

# THE CITIZEN

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## MEETING OF CONGRESS.

At the caucuses of Republican members of the house last Saturday night, it was agreed that Thomas Reed of Maine should be speaker, Alexander McDowell of Sharon, Pa. Clerk, Benjamin F. Russell, of Missouri, Sergeant at Arms, William J. Clement of New York. Doorkeeper, J. C. McHenry, of Ohio. Postmaster, and Rev. Henry M. Couden, of Michigan, Chaplain of the House of Representatives of the 54th Congress of the United States.

Reed's nomination was unanimous, and in response to it he made a speech saying that our first duty was to restore confidence to business, and avoid all useless legislation.

At the Democratic caucus that night Ex-Speaker Crisp was nominated.

On Monday the galleries were crowded, though nobody excepting those holding tickets were admitted, the clerk called the names to the floor, the candidates for speaker were nominated and the vote taken which stood as follows: Reed, 234; Crisp, 55; Bell, 10; Foster, 6; Culbertson, 6; and others, 1 vote, cast by the Texas delegation, Crain. A Pennsylvania, Harmer, of Philadelphia, now the "Father of the House," visited the honor of administering the oath.

Reed was escorted to his seat by Ex-Speaker Crisp; and then came the lot of drawing for seats, and in this the members from Western Pennsylvania were not very lucky.

Mr. Dalzell got a seat in the second right tier of Republicans, pretty well back. W. A. Stone is over on the old Democratic side, C. W. Stone, of Warren; Hicks, of Blair, and Congressman at-Large Huff, are in the "Cherokee strip." Mahon, of Franklin, got a seat in the old "Pennsylvania row," the last House. Plaintiff in this district, in the Republican center, but far back. Heiner, of Armstrong, is on the extreme left, but well up front, while Griswold, of Erie, is in the same section, but toward the rear. Arnold, of Clearfield, is on the extreme right, and Acheson, of Washington, is on the extreme left, occupying about the same place as did his successful opponent in 1892, W. A. Stone. Two years ago, Mr. Grow, who with Mr. Crisp was accorded the usual courtesy to ex-Speakers, that of selecting their seats has a desirable place in the main Republican section.

## THE SENATE.

There was an unusually large attendance of Senators when the fifty-fourth Congress convened today, the only recorded absentees being Mr. Hill, of New York; Mr. Lindsay, of Kentucky; Mr. Wolcott, of Colorado, and the two Senators from Louisiana. The only interesting feature of the proceedings was the swearing in of the new Senators. Being uniformly advised that the President's message would not be delivered until noon next day the Senate immediately thereafter adjourned until that time.

On Tuesday the President's Annual message, which is unsatisfactory to its treatment of our relations with other countries, was read in the Senate. In both houses, and in the Senate several resolutions regarding Cuba, ranging from strict neutrality to annexation, were introduced.

## What Republicans Must Do.

More important, almost than any specific measure or policy is the general attitude of the Republican party toward good government. A party is much more than its candidates, its platform. It is even more than the men who, in the aggregate, compose it at the moment, for it is a bundle of traditions, tendencies, and principles as well. Every act of an organized Republican body in any portion of the Union has some effect upon the general party welfare. Republicans, in and out of office, must feel that they have the welfare of the party at heart, feel that a heavy responsibility rests upon them. They must take the right side on every issue that arises, local or State or National. It is a discredit to the whole party when Republicans put in office a scoundrel of any kind. It is a credit to the whole party when they work in any place disinterestedly for good government. They must feel it, and they must show that they feel it.

Everywhere they must stand for law and order. The lawbreaker, whether he be teacher or schoolmaster, must be the target of every effort to drive an illegal business man, must be made to feel that the Republican party is against him. Every ballot box stuffer, every bribe taking legislator, every corrupt official of any grade must be made to feel that he is an outcast from the party.

The party must stand firmly for good government in our cities; and in many cases this good government can only be obtained by the sinking of partisan lines in municipal contests. The Republican party must stand by the civil service law, National and State. Republicans in every grade must feel that it behooves them to see that their party representatives in every office are clean and honest men; and for the sake of the welfare of the party they must rigorously punish the scoundrels who use the party name to cloak their own base purposes.

