

### The Somerset Herald.

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Only twenty members of the Old Congress are foreign born.

Thomas J. Stewart, Secretary of Internal Affairs, has announced his intention to enter the list as a candidate for the same office.

Senator Beck has unofficially recovered, and is at his Senatorial desk again. Mr. Randall is reported as improving, but still keeps his room.

Henry W. Glad, the Southern editor, orator and statesman, died at his home in Atlanta, Georgia, after a very brief illness, Monday morning.

Speakers Egan completed and announced the fall list of House Committee members Saturday. Mr. Scull is on the Committee on Pensions and the Committee on Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River.

Secretary of State Stone has openly declared his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor, and a Senator Walter, of Lackawanna county, has announced that he is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

Scott, the defuncting cashier, has been indicted for forgery. Hence there should be no difficulty in extraditing him in case his hiding place in Canada is discovered. It is only a surmise that he is in Canada, however, for no trace of his movements has yet been found.

Statistics compiled from the reports of the treasurers of every State and Territory, show the wealth of the United States to be sixty-one billion, four hundred and fifty-nine million dollars outside of the public property. This ought to enable us to have a merry Christmas.

The decision of the Ohio Supreme Court that the amendments voted for at the fall election were lost six Governor-elect Campbell term at two years instead of four, and gives the Buckeye Republicans only two years to harmonize their differences and get together, if they would recover lost ground.

Olson, Elliott F. Steward declares against the West Shore Railroad was then into bankruptcy by raising money on the Lord's Day. When men as good as Colonel Shepard ought to be as good as the Lord's Day, reform will begin. Christianly practiced one day in seven is not impressive.

Both branches of Congress adjourned Saturday night Monday, January 6. No time will be lost by this arrangement. The preliminary work of organization and getting necessary legislation into shape will go on without serious interruption. The more important of the committees will have but small opportunity for holiday rest or enjoyment.

Allen O. Myers claims to have been offered a home and lot in Cincinnati if he would quit talking about the sale of the Ohio Senatorship to Calvin S. Brice. That is a big offer, but Myers could keep the promise if he made it. He must talk, and just now he has the most interesting subject that has been brought up in Ohio since the same Senatorship was sold six years ago. Mr. Myers knew something about that sale, and it is only fair to assume that he is not entirely ignorant of his subject now.

Democrats will have no reason to complain of the action of the subcommittee of the House Committee on Elections in arranging the order in which the contested election cases are to come up. It has been settled that Republicans and Democrats shall select cases of that kind alternately for consideration until they are all disposed of. In the regular order which has been made for in these cases the West Virginia contest of Smith vs. Jackson is expected to come up first, and the date fixed for its consideration is January 7.

Of course, Who expected otherwise? Nobody who knows the Democracy. The Contest Committee of the West Virginia Legislature has reported in favor of Fleming, the Democratic candidate for Governor, on technical grounds. That settles it. All the Democratic majority in the Legislature will require is a report in favor of their candidate. It matters little what the grounds for the report may be, or whether it has any foundation at all. The report will go through without a hitch save such obstruction as a determined and courageous minority will be able to offer, and in due time Fleming will be introduced into the office to which he was not elected. And not a Democrat will raise his voice against the outrage. In the interest of party, the best of them are dumb.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The Montana imbroglio has become so dangerous and offensive that the citizens are elbowing the politicians out of the way and are making imperative demands for a speedy organization of the State Legislature and its speedy passage to the transaction of purely local business. It is of infinitely less importance to the people of the new State as to what shall be elected Senators than as to what provision shall be made for executing the laws of the State and as to what those laws shall be. The business of the State is delayed, its credit impaired, its peace threatened by the protracted and factious conduct of the dishonorable Legislature.

