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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, Nov. 16.—One of the greatest fakes ever perpetrated in this state was the preferring of charges by Fred A. Van Valkenburg against Ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder, Assemblyman Weiss and M. E. Luckenbach, charging them with conspiracy to commit bribery and to defame the good character of John Wanamaker. It is one of several suits which are the out come of the senatorial fight last January. For weeks the prosecution has claimed to have had a clear case against the parties named, and from the amount of oratory indulged in at the preliminary hearing the public in general was led to believe that the trial would be a sensational one. But since that time matters have assumed quite a different aspect. When the prosecution's witnesses were called upon by the grand jury, sitting at Easton last Friday, for their evidence, it developed that the chief witness, the person who furnished the information that led to the arrests, was not present and the attorneys said they knew nothing of his whereabouts. That this important personage was not on hand seems singular, for his evidence would have been of more worth than the twenty-six who were heard. After fully viewing the case it did not require much time for the grand jury to return ignored bills, and then Presiding Judge Scott delivered a scathing lecture to Van Valkenburg asking in substance if from the evidence produced, it was not reasonable to assume that the law was invoked in Easton in an attempt to stay its arm in another jurisdiction and that the court was to be made an agency in feeding a controversy which has filled the atmosphere of Commonwealth with the rank odor of its political scandals. Then Van Valkenburg was assessed the costs, which will reach nearly \$500. It is claimed by Reeder's friends in Harrisburg that this is virtually a vindication, but by others that a compromise was effected and that the many threats of prosecution recently made by Reeder will never materialize.

FOR ANOTHER FACTION. The sudden declaration by State Senators Durham and Charles L. Brown of Philadelphia, that they will wage war on Senator Quay, carries with it a great deal of weight when it is taken into consideration that Durham was a most ardent supporter of the Beaver statesman during the chairmanship struggle. Of course the primary object is to down the organization in Philadelphia, and second to receive more recognition than has been accorded of late. They have emphatically declared their objection to the so-called boss rule, and expect to gain their points through the distressing cry of "Reform," which has so often been pursued by secessionists, eventually resulting in a political death for its followers.

NATIONAL GRANGE. The session of the National and State Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry that have been held the past ten days in this city, were the most interesting in the history of the organization. Plenty of amusement was furnished and our agricultural guests were shown everything of importance in and about Harrisburg. Considerable benefit was derived by the delegates, and business of the utmost importance transacted.

BOARD OF HEALTH. At the regular meeting of the State Board of Health held here last Thursday the baleful influences of the Anti-Vaccination League were referred to, and its deplorable efforts to undermine public confidence in the well established value of this preventive measure strongly condemned. Recognition was also taken of the successful efforts of the Woman's Health Protective Association, of Philadelphia, to have passed the law providing for the

sanitary inspection of bakeries, bake shops and similar establishments. A list of forty-four complaints was received from localities afflicted with polluted water supplies. A year ago a similar list contained but twenty complaints. The financial secretary reported only nineteen cents in the treasury. The next meeting will be held in Lancaster in May.

CHARTERS ISSUED. The following charters were granted at the state department during the week: Alpha paint and mineral company, Philadelphia, capital \$30,000; Bellwood coal company, Roade township, capital \$6,000; Second ward building and loan association, Philadelphia, capital \$1,000,000; Galena oil company, Franklin, capital \$1,000,000; Signal oil company, Franklin, capital \$1,000,000; Babcock lumber company, Pitsburg, capital, \$50,000; Keystone gold mining company, DaBois, capital, \$60,000; Ricketts manufacturing company, Ricketts, capital \$10,000; Flory manufacturing company, Bangor, capital \$100,000; Washington, Westminster & Gettysburg electric railroad company, for a 14-mile road from Gettysburg to the state line, capital \$400,000; Wyoming & Pond Creek railroad company, 6-mile road from Sandy Run Junction to White Haven, capital, \$30,000; Kimberly company, Sharon, capital, \$1,000; Parkinson land company, Pitsburg, capital \$25,000; Dingley manufacturing company, Philadelphia, capital, \$300,000.