On the great national issues of the day—the tariff, finance, and foreign policy—the Republican party has all the advantage of position in the Presidential fight upon which we shall shortly enter. All Republicans must be specially careful to strengthen this position by making it their duty to see that the dishonest and unworthy representatives of their party are punished, and to see that in every local the Republican party stands for honesty, decency, and good citizenship on whatever may be the issue for the moment.—From "The Issues of 1896," by Theodore Roosevelt, in the November Century.

## MILFERTOWN MUSINGS.

Mr. Melvin Crawford has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever. Not much hope of his recovery was entertained until Tuesday, when the patient was better, and his attending physician has some hopes.

Mansey Gillespie, who was out hunting on Tuesday, returned home with a load of birds scattered through his body, the rain being described as Mansey is not dangerously hurt, but will realize the use of a cane for some time.

Lorenzo G. Nail, Ph. G., arrived in town on Monday and assumed management of F. A. Hall & Co.'s pharmacy. Mr. Nail comes highly recommended and is a pleasant, affable young man who will no doubt make many friends with people.

Miss Della Smith departed Saturday for a few weeks visit in Pittsburg.

The hunters, seemingly, are making good use of the snow.

## SAXONBURG SAYINGS.

Read the rules and regulations of Saxenburg Gas Co. printed on the back of their bill heads, and after reading them heed them accordingly.

Now that the long looked for street lamps have arrived, why not attend to a town hall and water works.

George Manthoff has a fine line of holiday candles and other novelties for Christmas. Give him a call.

Miss Mabel Shoup, of Freeport, was the guest of the Misses McKee on Thanksgiving day.

Mr. C. D. Mulholland and family left for Ohio last week. We will miss them very much.

Calvin Deigan, who spent a week with relatives, left for Sistersville last Sunday.

John Schmitt, of Philadelphia, was in town last week attending the funeral of his father, Mr. Erdman Heller.

The scholars of No. 2, Saxonburg school, will give an entertainment in the opera house Saturday evening, Dec. 7th. The proceeds will be used to purchase an organ, and it is hoped that the public will respond liberally. Prof. Knoch has arranged a splendid program consisting of vocal and instrumental music, dialogues and declamations.

Alex. Woods is still confined to the house although much improved.

Mr. M. F. Phillips, at the pump station, is doing well, and the baby is almost ready to wear Uncle Corker's pants. Mr. Phillips is again at work, having recovered from sickness.

Saxonia Council of American flag to the Crawford school in Jefferson township last Friday. Dr. J. W. McKee, of Saxonburg, presented the flag on behalf of the Council, and Prof. Linn Caldwell received it in an eloquent and patriotic speech.

E. E. Graham has gone to Tice county, where he has secured a good position.

Mrs. Thomas King arrived home last Monday evening from a two month's visit to relatives in the West.

Most are regretting it in this vicinity and our people cannot be too careful of the children.

Have you figured out what your best gift will be for a Christmas present? Jas. McCafferty, of Sistersville, who formerly played in the Saxonburg band, died at his home after an illness of two weeks.

## PETROLIA PENCILINGS.

Dr. W. B. Jameson, of Philadelphia, and Fred H. Jameson, of Meadville, spent Thanksgiving at their home in Fairview township.

Miss Anna Daugherty returned to Washington, Pa., Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Chesno and son, Albert, spent Thanksgiving in Sewickley, the guests of Mr. Chesno's father.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rahn, of Butler, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. S. E. Lanehan.

The recital given by Miss Minna Hawk and her pupils at the church on Nov. 22 was a very successful one. A large crowd greeted them and a very interesting program was presented, which elicited much applause. The instrumental music for the occasion was beautifully rendered by the orchestra.

P. L. Titus has returned home from Burnside Springs, W. Va.

Miss Minna Hawk and Verna C. Cook, of West Meadville, Pa., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Thanksgiving evening in the M. E. church in the presence of a large assembly of invited guests.

## NORTH WASHINGTON.

Prof. Logal Hall, of the Springdale school, was visiting his mother last Saturday. Mrs. Hall is not improving.

