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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. 22.—The prevailing opinion that Harrisburg is a dull place, except when the Legislature is in session, is absolutely without foundation, and every person would have been convinced as to that had they been in the city during the past two weeks. Scarcely a week passes that a convention is not held by some society or organization. Both the State and National Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry had been in session until a few days ago, and a more satisfactory and successful convention was never held. Every delegate has gone to his home well pleased, and speaks highly of the city's hospitality. Among the most important business transacted was the election of officers for the National Grange for the ensuing year, which resulted in the following persons being chosen: worthy master, Aaron Jones, Indiana; overseer, O. H. Hale, New York; lecturer, Alpha Messer, Vermont; steward, John T. Cox, New Jersey; assistant steward, J. A. Newcomb, Colorado; chaplain, O. S. Bowen, Connecticut; treasurer, Mrs. Eva McDowell, Ohio; secretary, John Trimble, Washington D. C.; gatekeeper, A. D. Judson, Iowa; cores, Mrs. L. M. Messick, Delaware; pomona, Mrs. Sarah G. Baird, Minnesota; flora, Mrs. E. L. A. Wiggin, Maine; lady assistant, Mrs. Amanda M. Horton, Michigan; executive committee, N. J. Bachelier, New Hampshire, and J. J. Woodman, Michigan.

Immediately following the sessions of the Grangers came the Evangelical Alliance, its members having met in State convention for three days in Pine Street Presbyterian church. In all nine sessions were held, during which talks were given by the most able ministers of the land, resulting in great benefits being derived by all in attendance.

As is customary in politics, when an announcement is made concerning deals a great length of time does not elapse before the statement is contradicted, and such is the state of affairs in regard to the alleged deal of Messrs. Quay, Martin, Mudge and Elin. Senator Penrose, when spoken to on the subject a few days ago, denied in vigorous terms that any deal was suggested and said the only reason for the meetings of the leaders prior to November 1st was to insure the getting out of the voters on November 2nd. Regardless of those utterances it is stated that upon Quay's return from Florida next week an important meeting will be held by the above mentioned persons, at which time they will carefully review the situation and unite upon a candidate for governor. If this be the case the claim that such was the arrangement at the first meeting will be substantiated, and the fact that a deal was consummated will be the ammunition used by opposing parties. It is a forgone conclusion that the coming campaign will be the hottest in the history of politics.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.

In an interview that I had with Col. Wm. A. Stone at Pittsburg last Thursday he reiterated the statement that he is a middle-of-the-road candidate for governor and desired the support of every true Republican. As an evidence of his broad views his record as a Congressman has been pointed out, and the fact that he has been endorsed by the Pennsylvania War Veterans League and the Pittsburg branch of the Amalgamated Association, both very strong factors in politics, is assurance that he will receive the united support of those organizations. The Colonel is in the fight to stay and has fully determined to pursue strictly honest methods, thus practically insuring his success.

During the week a boom has been launched on Capitol Hill for ex-Auditor General David M. Gregg, of Berks county, for the Republican nomination for the greatest office in

the Commonwealth. His supporters claim that as an official he was careful and scrupulously honest, but that he is distasteful to politicians. The theory is advanced here that the east has no candidate the equal before the people of Stone, of Allegheny, so Gregg's friends have asked him to become a full-fledged candidate, but it is extremely doubtful that he will enter the field. Ex-Secretary Reeder has declared that he will not be a candidate. It is altogether probable that Col. James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, will be the Democratic party's nominee, and of course the situation in Prohibition ranks has not changed. Dr. Silas C. Swallow being the only available candidate.

A NEW ORGANIZATION.

Patrick Dolan, president of the western bituminous mine district, issued a call for a convention of all bituminous coal miners of the state, and the meeting was held at Altoona on Tuesday. A state organization of all bituminous coal miners was effected and it was decided to open headquarters at Harrisburg. The officials will be ready at all times to encourage legislation in favor of the miners, and it is proposed to eventually take into the organization all the anthracite miners in the northeastern portion of the state.

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

The Board of Property took action on a number of claims during the week, the most important of which was that of Samuel S. Craig, who some time ago, as was noted in these letters, applied for a patent on valuable lands in Allegheny county. No matter what the decision, a lengthy legal contest will result.

