



People rejoice that the days of the Wilson-Gorman bill are numbered.

A GIRL baby was born to ex-President and Mrs. Harrison Sunday morning. Elaborate preparations had been made for the reception of the little stranger.

McKINLEY was elected by the voters in November, by the electors in January and by Congress in February. He will proceed to Washington on hearsay evidence, but there is plenty of it.

Nearly six per cent. of the veterans in the soldiers' homes died last year. The great motor-out goes on, and the time is coming when the gratitude of the nation will be but an enduring memory.

Mrs. Bryan informs the public that Mr. Bryan's record for the standing broad jump is twelve feet four inches. This must have been made on the road to Nebraska.

BLAIR county taxpayers have formally organized a society to guard against excessive and needless expenditures by county officials. Officers have been elected and permanent headquarters established.

MARK HANNA is said to have pledged enough members of the present Ohio Legislature to elect him to the Senate. Probably that is the reason Governor Bushnell does not call an extra session to elect John Sherman's successor.

The official vote for Vice President was: Hobart, 27; Sewall, 146; Watson, 27. If Bryan had been elected there would have been no election of Vice President by the people. The Populists would have enjoyed that situation immensely.

KYLE was elected United States Senator in South Dakota by the aid of a Republican vote because he is a Protectionist. It was either Protectionist Kyle or Free Trade Populist Goodwyn, and of two evils the Republic can choose the lesser.

A New George Washington is discovered several times a year by authors and lecturers, but the people of the United States have their own conception of the man and what he did as a lecturer, not that a literary balancing of uncertain views and alleged new data.

A SUCCESSFUL surgical operation was recently performed in Philadelphia without the use of probe or knife. It consisted of the removal of a piece of steel deeply imbedded in a man's eye. The object was located by means of an X ray apparatus and was removed by applying a powerful magnet to the exact spot.

The McKinley rates on tobacco have been restored, and the Lanester county farmer who quit raising tobacco several years ago may now resume with a prospect of getting some return for his trouble. The next Congress will surely raise the bill that is now in course of preparation, and prosperous times will return to everybody.

THERE is a general improvement in farm products, and prices for the most part range higher than they did a year ago. This is notably true of wheat, horses, cattle and sheep. This condition is viewed with pleasure by the people at large, and is the omen of returning prosperity. So much for anticipation of a Republican protective tariff bill.

TABLETS marking the spot where Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency in 1859, the spot where the great fire of 1871 burned itself out, and where the old Sanguanah House stood in pioneer days, will be erected by the Chicago Historical Society. The announcement was made officially at the quarterly meeting of the society by E. G. Mason, its president.

THE Providence Journal says that in the latest official returns of our export trade appears the handsome gain of \$2,082,325 as the value of the bicycles shipped abroad in 11 months. Probably very few were aware of the existence of a foreign trade of so large proportions in these goods, but it is a trade that is growing all the time. It would be interesting to know, however, at what price these exported machines are sold.

BY DIRECTION of the President a medal of honor has been presented to Sylvester D. Rhodes, of Parson, Pa., late captain of Company D, 61st Pennsylvania Infantry, for most distinguished gallantry at the battle of Fisher's Hill, Va., September 22, 1864. This officer was one of the skirmish line which drove the enemy from the first trenchment, and was the first man to enter the breastworks, capturing one of the guns and turning it upon the enemy.

AMID the conflicting reports which come from Cuba one fact stands out plainly—the insurgents are holding their own. Despite the stories from Havana and Madrid of Spanish successes and of Spanish confidences, Weyler's forces are making no actual headway. The number of murders and other outrages by his men keeps up to its old figure, but those men dare not venture very far from the Havana district. With less than a quarter, and probably less than an eighth, of Weyler's forces, Gomez and the other Cuban commanders hold possession of a large part of the island. Under these circumstances the insurgents can give good reasons for the faith in ultimate independence that is in them.

THE report that Thomas B. Reed, who will be re-elected Speaker, will use his influence against all attempts to secure financial legislation in the extra session which may be made will please the people. What the country wants immediately is the new tariff, so that abundant revenue may be obtained and a legitimate protection furnished wherever needed. The sooner this is had the sooner the industries can adjust themselves to the new conditions and the trade revival begin. Financial legislation is needed, but it is not so urgent. This will require long and careful deliberation, and should not be rushed through in an extra session. The currency commission, composed of members of both branches of Congress, which Mr. McKinley, it is said, will recommend in a special message, can be entrusted with the work of preparing a scheme of financial reform, which Congress can take up next winter. Hasty legislation on this subject must be guarded against.

Gov. HASTINGS has the right view of rebuilding the Capitol in urging that a group of buildings of a substantial character be erected, says the Harrisburg Telegraph. The new Capitol can be ready for the Legislature when it meets in 1899, and the other buildings can be finished more leisurely. There is a load cast for new buildings for the Department of Internal Affairs and the departments that are located in the building north of the Capitol. These two buildings are under leases, and if they are ever fired they will turn as swiftly as did the Capitol, for they are just as rotten-timbered, and the wood-work as old as that in the burned building. Both of these buildings are full of the most valuable documents, those in the Internal Affairs Department covering the original title to almost every acre of ground in the State, and every prominent man should be made for their preservation. The fire that destroyed the Capitol came very near taking the Internal Affairs building, only the concentrated efforts of the firemen on the rear of the House portion preventing the spread, and one such spread is enough. Make the buildings fire-proof and rocky, put them up without lavish expenditure, and the people will be satisfied. The Governor has the correct idea.

