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## HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

FROM AN IMPARTIAL STAND-POINT.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg Writes on Matters of Vital Importance to Every Citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 26.—The nearer the approach of the state election the stronger are the claims of the various politicians and their henchmen. Reports from the different state committee chairmen tally in this statement—that their respective candidates will be winners by exceedingly large majorities. It is a foregone conclusion that the result of this election will have considerable weight, for next year will witness the gubernatorial struggle, and everything possible is being done by all parties and factions to get out the entire vote. During the week just ended, it is estimated by government officials, that fully three millions of circulars bearing on the qualifications of each candidate have been mailed to the individual voters throughout the state from the various committee headquarters. One official remarked that he has never seen so much campaign literature in circulation, not excepting even National campaigns. That it requires a vast amount of money to carry on this work is quite evident, but there does not seem to be any complaints as in former years about political assessments, etc. There have been large voluntary contributions of cash to all parties, so the "small fry" has not been appealed to for their mites as heretofore. The act bearing on "political assessments" passed by the last legislature is claimed to be the cause of not annoying office holders, public men and the people in general by appeals for aid, which meant, in a great many cases, that if they were not adhered to there would be evil consequences follow, and as can be plainly seen the support that is given this year came entirely from voluntary contribution.

As referred to above the gubernatorial struggle is assuming large proportions. Republican candidates have sprung up in all sections of the state, the most prominent being Congressman Wm. A. Stone of Allegheny; Former Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder, of Ebsion; R. Hathaway Shindle, of York, and Congressman Wm. Connell, of Scranton, the latter seeming to have the strongest following. At this early date it is hard to predict who will have the state leaders for their supporters, but from recent developments it looks as if Connell will be the man. The Democrats have hinted that either Eugene Davenport, of Luzerne or Charles C. Sterett, of Washington, will be their candidate, while in the event of defeat of election for state treasurer, Silas C. Swallow will be the Prohibition party's leader. The candidates named are doing considerable missionary work and a bitter struggle will be kept up until the nominating conventions are held.

### SELECTED THE ARCHITECT.

The much mooted question "Who will be the architect?" is settled at last, regardless of the appeal to the Supreme court, and the commission declares the new building will be ready for occupancy by not later than January 1st, 1899. On Friday the commission selected the plan of Henry Ives Cobb, of Chicago who enjoys a reputation of being one of the best designers in the country. Mr. Cobb says it is impossible to construct a proper legislative building with a dome and all requirements set forth in the program for \$500,000, but it is possible to build two legislative chambers and sufficient offices, committee rooms, etc., to answer present needs. With this in view the central building can be constructed with a temporary low dome and many of the rooms which are to be used when the entire building is completed for other purposes can for the present be used for committee rooms and offices in immediate demand. This legislative building can first be constructed by itself, and at some future time the dome or both of the additional buildings can be added without interference. Mr. Cobb recommends the use of Pennsylvania

granite or marble, the frame work to be of steel and iron, and the interior walls, partitions and floors of brick and hollow tile. The interior is to be finished in marble, hard woods and stucco. The bricks saved from the old building are estimated to be worth \$30,000.

The commission was obliged to select not only a plan for the legislative buildings as may be necessary to accommodate the departments of the state government, although at present there is no authority for erecting any building except that which is for the accommodation of the General Assembly.

### WILL NOT STUMP OHIO.

In a recent letter I stated that Governor Hastings had accepted an invitation to make a number of speeches in the interest of M. A. Hanna, of Ohio, during the closing week of the campaign. Owing to the death Saturday of George W. Jackson, of Bellefonte, the governor's banking partner, the engagement was cancelled. Governor Hastings and Mr. Jackson have been life-long friends, and owing to their partnership associations, the former felt obliged to abandon the proposed trip.

