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The Wilkes-Barre *Leader* is authority for the statement that the right of George W. Shank to sit in Congress as the Representative of the Twelfth District will be contested and that steps are being taken at present to that end. Those who have been telling how they shook his hand in Freeland and received a five dollar bill in the other will now have a chance to explain how the thing was done.

Candidates are beginning to bob up for the Poor Directorship of the Middle Coal Field Poor District. As the nominees must come from the Carbon county end of the district, the people of that section ought to be allowed to name their choice, and we, of this end, ought simply to ratify their choice whoever it may be. But, if such disgraceful methods are used by the Democratic Statesmen from the lower end in selecting their nominees as was used last spring, we have very little hopes of his election. We may have something to say on this subject later on.

In our issue of last week we stated that an effort would be made by the business men of town to induce council to appropriate something towards the payment of the two night watchmen. But as there was no meeting of the council and none of the business men put in an appearance, we are to suppose that the thing has fallen through. The people of the borough may realize the position they are placed in some day, to find that through their carelessness in this matter they may be made to lose thousands. Let a meeting of business men be had and discuss the situation among themselves as to the best way to proceed.

REPRESENTATIVE LODGE'S IMMIGRATION bill provides, among other things, that no foreigner shall be permitted to land in this country unless he is a person of good character, that he is not hostile to the United States laws, can read and write, and read the Constitution of the United States in English or in his own language. He must also show that he is capable of earning a living, is sound mentally and physically, and has not been assisted to emigrate by any benevolent institution. Such a measure would be as hostile to immigration as the McKinley act is to trade. There is a sound political reason why immigrants who cannot read and write should be excluded from the suffrage until they shall have qualified themselves. This rule should apply to ignorant natives as well as to immigrants. But the Lodge bill is proposing to apply educational and political as well as physical and moral tests to all persons desiring to immigrate to this country in a violent expression of the prejudice and bigotry of Nativism. Although the author of the Force bill was nearly defeated at the late election, it was not by ignorant naturalized citizens, but by intelligent natives of Massachusetts, and Republicans at that.—*Philadelphia Record.*

Some months ago a joint meeting of the Miners Examining Boards of the different districts was held at Hazleton, at which a committee was appointed to prepare amendments to the law governing such boards passed at the last session of the Legislature and have it submitted to that body at its next session; but so far no report has been made of the actions of the committee. That some amendments are needed, is evident to any person who will take the trouble to examine into the methods used by some bosses in this neighborhood to evade the law. A miner comes and gets work, who is the holder of a certificate, and is given a breast or other contract work, and another man (or probably two) is sent with him, who has not received a certificate, and is given a share of the work, but is told that he has as much to do with the contract as the certified miner, but he must not mine coal, or handle powder, he must simply load coal; and when pay-day comes around he is as well off as the miner, with no trouble on his mind. Surely this is not fair to the man who by his experience, skill and long service as a miner entitles him to a certificate. Again we have men acting in the capacity of mine superintendents who are not even citizens and who have the utmost contempt for our laws and take every opportunity at their command to let those under them know it. Let the committee having this matter under consideration see that their members get together and formulate their amendments, backed up by the experience gained by them from cases that came under their observation and have them presented to the Legislature as soon as it convenes so that early action may be had on it.

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**Correspondence From the Capitol.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 2, 1890.  
Congress resumed business at the old stand yesterday and the session is likely to be fully as interesting, if not as exciting and important, as the one that closed in October. The comparatively small number of members of the House now in the city seems to indicate that those who predicted the Republicans would have a hard time to keep a quorum of their own here through the session were correct. There are not many men in the House who have incomes for which they are not obliged to work, and while serving in Congress most of these men have more or less seriously neglected their regular business or profession. Those of them who were defeated in the recent elections will naturally be disposed to begin taking up the loose ends of their private affairs as soon as possible, so that their incomes will not be too heavily scaled down when their Congressional salaries cease on the 4th of March next. It will take pretty strong pressure to keep these non-elect in Washington with much regularity this winter, and doubtless not a few of them will think it not worth while to come here at all. That this should be the case will not show a very high sense of duty nor of honor on the part of the defeated members, but the country will not liberally excuse the bitterness which has been engendered in the present Congress should not be carried over into the next; and if Mr. Bynum feels this way others who may have suffered from Speaker Reed's tyranny can assuredly afford to be equally forgiving. The overwhelming Democratic victory was without doubt due in some degree to the revolutionary proceedings of the Republican majority during the late session of Congress, and the Democrats would make a fatal mistake in any spirit of revenge they should follow the bad example of the Republicans when they return to power. The Republicans have had a severe penance imposed upon them for their desperate recklessness and folly, and all that will be required of the Democrats will be to see that the penitents expiate their sins in due form and are abundantly supplied with sackcloth and ashes.