Wm. R. Gates, of Lebanon, has sworn out a warrant charging Philip Runhard, member of the House of Representatives from Lebanon, with embezzlement. It is alleged that defendant appropriated money collected by him for Mr. Gates.

While arguing the case of Anarchist Berkman, who attempted to kill H. C. Frick, of the Carnegie company, about seven years ago, Attorney Marrow said to the Board of Pardons that the first sentence, which was seven years, was not excessive, but that a portion of the 25 years' sentence was unjust. Lieutenant Governor Lyon said that owing to the fact that the first sentence had not expired the application was premature, and for the present the appeal was refused.

Since the constitutionality of the new compulsory education law is questioned it is altogether likely that the Supreme Court will be asked to consider the legality of the Act.

Governor Hastings and family were interested spectators at the Pennsylvania and Harvard football game last Saturday at Philadelphia.

WILL F. HENDRICKSON.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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

Milford. John A. Johnson to Sarah A. Beach, dated Aug. 25th, town lot on Harford street, con. \$2, out'd Nov. 18th.

Henry L. Johnson to S. A. Beach, dated Aug. 25th, town lot, con. \$2, out'd Nov. 18th.

Charter Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to The Matamoras Loan and Building Association, dated Feb. 9, 1894, out'd Nov. 23d.

Milford township and borough of Jarvis Gordon, et. ux., to John A. Watts, dated Oct. 27th, 7 acres, con. \$1,000, out'd Nov. 23d.

Milford Borough. Catharine Gordon and husband to John A. Watts, dated Oct. 27th, lot No. 23, Eldreds addition, con. \$2, out'd Nov. 23d.

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.

Cascara stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or grippe.

A Healthy Woman.



A perfectly healthy woman is a rare sight. Such a woman is always beautiful. Health brings clear complexion, clear eyes, elastic step, steady nerve and graceful movements. A healthy woman is a woman with healthy mucous membranes. The mucous membranes line the whole body, every organ in the body. The slightest catarrh of one of these membranes produces languor, sallow skin, listless eyes, and weakening discharges. Mrs. Alvina Hansen, Ribb Falls, Wis. in a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, says: "I was troubled for ten years with chronic catarrh. I used Pe-ru-na for about eight months, and I must say that I am perfectly cured of the disease. It will be two years next June since I was cured, and I have not been troubled with any of my old symptoms."

Dr. Hartman's latest book on chronic catarrh will be sent free to any address 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.

PERSONAL.

Miss Blanche Wood is visiting her friend, Miss Jennie B. Goble of Port Jervis.

Rev. Frank Talmadge is now pastor of the Jefferson Park church in Chicago.

Bernald McCarty is quite seriously ill at his home in Dingman township.

Fred Sealey, of Newark, has been visiting his parents on Broad street this week.

Cornelius Van Etten and family, of Stroudsburg, are visiting his parents at Conashaugh.

W. A. Erdman, Esq., a well known Monroe county Attorney was seriously ill with appendicitis last week but recovered without an operation.

John M. Williamson ex-Sheriff of Pike county and until recently postmaster of Lackawaxen was in Milford recently.

Harrison Watts, of Matamoras was at the county seat last Friday on legal business.

Ex-County Treasurer, J. B. Westbrook of Dingmans made a visit to Milford Saturday.

Miss Anna Baker returned home Friday evening accompanied by Mrs. R. W. Loesch of Glen Ridge, N. J.

A marriage license was granted Nov. 23d by J. C. Westbrook, clerk, to Valentine J. Ruegger and Hettie C. Hornbeck, both of Matamoras.

Oliver E. Emery, who is confined in the Garfield Memorial Hospital at Washington, D. C. with typhoid fever, is reported slightly improved.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy, of Dingmans, though very busy attending his numerous patients occasionally finds time to visit our town and was up here a few days ago.

Rev. J. M. Daniels of Ocean Grove the Conference Evangelist, will assist Rev. W. R. Naff in holding a series of meetings in the M. E. Church next week.

Saturday evening Nov. 20, Mrs. J. J. Hart entertained at dinner Mrs. George St. John and Mrs. W. E. McCormick of Port Jervis, Mrs. C. W. Ball, Mrs. Alice W. Mott, Mrs. Emma J. Baker and Mrs. H. T. Baker of Milford.