The Helena Herald in a very disparaging manner calls upon the Democrats in both houses to do the one thing that can be done with credit to themselves and to their party—to unite in joint session with the Republicans, a quorum being formed without participation of any members of either house who are not in contest, and after organizing to proceed to regular business, leaving to the election committees of each house to investigate the validity of claims presented to them by the contestants. This, certainly, is the practical method of settling the claims of various persons to seats in either house. The present attitude of the Democrats is revolutionary. The Republicans cannot afford to treat them too confidently, even if they make good promises. Men who will encourage fraud at the ballot-box will not be governed by any high sense of honor in a legislative body. Ex-Governor Honner and some of the other Democratic politicians are undoubtedly using their influence to compel the Republican caucus to give up the great advantage ground which they now hold.

### Was Goven Murdered.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 22.—An ex-lobbyist of the Molly Maguire organization writes to a local paper and says the death of F. B. Goven had been selected. According to his statement, the ex-lobbyist president did not commit suicide, but was murdered by a mob, and the Washington store was not given but an ex-Molle, who looked much like the lawyer. The murder watched Goven's movements in the Washington and when he left his home in the morning, he was taken to a room and waited his return. When Goven entered he closed the door. He threw his overcoat over him and shot him dead. The murder then escaped by the window. The ex-Molle was taken to the Molly Maguire and was taken to his home in the morning.

Although the above communication to a Wilkesbarre paper is anonymous, it will probably create more than passing comment on several reasons. In the first place it is well known that a number of Molly Maguire look outs to be avenged on Franklin R. Goven, who was the leading spirit in trying out his organization and controlling many of the main streets of the Molly Maguire who were sentenced to imprisonment have been recently. It is also a fact that Mr. Goven had several doubles and that a number of persons who have been mistaken for him. Add to this the fact that the Molly Maguire who were taken to his home in the morning, he was taken to his home in the morning.

Petrolia in Ashes.

BUCKLEY, Pa., December 22.—The business portion of Petrolia is in ashes. A fire broke out at a black in the building of Kingen's grocery where a strong wind was prevailing, and burned along both sides of Main, Argyle and Fairview streets, destroying practically all of the business blocks and many residences. The fire spread so rapidly that the fire engines were of little use. Under such hopeless circumstances little or no effort was made to fight the flames, which swept over the little town with frightful velocity. It was all the sleeping inhabitants could do to get out with their lives and what they could save. Nothing of value was saved from the burned district. Fortunately no loss of life is reported and no one was seriously hurt. It is impossible to put anything like an accurate estimate on the total loss, but it will range between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

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### Victims of Jealous Rage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The authorities late this afternoon found an entrance into the residence of Charles Shaler, suspicion having been aroused because none of the members of the family had been seen since last night, and because the blinds on the windows remained closed throughout the day. It was a horrible sight that greeted the person who broke open the door. Lying in a pool of blood on the floor of the room was the body of a young girl, the throat cut from ear to ear. In an adjoining apartment lay a 7-year-old child, butchered in the same manner.

But the climax to the scene of horror was reached in the bed room. There, lying on the floor of the bed, was Mrs. Shaler and by her side was her husband. Both were cold in death and the blood from gaping wounds in their necks soaked through the clothes and mattress and was trickling on the floor, while directly in the path of the door was a large pool of blood. Mrs. Shaler was a little baby and his life's blood mingled with the crimson fluid that had poured from its parents' wounds.

Now the scene was most horrible. On the floor of the bed, as if dropped from the husband's hand, lay a razor coated with blood and it was evident that the horrible butcheries had been committed with his instrument. In each case the throat had been cut from ear to ear, the same as a long incision.

There were no marks of struggles in the house, and it was evident that the father had early this morning taken two of his children from their beds, cut their throats before they could utter a sound, then going to the mother's room, he had done the same with his wife and baby and lastly had drawn the cold, keen steel across his own throat, and dropping on the bed besides his wife, died as the heart ceased beating in the woman he had sworn to love and protect.

Ever since the discovery of the crime a solid mass of humanity has been packed around the house, and the police have with the utmost difficulty kept persons from crowding into the dwelling.

It is not known whether the murderer was a man or a woman, but the authorities are of the opinion that it was a man, and that he was a stranger to the family.

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