed by the Senate, can do little more than exercise their right of making a minority report to their respective branches of

Congress, but they can be depended upon to do that in a thoroughly Democratic manner. The four Republican members of the Committee—Senators Aldrich and Allison, and Representatives Overstreet and Brosius, will really make the gold standard bill that will go upon the statute books, and it is not for a moment doubted that it will contain the most objectionable features of both measures now under consideration.

## TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

Media elected a woman school director.

Yeaton elected a reform ticket by an almost unanimous vote.

The Democrats for the first time in many years carried Selinsgrove.

In Philadelphia three of the machine candidates for magistrate were defeated and reputable men chosen.

The Democrats carried Doylestown. Norristown went Democratic the first time in several years.

Franklin elected a Republican mayor by 500 majority.

Bloomsburg, usually Republican, was carried by the Democrats.

Ashland elected a Democratic burgess and three Democratic councilmen, the Republicans getting the balance of the offices.

The Republicans carried Chester.

Columbia, as usual, Republican.

The Democrats won in Gettysburg.

Carlisle elected a Democratic burgess and part of the other offices.

In Potter county there was a hot fight on the question of the repeal of the special prohibitory liquor law, and one of the heaviest votes ever cast was brought out. In many districts women were at the polls all day fighting against repeal. The repeal carried by 1000 majority. Potter county, "dry" for over 30 years will have licensed houses again.

Bristol elected a Democratic burgess and several councilmen.

Harrisburg had a hot election resulting in some Democratic gains and defeat of several Quay candidates.

West Chester, as usual, went Republican.

Democrats swept Carbonale.

Republicans won in Corry after a big fight.

In Easton the Democrats carried their councilman ticket.

The Republicans carried the Blair county towns.

Shamokin went Republican.

Johnstown elected two thirds of the Republican ticket, Democrats balance.

Democrats made a clean sweep in Lock Haven.

## Another Horse Sale.

Centre Hall is recognized as being the best horse market in the county, and the sales of good, fine horses in the town are becoming more and more frequent. Today, Thursday, a car load of fine animals will be disposed of, and other dealers, Uplinger & Meyer, a western firm, will offer a car load of western horses to the highest bidder on Saturday, March 3rd, at Runkle's hotel. This lot of horses will comprise heavy draught teams, chunks and fast drivers, giving our people an excellent opportunity to select just what stock their needs require. At the sale heretofore our people always secured good, sound animals, and this firm has the confidence of the public. These horses will arrive several days before the sale, and they can be inspected.

## Married on Wednesday.

Yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock Miss Mary L. Koch, the bright and handsome daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Koch, living a short distance east of Centre Hall, was united in marriage to Mr. James Stover. The wedding took place in the parlors of the Haag hotel, at Bellefonte, Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Centre Hall, performing the ceremony. The groom is one of the active and efficient clerks in the store of Mr. Frank Carson at Potters Mills.

## Hurt By a Fall Downstairs.

The venerable Samuel Motz, of Haines township, aged 75 years, met with a painful accident on Monday of last week, by falling down an entire flight of stairs, caused by making a misstep. One of his ears was nearly torn off and required the service of a doctor; besides this there were other painful bruises.

## Timberland Sold.

Col. James P. Coburn this week closed a deal with the Linden Hall Lumber Company, selling them a tract of six hundred acres of timber land on Nittany mountain. The tract is north of Jacob Sharer's home, and operations will be started in the spring.

## Communion Services.

The Rev. W. H. Schuyler, Ph. D., of Schellsburg, Pa., will preach and conduct Communion services in the Presbyterian church at Centre Hall, next Sabbath, February 25th, at 10:30 a. m. Preparatory service Saturday at 2:00 p. m.



THE NEW GRANGE ARCADIA, THE HOME OF PROGRESS GRANGE, No. 96.

## BUSINESS MEN'S CARNIVAL.

### CROWDED HOUSE AT GRANGE ARCADIA OPENING.

The New Public Hall Decorated and Furnished With Scenery.—A Building that is a Credit to the Town.

The Merchants' and Business Men's Carnival held in Grange Arcadia, last Thursday evening, was a decided success both financially and to the pleasure of the several hundred persons who were present to spend an evening out of the ordinary, and to inspect the interior of the handsome new building which was erected that the community might have a place to hold public gatherings, and where entertainments may be given.

