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## EDITORIAL.

### MR. CLEVELAND'S MESSAGE.

The president in his message has calmly met the requirements of the hour. He counsels wisely and with patriotic earnestness.

He attributes the commercial troubles under which we have for more than two years been suffering to the pernicious legislation which compelled the governmental purchase of silver heedless of sound business rules and our currency needs. For more than fifteen years this run on, undermining abroad confidence in our financial ability and integrity and "at last culminated in disaster and panic at home." A Democratic congress stopped this reckless scheme by a repeal of the laws which forced it upon us and we are now compelled to seek a remedy for the ills it left as a bitter legacy.

The president does not believe with Mr. Reed that waiting is a cure for our commercial distress. He suggests the retirement and cancellation of the United States notes called "greenbacks" and the notes issued for the purchase of silver under the act of 1890. For their redemption he proposes the issuance of a low rate, long term bond by which, in turn, gold may be added to our currency in lieu of these notes.

He condemns afresh the dangers of the free silver theory and appeals to its advocates to more deeply consider the scheme they propose, warning them that the mere agitation of their propositions while doing no good results in much harm. A debt honestly made should be honestly paid, he contends, and such obligation cannot be fairly met by the tender of a depreciated currency.

As to the tariff laws, the president makes no suggestions other than expressing his satisfaction with existing statutes. He believes that with economical government and honest administration they will supply adequate revenue for the country's needs and beyond this they should not go. We can not fairly have a favored class in this republic and high protective duties mean nothing else.

The document is a thoughtful and sensible one, practical and patriotic, and will command most respectful attention to be followed, we trust, by speedy and necessary Congressional action.—Patriot.

A DEFICIENCY between receipts and expenditures of the state administration for the fiscal year just closed shows a balance on the wrong side of the books of \$2,278,805. Governor Hastings and the legislature are responsible for this and our brilliant governor should have thought of the deficit, then impending, when he was making speeches scoring the Cleveland administration for the deficiency in the federal treasury.

LITTLE Cuba is making a gallant stand to throw off the yoke of Spanish subjection. The little island deserves a better fate. Her development has been retarded and her opportunities stifled by the Spanish government whose corrupt officials rob the inhabitants of almost everything. If Cuba were independent a new era would be inaugurated for that fertile spot.

OUT at Philipsburg all the miners have work and the coal business never was brisker. At Snow Shoe everything is booming in the coal operations. This is an encouraging sign. Where there is a large demand for coal it is a safe indication that the industries of the country are flourishing. Politically the republicans will claim that this is due to the result of the recent election. Democrats will insist that the new tariff has gradually brought this about.

THE directors of the Pennsylvania railroad have been assured by an electrical expert that they can save \$5,000,000 a year in coal bills by using an electric motor fed by a current produced by a gas engine. As at the latest test an electric engine drew the heaviest load ever drawn by a single locomotive, practical railroad men are beginning to think that they may be a good deal closer to a revolution than they dreamed of a year ago.

The proportions of the elephant Philadelphia has on its hands in its public building continue to grow. It has been 30 years in construction at a cost of about \$20,000,000, and the commission that has been spending the money and not completing the building now asks for \$2,000,000 more to finish it up. But it is argued that as long as the commission exists the building will remain unfinished and the drain of money go on. The trouble is that Philadelphia cannot get rid of the old man of the mountain.

Lewin's store was recently sold out by the sheriff and the entire stock must be disposed at any price.

# JACKSON'S SUCCESSOR.

## Rufus W. Peckham Named for the Supreme Court.

### AN ACTIVE DAY IN THE SENATE.

#### Vigorous Measures Favoring the Enactment of the Monroe Doctrine Into Law and Urging the Recognition of the Cuban Insurgents as Belligerents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The president yesterday sent to the senate the following nominations: Rufus W. Peckham of New York, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; Richard Olney of Massachusetts, to be secretary of state; Judson Harmon of Ohio, to be attorney general. In executive session the nominations of Olney and Harmon were promptly confirmed, and that of Peckham was referred to the judiciary committee.

Rufus W. Peckham is a son of the late Judge Rufus W. Peckham, of the New York court of appeals, who was drowned in the wreck of the French transatlantic steamer Ville du Havre on Nov. 23, 1873. He was born in Albany, N. Y., on Nov. 8, 1838, Albany being also the birthplace of his brother Wheeler. The prominent features in the life of the son bear a striking and interesting resemblance to those which characterize the father's. Each was early elected district attorney of Albany county; each occupied a position among the first lawyers of his day at a bar famed for the presence of eminent jurists; each was elected justice of the supreme court of New York, the son in 1883.

