



CONGRESS IN SESSION.

The President's Message Received—No Tariff Revision.

Almost all the members of both Houses arrived in Washington Sunday in anticipation of the meeting of Congress Monday. The leaders in each branch have been busy on the ground for several days, mapping out the plans for a busy session.

The most prominent and influential members of the House and Senate are agreed that no tariff revision should be attempted at this session and that nothing of great importance shall be done, aside from the passage of the appropriation bills, except possibly the enactment of some sort of legislation relating to trusts.

The President's message was received Tuesday noon, after reading of which Congress adjourned out of respect to the memory of those members who have died during the recess, namely, Senator McMillan, of Michigan; Representatives Russell, of Connecticut, and Sheppard and De Graffenreid, of Texas.

The leaders already have resolved to expedite the appropriation bills as much as possible, in order to allow the largest margin of time for other matters. The legislative and pension bills will probably be read before the end of the week.

One of the first things the Appropriation Committee will be called on to do, however, is to prepare a bill to provide for the Coal Strike Commission. Judge Gray, chairman of the commission, has asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the Commission, to pay its clerical force and to furnish such compensation for its members as the President may fix.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Opposes Congressional Tariff Revision While Admitting Need of Readjustment.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress begins with vaunting declamation that hardly accord with the timidity of actual recommendation which follows. He would have trusts regulated and shorn of their power for evil doing, and he desires that the Interstate Commerce act shall be so strengthened as to prevent injustices and discriminations which now hinder and hamper the legitimate business of the country. If this can not otherwise be effected he even suggests that the Constitution might be amended so as to give Congress larger remedial power. This has the appearance of earnestness and vigor; and it is strengthened by the suggestion that Congress should make a special appropriation for the better enforcement of Anti-Trust laws. But the worst of the trusts are built upon tariff-made foundations, and they would be comparatively harmless if they were deprived of this improper advantage. The President throws doubt either upon his sincerity or his good judgment when he refuses to assail the plundering monopolies whose existence he bewails at the point where they are most pregnable.

While Congress alone has the power to make and unmake tariffs, the President opposes Congressional tariff revision even while admitting the need of readjustment. Except through diplomatic dicker for reciprocal trade or through the indeterminate work of outside experts he opposes change in the protective rates of duty. He would "stand pat." Only if all other expedients shall fail is Congress to undertake the duty of correcting admitted evils. He makes one exception to his rule. He recommends the removal of the tariff on anthracite coal.

The President is more equivocal in his discussion of this main topic of his message than was McKinley. He knows in advance that Congress will make haste to do nothing effectual to curb the plundering of the trusts or to give effect to treaties of reciprocity. Congress, as a pretext of delay, may fall in with the suggestion for a Commission of tariff experts; but even that is doubtful.

The suggestion of legislation to give greater elasticity to the currency without endangering its convertibility is both wise and timely. The discussion of the labor question is merely academic and without definite recommendation. The argument in favor of Cuban reciprocity is strongly reasoned and reasserted.

The various recommendations for increased expenditure for the army and navy, for the digging of the isthmian canal, for the extension of rural free mail delivery, for the promotion of irrigation of arid lands and for other lesser drains upon the Treasury will, if followed by confirmatory action by Congress, soon dissipate the Treasury surplus. No doubt Congress will be quite ready to make the money fly, and the absence of any suggestion for reduced taxation makes it apparent that the President is prepared to ride on the crest of the wave of prosperity while it shall last, taking no thought of the receding tide.

PREACHER SHOT A BURGLAR.

Reception from a Leader in the Non-resistance Sect Was Unexpectedly Aggressive.

John B. Shellenberger, a merchant and Dunker preacher, of Bannerville, Snyder county, mortally wounded a burglar who was robbing his store Sunday morning.

The burglar alarm awakened Mr. Shellenberger and he stationed himself in front of the store and fired into the building. A shriek was heard and when neighbors arrived and entered the store it was found that the intruder had been shot in the back. The wound is of a dangerous character but it is believed the man will live.

The burglar wore blue overalls and plow shoes. He has auburn hair, a full sandy beard and is aged about thirty-five years. He has given his name as George Snyder, and says he is a resident of the suburbs of Shamokin.

Robberies have occurred almost every night in Snyder county for the past month. As non-resistance is one of the principal doctrines of the Dunkers, members of that faith are subjected to indignities of many kinds by the lawless element who trust to escape easily because a Dunker will rarely touch firearms or appear in court. Mr. Shellenberger's interpretation of the peaceful teachings of his church did not prevent him from giving the burglar a warm reception. The incident, however is without a parallel among the Dunkers.