At the Welsh rarebit party given by Miss Jennie Seaman in New York the following people were present: Miss Mabel Armstrong the Misses Riley, Miss Anna Baker, Messrs. Will and Lanty Armstrong, Patrick Sullivan and Richard Loesch.

Edgar Boyd mourns the sudden and unexpected departure of nine fat turkeys which disappeared the other night without warning. They probably were aided in their escape by other bipeds.

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

Bellows Are Erected.

The instrument of death on which Schultz will expiate the crime of which he was convicted by a jury of his peers has been erected in the front room upstairs in the jail. It came from Morristown, N. J., and has already claimed eleven victims. Schultz spends his hot time writing, but the subject is not known.

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

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

George Bates While Hunting is Fatally Wounded.

A terrible accident befell this young man last Friday about 12.30 in the afternoon by which his life was ended a few hours later. In company with his employer Dr. R. G. Barclay he went hunting for deer, and arriving at the place some four miles from town in Milford township they stationed themselves some distance apart on runways. Soon after Dr. Barclay heard two shots fired in rapid succession followed by several calls and proceeded to the spot where Bates was standing was informed by him that he had fired at four deer but had missed them and before he could reload they ran away.

A large stump stood near and Bates was about to mount it when Dr. Barclay cautioned him against the danger of so doing. Bates replied that he stood on it when he fired at the deer as it afforded him a better sight. The doctor then left to take his standing place again and had proceeded some distance away when he heard a shot followed by calls. He ran back and before coming in sight of Bates asked if he had had another shot at the deer. Bates replied no I have shot myself. The doctor found him lying on the ground a little distance from the stump with his hands covering a large wound in the abdomen where the charge of nine buckshot had entered. Such relief as was possible in the way of compressing the wound and stanching the flow of blood, was given, and by means of firing his gun and loudly calling Dr. Barclay summoned Wash Lantz, Geo. Bosler and others who happened to be hunting in the neighborhood. The wounded man was placed on a wagon and brought to Milford where he expired about half past six in the evening. The gun was found leaning against the stump in the same position in which it had fallen. Bates stated that he was standing on the stump with the butt of the gun resting on it, and that it slipped off, the hammer of the left barrel striking the edge which caused the discharge. The load passed upwards and lodged in the vicinity of the heart. Internal hemorrhage rapidly ensued but Bates who was perfectly conscious informed those who were with him as to the details of the accident, as above related.

He was told by Dr. Barclay that he had but a short time to live and he earnestly spent that brief period asking forgiveness of his sins and in preparation to appear in the presence of his Maker. He was a young man of cheerful disposition, held in high esteem by his employer and the family, and during his stay here had made many warm friends. He was a native of Wayne county, where his friends still reside, and to which place the remains were taken for interment.

His mother, living in Rhode Island, survives him and he was a nephew of our townsman, Milton Armstrong.

Rev. Dr. Crockett Called.

Stroudsburg, Nov. 19.—A call has been extended to Rev. Dr. Stuart Crockett, of Baltimore, Md., by the members of Christ Episcopal church of East Stroudsburg. It is understood that Rev. Mr. Crockett will accept. He is a direct descendant of Davy Crockett, the pioneer and has been assistant to Bishop Parrot.

This church was founded mainly through the efforts of Miss Marie Bradley, teacher of music in the Normal. She has been indefatigable in her labors to accomplish the result and is to be congratulated on the success which has crowned her work of love.

Register's Ancient History.

The Register's Ancient history notes that Rev. R. B. Westbrook was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church in Burlington, N. J., Oct. 28, 1852, and the 30th Ira B. Newman announces purchase of property in Milford, Pa., and opening of school Nov. 10th. Dec. 25 the steamer Barnet which tried to solve the problem of navigating the Delaware river to Belvidere was sent to North Carolina from Lambertville and this ended that scheme Jan. 18, 1853 freight depot at Port Jervis destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$8000.

Memorial Window.

The window mentioned in last week's Press, to be erected by Miss Blanche Bidlack in the Presbyterian Church, has been put in place, and is a beautiful work of art. The design represents the women at the sepulcher. In the circular span at the top is a figure of a young man and the legend "He is not here for He is risen." In the main window there are five figures grouped around the empty tomb in the bottom of which lies the crown of thorns. Beneath are the words: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Margaret Wallace, wife of Benjamin Alden Bidlack, died 21st Sept., 1894."

