

The Somerset Herald.

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It is said that President Diaz, of Mexico, will soon visit the United States.

At last Mr. Harry is officially ousted from the National Democratic Committee.

EX-PRIME MINISTER CLEVELAND desires it to be distinctly understood that he is opposed to the annexation of Hawaii, Cuba, or Nebraska.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TERRITORIES has turned down the proposition to admit Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma to Statehood.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S position on sound money is not likely to be disputed again by Republican Senators who are weak-kneed on silver.

MR. CLEVELAND caused the American flag to be pulled down in Hawaii, and comes out of retirement to say that he would do it again. The strange part of it is that several Senators agree with him.

SENATOR QUAY had passed in the Senate last week a bill to reinstate the Pennsylvania militia called out in 1864 when the rebels were raiding the south eastern part of the State.

THE Maryland Republicans elected a Senator without defiling themselves with the Ohio precedent. Senators McCann and Wellington, both Republicans, mark a new era in national politics for a thriving border State.

BUTLER MAHON, just nominated by President McKinley as Consul to Nuevo Laredo, is the son of General William Mahon, of Virginia, who, up to the time of his death a few years ago, was the leader of the Republican party in the Old Dominion.

COMPTROLLER OF THE Currency presented his report to accept the plan drawn by William M. Singler for the payment of the creditors of the Chestnut Street National Bank in Philadelphia, and has placed the affairs of the institution in the hands of a receiver.

"THIS is a million dollar country," says the Philadelphia Ledger. The exports for the year 1897 were valued at \$1,099,129,519. What is still more satisfactory is that they exceeded the imports by \$356,496,664, which sum goes to the credit of Uncle Sam's balance sheet."

AT THE Snyder county primaries on Saturday last Congressman Thad. M. Mahan, of Franklin county, received the endorsement of Congress, and Senator Quay carried the county by a practically unanimous vote. The delegate elected to the State Convention is said to favor Col. W. A. Stone for Governor.

SOME of the statesmen who have been criticizing the United States Supreme Court for a long time are now attacking the intelligence of the inferior courts whose decisions have been reversed in the higher tribunal. One upon a time it was difficult to satisfy everybody, but lately it seems to be almost impossible to satisfy anybody.

JUDGE LOUIS E. McCORMACK, Republican, was elected United States Senator by the Maryland Legislature Tuesday last week, to succeed Senator George M. Manly, Democrat. The vote stood: McCORMACK 63, Gorman 47, Shaw 4. The Senator elect practiced law at Hagerstown for many years, and has served four terms in Congress. He is now Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

Six hundred passengers sailed from Tacoma on Wednesday last for Alaska. There is not a town west of the Mississippi river that is not organizing a Klondike expedition, and the rush for the gold fields in the Spring will be a something tremendous. And a great many will go poorly prepared, and many by the seductive steamship agents, who will tell any story to catch a passenger.

JOSEPH LEITER, the Chicago "Wheat King," has been offered ninety-six cents a bushel for 7,750,000 bushels of the wheat he now holds, by the Parlor House of Dreyfus & Co. This would mean a profit to Leiter of \$450,000, but he has refused the offer, which is said to have been made in behalf of the Rothschilds. The latter are said to contemplate an unexampled corner in wheat.

"Senator Stewart criticizes the President's New York speech," says a Washington dispatch. So will Bryan, Tillam, Teller, and the other Philadelphia bunzo sharps and rhyllators all over the country. Their hostility is a fine tribute to the financial honesty and probity. The President's canvas in 1896 was made on that line, and that is why he got his 63,000 plurality. The plurality would be a good deal larger than this if the election were held to-day.

CHARLES WESLEY THOMAS has been appointed Collector of the Port of Philadelphia. This appointment was opposed by the Blankenburg Business Men's League, a little tail to the Dave Martin kite. The new collector was born in Philadelphia in 1860. He was a member of the lower branch of the Legislature in 1886-9, and of the Senate in 1890 until now. In 1880 and 1890 he was private secretary to Collector Cooper and gained much information which will be of value to him now.