DEATHS.

MRS. CATHARINE FREDERICKS SMITH.

Mrs. Catharine Smith, widow of the late Dr. J. R. Smith, died at her residence in Pine Grove Mills Sunday evening at six o'clock, after three days' illness of congestion of the liver, aged seventy-two years. She was one of the old residents of the town and her home was her best sphere as her entire life was spent to make her home the best place for her children and a no less welcome resort for all who came that way. Her children showed their appreciation by their fond attachment. Eight of her ten children mourn her death, they are, W. H. Smith, Warriors Mark; Charles, Bellefonte; Oscar, State College; James R., and Frederick, Pine Grove Mills; Mrs. Frank Stover, Mrs. Charley Schatser, Altoona; Mrs. Adam Murphy, Clearfield.

Mrs. Smith early in life gave her heart to God, and was a devoted and faithful member of the Pine Grove Mills Presbyterian church. Her remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband in the old cemetery, Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, at which her pastor, Rev. D. E. Hepler, officiated.

NATHANIEL BIERLY.

Nathaniel Bierly, for a quarter of a century justice of the peace in Boggs township, died at the home of a neighbor Tuesday morning. His age was fifty-nine years.

Squire Bierly on the morning of his death was on his way to the railroad station, and when reaching the home of Mrs. John Sheckler he became ill, went into the house, and as he was about to sit down he expired, falling to the floor. Heart disease was the cause of death.

The deceased was a member of the 148th Regiment, under Capt. James F. Weaver. He was a prominent member of the order of Patrons of Husbandry.

SAMUEL LONG.

Samuel Long died at his home at Penns Cave Tuesday afternoon after an illness of but a few days. His age was sixty-six years. Interment will take place Saturday morning, at the Union cemetery, Rev. G. W. Kershner, of the Reformed church officiating.

Deceased leaves a widow to mourn his loss, but no children.

Mr. Long, with his brother Jesse Long, owned Penns Cave, one of the finest caverns known.

George W. Downing died in Altoona, at the residence of his daughter, Sunday morning. His age was sixty-nine years, eleven months. The deceased for some years was a resident of Bellefonte. He was the father of Mrs. R. B. Spangler, Hastings; Mrs. R. A. Hoover, Mrs. W. A. Forrester, and George W. Downing, Jr., Altoona; and Frank Downing, Bellefonte. Interment was made in Bellefonte.

A. O. PURDUE.

A. O. Purdue died Monday morning at Lock Haven, of consumption. He was born thirty years ago at Port Matilda. He lived several years at Tyrone, and went to Lock Haven a year ago from Philadelphia. He is survived by his mother.

Prunes at three cents per pound at the Star Store.

FROM OKLAHOMA.

S. J. Krader Tells Some Interesting Facts About the Indians of the Territory.

In a letter of recent date S. J. Krader, of Mountainview, Oklahoma, Territory, gives a number of interesting facts concerning the Indians who live near his home:

I was in the Kiama Indian church recently; they have a small house, 20x40 feet, ceiling eight feet in height, four windows, two doors and a few chairs. They have no seats for themselves, they sit on the floor in rows, leaving one aisle to pass through. When I came in one of them who knew me arose and offered me a chair. He was the interpreter, an Indian well educated in English, having received his education at Carlisle, Pa., when a boy, and what he acquired since by observation. He is forty-five years of age, has a wife and four children, and lives three and one-half miles south of me, where he has a homestead of 960 acres.

Each member of the Indian family was allowed to take a homestead of 160 acres of land, and they selected it on the south side of the Washata river. There were three thousand Indians; their land is leased for five years in leases of 100 acres each, the renter to build a house on the same to cost from one hundred to nine hundred dollars, dig a well, fence the land with three wires, posts one rod apart and other outbuildings, for his own convenience, but he is not allowed to move them at the end of the five years.

For all the land he plows the renter pays the Indian fifty cents a year for each acre he has under cultivation and for what he does not plow he pays twenty-five cents an acre and uses it for pasture land. The renter gives a bond for the contract and pays the rent in cash to their agent, semi-annually, and this money is used for the support of the Indian.

If the renter is a good farmer, a good citizen and an honest man he has the privilege of leasing for five years longer when his first lease has expired. It is fine prairie land, some of it containing timber, lying along the Washata river and small creeks. Where the land contains timber it can be used for making improvements on the farm but cannot be sold; where the land is all prairie the renter must buy his fuel. It is a good opportunity for a young man starting out in life and by good management he can soon possess a farm.