The work was done in Munich and is in exquisite taste and of elegant finish, and presents a beautiful picture of that memorable scene related in Luke XVI chapter.

Monroe's New Railroad.

A new railroad will soon be built from Lehigh Gap to Kunkletown in Monroe county. It will be twelve miles long and is for the benefit of the New York and Pennsylvania Mining and Manufacturing Company which owns large beds of clay near Kunkletown. The vein of clay is 15 miles in length. New York capitalists are interested in the scheme.

Brown & Armstrong are selling

Rock candy drips and pure maple syrup at Mitchell's.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM HENRY COTTERILL.

For some time Mr. Cotterill has been in declining health and disease added to the infirmities incident to age hastened his demise, which occurred at his home in Lehman township, Sunday, Nov. 21. He was born in London, England, about 1826, and resided there where he practiced the profession of law until 1870 when he removed to this country and after living in New York and other places for several years came to this county with his family and purchased the farm on which he had lived since 1889, and to which he added many improvements. He was a highly cultured and intelligent man, a progressive citizen, and took delight in advancing agricultural interests, to which pursuit he has devoted his time since coming to our county. He is survived by his widow, Margaret Ann, whose maiden name was Faithful, to whom he was married in England, and seven children, five sons—Ernest in New York, William Henry, Edmund James, Henry and Albert, at home—and two daughters, Margaret, wife of Rupert P. Niles of Lehman, and Georgiana Fleming, residing in Toronto, Canada. All of the above were born in England, except Albert. The funeral, conducted by Rev. B. S. Lassiter, of the Church of the Good Shepherd, took place Tuesday at the house and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Dingman's.

Brief Mention.

In the October number of Munsons Photographic News appears a fine cut of Arthur Head our Court Stenographer, also a paper read by him at the annual meeting of the N. Y. S. Stenographers Association entitled Facts and Fancies of shorthand. Mr. Head thinks there must be special adaptation of mind and temperament and certain mental and physical qualities to produce a really competent verbatim reporter. That such a person is born, not made. This a thorough knowledge of the common branches of education particularly orthography and grammar is necessary, and the more thorough and liberal the education the better reporter he will make. He also says that it is a fallacy to suppose the art can be mastered in a short time. It requires years of training and experience to make a competent reporter, and to be such he must be a specialist in whatever line he adopts. He warns those contemplating the study that to be successful they must not expect a life of unmixed joy, or to be carried to the heaven of perfection and profit on flowery beds of ease, that hard work, much care and great painstaking are necessary to ensure even a modicum of success. The paper is well written and worthy the perusal of those who wish insight in the duties and labors of a stenographer, and the writer from his acknowledged ability as a court reporter is undoubtedly qualified to speak by the book.

REV. HAMBLEY INVESTIGATED.

Charged With Unministerial Conduct at Monticello.

A commission appointed by the Presbytery of Hudson sat during last week at Monticello to investigate charges brought against Rev. M. C. Hambly pastor of the White Lake Presbyterian church in Sullivan county. The charges against him are drunkenness and other highly improper ministerial conduct. A number of witnesses were called for the prosecution and the charges mainly proven to the satisfaction of the commissioners.

Mr. Hambly conducted his own defense and while denying the charges of drunkenness admitted that he drank occasionally.

His defense to the charge of improper conduct with regard to women was chiefly an attempt to discredit the persons whom it is alleged he insulted.

The charges were all sustained however, and he was deposed from the ministry.

BRIEF MENTION.

—At an adjourned Court held in Stroudsburg last week Ernest Gehrig was granted a divorce from his wife, Anna Gehrig.

—Ryman & Wells have all kinds of holiday goods. They can please any taste in quality, variety or price. See their stock.

—Samuel Melick's jewelry store at Stroudsburg was entered by burglars a few evenings ago and robbed of \$100 worth of goods.

—J. Davis Brodhead's house at South Bethlehem was partially burned last Sunday. The fire caught from a defective flue. Loss \$5,000, covered by insurance.

—Vassar, the oldest of Women's Colleges, is but thirty years old. Nearly 1,200 women have graduated from Vassar, and about 3,000 from all the other women's colleges put together.

—Monday evening the Town Council appointed Britton Thomas and John Owen special police for Dec. 7th. We are informed that Constables Terwilliger and Hissam and George Smith will also be on duty.