HANNA WILL BE SENATOR.

Gov. Bushnell Publicly Announces His Decision.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—Gov. Bushnell furnished the following statement for publication this evening: "I have no intention to make an announcement in relation to the action I would take in the matter of an appointment to fill the prospective vacancy in the Ohio Legislature in the United States Senate until the vacancy actually existed. But on account of the manifest interest of the people and their desire to know what will be done, I deem it best now to make the following statement: When Senator Sherman resigns to enter the Cabinet of President McKinley I will appoint to succeed him Mark A. Hanna, of Cuyahoga county, to serve until his successor is chosen by the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State. In this action I shall meet with the approval of the people. As S. Bushnell."

THE GREAT RICE FIGHT.

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THE Philadelphia Press has arranged for expert and exclusive news reports of matters relating to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, and has the distinction of surpassing all other papers in its field in its treatment of the most noteworthy event of the kind in America since Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Referee Siler, Martin Julian, Tom Sharkey and five of the most noted sporting writers and artists of the country for personal signed statements and pictures, and day after day describing every incident relating to the fight. No other newspaper in Pennsylvania, New Jersey or Delaware will have this news, and any statements or interviews, purporting to be from the persons above named, printed by any other paper, will be false.

Good Times Coming.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—In its issue to-day the Commercial Advertiser publishes a series of interviews with the business outlook and summed up the situation as follows: "The general business outlook is decidedly encouraging. There is no 'boom' nor any looked for; but there is a steady improvement in all lines which indicates that good times are at hand. The fact that here and there all parts of the country factories and mills are resuming work is evident. The bottom has been reached at last, and business is on the up-grade; stocks of manufactured goods are so low that the manufacturer is hand to supply the absolute necessities of the people, thus compelling resumption of production."

Helping the Farmers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Secretary Morton transmitted to Congress to-day the reports of the several agricultural experimental stations throughout the country. That of the station at the Pennsylvania State college sets forth that the principal experiments there have been with fertilizers and feed stuffs, the latter with especial relation to the feeding of steers and dairy cows. There have also been experiments with both crops and especially tobacco. The Secretary says that the station is doing thorough and important work in practical and scientific lines relating to the agriculture of the State. In addition to its government appropriation of \$150,000 a year, the station has received \$1,000 from the State, \$2,187 in fees for analyzing fertilizers, \$9,857 from sales of farm products and \$79 miscellaneous, a total income of \$22,994. It is prosperous and managed in a thoroughly systematic way.

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FEBRUARY ELECTIONS.

Official List of the Newly Elected Borough and Township Officers.

Following are the official returns of Borough and Township officers elected on the 19th inst., 1897:

BOROUGHIS.

Berlin—Burgess, C. A. Floto; council, W. N. Weller, John C. Sheets; constable, W. A. Powell; high constable, George S. Knapp; collector, Frank Heffley; judge, G. B. Heffley; inspectors, John Groff, Jr., F. C. Bollinger; street commissioner, E. W. Hartman; school directors, J. E. Krieger, S. P. Zimmerman; auditor, W. W. Landis; clerk, R. H. Floto.

Lawrence—Justice, W. H. Howard; collector, J. J. Darr; judge, W. H. Maurer; inspectors, Herman Swan, A. J. Shantz; school directors, H. H. Hay, Elt Ogline; supervisors, Noah Lape, John A. Moore; auditor, Joseph Rhoads; clerk, H. W. Bittner; treasurer, Peter Speicher.

Lower Turkeyfoot—Collector, H. R. Moon; judge, C. S. Sillbaugh; inspectors, James Porterfield, G. Anderson; supervisors, John B. Weaver, Frank Gibson, S. M. Miller, 1 yr; supervisors, B. Leubart, B. F. Keger, William Rose, Eli Cook; auditor, William Burkholder, clerk, W. H. Kuhlman; treasurer, Ed Klugfelder; Justice, J. H. Schrock; judge, John R. Boose; inspectors, Fremont C. Younk, John J. Enfield; school directors, James W. Sobert, H. W. Dennison; auditor, H. W. Hitt; James Rhoads; auditor, Milton Rupp.

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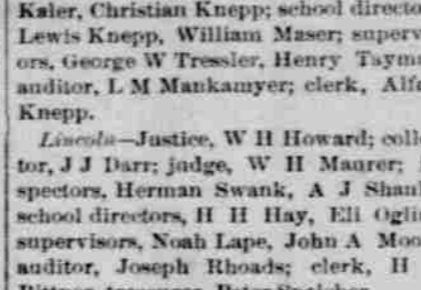
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 2, 1897.

ELMER E. PUGH, Esq., Treasurer of Somerset County, Pa., in account with the County of Somerset.

Receipts, Dr.

Table with columns: Description, Amount, Date. Includes items like Taxes, Licenses, and Fines.

Expenditures, Cr.

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Balance forward, 1896, \$9,000 00. Total Receipts, 1897, \$100,000 00. Total Expenditures, 1897, \$90,000 00. Balance on hand, 1897, \$10,000 00.

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