THE State Board of Agriculture decides that it will not go out of existence at this time, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, but will wait another year, and then if the Legislature refuses to put up money for expenses it will say farewell forever. The gentlemen who compose the board deserve a great deal of credit for holding together two years and giving the farmers all the benefit of their organization, and at the same time paying their own expenses. They have done a great deal of good in the past, and they can do a great deal of good in the future as an adjunct of the Department of Agriculture, so that it is hardly fair to starve the organization to death.

THE "enemy's country" has suddenly increased very largely in area for Bryan. His western boundary is, as in the campaign of 1896, the Allegheny mountains. Alleged state is now in the hostile territory, and so is the state of Chairman Jones. There is a chance that before long Bryan will be calling Alleged and Jones "tools of Wall street" and "enemies of the

human race." Moreover, these are men that can not be hypnotized by tricky phrases. They know Bryan, and will never be deluded by him again. The Republican party regrets the loss of Bryan, but it could beat him easier in 1900 than it did in 1896, but it would not give him up.

THAT part of President McKinley's address at the banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers at New York which touched on the national finances will be read with profound interest throughout the world. "The money of the United States," he said, "is and must forever be unquestioned and unassailable. Nothing should ever tempt us—nothing shall ever tempt us—to scale down the sacred debt of the nation through a legal technicality. Whatever may be the language of the contract, the United States will discharge all its obligations in the currency recognized as the best throughout the civilized world at the time of payment."

SAYS the Philadelphia Times: "An article from the Washington Star is now extensively quoted stating that H. G. Worthington and ex-Senator Daves are the only survivors of the pull-bearers of President Lincoln.

General A. H. Coffroth, of Somerset, Pa., was then in Congress, and was one of the Lincoln pull-bearers. He was one of the few Democrats in the House who voted for the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery.

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The House Kills the Silver Job By Fifty Majority.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House of Representatives to-day buried the Teller resolution, declaring government bonds payable in silver, under an adverse majority of 65. The Teller resolution was widely arrayed in opposition, with two exceptions, Mr. Linnay, of North Carolina, who voted with the Democrats and Populists, and Mr. Willis, of North Carolina, the only other member of the House, who only answered "present" when his name was called. The desertions from the Democratic side were Mr. McAdair, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Elliott, of South Carolina. Both voted with the Republicans against the bill. Speaker Reed, although it is not customary for him to vote, had his name called, and amid the cheers of his followers, went on record in opposition to the resolution. The vote was reached after five hours of debate, under a special order adopted at the opening of the session. The pressure of members for an opportunity to be heard, was so great that the members on both sides were compelled to farm out the time by minutes. This detracted much from the continuity of the discussion, but intensified the interest. The galleries were crowded all day, and the combats on the floor were cheered by their respective sympathizers. Many of the Senators were present to listen to the arguments.

Blackmail with a Gun. ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—The case of the young man who was arrested in an attempt to hold up President Mallard, of the Union Trust Company, last Tuesday, and secure \$5,000 at the point of a pistol, is as follows: The man, who is named as being General Coffroth, is not only very well alive, but he is an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Whether he expects to serve as Democratic pull-bearer or hopes to be elected if nominated, has not been announced.

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CONSPIRACY OF THE SO-CALLED BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE.

A CLIQUE OF MILLIONAIRES. Working in the Dark and Stabbing in the Back. SOME VERY INTERESTING FACTS.

A Corporal's Guard of Agitators, Professional Kickers and Disgraceful Office-seekers are Propagating and Endorsing a Monstrous Ticket Born Through the Coarsest Method—Full Details of the Scheme That Has Been Planned For This Fall.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—The conspiracy of the so-called Business Men's League is becoming more and more apparent every day. The League was organized in the House of Representatives, and the three elegant offices of Frank Willing Leach in the Girard Trust building are the headquarters of the League.