The Indians were the first possessors of the 1392 quarter sections of land of 160 acre tracts, and if any one thinks the Indian is a fool or uneducated, he is mistaken. I have traveled through fourteen different States of the Union, and became acquainted with different tribes of Indians, and many of them would put the white man to shame.

We have the second crop of potatoes, corn, tomatoes and water melons to harvest this season; this has been a year of plenty on river bottom land. Kaffir corn is the favorite crop here for general use.

I expect to build a flouring mill to grind their wheat, corn and Kaffir corn.

Commission Resumes Work.

The plan by which the coal operators and strikers were to have settled their differences having failed, the commission Tuesday resumed its hearings at Scranton.

Chestnut Street Opera House, Philad.

The advertised announcement that Klav & Erlanger's stupendous production of the London Drury Lane Spectacle, "The Sleeping Beauty and The Beast," now crowding the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia, is "the greatest indoor entertainment in the world" is not an extravagant assertion.

Curtin's Charger Dead.

One of the oldest horses in America, which was owned by George Geigley, of New Holland, has just died. The name of the animal was Andy Curtin, after the War Governor of Pennsylvania. The horse is known to have been forty-four years of age, and during the Civil War was owned by Governor Curtin, who always rode him in review of troops.

Keith's New Theatre.

At Keith's new Chestnut street theatre—the perfect theatre—the excellent bills offered continue to be of second consideration as an attraction for the marvelous beauty of the house makes this theatre the "sight" of the town, the "show" place of Philadelphia. Nevertheless, the bills offered have been strong and attractive. Rosow's Midgets head this week's offering, and it is safe to say that there is no band of hillbillians more clever, or more favorably known than this same aggregation. Teeshow's wonderful performing cats are a feature that will interest the ladies and children. There are many other strong acts on this week's bill, among them being the commander-in-chief of the army of fun, Press Eldridge. Continuous performance from noon to 10:30 p. m.

SECOND WEEK COURT.

Miller Sentenced—Slow Work at Court—Many Cases Postponed or Continued.

David Miller, who last week was found guilty of murdering his son-in-law, Robert Roach, Tuesday was brought before the court for sentence.

The sentence imposed was imprisonment for eight years and eleven months. The second week of November term of Court convened at Bellefonte in the Court House Monday morning the first day of December, with Hon. John G. Love, P. J., on the bench, and Prothonotary Gardner, Register Arcey, Court Stenographer Burrows in their respective places.

The forenoon session, as usual, was taken up in the presentation of motions and petitions by the several members of the Bar, after which the list of cases were called and disposition made of the following:

Continued—Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. Geo. Lucas, et. al.; replevin; plea, non cepit and property.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. John Ardel, Jr., et. al.; replevin; plea, non cepit and property.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. vs. A. J. Greist; replevin; plea, non cepit and property.

J. L. Bathurst vs. Harry H. Curtin, et. al.; ejectment; plea, not guilty.

Philip Iddings and wife vs. Spring Township; trespass; plea, not guilty.

Geo. T. Brew, surviving administrator of Geo. W. Jackson, deceased, vs. Jackson, Hastings & Co.; assumption; plea, non assumption.

Edward Rider vs. Emma C. Rider, subpoena in divorce.

Emanuel T. Rote vs. William C. Jordan, et. al.; assumption; plea, non assumption.

The following cases were continued on account of being "special" and will have to be tried before another judge as Judge Love is an important witness in them: Charles McCafferty vs. Jno. Caldwell and Mary Cook; ejectment; special plea filed by leave of Court.

Also Charles McCafferty vs. John Caldwell, et. al., ejectment.

The following cases were settled by the parties in interest:

W. R. Shope vs. America Lyman, et. al., assumption.

J. N. Royer vs. C. P. Long, trespass; plea not guilty.

Washington Cornet Band vs. W. O. Dougherty, et. al., trespass.

A verdict was taken in the sum of \$2829.95 in favor of Trustees of Bellefonte Academy vs. Nancy J. McMean, et. al.

A verdict was also taken in the case of Boro of Phillipsburg vs. William Way, et. al., in the sum of \$56.12 with the question of Law reserved by the Court, which will likely be disposed of at the next Argument Court in January, 1903.

A verdict was also taken in the case of J. R. Alexander, et. al., vs. The Bellefonte Iron and Nail Works in the sum of \$1422.00 in favor of the plaintiff.

Also in the case of the Overseers of the Poor of Haines Township vs. the administrators of the estate of Adam Jordan, deceased, in the sum of \$216.90.