Mrs. Jane Moore, who has been quite ill for a few weeks, is improving slowly. Miss Rita, who is home from Oakdale, will return to that place in a few days.

Will Young, while playing football Friday evening, was partially overthrown by a slight heart failure, but has returned to his school at East Meadville.

Prof. Snyder, of Meadville, and son, of Allegheny, took Thanksgiving dinner with their mother, Mrs. Miller.

The "Old Bachelor's Club," consisting of Frank, Fred and Evans, Rev. Albert and Principal Barton Shryock, of the Hilliard school, were entertained by Mr. Elmer Stewart and mother on Friday evening. Supper was served and the evening spent in playing crokinole.

Miss Emma and her sister, Mrs. Evans were also present.

Miss Lizzie Grant and mother have returned from a seven weeks' visit to Lima, Ohio.

Miss Florence Pior, of this place, and Mr. Wm. Reynolds, of Pittsburg, were married at the residence of the bride's mother on Wednesday, November 29. After performed the ceremony. The happy couple departed amid showers of flowers and good wishes from their friends, for their future home, Pittsburg.

The Academy has been fortunate in engaging Rev. J. A. Brandon to deliver his 82nd lecture, "Science and the Delusions of Modern Civilization," Wednesday, Dec. 11. It has been a number of years since our town has been treated to a good lecture, and we congratulate the school on securing this lecturer.

## FLICK FLICKERINGS.

Harry Martin and several other young men from Pittsburg spent Thanksgiving at Robert Kyle's.

Ed. Westerman, Jr., spent Thanksgiving in the glades hunting.

Mrs. Emma Horshar, of Galien, Ohio, is spending a week with two among her friends in this vicinity.

George Fair and Harry Martin are talking of going into the phosphate business the coming season.

John Simpson has learned to be a tool dresser and now is ready to go on his own hook.

Cliff Oriser is pumping for the Forest Oil Co. in the Gorge field.

Wm. Galaher and his brother, Bert, took a flying trip to Saxenburg last Thursday evening.

No. 2 and 3 rigs on Capt. Hays farm have been rebuilt.

Quite a number of Pittsburg folks spent Thanksgiving at Robert Montgomery's.

W. J. Gillespie killed two of the largest hogs that have been butchered in this neighborhood so far as known.

Ed. Knough is supplying the well on the Dave LeFevre farm with coal.

John Parks is on the sick list with a peculiar form of throat trouble.

PORTERSVILLE PARAGRAPHS.

Dan Kennedy and family, of Butler were the guests of his mother on Friday.

Mrs. H. Oliver, Mrs. Kennedy and David Kennedy of this place spent Thanksgiving with Charles Kennedy of Butler.

J. R. Humphrey and E. E. Heberling have the contract of putting the heater in the Presbyterian church.

The Presbyterian church took fire on Thanksgiving and had not been noticed at once would have burned to the ground.

Hal Heberling and Frank Kinser were at Jacksonville on last Friday.

Every one that took in the supper at the home of E. L. Beigley report of having a nice and delicious supper.

Prof. Graham spent Thanksgiving with his parents in West Saxburg.

Report of Oakland School, No. 2, Butler Township.

The following pupils have been present every day the past month: Mary Becker, Mabel Kapp, Mabel Herold, Rose Golia, Annie Trimble, Hazel Kapp, Mary Stickle, Clara Herold, Walter Kapp, Dan Weisenstein, Emil Becker, Warren Weisenstein, John Herold, Ernest Flick, Frank Weisenstein, Harry Herold and Norman Schenck. The following persons have not been absent one day since the term began: Clara Herold, Rose Golia, Annie Trimble, Carrie Herold, Emil Becker, John Herold and Harry Herold. Average per cent, 94. We as teachers and pupils are proud of the above report and we cordially invite parents and friends to call and see us and thus encourage teacher and pupil.

EDITH L. WILKS, Teacher.

## CONNOQUENESSING TWP.

A singing class is being organized at White Oaks Springs Church. It meets every Wednesday night.

Parad Barnhart's house is nearing completion.

The candidates for county superintendent are numerous, and all are good men.