### DEFUNCT ORGANIZATIONS.

Elmer W. Moore, of Pittsburg, has been appointed receiver of the Iron City Fire Insurance Company, of Pittsburg. Judgments of over \$30,000 have been entered against the company and scores of executions have been returned "no good." Information has been filed by R. J. Godfrey, of Pittsburg, with the auditor general alleging an escheat to the state of the money, funds, or property and assets of the order of Solon in the hands of Receiver Wm. H. Gasthill, of Meadville. The information sets forth that the escheat occurs by reason of the fact that there are no rightful owners for said fund, which is estimated at \$350,000. Senator McCarrell, of this city, was commissioned escheator in the matter. It is alleged that the order was not made at all, therefore the certificate holders had dropped out and were no longer entitled to recognition and that there was nobody to whom the money should be paid, which would escheat to the state.

### DEPARTMENT NOTES.

Charters were granted at the state department to the Lader brewing company, of Columbia, capital \$150,000; Columbia ice company, Columbia, capital \$5,000; Pittsburg motor and vehicle company, Pittsburg, capital \$30,000.

Requisitions have been issued for Charles Bacon and Harry Leonard to be taken from New York to Delaware county for trial on charges of horse stealing.

The department of agriculture has completed its annual report and copies are now being sent out.

The agricultural department has a lot of specimens of oleomargarine, gathered by its agents in all parts of the state, which its chemists will be kept busy analysing.

Unless yellow fever spreads and the exposition closes, Nov. 15th will be Pennsylvania day at the Nashville exposition.

Representatives of the Philadelphia cheese dealers on Friday consulted with the attorney general regarding the new cheese law. They asked permission to brand the dealer's, instead of the manufacturer's, name on cheese, claiming if the retail dealers see the manufacturer's name on the package they would order direct, thus injuring the middleman's business. Decision was reserved.

### SPLENDID RECORDS.

The State of Pennsylvania has not lost a dollar since 1840 by reason of the default or mismanagement of a state treasurer. In these fifty-six years the state has received in revenues \$410,971,961.73, and has paid but in the same period \$497,131,131.88, without loss in the treasury department, 34 different treasurers having held office in that time. The total loss from all sources since 1840 is \$9,432.51, or the twenty-three thousand of one per cent. This loss was occasioned by the failure of a bank made a special depository under Act of Assembly.

### WILL F. HENDERSON.

Buy your loaded shells and all kinds of ammunition at Brown & Armstrong.

Something new, a spring tooth harrow with wheels, Syracuse plows and "Planet Jr." cultivators at W. & G. Mitchell's.

## COURT NOTES.

Additional Resumes of Notions Transacted.

Sheriff acknowledged deeds: Frank H. Smith for land in Delaware township sold as the property of J. O. Brown, con. \$800. To Mary Fahrenback for land in Lackawaxen sold as the property of Willis Simpson, con. \$500. To Peter Yoost, lands in Blooming Grove, Dingman and Lackawaxen, sold as the property of G. W. Hart, con. \$6,610. To Jacob Klaar, lot in Milford Borough sold as the property of J. H. Brink, con. \$350.

Commonwealth vs. Stephen Drake, indictment, cutting timber. Jury find defendant not guilty but to pay half the costs and prosecutor, Geo. Spencer to pay half.

East Stroudsburg Lumber Company Limited vs. Lederer, administrator of Ottenheimer. Mechanics lien. After the jury was sworn questions of law arising as to whether the matters should not be investigated before the auditor who will be appointed to make distribution of the fund in hands of administrator arising from sale of real estate against which the lien was filed on application of plaintiff, a juror is withdrawn and the case continued.

Elizabeth Tanner vs. Howard Kirkham and August Wigge. Trespass for tearing down a fence. The plaintiff contended that a wire fence erected by her along a private road running through her unimproved land in Lackawaxen township had been torn down by the defendants. That bars had been erected across said road and maintained down to 1893. The defendants who were supervisors of said township alleged that they acted in conjunction with the other supervisors in taking down the fence and the road in question had become by long continued use a public highway which the plaintiff had no right to obstruct.