The League is the high-salaried bureau sending out lies to the common-sense of the Philadelphia people. It is a conspiracy of the most infamous kind, and its members are the most infamous of men. It is a conspiracy of the most infamous kind, and its members are the most infamous of men. It is a conspiracy of the most infamous kind, and its members are the most infamous of men.

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Steps should be taken, at an early date, to bring about the candidacy of the Republican gubernatorial nomination of some one representative of the highest type of Republicanism, who, if elected, will protect the commonwealth and its citizens from a renewal of the attacks of the legislative sharks who have so long and so successfully preyed upon the people. The League is a conspiracy of the most infamous kind, and its members are the most infamous of men.

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It is those who have signed this invitation to what is explicitly declared will not be a "convention," but which proposes to "unite all citizens and organizations," including the Socialists and Democrats, are worth looking into.

William T. Tilden, the chairman, was a candidate for delegate from the Twenty-second ward in the Twenty-first district convention, on the Martineau ticket, for the state convention, and was elected. He is, therefore, clearly and openly a regular and accepted member of the Philadelphia committee.

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Fancy and Staple Grocery, Flour, Grain and Feed Emporium in Somerset County.

Car Loaded of Fancy Refined Grass Seeds. Just unloaded. All new stock, and we are offering this lot at price below the present market.

Large Shipment of Mackerel and Lake Herring. Just received. All new stock, and we are offering this lot at price below the present market.

Great Bargains in Soaps. Both Laundry and Toilet, we are now offering at grossly reduced prices. Here is a Hummer.

For This Week Only! One Box—12 Cakes Fine Toilet Soap, at 18c per Box, or Two Boxes for 35c.

Receipts and Expenditures of the DIRECTORS OF THE POOR and HOUSE OF EMPLOYMENT of the County of Somerset, State of Pennsylvania, for the year ending 31st day of December, A. D. 1897.

Table with columns: No., RECEIPTS Dr., Amount of sales and receipts of the Poor House for 1897, Somerset County for order No. 109 of 1897, to balance account.

Table with columns: No., EXPENDITURES, Outdoor Expenses, Cr., Dr., Amount paid outdoor paupers, Maintenance of children, Act of 1860, etc.

Table with columns: No., Farm Expenses, Cr., Dr., Amount paid for dry goods, clothing, hats and caps, Wheat, flour and meal, etc.

Table with columns: No., Improvement and Repairs, Cr., Dr., Amount paid for lumber and hardware, Lightning rods, etc.

Table with columns: No., Extraordinary Expenses, Cr., Dr., Amount paid for furniture, Carpets, etc.

Table with columns: No., Salaries and Wages, Cr., Dr., Amount paid Director Van Dull, Harrison Gohn, etc.

Table with columns: No., DIRECTORS OF THE POOR in account with Somerset County, Amount of estimate for expenses, Amount received from County Commissioners on order, etc.

Table with columns: No., Directors' Individual Account for 1897, WILLIAM DULL, Poor House Director, in acct with Somerset Co., Amount Poor House order, No. 115 for 1897, etc.

Advertisement for COOK BEERITS. Includes text: "Don't Buy Counterfeits - at the Same Price", "Genuine", "The Words", "GENERAL HARDWARE HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS ETC.", "P. A. SCHELL, SOMERSET, PA."

Advertisement for Well Made Sleights. Includes text: "WELL MADE SLEDS, WELL MADE BOBS SEDS, WELL MADE HARNESS", "25 different styles to select from at prices to suit everybody."

Advertisement for James B. Holderbaum's HARDWARE STORE. Includes text: "Wholesale or Retail. AT 1847. Christmas is coming and Holiday presents are as numerous as the saying familiar—"

Advertisement for Get it at Benford's PHARMACY. Includes text: "Fine Toilet Cases, DELICIOUS, Pure Drugs and Chemicals, Manicure, Toilet Articles, etc."

Advertisement for Sunlight SOAP. Includes text: "GIVEN FREE EACH MONTH FOR (During 1897) Sunlight SOAP WRAPPERS", "THE MOST CAREFUL", "CINDERELLA RANGE", "CINDERELLA STOVES & RANGES"