OF INTEREST TO THE COMMONWEALTH

Suggestions in the Bi-ennial Report of Secretary Reeder.

REGARDING BAKER BALLOT LAW

Several Changes to Remedy Defects Are Recommended by the Secretary. Nomination Papers Are Declared to be at Variance with the Intent of the Law.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 13.—The bi-ennial report of the secretary of the commonwealth contains some interesting data and important recommendations. It shows that during the last two years over 1,200 charters were issued, not including railroads, there being about 150 of these. The receipts of the department were $87,931.07, about $75,000 being from fees upon letters patent. The expenditures were $57,090.36. A large number of commissions were issued.

He suggests that a law be enacted fixing the terms of all officers appointed by the governor, owing to much confusion in computing these terms.

During the period covered by this report forty-six death warrants, respites and commutations were issued and 131 pardons. Secretary Reeder speaks of the attempt of the publishers of the Supreme court reports to increase the price from $1.17 to $2 per volume and states that Banks & Brothers have agreed to maintain the former price pending an adjustment of the matter.

Regarding the Baker ballot law the secretary recommends several changes to remedy defects which have been found in the practical operation of the law. There were filed 755 papers containing the names of 1,377 candidates, 528 of these papers being certificates of nomination and 227 being nomination papers. Eighteen different parties were represented in the papers filed, and the work of the department, in the preparation of the official ballots and in preparing the necessary return sheets upon which the prothonotaries should certify the returns filed in their offices, and the compiling of said returns, and the issuing of certificates therefrom, was more than doubled in comparison with any previous year. He refers to the many objections to nomination papers and suggests that some provision should be made whereby a body of citizens making a nomination by nomination papers should have the right to the exclusive use of the political name or appellation adopted by them.

AT VARIANCE WITH LAW.

He adds that the hearings in the Dauphin county court disclosed so many practices in the preparation of nomination papers that were totally at variance with the intent of the law as to make it imperative that some form for such papers should be prescribed by the legislature.

He suggests further that the time intervening between the last day of filing objections to nominations and the day of election be increased, and that it also be provided that all contests should be determined by a certain day, thereby giving to the department and county officers a proper and sufficient time for the accurate completion of their work. He also dwells upon the importance of changing the law so as to make the blanket ballot impossible by preventing the multiplication of candidates.

An appropriation of $7,000 is recommended to cover the cost of two sets of indices, one for Pennsylvania and the other for foreign corporations. He says reform is necessary in transcribing and comparing bills, owing to many errors discovered in the laws of 1895. An increase in the number of pamphlet laws is recommended. The compilation of the several corporations laws from 1874 to 1893 inclusive was entirely destroyed when ready for the binder by the state printing house fire. The printing of another series of Pennsylvania archives is recommended as is also an appropriation to continue the work of classifying, arranging and tabulating old papers belonging to the files of the state department. Secretary Reeder concludes his report by bearing testimony to the fidelity, industry and efficiency of the clerks of the department.

MUST PAY THEIR OWN BILLS.

Committee Will Not Pay Expenses of Visiting Organizations.

Washington, Dec. 13.—At a meeting last night of the executive committee of the inaugural committee reports were made showing a satisfactory condition of progress. The question of where to hold the inaugural ball was discussed informally, but went over until the next meeting.

A resolution was adopted declaring that while no pains would be spared to extend a hearty welcome to all visitors and make all possible provision for their comfort, whether as individuals, associations or military organizations, free entertainment will be furnished none, nor will the committee entertain any proposition for the payment of part of the expenses of visiting organizations.

MURDERED HIS AUNT.

A Cold-blooded Crime for Which Isom Vaughn May Be Lynched.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Mrs. William Birdsong, wife of a wealthy farmer near California, Mo., was brutally murdered last night. Isom Vaughn, the murderer, was brought here and placed in the penitentiary for safe keeping, as the citizens of California were preparing to lynch him.

Vaughn confessed to the murder of Mrs. Birdsong, who was his aunt. While the woman was alone at home, Vaughn crept to an open window and fired a bullet into her body and then cut her throat. He told of the murder to his wife who at once caused his arrest. No motive for the crime is given.