For weeks past W. B. Barton, a scene painter from Philadelphia has been working on the interior of the hall. The stage required furnishings and fittings, that plays and other amusements could be given with greater facilities. With this in view, five complete sets of stage scenery, with the wings, borders, and flies, have been provided, upon which are displayed the cards of all of Centre Hall's important business houses. The interior of the hall has also seen the touch of the painter's brush, and from the bare white walls there has been a marked change. The sides and ceilings have been frescoed and painted in colors soft and blending, in full harmony with the surroundings, and the work has been attractively and neatly done.

Centre Hall may well be proud of Grange Arcadia, and the community owes much to Progress Grange No. 96, in erecting such a substantial edifice and place of amusement. When this order had in view the erection of a house where the order could meet in session for many years in one of the rooms in the school building until an increase in the number of town schools compelled them to give it up. Then it was that the present Grange Arcadia was advocated. Realizing that the town was in need of a public hall where large gatherings could congregate, and that the Grange would erect a hall of its own, it was through the efforts of Hon. Leonard Rhone that the two were combined in the one building. To erect such a building at first scarcely seemed possible, but Mr. Rhone was indefatigable in his efforts, and assisted by such Grangers as J. J. Arney, Jas. A. Keller, Alfred Durst, George Gingerich, J. S. Dauberman, and other earnest members of the order, the work was accomplished.

The order has its lodge rooms on the second floor of the building. They are commodious, well lighted and handsomely furnished. The Carnival last Thursday evening was arranged through the efforts of Mr. W. B. Barton. The house was packed to the doors. The complete sets of scenery and stage furnishings were first shown the audience, after which Mr. Barton gave an exhibition of sleight of hand in which he was an adept in mystifying his on-lookers with seemingly impossible tricks.

The marching of sixteen girls, all dressed in white, carrying banners and decorated with articles suggestive of business firms in town received great applause. The girls were well drilled in intricate movements, all of which they performed without a break. They were loudly encored. The Plastic groupings by Misses Della Bartges, Edna Murray and Jennie Thomas were well executed. The decapitation act, and a comedy wound up the performance.

## Property Sold.

The brick house, and lot, at the upper end of town, known as the Herlacher property, was sold a few days ago to Daniel Hess, of Linden Hall, for \$1000.

## High Water.

The lots and cellars of Dr. Alexander Aaron Thomas, Olie Mader, Prof. Krise, and others down street, are under a lake of water that extends across the alley covering the lots on the west side, along the foundry row. A dozen of Aaron Thomas' rabbits were found drowned this morning. The theater in Dr. Alexander's cellar is submerged. The lots of Libby Runkle and George Boal, and many cellars up-town, are flooded.

The sinks being frozen the surface water is prevented from drainage.

Penns creek this morning was higher than at any time since the great flood.

Cedar Run, from Linden Hall west is overflowing its banks and the bridges have been carried away.

Burnham, this side of Lewistown, is flooded, and the Juniata is on the rampage. Much damage is being done.

## LATE NEWS NOTES.

Under Saturday night's cold wave six colored persons were frozen to death in different parts of Virginia.

Wm. H. Lotz, the heaviest man in eastern Pennsylvania, died at Reading. Twelve strong men conveyed the body to the grave, the casket and corpse weighing 900 pounds.

An effort is being made to postpone the Hummel murder case to the term of court following the approaching term. His lawyers are raising a quibble about the jury drawn. Hummel is said to eat well and sleep well.

Clark, the Senator from Montana, against whom a bribery investigation is going on, has told how he laid out \$154,000 to get politics in shape with a view to his election. Justice Hunt was offered \$100,000 to render a decision that would work to Clark's benefit, but the Judge could not be tempted by so luring a bait. Clark has an income of \$8000 per day from his gold and silver mines.

Reuben Henninger, aged 17, was put into jail, at Williamsport, for attempting to wreck the fast express train near Ralston, Monday night, by fastening an obstruction on the track, confessing the deed when arrested. The track-walker made the discovery just before the express came along, thus preventing what might have been a terrible accident. The boy said he didn't know why he laid the piece of iron across the rail.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: N. J. Russell and Lettie M. Beck, both of Bellefonte.

