



WEDNESDAY, February 3, 1897.

Do not wait until people starve or freeze to death, but give. Give at once. If not money, then old clothes or food.

WHAT the country needs is a revision of the tariff along the lines of policy laid down in the Republican platform.

Now let Senator Peffer give notice that he will not enter the lecture field after his term expires, and all will be forgiven.

NEVADA is a good State from which to stay away. Think of it! The legislature has actually passed a bill permitting prize-fighting.

ONE of the saddest features of the cold wave is the fact that it spurs up the "oldest inhabitant" to renewed activity in prevention.

LYMAN J. GAGE, of Chicago, who will be Secretary of the Treasury under McKinley, will leave a \$25,000 position to take one worth \$5,000.

A BILL has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature to postpone the paying of all debts for a year. The man who loaned the money is expected to look cheerful.

MARK TWAIN is working hard in London to make money to pay his debts before he dies. A man like him should have passed his last days in the most peaceful bliss.

THE cranial-argine high hats in theaters has finally struck a snag. Mayor Wagoner, of Atchison, Kansas, has declared the anti-high-hat ordinance of that city unconstitutional.

Gov. TERRY, of Tennessee, granted 829 pardons during his term of two years. That is to say, he did more for his party than any other Democratic Governor, with the exception of All-gold.

CONSIDERING the Cabinet and other things, it seems quite evident that the West has taken the job of running this country. The day of the East's glory has passed. Population and power have both followed the star of empire.

THE Republican newspapers of Ohio, almost without exception, favor Mr. Hanna for appointment by Governor Bushnell to the United States Senate. No more unanimous or enthusiastic expression of opinion has ever been witnessed in the history of Ohio politics.

GOVERNOR CARSON, of Nevada, has signed a bill recently passed by the legislature, which legalizes "glove contests" in that state upon payment of a license fee of \$1,000, which thus insures the Fitzsimmons-Corbett prize fight for Nevada.

AGAIN the spy is in circulation that Governor Hagarty is to go into the Cabinet of the President-elect as Postmaster General. It comes with a degree of authenticity that gives color to the report. It is said that the Governor is almost sure to go to Washington. Interesting developments are expected in a few days.

A RESOLUTION to investigate the Auditor General's office and the State Treasury was adopted by the House, Monday night, the friends of Senator Quay voting for the measure. It is announced that the investigation will not delay the passage of the bill which provides for the State's securing interest on the money it has deposited in various banks throughout the Commonwealth.

THE following Cabinet appointments have been filled by President-elect McKinley: Secretary of State, John Sherman, of Ohio; Secretary of the Treasury, Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois; Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger, of Michigan; Secretary of the Navy, John D. Long, of Massachusetts; Secretary of the Interior, Joseph McKenna, of California; Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, of Iowa. Governor Long and Mr. McKenna have not announced the certainty of their appointments.

GENERAL ALGER, who has accepted the post of Secretary of War in the new Cabinet, is a first-rate man for the place, and it is pleasant to know that he has accepted the call to duty. He is a brave soldier. He is a fine business man. He is well known by his own efforts. He is well informed upon the affairs of the country. He represents a great State, and he will be a fine addition to the official life of the capital. We congratulate him upon the honor, and we congratulate Major McKinley upon getting such a good man to be one of his official family.

IN AN open letter addressed to the County Auditors and published in last week's Meyersdale "Commercial," Editor Smith makes some grave charges of "mismanagement" on the part of the County Commissioners. The tenor of the letter would indicate that Iker Smith is loaded for big game. His first volley, for a truly venal and mean market, was somewhat wild and scattering; but this may be excused for want of recent practice. When he gets the proper range better marksmanship may be looked for, and his friends confidently predict that in future efforts he will hit the bull's-eye, or at least a "tin box," four times out of five. In the mean time the annual report of the County Auditors is looked for with interest and unusual interest. They have an important duty to perform, and the public confidently expect them to faithfully and fearlessly discharge their trust.

IT is said of the successor of Senator DeBois, of Idaho, that he is ignorant. His name is Henry Heffield, and he is a farmer who has had very little education. The lack of schooling does not necessarily imply that a man has not a good mind. Speaker Reed, in one of his speeches in the House, said that some of the best men he knew had little schooling. Their ability was in strong minds and natural common sense. A good, sensible farmer in the Senate would be of more use than some of the overtaught persons, who endlessly without effect. If Mr. Heffield is a man of that kind, he will be a decided acquisition to the highest legislative body in the world. But the truth of the matter is that Population has been slowly but surely weakening the Senate of the United States at the very time when it needs strengthening. It is appalling to think that the present generation is to be judged by the performance of the Tillmans and the Buffers and the Allens, but it is one of the necessities that the people have to pay to maintain that sounds such men to the etc.