DEPARTMENT NOTES. Major Isaac B. Brown, superintendent of the State Railroad Bureau, has referred thirty-one companies to Attorney General McCormick, who will at once institute proceedings against them for their failure to comply with the Act requiring them to make an annual report to the Secretary of Internal Affairs. Each company is liable to a fine of \$5,000 for its neglect. State officials, generally, are disappointed at the continuation until the January term of court of the cases in which Sheriff Martin, of Luzerne county, is a defendant on the charge of murder. They were in hopes that a precedent would be established immediately. Bucks county was the last to forward its election returns to Secretary Martin.

GOVERNMENTAL OUTLOOK. The situation in the gubernatorial struggle is practically unchanged. Stone is very confident and appears to have good grounds for his claim that he will be a middle-of-the-road candidate. There is strong opposition from the east and west, but this fact does not influence him in the least. Politics will be exceedingly warm from now until a year hence.

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

The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros., of that place and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his call, but selected this remedy for use in his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by Druggist and General Merchants in Pike county.

Conspiracy Case Settled. The case of E. A. Van Valkenburg for conspiracy to bribe Webster C. Weiss, of Bethlehem, has been settled. This, and the case against General Reeder and others, incidentally growing out of the same transaction, has occupied public attention for sometime, and created considerable sensation. The real inwardness will probably never be known to outsiders, but we can wonder what they were begun for when they were so quickly done for.



The Whole Man. A whole man is another name for a healthy man. One of the prime essentials of health is cleanliness. The first step in this direction is a clean skin. This fact is well known. Not only should the outside of the body be perfectly clean, but the interior of the body as well. Clean teeth, clean mouth, clean throat, clean nasal passages, are all requisites of perfect health. The whole body as well as every organ in the body, is lined with mucous membrane, which is even more liable than the skin to become very dirty. The most frequent cause of unclean mucous membrane is catarrh. Catarrh creates unnatural secretions, even though the catarrh be very slight. In this condition good health is impossible.

Dr. Hartman has made a specialty of treating chronic catarrh for nearly 40 years. His great remedy (Pe-ru-na) has become known throughout the United States and Canada. It is certainly the best, and probably the only effective internal remedy for chronic catarrh. His latest book on the subject will be sent free for a short time by the Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, O. Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

A Timely Sermon. Rev. Thos. Nichols preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening a sermon on the recent matter of the resignation of Dr. Shields from the church because of criticism on his action in signing a petition for a license for Princeton Inn. The speaker reviewed the situation, and said that while there was no law in the church against signing petitions of that character, yet there were several pointed deliverances which should be binding on the conscience of members, and while it was true that Dr. Shields had no opportunity to explain his reasons for signing, he was not on trial for any offense, and had a right to resign. It was a matter of regret however that the President and Professors of Princeton University had not put on record in unmistakable language their view of Dr. Shields action in signing the petition. Such deliverances by them, although they do not constitute the corporation, would have relieved the University from the rather ambiguous position she now must occupy before the world.

Mr. Nichols took the broad ground that Dr. Shields was wrong and that his action could not consistently be defended. Liquor could be sold under the license to the two upper classes but not to the two lower. The bibulous Freshman and Sophomores must go to Trenton or elsewhere to quench their thirst, and after the Juniors and Seniors got all they could in the Grill room they would probably lie to some diva and make a night of it. Intemperance is against the teachings of the new Testament and the Presbyterian church, and everything which in any wise tends to promote it should be opposed by church men and women.

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

RAILROAD NOTES. THANKSGIVING DAY EXCURSION. On Thursday, November 25th, Thanksgiving Day, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to New York at one dollar for the round trip. These tickets are good going on the Orange County Express leaving Port Jervis at 6.30 a. m. and are good returning on any regular train leaving New York on November 25th excepting Train No. 6.

HIDES WANTED.—Albert Rudolph will pay the highest market price for best hides, calf and sheep skins. Call at the tannery on Broad street above High. nov1911

A Memorial Window. The memorial window to be erected in the Presbyterian Church by Miss Blanche Bidlack has arrived and will soon be put in place. The design represents the women at the resurrection, and is of skillful workmanship by Munich artists. The window will be an attractive addition to the interior of the church and very favorably contrast with the several beautiful memorials which have been heretofore donated by those who desired to perpetuate in this manner the memory of some loved one.

PERSONAL.

Will S. Ryman has returned from a business trip to New York. Mrs. B. E. Brown is recovering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. Miss Millicent Crissman was quite unwell for several days recently.