John Dufford, of New Castle, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Fine has moved to the farm of John Dufford.

There is some talk of dividing our township, making the creek the dividing line. Such a division would be satisfactory to all.

Lev Henry wears a smile these days. all on account of a young son.

George Heaven, who has been sick, is convalescing.

A new house is being built on the farm of John Dufford, near the Buttercup oil field.

The School Directors are visiting the several schools of our township and report all in good shape and doing good work.

Now if the directors would pay better wages, still better work might be done.

The festival given by the young people of White Oaks Springs was a success in every sense of the word. It netted \$45 clear, toward the building fund.

Henry Brummett has lost the sight of his right eye, he having lost the sight of one two years ago, and is now blind.

Mrs. Jane Brummett is quite poorly at the present time, she has a stroke of paralysis about two weeks ago. She is better at this writing.

Golden Wedding in Parker Township.

Quite a number of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gibson, of Parker township, assembled at their home on Monday, December 2, 1895, for the purpose of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the wedding day of the old couple.

They all enjoyed a good dinner, and Mr. Gibson, Dr. O. M. Campbell, of Hutton, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, was called upon to preside, and spoke of the life of the old couple, and how Orr was named for secretary. Rev. McLeure made the presentation speech, the presents being mostly of articles made of gold. Then Mrs. Heiner, the eloquentist, gave a recitation, Thomas Campbell, of Brain, spoke of the useful life of the couple. Two young ladies spoke pieces: J. W. Orr spoke of old times; Zora Gibson made a fine address; and the guests were dismissed by prayer by Rev. McLeure.

Mrs. Gibson's maiden name was Isabella Crawford. Mr. Gibson was married in December of 1845, having always lived in Parker township, have raised a family of nine children, of whom are living, and are a prosperous and respected couple. The children names are Sarah W. (married to George, of West Saxburg); Ebenezer, living near Lake Erie; S. R. with Educator; Jno. B. living near his parents; Dr. J. C. Miller; and Prof. W. M. of Parker township; Zora, the youngest, now at school, and Dr. Campbell's wife.

The old couple are in good health and enjoying life.

Report of Hesselgesher School, Winfield Township.

Report for the school month ending December 2d. The names of pupils who were present every day during the month are as follows: Minnie Hesselgesher, Myrtle Hesselgesher, Blanche Garbreath, Mary Green, Valie Hesselgesher, Viola Bricker, Katie Hesselgesher, Lizzie Freeling, Myrtle Garbreath, Effie Grubbs, Anna Grubbs, Lida Grubbs, Hanna Davis, Marge Davis, Emma Hesselgesher, Elva Monroe, Blanche Hesselgesher, Mabel Bricker, Nellie Hesselgesher, Merle Bricker, Addison Stewart, Harrison Hesselgesher, Mary Foster.

The two factions of Geneva College church in Beaver Co. met in the church last Friday and took vote. At the door of the meeting place a number of college students were yelling in approbation of the vote, and when the vote was taken out to quiet them they pounced upon him and choked and beat him unmercifully. Several of the women fainted and a scene of great confusion followed. The vote was finally decided, all broken and bleeding. The meeting was a continuous one, and did not adjourn until 8 o'clock that evening. That night college hall was illuminated with bon-fires by the students, and the town hall kept up an incessant ringing in celebration of the victory of the Foulies.

## FARMINGTON FACTS.

Presley McCamoy expects to leave for the West this week.

Mina Telay is visiting her brother, Orville Telay, of Leechburg, Pa.

Superintendent McCullough is visiting our township schools this week.

Sam Montgomery, who has been in the Indiana penitentiary for some time, is at home.

A live social was held in Scripps church, near Crawford's Corners, Thanksgiving evening. The proceeds netted \$22 dollars.

The people of Six Points community certainly deserve praise for the repairs and remodeling of the Lutheran church of that place.

Our grocers are paying 15 cents for eggs, 16 for butter, 40 for lard, 60 for lard and 25 and 30 for and respectively.

Will Sloan is agent for sleighs. Give him a call.