State Capitol In Ashes.

A telephone message received at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon announced that the State Capitol at Harrisburg had been totally destroyed by fire.

The wings of the building occupied by the Senate and House were also destroyed. The corner-stone of the Capitol was laid on May 31, 1819, with imposing ceremonies, and two years later the building was occupied by the Senate and Legislature, the seat of government having been removed from Lancaster to Harrisburg. Numerous additions were made to the Capitol in after years, several hundred thousand dollars having been expended in making repairs to it during the past three years.

The handsome new State Library and Executive building adjoining the Capitol is unharmed.

The above news was confirmed by a private message from Hon. W. H. Sanner.

The latest report is that three messenger boys lost their lives in the fire. It is very probable that records and papers of inestimable value have been destroyed.

CONGRESS the other day passed a bill to pay John Roach's heirs the money that was so unjustly kept from him by a Democratic Secretary of the Navy on a trump-up charge that vessels built for the United States Navy did not come up to the requirements. This was one of the smallest acts of the first Cleveland administration, and it is not to the credit of ex-Secretary Whitney that he was the instigator of the persecution of Mr. Roach. The Roach estate should have what it is justly entitled to, and if it does not get it from this Congress, it surely will from the next.

SENATOR MANTLE, of Montana, says a new silver party will be formed in 1900, composed chiefly of Republicans. Such a party necessarily would be very small. Probably the silver party of 1893, whatever its constituent elements may be, will be small anyhow. Many of those who voted for free silver in the recent canvass want free greenbacks now, and some of the others have come over to the gold side since the election. If there is a contest on the money issue between the gold standard and greenbackism, the fight will not be so hard as it was in 1893, for the dollar which is intrinsically worth only the fractional part of a mill can never muster the strength that the 50-cent dollar commanded last year.

An Historic House Razed.

The tearing down of an old log house in Friends' City, Pa., is an interesting bit of history and removes a very old landmark which was famous for the fact that it was where the first steel and edge tools were made in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Roberts was descended from an old Welsh stock, and was born in 1833 on a farm owned by his father on the outskirts of Philadelphia. This farm Mr. Roberts maintained all his life, and of late years has used it as a winter residence. He received a professional training in the Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., and immediately after graduation entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad company. He began his career as a man in an engineering office on the Allegheny division, and in 1862, while he was still but 29 years of age, he had reached the position of assistant engineer on the Philadelphia and Erie railway. During the next year he was actively engaged in the location and construction of the various divisions of the Pennsylvania railroad company in this and the New Jersey. His services brought him into the notice of his superior, and in 1862 Mr. Roberts was made assistant to President J. Edgar Thomson. His engineering abilities and executive capacity were developed by seven years in this position, and in 1869 he was promoted to the position of fourth vice president. Almost immediately afterwards he was promoted to second vice president. On June 3, 1874, when the late Colonel Thomas A. Scott was elected Mr. Thomson in the presidency of the road, Mr. Roberts was advanced to the position of first vice president. In this position all engineering questions relating to the construction, extension and improvement of the Pennsylvania system were under his control, and he further had general supervision of the accounts of the company through the comptroller.

On June 1, 1880, Colonel Scott resigned the presidency, and Mr. Roberts, as his logical successor, was chosen for the head of the corporation. Since that time Mr. Roberts has been re-elected annually and under his management has seen the road grow with leaps and bounds into a day-by-day railroad system is unsurpassed by any railroad in the world.

For years there have cropped out periodically rumors that President Robert was about to resign and that this, or the other Pennsylvania railroad magnate was to be his successor. These rumors, although uniformly denied, were largely based upon gossip from the inner circle as to Mr. Roberts' poor health. Repeatedly it was said that A. J. Cassatt, once "Penny's" most influential vice president, was to succeed to the first place. But as frequently Mr. Cassatt, whose policy at one time differed radically from that of Mr. Roberts, was left in the background. Of late, especially within the past year or two, rumors have been doing the rounds in Philadelphia, and it is not surprising that the Pennsylvania system is now being elected Vice President of the Pennsylvania system in the Philadelphia office.

As a matter of fact, First Vice President Frank Thomson, of Philadelphia, who for years, although a young man, has been at the head of the Pennsylvania department, will likely be the next president. The Pennsylvania railroad is like a clock. Not a cog or a wheel is a misfit. Every man has been elevated to his present position only by reason of his certain qualifications therefor, and for the place next higher. So it is a perfect civil service machine. Consequently, there will be no shake-up, no change of policy, and no change in the machinery will simply slip up one peg, and the machinery will not even be jarred by this noteworthy stoppage of its principal part.