Oliver Bensley, of Lehman, was at the county seat a day last week. J. Ed. Nyce and wife, of Egypt Mills, visited with J. C. Bull last Sunday.

Miss Laura Bennett is spending her vacation at the home in Port Jervis, N. Y. Miss Sally Maines has gone to Newark, N. J. to spend the winter with relatives.

George Wheeler with his mother and sisters left Milford this week for their city home. Mrs. Honetta Wilson we regret to learn is quite indisposed, and confined to her rooms.

David Newman is the proud father of a new boarder, who arrived recently. It is a boy. —Henry D. Clark, of Paupac, is reported as seriously ill with little prospect of recovery.

Mrs. C. M. Blanchard expects soon to leave for Florida where she will pass the winter. Mrs. Arminda Bull has returned from a protracted visit among friends in Oxford, N. Y.

Rev. Thos. Nichols has been absent this week visiting at Owego, N. Y. and other places. Cornelius Quick is wearing a broad smile. A brand new girl arrived last Saturday morning.

Oliver E. Emery is confined in the hospital at Washington, D. C. with an attack of typhoid fever. Mrs. J. O. Christians and little grandson, Harold Orr, of Hawley, are visiting at Mrs. Thomas Armstrongs.

Charles Reilly, a long time resident of Delaware township and a prosperous citizen, was in Milford Tuesday. Mrs. Justin Lanchantin accompanied by her husband returned to Milford this week, in very poor health.

J. H. Van Etten has been appointed a member of the executive committee of the Republican League of Pennsylvania. Fred Gumble, accompanied by Miss Etta Kipp, of this place, drove to Paupac and Wilsonville, last Saturday, returning Wednesday.

Mrs. Vyse and her daughters, of Flushing, L. I., are stopping at the Dimmock House, where they expect to remain until after Christmas. Howard Reed has a Welsh rabbit party given by Miss Jane Seaman at her home in 127 West 21st street.

Mrs. Prudence Van Etten mother-in-law of Prof. J. M. Dolph Principal of the schools in Port Jervis died in that village Nov. 13 of bronchial pneumonia.

"Davy" Angle, the famous Pike county hunter, Tuesday shipped the celebrated oon dog "Fanny Ashler" to C. B. Sumner, Mamaronock, N. Y.

Harry DeWitt returned this week from Philadelphia where he went to undergo operations for the disease which affected his leg. We hope he has derived permanent benefit.

Richard Humbert with his family left Milford for Brooklyn this week. He will engage in business during the winter and possibly return next spring to reopen a summer boarding house.

Ebenezer Warner left town Tuesday afternoon for a visit to his boyhood home at Roxbury, Litchfield county, Conn. He will also stop at other points to call on friends and expects to be gone several days.

Conrad Miller, of Blooming Grove, died at his home Nov. 10th of cancer of the stomach. He was born in Germany about fifty years ago and came to this country when a young man. His wife and ten children survive him.

Mrs. William Parker, of Hawley, Pa., a daughter of William McCarty, of Sawkill, has recently undergone in a Scranton hospital an operation for a cancerous growth. Her condition is reported as favorable to recovery.

Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyck and daughter Happy, of Milford, and Mrs. Dr. P. F. Palmer and daughter, Nona, of Dingmans Ferry, are staying at the Waldorf in New

York this week, and attending the horse show.

Miss Louisa E. Manny, a Port Jervis young lady having many acquaintances in Milford, was married last Tuesday in New York to Arthur C. Shako, of Fairbairt, Minn., where the groom is proprietor of a hotel.

The hoe cakes and corn bread anticipated by Dr. Reed will be much diminished this winter owing to the disappearance from one of his fields of 40 bushels of husked corn. Dr. Reed has eyes that see and a nose that smells and has already scented a Johnny cake in the distance that will be made from some of those lost ears.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Service will be held at Sawkill Sunday Nov. 21st, if the weather is propitious. —Sheriff Courtwright will sell considerable Matamoras property Dec. 11th at the Court House.

—The trustees of Port Jervis granted a franchise to the new telephone company last Tuesday. —John Findlay is building a retaining wall in the rear of his stables which will add also to the grounds.