Tuesday morning the case of Ardian, Platt & Co., a corporation of N. Y., vs. Homer B. Carr, of Milesburg, was called for trial. This was an action of assumption to recover the amount due on certain notes accepted by Carr from Miles Rumbarger for a binder sold by said Carr as the agent of plaintiff company in 1898. Two witnesses were heard on part of the plaintiff company when the defendant confessed a judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$110.00 and costs and with a stay of execution for the period of six months.

Tuesday noon the case of Mabel Kunes vs. D. D. Kunes, et. al., replevin, plea, non cepit and property, was called for trial. The plaintiff alleged that the defendants had some of her personal property in their possession which they refused to deliver to her, whereupon she issued a writ in replevin.

C. P. Reney who was found guilty last week of the crime of larceny and receiving stolen goods, was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar, costs of prosecution, and to undergo imprisonment at separate and solitary confinement in the Western Penitentiary for a period of one year and four months.

At the close of last week's session of Court the list of criminal cases were read off, and the following disposed of:

Com. vs. James Grammyer; charge, blackmail and extortion of money; prosecutor, Enoch Hugg.

Com. vs. George Winslow, indicted; malicious mischief; prosecutor, Alexander Heverley; nol proes filed.

Com. vs. Danny Small, indicted for aggravated assault and battery; prosecutor, John E. Brown. The grand jury ignored the bill of indictment and placed the costs on the prosecutor.

Com. vs. Harry Burton, charge, larceny and embezzlement; prosecutor, John E. Brown; bill ignored by the grand jury.

Com. vs. John Longwell and Es.

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PLAN NATIONAL CAMPAIGN.

Permanent Headquarters in Washington—Confident of Success.

The Democratic Congressional Committee will continue its work during the approaching session of Congress by sending out such political reading matter as may have a bearing on the issues of the next Presidential campaign.

The members of the committee express confidence in the chances of Democratic success in 1904, and say they do not regret failing to secure control of the House for the Fifty-eighth Congress. The Secretary of the committee, Charles A. Edwards, has recently received a sufficient supply of funds to keep the committee in operation and the headquarters will be made a sort of Democratic club during the coming session of Congress. Discussing the idea of permanent headquarters, Mr. Edwards said:

"It is impossible to get the voters sufficiently aroused during the few months usually spent in this work. We must have more time. Hereafter it is the plan to keep the wheels going constantly. Our plan is to furnish the newspapers of the country, especially the rural publications, with good, readable matter treating political subjects from the Democratic viewpoint. The committee during its recent workings has discovered that the newspapers of the United States are the greatest educators of the people. We will locate permanently in Washington."

LOCALS.

S. S. Gockley, of Daurer, Lancaster county, Tuesday morning shipped another car load of milch cows to his home county.

Amos Koch, of Fairbrook, was in town last week. Mr. Koch, although not an old man by any means, is familiar with much of the early history of Centre Hall.

Have you examined your hydrant and water pipes lately? If you have not, do so now. A little work will avoid the annoyance of having a frozen hydrant for several months.

N. E. Emerick, who at election time came home to cast a Democratic vote, instead of returning to New Jersey, went to Massillon, Ohio, where he has secured a position in the State hospital.

S. T. Lough, who with his wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Willow, is working on an Altoona paper. John Lobaugh, a son, now about sixteen years of age, is in the Williamsport Grit office.

One of the former residents of this place who always has a kind word for Centre Hall, is Dan Smith. "Danny" was here under the Witmer & Company lumbering regime, and is now living at Elysburg, Northumberland county.

M. M. Condo sent by express a turkey from Westmoreland county to his family at this place, for Thanksgiving, which was presented to him and his son Clyde by Harry Barvard, president of the Madison Supply Company, for whom they are conducting a meat market.

Confer, overseers of Boggs township; indicted for neglect of duty; prosecutor, Maggie Gummo; nol proes entered by leave of court.

Com. vs. John Carenfeld, indicted for making threats; prosecutor Andy Koross; nol proes entered.

Com. vs. Samuel Reeder; larceny; prosecutor J. C. Condo; nol proes entered.

Com. vs. Luther Kline, indicted for making an indecent assault on Myrtle Reeder; defendant entered his plea of guilty and was sentenced by the court to pay a fine of ten dollars and costs of prosecution. The costs are over \$100.

S. Kline Woodring, Esq., was appointed an auditor in the estate of Ann Oliver, deceased. W. B. Crosby, Esq., as auditor in the estate of Geo. S. Turner, deceased. T. J. Saxton, as auditor in the estate of Geo. W. Hale, deceased.