Robert C. Flory and Alice J. Royer both of Pine Grove Mills.

Vance Lucas, of Tyrone, and Etta Sampsel of Pleasant Gap.

Sumner V. Stover, of Wolfs Store, and Jennie V. Hagan, of Farmers Mills.

Daniel Charles Kustenbaur, and Margaret A. Beezer, both of Bellefonte.

William Rossman, of Benore, and Sallie Rimmer, of Pleasant Gap.

Chas. C. Homer, of Zion, and Elizabeth C. Poorman, of State College.

Edward Foreman, and Mary Goodhart, both of Centre Hall.

## LATEST BOER WAR NOTES.

England, for once, is gladdened with good war news, which seems to be the capture of Cronje, and the occupation of Colenso by the British.

Buller has fought his way to Ladysmith. He had several scraps with the Boers in which the latter were defeated.

The Boers have left the country around Kimberley and none are to be seen.

Roberts is near Kimberley and reinforcements with large supplies are to be forwarded to the town.

## S. S. Convention.

A District Sunday School convention will be held in the Lutheran church at Boalsburg on Friday, 23, for one day, with forenoon, afternoon and evening sessions.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS UNTIL APRIL.

Census Enumerators Cannot be Named for a Couple of Months.

The Census Department at Washington, D. C., has requested the several supervisors of the state to make no appointments of enumerators, statisticians and interpreters in their respective district until the month of April.

The work of the enumerators will perhaps not be as easy as many persons anticipate, in fact it will be quite complicated, and will require persons of more than ordinary intelligence to perform it properly. There is much data that the department desires to collect upon this census taking, and therefore the supervisors have been instructed to secure the services of the most capable persons to perform the work.

The work of taking the census will begin on June 1st next, when the enumerators will start out to make house-to-house visits. It is expected that the first returns will begin to arrive about June 20th.

The most important change under the new law is that dividing the subjects of census inquiries into two classes, the first to be taken at once, the second to be postponed until the completion of the first.

In the first class are put those four subjects for which the aid of the enumerator is indispensable. These are population, vital statistics, agricultural and manufactures. In the second class are put all other subjects of census inquiry, information regarding which is derived from correspondence or through special agents. Illustrations of this class are church statistics obtained from church officials, public debt, valuation and taxation, and inquiries into special lines of business, such as telephone, telegraph and express business.

There is one feature about the census taking that is decidedly objectionable to the members of the fair sex, and that is the clause which requires them to give their age. The copy of the schedule that will be furnished each enumerator is about the size of an ordinary election ballot, and contains the following questions to be answered by residents:

Location—Name of street, house number, number of dwelling house in the order of visitation, number of family in order of visitation.

Name of each person whose place of abode on June 1st, 1900, was in this family; enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any; include every person living on June 1st, 1900. Omit children born since June 1st, 1900.

Relation—Relationship of each person to the head of the family.

Personal description—Color or race, sex, date of birth, month and year; age, at last birthday, whether single, married, widowed or divorced; number of years married; mother of how many children; number of these children living.

Nativity—Place of birth of person and parents of each person enumerated; if born in the United States, give the state or territory; if of foreign birth give the country only.

Citizenship—Year of immigration to the United States; number of years in the United States; naturalization.

Occupation, trade or profession of each person, 10 years of age or over; occupation and months not employed.

Education—Attend school (number of months in each year); whether can read, can write, can speak English.

Ownership of home—Owned or rented; owned, free or mortgaged; farm or house; number of farm scheduled.

## Foster's Weather Forecast.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 23d to the 27th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 28th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of March 1, great central valleys 2d to 4th, eastern states 5th.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies country about 28th, great central valleys March 2, eastern states 4th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about March 3, great central valleys 5, eastern states 7.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. February 23, will average below normal in the great central valleys, below in eastern states, above on Pacific coast. Rainfall will be above normal in the great central valleys, above in eastern states, below on Pacific slope.

Next bulletin will give general forecasts of March weather, and it will be particularly interesting to agricultural districts.