### IN SENATE AND HOUSE.

#### The Monroe Doctrine and Cuban Recognition in the Upper Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The senate got down to real business yesterday. Naturally the president's message attracted the main attention of the day, but aside from this there were stirring resolutions on the Monroe doctrine and the Cuban rebellion.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, offered a resolution, vigorous in its terms, reaffirming the principles of the Monroe doctrine, and presenting them in such form as to permit their enactment as a permanent law, rather than an expression of the policy advocated by President Monroe. In the same line was a resolution by Mr. Cullom, of Illinois, and another by Mr. Allen, of Nebraska.

The Cuban situation received some attention, Mr. Call offering a resolution for the recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, and Mr. Pasco presented resolutions from the city councils of Tampa and St. Augustine, Fla., expressive of the feeling for recognition of the insurgents. The Call resolution will be called up this afternoon, so that Cuba and the Monroe doctrine will receive early attention, although the purpose is to afford opportunity for an expression of views rather than for an immediate vote.

The session of the house was very brief, and was consumed entirely by the reading of the president's message. It was listened to with fair attention, but the features of the document received no sign either of approval or disapproval from the members until the conclusion of the reading, when several Democrats created a slight demonstration. When it was finished the house adjourned until Friday.

### Fifty-fourth Congress Opened.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The fifty-fourth congress was opened yesterday, and the nominees of the Republican caucus were quickly elected and sworn into office, as follows: Speaker, Thomas B. Reed of Maine; clerk, Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania; sergeant-at-arms, Benjamin F. Russell of Missouri; doorkeeper, W. J. Glenn of New York; postmaster, J. C. McElroy of Ohio; chaplain, Rev. H. N. Couden of Michigan. No business was transacted in either house of congress.

### Campaign Funds Stolen.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Three-quarters of a million dollars has been stolen from the campaign fund of the Democratic party, raised for the years 1895, 1894 and the spring of 1895. This charge is made by H. C. McDonald and Alderman John Powers, and is sustained by the newly elected chairman of the county central committee, Thomas Gahan. The Democratic administration of the central committee, born out of the assassination of Carter Harrison, is charged with having taken the money for their own personal benefit, involving in its expenditure trips to Europe to West Baden and to Hot Springs, and the building of various expensive residences in different parts of the city.

### Swiss Workmen Will be Sent Back.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Some time ago Mrs. Richard Gambull, who owns a beautiful home on Park avenue, went to Switzerland and purchased handsome decorations for her residence. She also engaged five Swiss artisans to put up the materials. They arrived Sunday on the Normandie, but are to be sent back under the anti-foreign contract labor law. It was shown that the wages of American mechanics in the lines of trade interested are from \$5 to \$6.50 per day, while the five men were to receive but Swiss rates of \$1.50 to \$2.40 per day. They were also to work longer hours than is customary with workmen of their class in this country.

### Thirteen Killed in a Mine.

CARMEI, N. Y., Nov. 30.—An accident resulting in the loss of thirteen lives occurred at the Tilly Foster mines yesterday. Foreman Murtha was descending into the pit to take the time of two gangs of laborers, numbering thirty-five men, who were working at the bottom, when a vast weight of earth and rock slid with the force of an avalanche from the mouth of the pit to the bottom, a distance of 300 feet. The earth crashed over the men with tremendous force. The bodies of the dead miners were terribly mangled.

### Brazil Refuses to Arbitrate.

BURGOS AYRES, Dec. 4.—A Rio Janeiro dispatch says that the Brazilian council of ministers has decided to refuse to submit either the Trinidad dispute with England or the Amapa dispute with France to arbitration. The Trinidad dispute relates to the sovereignty of the little island of Trinidad, and the Amapa dispute to the boundary line of French Guiana.

### General Sanguliy Sentenced for Life.

HAVANA, Dec. 3.—General Julio Sanguliy was yesterday sentenced to imprisonment for life for having committed illegal acts against the Spanish government. Sanguliy has proved his American citizenship, and his case will be appealed to Spain on the ground of irregularities in his trial.

### Proceedings in Court—Concluded.

property and the real estate of David L. Bartges was sold to Annie L. Bartges by the sheriff at the suit of the said Annie L. Bartges, and in 1893 the Bank of Montreal obtained a judgment against David L. Bartges and others, and in 1895 the said bank issued an execution and placed it in the sheriff's hands, and he levied upon the personal property of Annie L. Bartges, as the property of David L. Bartges, whereupon Mrs. Bartges served notice on the sheriff that she was the owner of the property, when the sheriff returned his writ under the Interpleader Act and this issue was framed to try the title of this property. Verdict in favor of the defendant.