—The report seems to be well-founded that a certain couple, formerly living in Milford township, has taken separate ways. —George Daumann has removed his barn to a less conspicuous position in the rear of his new dwelling on High street.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Mrs. George Mitchell on Tuesday afternoon Nov. 15th. —The committee on music from the Presbyterian Sunday school met on Tuesday evening at The Manse and made selections for the Christmas entertainment.

—The Branchville correspondent of the Gazette says Phoebe Jagger, of Dingmans, was married to Brice Dalrymple, of the former place, June 8, 1897, by Rev. D. Halloran. —The Y. P. S. C. E. will hold a Klondike Social in the lecture rooms of the Presbyterian Church on Thanksgiving night. Everybody is invited to come and dig for gold.

—Workmen are now engaged building the trolley road in Port Jervis. All the contracts are let and it is expected that a large number of men will be given immediate employment. —The proper officials have secured an apparatus from Morristown, N. J., with which to carry out the sentence of the law on Schultz Dec. 7th. It will probably be erected in one of the rooms up stairs in the jail.

—Our neighbor clinches the controverted statement in its columns with a supremely self-satisfied air. It says: "If you doubt the truth of what I say now, just refer back and see what I have heretofore said." That nails another lie.

Swinton & Co. gave this week a practical demonstration of the capacity of their Quick Time Rangos. They baked up a barrel of flour and donated the bread. Seventy loaves were baked in the first two hours which proves the range to be an exceptionally rapid baker.

—Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage, son of the famous Washington preacher, remarked in a late sermon on "Rich Men's Sons." Do you know that as a rule the greatest misfortune happening to one is to be lulled in the lap of luxury? The only dead failures some of the merchants have ever made are their sons of whom they are ashamed."

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

"The worst cold I ever had in my life was cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes W. H. Norton, of Sutter Creek, Cal. "This cold left me with a cough and I was expectorating all the time. The Remedy cured me, and I want all of my friends when troubled with a cough or cold to use it, for it will do them good." Sold by Druggist and General Merchants in Pike County.

Pike is Distinguished. Vice-President Hobart and Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, with a party of friends, went to the Blooming Grove Park Association yesterday on a hunting expedition.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Coming Session of Congress.

Probably No Financial Legislation Will Be Attempted—Our Coal to Mexico—Gorman's Successor—Reciprocity with Canada—The Wedderburn Co.

Senators and Representatives already in Washington are discussing with much interest the probable length of the coming session of Congress. The hope is general that the session may not exceed six months, but the opinion is also general that it will depend entirely upon circumstances. If no financial legislation is attempted, it will be comparatively easy to complete the business of the session by the first of June, possibly as early as the first of May, as no time will have to be lost in organizing and selecting the House Committee, as is usual at the beginning of the long session; but if financial legislation of importance is to be put through the House and to be attempted in the Senate, everybody may as well make up their minds to an extended siege, with probable failure in the end. Knowing the situation in the Senate many Republicans favor letting financial legislation alone until it is certain that something can be accomplished. They argue that the agitation that would necessarily accompany an attempt to legislate on the subject would hurt business and could do no good.

It is thought by those who ought to know that the President's action in issuing a proclamation exempting Mexican vessels in ballast and steam vessels from the payment of tonnage duties usually imposed upon foreign vessels in our ports, will give American coal complete control of the Mexican market. It was an act of reciprocity, Mexico makes the same exemption in favor of our vessels.

The probable choice of the Republican majority of the Maryland legislature of a successor to Senator Gorman continues to figure largely in political conversation in Washington. Owing to the number of eligibles, there are wide differences of opinion as to who will be chosen.

The legislature meets on the first Wednesday in January, but it is probable that the Republican caucus will nominate a Senator a day or two before. As thirty-four votes will be a majority of the caucus, and Baltimore will have twenty one of them, it would seem that Baltimore can easily name the man if its votes can be kept together, but that "if" has already assumed formidable proportions.

It is not likely that the conferences now going on between Hon. John A. Kasson, special commissioner representing the United States, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of the Canadian government, will result in the speedy negotiation of a treaty of reciprocity between the United States and Canada, although that may be the ultimate result. The present conferences are expected to define the positions of each government, and, of course, each will wish to get the most it can for its citizens, regardless of the interests of the other. Later negotiation with Great Britain representatives—Canada cannot negotiate a treaty—will determine whether the give and take spirit is mutual enough to result in a reciprocity treaty. Secretary Wilson will oppose any reduction in the duties on any Canadian agricultural products which compete with those of our own farmers. The Canadian officials and the ladies who are with them are receiving many social courtesies. Dinners have been given them by the President, Secretary Sherman and Ex-Secretary Foster.