S. Kline Woodring, Esq., William E. Tate and W. E. Hartsock were appointed viewers to view and lay out a road for public use in the Township of Ferguson.

E. R. Chambers, Esq., and William Johnsonbaugh, and Christ Decker were appointed viewers to view and lay out a county bridge in Snow Shoe Township.

Several subpoenas in divorce were awarded at this session of Court.

Wednesday morning of this week the case of Mary S. Thomas vs. Thomas Butler and Burdine Butler was called. This is the feigned issue to try the title to certain personal property. This case was taken to the Supreme Court some months ago, and a new trial awarded. The facts will appear in a later issue.

The case of the Misses Bible vs. Centre Hall borough, for the water rent, was postponed.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The youngsters' Monday morning song: "where's my sled?"

Martin Myers, of Glen Union, a few days ago took from a bee tree about 100 pounds of honey.

The farm of Ex-Sheriff John P. Condo, sold by Trustee S. P. Korman, of Coburn, brought \$8,621.

L. E. Swartz, of Hubersburg, is pushing his claim for the appointment of deputy factory inspector.

Snow fell in all parts of Central Pennsylvania Sunday. The depth ranged from two to six inches.

Don't wait for the snow to cover the unsightly rubbish about your premises. Do some cleaning up yourself.

Miss Mary Foreman, daughter of F. A. Foreman, visited her aunt, Mrs. John Homan, near Pine Grove Mills.

Lyman Smith Monday morning made use of the snow by hitching to a sleigh and making a trip to the country.

Railroads in this country employ over 1,000,000 people at an annual cost for wages and salaries of over \$600,000,000.

Jacob Runkle and family, who have been residents of Bellefonte for many years, have gone to Youngstown, Ohio, where they will make their future home.

Albert Colvin, of Schellsburg, a sophomore at Pennsylvania College, Electrical Course, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Schuyler over Thanksgiving.

T. F. Kennedy will succeed Phil Foster as proprietor of the Inn. Mr. Foster will move to Bellefonte and give the office of county treasurer his entire attention.

The Clinton county Veteran association will hold a mid-winter meeting in Mill Hall, on 12th inst. That would not be a bad idea for the Centre county association to follow.

If the old saying that the last Friday in the month rules the succeeding month, December weather will be altogether tolerable, for Friday was a clear and bright day, although the air was bracing.

Sunday afternoon snow began falling, continuing during that day and evening and the first part of the night. Monday morning three and three-quarter inches of the "beautiful" lay on the ground.

These December days are reminding the ice men that the crop may be ripe almost any time. The local pond owners are cleaning up their plants, anticipating that like in past seasons the crop will not fail.

John C. Miller, editor of the Bellefonte Daily News, made such a loud bowl about the slot machines in Bellefonte, that it is thought the owners of them will send them to Rooney to ship to Buffalo for junk.

Rev. Dr. Shriner, of Bellefonte, who was to have filled an appointment in the Methodist church in this place Sunday night, was incapacitated owing to an injury received to his ankle while walking on a railroad track at Bellefonte.

W. Harrison Walker, Esq., will deliver an address to the Elk Lodge at Du Bois, next Sunday, the occasion of their Annual Memorial Day. Senator W. C. Heine will be the principal speaker on a similar occasion at Sunbury, representing the Look Haven Lodge.

John E. Fryberger has been elected cashier of the First National Bank of Phillipsburg to succeed F. K. Lukenbach, resigned. Mr. Fryberger was formerly teller in the same institution and like his predecessor, Mr. Lukenbach, is an old Bellefonte boy, says the Daily News.

The contract for the new Millers-town bridge across the Susquehanna river was let by the State authorities under the act of 1895, which requires the State to replace all bridges over navigable streams that are destroyed by fire, flood, etc. Nelson & Buchanan, of Chambersburg, were given the contract for \$144,680.

The Christmas National comprises one hundred and fifty pages of the brightest and most entertaining text and picture. Admiral Dewey, Secretary Shaw, John Mitchell, Ernest McGaffey, and John Bates Clark contribute pithy "sentiment for the Christmas season." The Admiral's letter is reproduced in facsimile. There are short stories by ten American writers.

E. S. Garver, after serving as president of the Missouri Commission to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, N. Y., and the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition at Charleston, has again assumed the management and editorship of the Worth County Times, Grant City, Missouri. Mr. Garver is a native of Potter township, and is known to many of the Reporter readers.