The jury found a verdict of \$10 damages for the plaintiff.

No venues were ordered for December term.

Court adjourned to November 4th at 12 m.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Dingman. Louis Chastillon, et. ux. to William Hildenbrand, dated Aug. 2, 50 acres, con. \$250, ent'd Oct. 21.

Lackawaxen. Franklin Holbert, et. ux. to Lafayette Rowland, dated Oct. 9th, 11,169 square feet on Lake Westoulang, con. \$100, ent'd Oct. 25. Greene. H. I. Courtright, sheriff, to George W. Carlton, dated Oct. 4, 40 acres, ent'd Oct. 26th.

Milford Borough. H. I. Courtright, sheriff, to Jacob Klaar, dated Oct. 4th, town lot, con. \$350, ent'd Oct. 26th.

Blooming Grove and Lackawaxen. Hansch Holme and husband to Henry Peifer, dated Oct. 26, 200 acres, con. \$2, ent'd Oct. 26th.

Delaware. Josiah M. Reed and others to Robinson Shepherd, dated Sept. 19th, 1895, 80 acres, con. \$50, ent'd Oct. 27th.

Westfall. Abram D. Brown and wife to Charles A. Lewis, dated Sept. 9th, 100 acres, con. \$1, ent'd Oct. 28th.

Milford Borough. Frank Schorr to Louisa C. Newman, dated Oct. 25th, town lot, con. \$2, ent'd Oct. 28th.

Westfall. Anna M. Frazer to Jacob and Elizabeth Miller, dated Jan. 29th, lots 733 and 735, \$500, ent'd Oct. 28th.

### Severe Storm.

A storm of great magnitude swept over the Atlantic coast this week, foundering several vessels and doing damage along the shore. It was especially severe at Atlantic City which is still isolated from the main land.

### Early Closing.

On and after Nov. 1 the undersigned merchants of Milford will close their stores at eight o'clock each evening in the week except Saturday evenings and holidays.

### BROWN & ARMSTRONG, W. & G. MITCHELL, BYMAN & WELLS.

### Instructors Present.

Professors E. L. Kemp of the East Stroudsburg State Normal school and Geo. M. Phillips, Principal of the Westchester State Normal were attendants at the teachers institute this week. Both these gentlemen are representative men among the instructors of the State, and the teachers as well as the public are fortunate in having the opportunity of listening to them.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Able Instructors Present -- The Sessions Well Attended.

The Roster of Teachers Nearly Complete -- The Weather Fine, and Every Indication of a Highly Satisfactory Meeting.

The annual teachers' institute convened at the Court House Monday at 9 o'clock, m. and was called to order by Superintendent Sawyer, ex-Officio President.

A complete organization was effected by electing as vice-presidents: Prof. John C. Watson, Florence Case and Agnes Hopps.

Secretaries—J. F. Maloney, Flora Rochotte and Stella Smith.

Treasurers—Anna Remsen and Jennie Boucher.

### TEACHERS PRESENT.

Blooming Grove—Mary Madden, Nora Madden, Mary A. Edwards, Sarah Lynn.

Delaware—L. B. Westbrook, W. H. Layton, J. V. S. Hood, Carrie Hornbeck, Lizzie Rochotte.

Dingman—Annie Heller, Lucy Gordon, Marian Black, Leroy Kipp, Arthur Wolf.

Greene—Agnes Hopps, Harriet Randolph, Annie Gilpin, Kate S. Sawyer, E. E. Corey, Geo. Banks, Arthur Kramer, Mark Wilmet, Henry Martin.

Lackawaxen—Florence M. Case, Nellie Edwards, Media Hansen, Addie Rowland, Abbie Edwards, Carrie Westfall, Annie Remsen, Ella Westfall, Estella Smith, Jennie Rowland, Grace Barnes, Mrs. J. H. Branning, E. H. Dabron, O. F. Rowland.