Reduced Rates to Washington on Account of the Inauguration via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1, 2, 3, and 4, valid to return from March 4 to 8, at the following rates: From New York, $8.00; Philadelphia, $5.40; Baltimore, $1.60; Harrisburg, $5.06; Williamsport, $8.79; Buffalo, $11.20; Rochester, $10.48; Altoona and Pittsburg, $10.00; and from all other stations on the Pennsylvania system at reduced rates.

This inauguration will be a most interesting event, and will undoubtedly attract a large number of people from every section of the country.

The magnificent facilities of the Pennsylvania railroad make this line the favorite route to the national capital at all times, and its enormous equipment and splendid terminal advantages at Washington make it especially popular on such occasions. **

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HOOD'S PILLS are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, headache. 25c.

MACEO'S ASSASSINATION.

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exaggeration might be in all those reports, and that Zertucha's only fault was that he drank too much.

BLOODTHIRSTY TORT.

Colonel Tort, who is a very bloodthirsty Spanish officer, recommended Zertuca to the Marquis of Ahumada as the very man needed to attract Maceo to a given place, and to inform the Spaniards of all the Cuban leader's movements. Weyler agreed and, after promising Zertucha through Tort, a monetary reward, with which he could live safely in Spain, started again to Pinar del Rio with more forces still to compel Maceo to some desperate effort which Weyler hoped would bring him into the desired trap.

But Maceo received advices from Gomez that the commander-in-chief was preparing an invasion of the west with Calixto Garcia, and that he thought it would be of the best moral effect if, leaving a good leader in command of the trocha, join him, and march with him to the very gates of the city of Havana. The crossing of the trocha was not an easy affair with a large body of men, and even when opportunity offered but few Cuban soldiers could do it without attracting attention. Maceo knew how, and moved to Mariel; but the Spaniards, through Zertucha, knew of his movements and of the communication from Gomez.

On the 2d of December Maceo sent four men to reconnoitre the trocha on the north side. They exchanged shots with the sentinels, and by this the Spanish knew the proximity of the insurgent leader. Then orders were given by the Spanish commander not to resist. On the 3d Maceo sent some more scouts, who came back and assured him that the trocha was not well defended on that side. He passed the trocha on the night of the 4th without resistance, after leaving General Ruis Rivera in command of the Cuban forces in the Province of Pinar del Rio.

On the 5th, in the morning, he sent a commissioner to the Junta at Havana. On the 6th, while marching with six men, among them Miro, the son of Gomez, and Zertucha, the latter advised him to take a route through a cane field which he knew. They did so, and fell into an ambush of 500 Spaniards, commanded by Major Cirujeda.

"If you surrender," said a voice, "we offer you your life and an honorable treaty."

BUTCHERY BEGINS.

"Viva Cuba libre!" answered Maceo, and then the butchery began. Pancho Gomez was wounded and fell before Maceo, but Miro escaped. At this moment, said the Cuban commissioner to the junta in Havana, a band of rebels who were going to join Maceo at the Havana side of Mariel, approached and were informed by Miro of the ambush. The Spaniards had already taken Maceo, who was pierced with bullets, and Gomez, who killed himself with the last bullet of his revolver. They had searched the bodies, and four men were carry them when the Cubans came up.

A terrible fight ensued, and the Cubans recovered the bodies of the two leaders, pursuing the Spanish with their machetes clear to Punta Brava. Major Cirujeda had a narrow escape, but he was able to take with him the objects seized in the first search, though he left the bodies of Maceo and Pancho Gomez dressed and in the hands of the Cubans.

Zertucha was taken by a Spanish soldier to San Felipe, because he said that it was agreed with him that he should surrender to Colonel Tort.

When Weyler heard that Zertucha had informed Ahumada of the passing of the trocha by Maceo, he said he was glad. He preferred to leave to Ahumada the whole responsibility of the failure as well of the success and to keep quiet in the province of Pinar Del Rio. If a story of a battle could be afterward invented he was sure always of the glory, as Maceo would always appear as falling under his military plans.

The whole story is repeated in Havana now by every Cuban sympathizer of the revolution, and the greatest care has been taken by the authorities to prevent the truth from being sent out by letters or cables.

The price offered to Zertucha by the Marquis of Ahumada is said to have been $50,000.

DE LOME DOUBTS THE TALE.

He Says the Story of the Manner of Maceo's Death is Absurd.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Spanish minister, Mr. Dupuy De Lome, expressed the hope today that the American people will suspend judgment regarding the reported assassination of Maceo until the real facts are known. He ridiculed the statement that the vice Captain General Ahumada should be a party to such an occurrence and he believes that there are a sufficient number of reputable correspondents in Havana to investigate these charges fairly and publish the result.