Postmaster General Gary has been highly commended for his action in issuing a fraud order against John Wedderburn, John Wedderburn & Co., and the National Recorder, their paper, but he regrets it as having been merely the performance of duty to protect the public from frauds who make use of the mails. Evidence even stronger than that which brought about the recent disbarment from practice before the Patent Office of Wedderburn, for fraud, was brought out at the Post Office hearing. All mail matter addressed either to John Wedderburn, John Wedderburn & Co., or the National Recorder will be stamped "fraudulent" and returned to the writers. Newspapers which continue to print Wedderburn & Co's advertisement may find themselves called to book by the Postoffice authorities.

Chairman Cannon, of the House Appropriations Committee, doesn't intend that the work of his committee shall furnish any excuse for lengthening the coming session of

Congress. He has announced all of his sub-committees and notified the members to report for work on the appropriation bills in their charge on the 27th inst., more than a week ahead of the assembling of Congress.

As President McKinley has never had a doubt that the Senate would ratify the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, he was not surprised at the publication of a trustworthy poll of the Senate showing that more than the required two-thirds of the Senate had stated their intention to vote for ratification. The only thing that can make trouble in this connection will be for the handful of Senators who are opposed to ratification to take advantage of the absence of a cloture rule in the Senate and stave off a vote indefinitely by talking against time whenever the treaty is taken up.

TO CONSTRUCT THE WILL.

Mrs. Thrall Died Within two Months of Signing Her Last Will and Testament—Several Factors for the Court to Decide.

Messrs. Isaac R. Clements and N. M. Hallock, as executors of the late S. Margetta Thrall have brought an action in the Supreme Court to construe the will.

First—To determine the rights of all the Thrall heirs and legatees under the will.

Second—To determine whether the legacy given to Thrall Hospital of \$20,000 is void or not on account of Mrs. Thrall dying within two months after the date of the will, and if void to determine to whom the \$20,000 goes under the will.

Third—To determine as to the validity of the legacy of \$30,000 to the city of Middletown for a public library.

Fourth—To determine to whom the proceeds of the real estate goes. If the real estate was inherited by her from her father and there was no will, it would go to the heirs on her father's side. If the will by its direction to sell the real estate converts the same into personal property then the proceeds would go as personal property to her next of kin, which are her first cousins on both sides.

Daniel Finn, Esq., is the attorney of the executors. The defendant, heirs, legatees and next of kin number 70.—Orange County Press.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue.

Dingman. Cornelius Richard Littlefield, et al., to Emma Littlefield, dated Nov. 1st, 128 acres, con. \$3,000 Nov. 11th.

How to Cure Bilious Colic

I suffered for weeks with colic and pains in my stomach caused by biliousness and had to take medicine all the while until I used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured me. I have since recommended it to a good many people. Mrs. F. BUTLER, Fairhaven, Conn. Persons who are subject to bilious colic can ward off the attack by taking this remedy as soon as the first symptoms appear. Sold by Druggist and General Merchants in Pike county.

Barney Wins Damages.

Hon. Barnet Mansfield, of Stroudsburg, has had a capias in slander issued against ex-County Chairman V. O. Merwine, laying his damages at \$25,000. The allegation is that Merwine reported that Mansfield, with others, was bought for \$7,000 at the trial of the two men now serving sentence for attacking H. W. Sayre, former station agent at Hanryville. The sentence was said at the time to be light. Merwine, who is an ex-County Treasurer and a prominent Democratic politician, was active in opposition to the judge at the late election when he was defeated by T. Y. Hoffman.

Where Railroads Are Cheap.

Down in Stroudsburg last Saturday Sheriff Learn sold the East Stroudsburg and Matamoras railroad, lock, stock and barrel, body, soul and breeches for the magnificent sum of \$50 and liabilities presumably added, which after all may make it a dear property. The excursions on which it was sold aggregate \$950. The purchaser was C. B. Staples, Esq., who hid it in for the bondholders. Now won't they please build it.