Lehman—Annie Swartwood, Jennie Boucher, Annie Madden, Helen Cook, G. E. Swartwood, Frank Layton, William Courtright.

Milford—Lila B. Van Etten, J. C. Watson, Bayard Nichols, D. H. Hornbeck.

Palmyra—Marian Williams, Nina Down, Cora M. Kimble, Kate L. Torney, F. E. Carleton.

Porter—John Clark.

Shohola—Flora Rochotte, Phoebe Wells, Minnie Leibla, William Courtright, Frank Linehan.

Westfall—Hannah Maloney, Minnie Van Akin, Myrtha Westbrook, Sarah Remy, Nellie Westfall, E. F. Kileoin, J. F. Maloney, Frank Wilkin, Gilbert Nichols, Samuel Hazelton.

The programme then began with singing by the teachers, which was followed by responsive readings, and an impressive prayer by Rev. J. A. Wiegand, of Matamoras.

President Sawyer made the opening address in which he dwelt on the preparation of teachers for their work, their aims and actual labor in teaching and the value of the institute to them as a means of gaining valuable hints, experiences and information to better fit them for the performance of the arduous and responsible duties.

Rev. Mr. Wiegand then followed in a happy vein, and the afternoon session closed with singing.

The evening exercises were opened with singing, "Happy Greeting to All," by the Grammar and Intermediate Departments of the Milford School.

Prof. E. L. Kemp then delivered a lecture on "Golden Memories," which it would be unfair to epitomize, or attempt to condense. His close intermingling of thought with felicity and liveliness of expression renders him one of the most instructive speakers.

After singing by the children, Prof. Sawyer spoke briefly on the flags which decorated the room, placed there by the thoughtfulness of Bayard Nichols and Prof. Watson both of whom are enthusiastic admirers of Old Glory. "The Red, White and Blue" was then appropriately rendered and a good night song by the primary department closed the evening session.

Tuesday morning the institute opened with singing followed by responsive reading and an appropriate prayer by Rev. B. S. Lassiter, of the Church of Good Shepherd.

Prof. E. L. Kemp, vice-president of the East Stroudsburg State Normal, whose fame as an instructor is not confined to this section alone occupied the forenoon with an instructive talk in which anecdote and humor were happily blended to enforce the truths uttered. The leading points made were: "Thought and its effects in expression, and the effect of expression on thought." "Thought involves feeling, and the

feeling varies the methods and ways of expression."

In the afternoon singing opened the exercises and Principal George M. Phillips, of the Westchester State Normal School, who has not only a state, but a national reputation as a successful teacher and principal of one of the largest, if not the largest Normal in the state, occupied a period on banking and bank notes. This topic, while apparently dry, is yet full of interest to the average teacher with a small salary but the speaker made it doubly interesting by a lucid talk on the subject.

Prof. Kemp gave a programme for an Intermediate Department, showing how all the studies of a day should tend to a central topic.

Tuesday evening after singing, Hon. J. A. Riley, ex-speaker of the Montana Legislature, gave an interesting talk on reading which occupied the session.

Wednesday morning's exercises were opened with vocal music followed by responsive reading and a prayer by Rev. Thos. Nichols, and Prof. Phillips then gave a talk on our common mother, Mrs. Earth, explaining how the old dame had been weighed and found to tip the scales at six sextillion tons which shows that at least she has a good avoidance as proof that she is round, her shadow when she coyly obscures pale Luna has that appearance.

Mr. Reilly gave a short talk on the ways of obtaining an education and after more music Prof. Kemp gave a short talk on the co-relation of Geography and history. A country in which Geography is unknown can have no known history. The one aids in making the other. So any study which is closely related to another aids and helps out the other.

The teachers sang "Blue Bells of Scotland," and Dr. Phillips spoke on "Manner in the School Room." Some of the points made were to be pleasant and encourage by praise. When things go wrong wait and reflect before punishing and hear the culprit's side of the story, then suit the punishment to the offense. Good government is the basis of all work in the school room.