The published utterances of a number of Democratic members of Congress who have returned to town during the week indicate that the right spirit prevails among them as to the policy which should be pursued in the Fifty-second Congress. As Mr. Bynum said, the Republican minority should be treated with fairness and liberality, and the bitterness which has been engendered in the present Congress should not be carried over into the next; and if Mr. Bynum feels this way others who may have suffered from Speaker Reed's tyranny can assuredly afford to be equally forgiving. The overwhelming Democratic victory was without doubt due in some degree to the revolutionary proceedings of the Republican majority during the late session of Congress, and the Democrats would make a fatal mistake in any spirit of revenge they should follow the bad example of the Republicans when they return to power. The Republicans have had a severe penance imposed upon them for their desperate recklessness and folly, and all that will be required of the Democrats will be to see that the penitents expiate their sins in due form and are abundantly supplied with sackcloth and ashes.

When Representative Breckenridge, of Arkansas, was unseated during the late session, a vacancy was created in the Ways and Means Committee which has not yet been filled. Great pressure was brought to bear upon Speaker Reed by numerous aspirants for the position, but he steadily refused to make the appointment. The Speaker probably foresaw Mr. Breckenridge's speech regarding the Democratic victory was without doubt due in some degree to the revolutionary proceedings of the Republican majority during the late session of Congress, and the Democrats would make a fatal mistake in any spirit of revenge they should follow the bad example of the Republicans when they return to power.

At least a dozen Democratic statesmen will to-day begin regular training in public for the Speakership of the Fifty-second Congress. Their trial performance for the next three months will be watched with keen interest by the galleries and by the country, and it is safe to say that the final race will not be won by the man who develops traits most nearly resembling those of the present Speaker.

Indications are strong that silver-mounted legislation will not be unpopular in the near future.

**In the Dark.**  
Dr. Hawthorne was called on to perform a wedding ceremony recently under decidedly romantic circumstances at the Atlanta Constitution. Soon after dark a young gentleman and lady ascended the steps leading to the front door of the Talmage house and rang the bell. Mrs. Talmage was standing close by and answered the summons herself. The young man explained that he was anxious to see Dr. Hawthorne on private business and refused an invitation to enter the parlor. The young lady sank into a chair near the door, where the darkness was impenetrable, and remained looking at the wall of the house until Dr. Hawthorne appeared. When he came the gentleman handed him a paper and said he wanted to get married immediately. Dr. Hawthorne took the document to the light and found that it was a license, permitting J. M. Swift to marry Miss Josie Maghee.

Seeing that all the requirements of the law had been complied with, Dr. Hawthorne asked the young gentleman to bring his bride into the parlor and have the ceremony performed there. The lady however, objected strongly to this plan. Through the open window she could see several ladies, who had heard in some mysterious way that a young couple were to be married and who were anxious to see the ceremony.

The groom explained that they had been traveling all day and if Dr. Hawthorne could make it convenient they would prefer being united without entering the house.

Dr. Hawthorne has performed the wedding ceremony so frequently that he requires no light to go through the formula. The lady rose from the chair in the dark corner, and still standing where her features could not be clearly seen, she held out her hand. It was firmly clasped in that of the groom and a few minutes later she was Mrs. Swift. Then the couple went down the stairs, and arm in arm, they walked toward Broad street and disappeared in the direction from which they came.

And now a report comes that the Hart Creek district in West Virginia is haunted by the ghosts of the two members of the McCoy faction who were lynched there recently. The couple are said to appear every third night, when the entire sanguinary scene is reenacted by shadowy forms. A number of residents of the neighborhood assert that they have been involuntary witnesses to a part of the proceedings.

Miss Ysabel Echeverren, daughter of the Spanish Consul at Mazatlan, and the richest heiress on the Pacific coast is just 17, and she is pretty, modest, and unpretending. She has a well matured mind, considering her youth, reads a great deal, and naturally is a fine conversationalist, caring more for the profounder discussions than for the frothy nothings which pass in a hall-room or a tete-a-tete. Her figure is slight and willowy, her complexion is of the dazzling color that marks the Castilian, while her eyes are dark, melting, and soulful. The melancholy information is added that her mother has already selected her future husband from among the young people of her native province.

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