## An Ugly Tumble.

While driving to Clintondale, in a buggy, says the Journal, Cal Weaver, who resides north of Rebersburg, met a huckster wagon, near the top of the mountain. At this place there is a precipice of six feet or more, and Mr. Weaver's horse, becoming frightened, backed over the precipice, and fell to the ground below. Mr. Weaver remained in the buggy and, strange to say, was not injured. The horse broke its back.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Bells, The Bells, of Centre Hall. (On Occasion of the Revival.)

The bells, the bells, of Centre Hall, Chime in loud and earnest call: Seek Him now while 'tis today, Risk not the danger of delay.

The bells are five, Each in its tower, Is sentinel of the hour, When the Word is to be taught, To banish evil deed and thought. The ringing is the Master's call— Through the bells of Centre Hall.

Then, ye bells, ring on! In welcome song, Your call prolong, To the sacred sanctuary. There the Master doth abide; He who for all hath died.

Obeys the call, ye mortals all, The invitation of the bells, As they ring and loudly call, From lofty minarets in Centre Hall. Lutheran and Reformed, Methodist and Presbyterian, And the new enlistee— United Evangelical sister.

The alarm is being sounded, That by sin we're all surrounded; But to the righteous It is music, bearing News of heavenly estate sharing.

Then ever ring, ye godly bells, For sinner and for saint, Until earth hath passed away— Ring on, ring on! Until Great Judgment Day! Your music tells, In sweetest swells, Of happy meetings, Pleasant greetings, On the other shore.

Ring on, ring on then, Ring out old Satan and his sin; Ring all men as Christians in— From those five towers tall, Ring! ye bells of Centre Hall!

## Penns creek is up and mudd.

Sucker fishermen are having luck. John B. Harper, of Potters Mills, was granted a pension, \$5.

Land has been leased in Bald Eagle valley to drill for oil and coal.

Merit must be earned to be deserved. Here is wisdom in half dozen words.

Ed. Bierly, son of Joseph Bierly, of Madisonburg, has gone to Kane county, Ill.

Doctors throughout the valley inform us there is considerable illness due to colds.

The Linden Hall Lumber Company bought a 400 acre tract of timberland from M. Homan.

Madisonburg has a singing class of 40 voices under the instruction of Prof. Stover of Aaronsburg.

Mr. John Rossman, of north Gregg, is suffering under a severe attack of erysipelas in his face.

A little blow, a little snow capped each time by a little rain, has been this winter's program.

Runkle's hotel is becoming a favorite point for the sale of western horses, this being a central point.

J. W. Rupp, of Penn Cave, will move to the Burd farm, near Eman'l Harter's, in Miles township.

The close of last week and beginning of this week had a serenade of high winds with dancing snow flakes.

Harry Noll, of Potters Mills, purchased the house and blacksmith shop of Frank Shutt, at Hubersburg.

From 7 o'clock last evening to 7 this morning, 1.58 inches of rain fell. Look for high water reports. Raining yet.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, for next Sunday: At Centrehall, 7 p. m.; Tusseyville, 10 a. m.; Georges valley, 2 p. m.

W. P. Broom, one of our industrious younger farmers, has moved to near Coburn, to occupy the farm of Andrew Harter.

Saturday last sheriff Spangler's sale in town opened the "O yes" ball, and from this on it will be kept arolling until the end of March.

Gable & Co., the celebrated Altoona store, largest in central Pennsylvania, have an ad. in another column which will be of interest to all. Read it.

Benj. Gentzel sold his farm in Spring twp., to John Rishel, of Benner twp., for \$3,400, to be occupied by his son, Al. Rishel. The farmland is 115 acres.

Andrew Harter, of Coburn, his numerous friends will regret to learn, has been seriously ill of pneumonia the past two weeks. It will be a pleasure to learn of his recovery.

The Arnold home, near Centre Hill, is offered for money rent, to a small family. House, stable, 30 acres, choice fruit, and wood. Apply to Mrs. Sarah Tressler, on the premises.

A little girl in the country, the other day, hearing a playmate boast of a baby arriving in the family, in reply twitted the other with the remark: "And we're going to have a public sale and you arn't."

Mrs. Joseph Condo, has again left for her home in Moccasin, Ill. In December she arrived on a visit to her father, Samuel Motz, near Woodward, and has had a pleasant time visiting relatives and friends.