The statements of the Junta which he says, bear the stamp of absurdity upon their face are made to neutralize the effect of the president's message and to creat sympathy with their failing cause. "We have been accused repeatedly," he said, "of circulating the report of Maceo's death to affect the action of congress. It is quite reasonable to assume now that Macéo is known to be dead that the Junta is originating reports of his death by treachery for the same reason."

WILL FIGHT FOR CUBA.

Volunnteers Are Thronging the Recruiting Stations in Ohio.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—A Cuban insurgent recruiting office has been opened at the Grand Central hotel here. The man in charge of the office seems to have plenty of money. He is engaging non-commissioned officers of the Seventeenth regiment, United States of America, located here, as they are discharged on the expiration of their terms of enlistment, paying them $50 per month.

A detachment of ten will leave here next week, going by way of New Orleans.

Toledo, O., Dec. 13.—A company is being organized here of members of the Ohio National guard for service in Cuba. It is said that already fifty men have been enrolled.

Philadelphia Provision Market.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Provisions were jobbing fairly at steady prices. We quote: Beef hams, $18a18.50, as to age and brand; pork, family, $10a10.50; hams, S. P. cured, in tierces, 8a9c.; do. smoked, 9½a11c., as to average and brand; sides, ribbed, in salt, 4½a4¾c.; do. do. smoked, 5 a5½c.; shoulders, pickle cured, 5¼a5½c.; do. do. smoked, 6¼a6¾c.; picnic hams, S. P. cured, 5¼a5¾c.; do. do. smoked, 6¼a6¾c.; bellies, in pickle, according to average, loose, 5½a6c.; breakfast bacon, 7a8c., as to brand and average; lard, pure, city refined, in tierces, 5a5½c.; do. do. do., in tubs, 5¼a5½c.; do. butchers', loose, 4a4½c.; city tallow, in hogsheads, 3c.; country do., 2½a2¾c., as to quality, and cakes, 3½c

Buffalo Live Stock.

Buffalo, Dec. 12.—Cattle—Quiet, weak for all but desirable handy grades. Veals—dull, slow; good to choice, $5a5.50; common to fair, $4a4.75. Hogs—Active; Yorkers, good to choice, $3.57½a3.60; pigs, fair to choice, $3.75a4; mediums, $3.40a3.45. Sheep and lambs—Dull and lower for sheep, lambs slow; prime heavy lambs, $4.90a5.10; good to choice, $4.65a4.80; common to fair, $4.25a4.65; culls and common lots, $3.25a4.15; mixed sheep, good to choice, $3.25a3.45; culls to fair lots, $2a3.15.

MRS. GOOLD'S GRATITUDE

HOW SHE WAS RESTORED TO HEALTH.

Condition Before and After the Birth of Her Child.

From every city, town and hamlet on this vast continent, come letters from suffering women; from those whose

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No letters are published without the request of the writer. The strictest confidence is observed. The following letter represents thousands:—

"I always enjoyed good health until six months before the birth of my babe. Then I was very weak; my back ached all the time. My physicians said I would be all right after the birth of the child, but I was not, although at that time I had the best of care. The pains in my back were almost unbearable. I had leucorrhœa in its worst form; menstruations were painful.

"Any work or care would entirely unnerve me. When my babe was 11 months old, friends persuaded me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Before I had taken one bottle I felt the effects. My back did not ache so badly, and I felt stronger. After taking four bottles I felt well. My ambition returned, menstruations were painless, leucorrhœa entirely cured, and I could take care of my babe and do my housework. I shall always recommend your Vegetable Compound for all women, especially for young mothers."—Mrs. H. L. Goold, Oregon, Wis.

If Mrs. Goold had been well before the birth of her child, subsequent suffering would have been avoided. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should always be taken before and after birth, in order that the system may withstand the shock.

MARKETS AND STOCKS

Wall Street Review.