Singing closed the forenoon exercises, and in the afternoon Prof. Phillips again instructed on the Topic of Governments in which he gave a description of the methods of government in England and the rights and powers of the Queen.

Prof. John C. Watson read an excellent paper on School Programs, and demonstrated his excellent judgment as to the manner in which the work should be arranged in the school room so as to best promote intelligent and successful progress.

Some of the matters to be considered in the arrangement are the pupils, the time, recitation and study. The paper was thoroughly practical and gave many valuable hints and suggestions. Patriotism then overflowed in the song "America," and Prof. Kemp in a talk on "Geography," gave a very comprehensive and lucid description of the battlefield of Gettysburg. The situations were explained by means of a map of that world famous spot made by himself on the grounds.

Wednesday evening, Dr. Phillips gave a lecture which for brilliancy of thought, grace of delivery, and interest of matter, could hardly be excelled. His topic was the "Story of the Heavens," and the profound beauties of the subject were admirably displayed in his description of the composition of the Sun, of Mercury, Venus, Mars and the Earth, and their distance from our sphere. He also described the movements of the moon and its present state. She has been brought by the aid of powerful telescopes to within two hundred miles of us and her character, composition and topography can be carefully studied.

Misses Abbie and Annie Edwards rendered the duet, "Nearer Home" in a pleasant and effective manner. Their voices blended skillfully, and showed fine training.

Thursday forenoon Prof. Kemp gave a study of trees, first this should be done to supplement the authority of the State, second because it is an essential part to the study of geography which we can only teach directly by that which comes under the eye of the pupil.

A class on tree study was conducted by him and many different specimens of kinds of trees exhibited. The sugar maple has a round angle the soft maple a sharp angle, Agar trees of the Northern United States

was recommended as an excellent work on the subject.

Prof. Kileoin of the Matamoras schools then read a carefully prepared paper on Geography.

Song, "The Little Brown Church on the Hill" and Prof. Phillips then described the schools at Quincy, Mass., under the supervision of Mrs. Pollock and gave the methods of teaching employed by famous teachers.

Prof. Kemp then talked on "The Gymnasium until the noon hour. The remaining proceedings will be given next week.

## PERSONAL.

Dr. R. G. Barkley and wife visited New York recently.

John C. Cornelius was a visitor at Milford for a brief season this week.

William Edwards, of Notch is visiting his friend Alonzo Klein of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Van Etten spent Sunday with friends in Hampton, N. Y.

Miss Hattie Decker returned on Monday from visiting friends in Newton, N. J.

Edward Cahill has gone to the Hot Springs of Arkansas for his health which is seriously impaired.

Miss Bessie Van Etten, who has been spending some weeks in New York city, returned home Friday evening.

Walter Kay, of Brooklyn a former resident of Dingman township has been spending a few days in this vicinity.

Hon. J. J. Curtis, of Honesdale attended the Institute this week in the interests of the American Book company.

Mrs. Joseph R. Carpenter, of Grand Rapid, Mich., with her two children is visiting her parents at the Presbyterian parsonage.

Mrs. George Whitehead, of Dingmans Ferry will preach both morning and evening in the Methodist church Sunday Oct. 31.

Misses Lillian and Mamie Van Tassel accompanied by the Misses Ida May and Grace R. Boyd, made a brief visit to Stroudsburg and the Water Gap last week.

Miss Bertha Reed, who has been attending Packer's Institute, Brooklyn, returned home last week indisposed. Her many friends hope soon to hear of her recovery.

H. S. Angle has resigned his situation with the Philadelphia Inquirer and is now with the J. B. Lippencoct & Co., Book Concern. W. A. H. Mitchell is also in the employ of the same firm.

L. W. Armstrong, of New York, returned to Milford Thursday and spent several days making arrangements to send his carriages to the city where he has recently purchased a handsome pair of cobs.