On Saturday evening last an accident occurred about one mile west of this place on the farm of Wm. McKee. Mr. McKee, expecting to pump a head well about 1,000 feet distant, had a high pressure of steam in the boiler when it exploded, blowing him almost to atoms.

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GOMERSON JOTS.

O. P. Wolford made a business trip to Ellwood City a few days ago.

James Smith is on the sick list.

The P. D. C. Club have opened their libraries at Pipestem again. All are cordially invited to attend.

H. M. Stevenson called on friends near Kierster last Friday.

H. P. Parker was in town on Monday evening.

C. S. Kerr is at home at present.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

State Commissioner of Public Charity Francis J. Torrance has forwarded to the State board his findings and recommendations in the Pittsburg Anti-Cruelty case. The directors of the society are charged with criminal negligence; N. E. Dorente and Miss Lizzie McMillan are found guilty as charged; his recommendations are the discontinuation of State aid, the annulling of the society's charter and that the society shall cease to exist.

Some young ladies of Grove City have organized a band. There are at present 11 members, and all are leading young ladies of this place. They practice twice a week, and expect to be in first-class trim to play next summer.

Five million bushels of coal were started down the Ohio, from Pittsburg, on Monday of last week. That was only one-eighth of what was then ready for shipment.

Harry and Sadie Poorman, twins of Canton, Ohio, were married by Florence and Philip Slagman, respectively, who are also twins, at the Slagman's home, in Beach City, Ohio, last Thursday. The ceremonies occurred before the same couple, but each couple had its own attendant.

At Strongtown, Indiana county, there was a fire the other night, and among those trapped was Henry Jackson, a cousin of the owner of the property. Henry cut a funny figure when he got within the circle lit by the flames. He had put his trousers on wrong-side-out in a hurry, but this made no difference to Henry. He rushed into an adjacent shed, and the darkness might as well have been non-existent. Henry was surprised, and just as Henry fell over her she rose suddenly, with Henry astride her neck, and went plunging out where everybody could see her involuntary sister's frantic efforts to dismount. While Henry was thus engaged, and while the excited women were divided between horror over the conflagration and hysterical laughter over Henry's reversed trousers and the fire, the rest of the neighbors put out the fire.

In Clearfield county a disease known as "pink eye" is prevailing among the horses to a considerable extent. Dry, dusty roads are thought to have affected the eyes of cattle and horses in this section, and "pink eye" was never worse in Clearfield county than it is at present.

Miss Mary O'Connor, of Sharpsville, Pa., was recently made insane by the ground-swell of a pond, and is now in the asylum. Her experience while the steamer was aground affected her mind and she was found wandering on the streets of New York and taken to the Bellevue hospital.

The two children of George Glasgow, of Punxsutawney, one of whom had diphtheria, and the other constantly exposed to it, and both of whom were given the anti-toxin treatment by Dr. Decker, are now right now. The little girl recovered nicely, and the little boy did not contract the disease.

All the civil suits pending against Stone- wall DeFrance, formerly of Mercer, who is serving a term in a Michigan prison for having defrauded a Kalamazoo bank of \$7,000 have been granted by the DeFrance turn over property valued at \$25,000, which is equally divided by the Minneapolis and St. Paul banks and Lawyer Newman, of Chicago.

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## HARRISVILLE HITS.

Mrs. Young and her sister, Nellie Cummings, were home for Thanksgiving, and returned to Mrs. Young's home in Pittsburg on Monday.

Mrs. James Strathairn is home from Oakdale where she visited her daughter Lulu. Ed Barnes, and John Elrick visited John's oil well at Clintonville to-day.

Mr. Wash Barnes killed a hog recently that weighed 900 pounds. It is the largest hog ever dressed around this town and was a curiosity.

Mr. Beatty's family have moved to their winter residence. Mr. Beatty's son's family, of Old City, have been their guests for a few days.

Judge Kerr was able to walk as far as his daughter's (Mrs. Cubbison) residence on Sabbath.

The man who started the new library here a couple of weeks ago found that one good library in this town was quite enough, so he took his departure for Cooperstown on Wednesday morning.

The basket social on Thursday evening was a complete success. The music given by the choir was excellent, and the refreshments