New York, Dec. 12.—Less than 50,000 shares of stock were traded in at the Stock Exchange today and the fluctuations in prices were on a parity with the transactions. There was little news afloat to influence the market, but in a general way the unsatisfactory condition of trade and poor railway earnings had a tendency to weaken the list. There was little pressure to sell, however, and the decline in the first hour was the wakest, ranging from ⅛ to 1⅛ per cent. Manhattan scored the greatest loss, falling to 95⅛. Reading sold down to 29⅝, the lowest point of the week. The losses in the Grangers, Industrials and Trunk Lines were confined to exceedingly narrow limits. Toward the close bear traders started in to even up contracts, and the market, in consequence, displayed a firmer tone. A recovery of ⅛a⅜ per cent. was noted at this time. Manhattan, Western Union, Sugar and the gas stocks all being prominent. Speculation closed dull and firm.

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	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
Am. Tobacco Co.	74⅜	75	74⅜	75
Am. Sug. Ref. Co.	116⅝	117	116⅝	117
Atch., To. & S. Fe	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝	14⅝
At. T. & S. Fe Pr.	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞	22⅞
Canada Southern	48¾	48¾	48¾	48¾
Ches. & Ohio	17	17	17	17
Chic. Gas	73⅞	74⅜	73⅞	74⅜
Chic. & N. W.	103¾	103¾	103¾	103¾
Chic., R. & Q.	77⅜	77⅜	77⅜	77⅜
C. C. C. & St. L.	28	28	28	28
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	74½	74⅝	74½	74⅝
Chic., R. I. & Pac.	69	69¼	68⅝	68⅝
Dist. & C. F.	13	13	13	13
Gen. Electric	32¼	32⅝	32⅛	32⅛
Louis. & Nash.	50	50	49⅞	49⅞
M. K. & Tex. Pr.	28¼	28⅝	28¼	28⅝
Man. Elevated	96¼	96¾	95¼	96
Mo. Pac.	21⅝	21⅝	21	21
Nat. Cordage	5⅝	5¾	5⅝	5⅝
N. Y. Central	95½	95⅞	95½	95⅞
N. Y., S. & W. Pr.	14⅛	14⅜	14	14
Ont. & West.	15⅜	15⅝	15⅜	15⅝
Phil. & Read.	27	27⅜	26⅝	27
Southern R. R.	9⅞	10	9⅞	10
Southern R. R. Pr.	29	29	29	29
Tenn. C. & Iron	27⅞	27⅞	27⅜	27⅜
Union Pacific	9⅞	10	9⅞	9⅞
Western Union	86¾	86⅞	86⅜	86⅜
W. L.	8	8⅛	8	8⅛
U. S. Leather Pr.	61⅜	61⅜	61⅜	61⅜
U. S. Rubber	25¼	25¼	24½	25⅛

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

WHEAT.	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Clos-ing.
May	80⅛	80⅞	80¼	80⅝
July	73⅝	74⅜	73⅝	74⅜
OATS.				
May	20⅝	20⅞	20⅜	20½
CORN.				
May	26	26⅛	25⅞	25⅞
LARD.				
January	3.85	3.90	3.85	3.87
May	4.05	4.10	4.05	4.07
PORK.				
January	7.60	7.65	7.60	7.65
May	7.90	7.95	7.87	7.92

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotation Based on Par of 100.

Name.	Bid.	Asked.
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	145	...
Scranton Lace Curtain Co.	...	50
National Boring & Drilling Co	...	80
First National Bank	650	...
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co.	...	95
Elmhurst Boulevard Co.	...	100
Scranton Savings Bank	200	...
Bonta Plate Glass Co	...	10
Scranton Packing Co.	...	95
Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co.	...	150
Third National Bank	350	...
Throop Novelty M'f'g. Co.	...	90
Scranton Traction Co.	15	20
Scranton Axle Works	...	80
Economy Steam Heat & Power Co	40	...
Weston Mill Co.	...	250
BONDS.		
Scranton Pass. Railway, first mortgage due 1918	110	...
People's Street Railway, first mortgage due 1918	110	...
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	...	90
People's Street Railway, Second mortgage due 1920	110	...
Dickson Manufacturing Co.	...	100
Lacka. Township School 5%.	...	102
City of Scranton St. Imp. 6%.	...	102
Mt. Vernon Coal Co.	...	85
Scranton Axle Works	...	100
Scranton Traction Co.	...	95
Economy Steam, H. & P. Co..	...	100

New York Produce Market.