George W. Thomas, use of Catharine P. Brew, administratrix of etc., of S. A. Brew, deceased, vs. Elizabeth Thomas, with notice to G. W. Thomas and all terre tenants; plea scire facias sur judgment, No. 322 April term, 1894. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$55.38.

J. A. Lukens vs. Owen Jones; plea assumpsit. This suit is brought to recover balance due on a contract for building a house for the defendant. This was tried at April term last and a verdict obtained in favor of the plaintiff, and at June argument court a new trial was granted.

Lukens vs. Jones; verdict for plaintiff, \$110. Martha Oswalt for the use of Emeline Hugg vs. Hartford Ins. Co., to recover insurance on house and contents, destroyed in Central City, Oct. 10, '93. On trial Wednesday.

### Returning to Clearfield.

Hon. James Kerr, who has resided in Washington for the past four years, will remove with his family to Clearfield about the first of the new year. Mr. Kerr is very popular in Washington and his enforced departure will be regretted by many.

### Let Her Rip.

The coal business still continues good. Every mine, big and little, in the region is working full time, unless hampered for want of cars, and good miners are in demand. We are told by a man who knows, that the pay on December 15 will be one of the largest semi-monthly pays ever disbursed in this locality.—Philipsburg Ledger.

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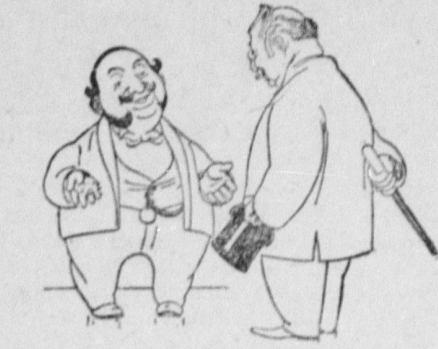
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Will be offered at Public Sale on the premises on SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 1895, the following described real estate, to wit: A FINE FARM located in Howard township, immediately north of the village of Mt. Eagle, containing 52 ACRES.

Farm Land in a high state of cultivation, and known as the Jacob B. Leathers farm; thereon erected a good two-story frame dwelling house, Bank Barn, large Tobacco Shed and all necessary outbuildings in good repair. Good Orchard, Spring Water; conveniently located to churches and schools and is a desirable home.

TERMS—Terms will be announced. Sale at 1 p. m. ELLIS L. ORVIS, J. C. MEYER.

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Owing to the backwardness of the season we have been able to secure of two of the largest and best Overcoat makers of New York city a large lot of Men's, Boy's and Children's Overcoats for much less than their value. We give our customers the benefit of this purchase by selling these goods at much less than their value. We will convert this immense stock into money again.

\$5.00 Men's Overcoat for \$2.50, \$6.00 Men's Overcoat for \$3.75, \$10.00 Men's Overcoat for \$5.00, \$12.00 Men's Overcoat for \$7.00. Better Overcoats up to those worth \$20.00 proportionately as cheap as the prices mentioned above. Boy's Overcoats from 98cts. upwards to the finest all wool Beaver Cloth Coats.

We have the best fitting all wool Cheviot Suits for men that can be found in the state at the very

### THE GREAT NUMBER OF LADIES' COATS AND CAPES

we have already sold this season is an evidence that they are well made, handsomely lined and trimmed, that they fit well and that the prices are very low for the very good quality.

A good cloth ladies' cape for \$3.50, a better cloth ladies' cape for \$4.50, an elegantly lined and trimmed cloth ladies' cape for \$6.00, ladies' plain cloth Fine Boucle and fine plush capes, from \$5.50 to \$15.00. All styles, weights and colors, infants and childrens' coats from 98 cts. up to the finest, with beautiful silk and silk velvet caps to match each coat.

### ONLY A FEW MORE

### DRESS PATTERNS

dress goods at 20 cents a yard. All wool 1 1/2 yards wide camel hair dress serges, at 34 cents. Better serges for a little more money. Heavy all wool 1 1/2 yards wide cloth for dresses, all shades 50 cents per yard. Fine dress goods, Mohairs, silk and wool Henriettas, Boucle cloths, fancy silk and wool plaids from 34 cents up to \$1.25 per yard.

### SPECIAL BARGAINS THIS SEASON IN GUM SHOES.

Children's gum shoes 14 cents, Ladies' gum shoes 35 cents, Men's gum shoes 45 cents.

We have been in business HERE 25 YEARS, but have never been able to sell blankets as cheap as this season, you want to know why? Because we never before bought blankets in such large quantities. You get them 75 cents a pair less than the regular price. Red blankets, gray blankets, white blankets, from 58 cents a pair up to the finest all wool blankets.

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