An Old Soldier.

When the reformation first pre-empted certain traits of your ancestry it may be ousted, but when it becomes an old soldier it is pretty hard to budge. Remember this when you experience the first twinges of this obsolete and antiquated ailment, attack it with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will then "make tracks," and possibly leave you unmolested and in peaceful possession of your own comfort in the future. Bitters will also afford rheumatism, it becomes chronic, on account of its tendency to attack the liver. Usually it is complicated with kidney troubles. Certain it is that the kidneys, when aroused by the Bitters, will eliminate impurities which lead to rheumatism and dropsy. In inclement or wet conditions of the weather, the Bitters, taken in advance, will effectively avert rheumatic troubles. Use this genial cathartic and purgative, dyspepsia, biliousness, headache and constipation, are a Pennsylvania Soldier.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 30.—A medal of honor has been awarded to John Shiel, late sergeant Company E, Ninetieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, for most distinguished gallantry in action at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 13, 1862, in carrying a dangerously wounded comrade into the Union lines, thereby preventing his capture by the enemy.

Destitute at Berlin.

If the storied told of the destitution of children in the house at the forks of the road south of town to be true, something should be done for their relief or the authorities should be notified that they should not have to go to their neighbors and beg for food, especially during such weather as this. Those having knowledge of the condition of the children, if they are in need of relief, should put in a complaint that will result in relief.—Berlin Record.

Thin, Pale Children

One satisfaction in giving Scott's Emulsion to children is they never object to it. The fact is, they soon become fond of it. Another satisfaction is because it will make them plump, and give them growth and prosperity. It should be given to all children who are too thin, or too pale. It does not make them over-fat, but plump.

It strengthens the digestive organs and the nerves, and furnishes material for rich blood.

We have a book telling you more on the subject. Send for the asking.

SCOTT & BOWNE, New York.

Dr. Sailer in Florida Until March 31st.

The doctor takes his vacation in what he considers the worst season of the year, and consequently the least inconvenient to the patients. He will be in his office at No. 1000 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, from March 1st to March 31st, when he will be in the city for a few days. He will be in the city for a few days, and will be in the city for a few days.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 30.—Judge Ewing has pronounced one of the most peculiar sentences upon Thomas Jackson, colored, that has been heard in the Criminal Court for several years.

He sentenced the man on five different charges of burglary, directing that he serve in stripes to pay postage, which has been heard in the Criminal Court for several years.

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Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE POOR AND HOUSE OF EMPLOYMENT OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PA., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, A. D. 1896.

ELMER E. PUGH, ESQ., Treasurer of the Poor House of Somerset County, in account with the County of Somerset, State of Pennsylvania, for the year ending December 31, A. D. 1896.

RECEIPTS. Dr.

To amount of sales and proceeds of the Poor House, 1896, \$1,248 79

To Somerset County for No. 1896, balance forward, 8,881 79

Total, \$10,130 58

EXPENDITURES. Cr.

By amt. paid for salaries and other expenses, 2,365 00

By amt. paid for fuel, 1,200 00

By amt. paid for food, 1,100 00

By amt. paid for clothing, 1,000 00

By amt. paid for medical expenses, 500 00

By amt. paid for other expenses, 1,575 58

Total, \$8,745 58

Expenses of Poor House Proper.

By amt. paid for salaries and other expenses, 2,365 00

By amt. paid for fuel, 1,200 00

By amt. paid for food, 1,100 00

By amt. paid for clothing, 1,000 00

By amt. paid for medical expenses, 500 00

By amt. paid for other expenses, 1,575 58

Total, \$8,745 58

Improvements.

By amt. paid for labor, 100 00

By amt. paid for material, 100 00

Total, \$200 00

Extraordinary Expenses.

By amt. paid for fuel, 100 00

By amt. paid for other expenses, 100 00

Total, \$200 00

Salary and Wages.

By amt. paid Director Jacob McGregor, 50 00

By amt. paid Harrison Gohn, 50 00

By amt. paid Wm. Dull, 50 00

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THE DIRECTORS OF THE POOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH SOMERSET CO., PA.

JACOB MCGREGOR, Poor House Director, in acc't with Somerset County.

To amt. rec'd from County Commissioners on orders, \$1000 00

By amt. unexp'd to the credit of the County, 200 00

By amt. surcharged to Poor Trustees, 200 00

Total, \$1400 00

DIRECTORS' INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 1896.

Jacob McGregor, Poor House Director, in acc't with Somerset County.

To amt. Poor House Order, No. 217 of 1896, \$25 00

To amt. Poor House Order, No. 218 of 1896, 25 00

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