New York, Dec. 12.—Flour—Dull, easy, unchanged. Wheat—Market dull, firmer; f. o. b., 98¾c.; ungraded red, 80a98¾c.; No. 1 northern, 89¾c.; options were dull and firm at ⅞ale, advance; No. 2 red January, 87¾c.; March, 88⅞c.; May, 86⅝c.; July, 81⅛c.; December, 87⅝c. Corn—Spots dull, firm; No. 2, 29c., elevator; 30c., afloat; steamer mixed, 28c.; No. 3, 25¼c.; options were dull firm and unchanged; May only traded in; December, 28c.; May, 31⅞c. Oats—Spot dull, steady; options dull, nominally unchanged; December, 22¼c.; January, 22⅞c.; February, 23⅛c.; No. 2, 22½c.; No. 2 white, 25½c.; No. 2 Chicago, 23½c.; No. 3, 20¾c.; No. 3 white, 25¼c; mixed western, 22a24c; white do., 23a32c.; white state, 23a32c. Provisions—Quiet, unchanged. Lard—Quiet, steady; western steam, $4.15; city at 3⅝a3¾c.; December, 4.10 nominal; refined dull; continent, $4.40; South America, $4.75; compound, 4⅜a4¾c. Butter—Quiet, state daily, 11a20c.; do. creamery, 15a23c.; do. creamery, 15a21c.; do. factory, 7a12c.; Elgins, 24c.; imitation creamery, 11a17½c. Cheese—Quiet; state large, 7¼a10¾c.; do. small, 7½a10½c.; part skims, 3½a7c.; full skims, 2½a3c. Eggs—Quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 20a23c.; ice house, 16a19c.; western fresh, 20a21c.; do. case, $2.25a4.20; southern, 19a20c.; limed, 15½c.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—The leading futures ranged as follows: Wheat—December, 76¾c., 76⅞c.; May, 80¼c., 80⅝c.; July, 73¾c., 74⅜c. Corn—December, 22⅞c., 23⅛c.; January, 23¼c., 23c.; May, 26c., 25⅞c. Oats—December, 17¼c., 17c.; May, 20⅝c., 20⅝c. Mess pork—December, $6.85, $6.87½; January, $7.60, $7.62½; May, $7.90, $7.92½. Lard—December, $3.75, $3.75; January, $3.85, $3.87½; May, $4.05, $4.07½. Short ribs—December, $2.90, $2.90; January, $3.85, $3.87½; May, $4.02½, $4.02½. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour was quiet and steady; prices unchanged; No. 2 spring wheat, 76⅞a77c.; No. 3 spring wheat, 76½a80c., by sample; No. 2 red, 89¼a89¾c.; No. 2 corn, 23¾a23¾c.; No. 2 oats, 17½a18c.; No. 2 rye, 39½c.; No. 2 barley, 36c., nominal; No. 1 flax seed, 75½a78c.; prime timothy seed, $2.35 nominal; mess pork, $6.85a6.90; lard, $3.80a3.82½; short ribs, sides, loose, $3.80a4.10; dry salted shoulders boxed, $4.25a4.50; short clear, sides, boxed, $4a4.12½; whiskey, $1.18; sugars, cut loaf, $5.26; granulated, $4.63; standard A., $4.26.

Oil Market.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 12.—Option oil market not quoted. Credit balances, $1.01.

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ELECTION NOTICE—THE ANNUAL meeting of the Scranton Stove Works will be held at the office of the company in Scranton, Saturday, January 9, 1897, at 2:30 p. m. BENJAMIN E. WATSON, Sec'y. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14, '96.

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SITUATION WANTED—BY A MIDDLE aged lady as housekeeper. Can give good references. Address, M. WILLIAMS, Peckville, Pa.

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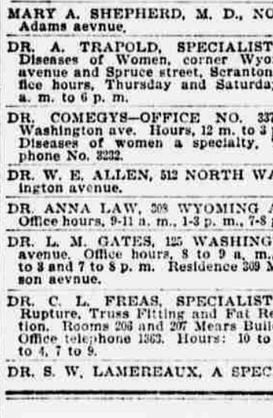

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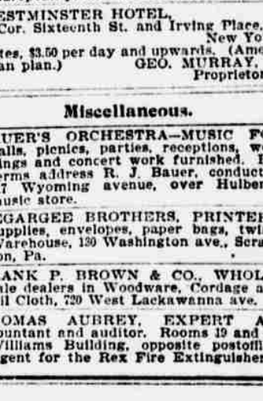

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