Mr. L. Irving Snyder, of Danmore, Pa., a former resident of Matamoras, who has not made a visit in fourteen years, visited relatives and friends for the past week, returning to his home Monday.

Dr. H. B. Reed a few days since purchased a fine team of horses of John Findlay. The Doctor is making many improvements on his place, and such as he are the salt of the earth for any town and especially one like Milford, where enterprise and appearance go far to induce prosperity.

Have you examined Brown & Armstrong's new goods.

## L. A. S. Reorganized.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. H. E. Haller to reorganize and elect officers for the ensuing year: Those selected were:

President—Mrs. George Mitchell.

Vice President—Mrs. Thos. Nichols.

Secretary—Miss Lizzie Bull.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. A. Westfall.

The first meeting will be held at the parsonage November 9th at two o'clock p. m.

Brown & Armstrong would like to know if you have bought your winter footwear.

## Everybody Says So.

Cascaria Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, acts gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispels acids, cures headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. Candy, 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

## A FEARFUL WRECK.

Water Undermined the Central's Track.

NINETEEN DEAD, FIFTEEN INJURED.

Five Missing—Search Still Continues—Investigation is Conducted by the Officials, and a Careful Inquiry is Being Made.

One of those unaccountable accidents which in a moment brings death to many and sorrow and mourning to more, occurred Monday morning on the New York Central Railroad at Garrison a few miles above New York. A passenger train was suddenly hurled in the river by the caving away of the embankment. The locomotive, baggage car, combination car, day coach and three sleepers went into the river and nineteen persons were killed either by the cars or by drowning, fifteen were injured and five are yet missing. It is supposed that the tracks were undermined by the unusually high tide and suddenly sank under the weight of the train.

## OBITUARY.

JANE WATSON GRAY.

John Findlay has just received a letter conveying the sad intelligence of the death of his only surviving sister, which occurred at her home at Sheepcote St. Mary Gray near London, England Oct. 5. She was in her usual health up to the end of July last when an operation was found necessary, which was successfully performed, but her strength gradually diminished, and without suffering she faded peacefully away.

She is survived by her husband, William Cannon Gray, several grown daughters and one son. Mr. Findlay the survivor of his family, came to this country in 1850, and by reason of his becoming connected with the mail service, in which he has now faithfully served the government under ten Presidents and for forty years, has not paid his native land an anxiously desired visit. The death of his sister breaks the last immediate link which bound his memory to the scenes of his boyhood life, and comes like another mist to remind him that the shadows are gently falling, and in time will cover all.

Brown & Armstrong are selling 75 cent underwear for 50cents.

## A Phenomenon.

L. J. Swazey a resident of Shohola relates that during the winter two years ago while there was from a foot to eighteen inches of snow on the ground a thunder shower came up in the evening and happening to look out he saw a fire some distance from the house on lands of Thomas Bradford. The flame burned steadily and rose three or four feet high. Next morning he went to the spot and found the snow melted for a diameter of some twenty feet, and the ground burned to a reddish color. Could this have been gas ignited by a bolt from the heavens? Mr. Swazey could not visit the spot in the evening while the flames were visible on account of his health, but he watched it for a long time and saw that the rain had no effect on the brightness.

## Gold in Wayne.

Reports are that gold has been discovered at Prompton four miles from Honesdale. The statement is that there is a four foot vein of copper and a five foot vein of gold quartz, which also contains considerable silver. A test which warrants a lease of the land by capitalists has been made and the machinery necessary to commence mining will be erected.

A lot of new straw and felt hats at W. & G. Mitchell's.

## Spain Preparing Warships.

Great activity prevails in view of the note now being sent to America and the preparation of warships seems to presage something important. It is surmised that Spain will declare that she will not submit to American interference in Cuban affairs and that if more filibustering expeditions leave our coast she will insist on the right to search our vessels in her waters.