—A genuine touch of winter came Monday evening clothing the earth in a mantle of white. We do not know who will rejoice at this evidence of discomfort unless it makes the coal barons happy.

—Philip Fahrenbach, aged 73 years, living near Lackawaxen, was killed last Friday by falling from a mov in his barn where he had gone to get fodder for his cattle. His head came in contact with a mowing machine and death no doubt immediately ensued.

—Thanksgiving service was held in the Presbyterian Church yesterday, the Methodist congregation uniting. The sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Nichols from the text found in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. In everything give thanks.

—Edward Ordway, of Tri-States, N. Y., a railroad man, returned home unexpectedly Monday night and found Frank Dixon, a newsboy on the Erie, with his wife. Ordway fired two shots at the woman hitting her left arm and also shot Dixon in the right arm. None of the wounds are serious, and so far no arrests have been made.

—A wagon driven by Josiah F. Terwilliger and occupied also by Teal Titman and James Beck, came in collision last Sunday night in front of the jail on Broad street, with one driven by Richard Van Tassel, with whom was Minnie Titman. The three in the former vehicle were thrown out, but not much hurt, the horse ran away and was badly injured, while the others escaped bruises and their horse was soon caught.

HYMENEAL.

M'KITTRICK-RICHARDS.

Thomas McKittrick of Shohola township and Miss Emma Richards, daughter of William Richards of Dingman township, were married at Port Jervis, Nov. 24, by Rev. Geo. Gillespie. The attendants were Miss Anna Schultz and William McKittrick. A reception was given at the home of the groom the same evening. The Press wishes the very worthy young couple a long and happy married life.

Pillsbury's vites at Mitchell's.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

The President Asks Opinions.

Central Pacific Foreclosure—Tobacco Cultivation—Financial Legislation—Other News.

No President for years has paid more deference to the opinions of members of his party than Maj. McKinley does, and no President has ever taken more pains to ascertain the opinions of his callers upon public matters. While there is no question of public importance upon which President McKinley has not a well defined opinion of his own, he invites the freest expression of the opinions of others and is not so self-opinionated as not to be sometimes convinced that his own are erroneous. Just now he takes every opportunity of drawing out the opinions of his callers on matters of which his annual message to Congress will treat. While his message, which will be a long one has been all blocked out, what he hears between now and when the final revising is done may make material difference in portions of it.

If there isn't an arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States before the adjournment of this session of Congress, it will not be the fault of President McKinley, as he intends to send a new treaty to the Senate early in the session, drawn to meet the expressed objections to the one that was rejected by the Senate at the last session.

Representative Dolliver, of Iowa, whose prominence in Republican councils makes his opinions upon legislative matters of value, passed through Washington on his way home, where he expects to eat his Thanksgiving dinner, from an Eastern trip. In reply to the question as to whether he thought currency legislation probable at this session of Congress, he said: "I doubt if a bill can be framed that will meet with the approval of both Houses of Congress. It is not unlikely, however, that the House will take up legislation in line with the recommendations of the President's message. These, I take it, will be reasonable and conservative, and strictly along the line of the record and platform of the Republican party." Mr. Dolliver says he thinks the early annexation of Hawaii absolutely certain and regards that and the settlement of the Union Pacific railroad debt as among the administration's most creditable work. His opinion of Congress taking the Cuban question up, as advocated by Democrats and anti-administration newspapers, is worthy of more than a passing thought. He said: "If the combined wisdom of the Executive and the State Department is not equal to solving the Cuban problem, I do not believe it would help matters to throw it into a Congressional joint debate."

Attorney General McKenna is preparing the papers that will be necessary in foreclosure proceedings against the Central Pacific Railroad, which will, in January next, owe the United States Government nearly \$33,000,000, so that no time will be lost in case the Company defaults, as it is expected it will do. If foreclosure proceedings are taken, they are likely to include the Western Pacific Railroad also.

Experts on the cultivation and marketing of the export tobacco of Kentucky and Tennessee are invited by Secretary Wilson to write what they know on the subject, to be used in a series of tobacco bulletins to be issued by the Department of Agriculture. Accepted contributions will be paid for at the rate of \$15 a thousand words, and while no length limit is set, it is not desired that any single communication shall exceed ten thousand words.

The conclusion of the members of the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Financial Convention of last winter, which has been holding a monetary conference in Washington for some time past, not to make their report public until after President McKinley's message and Secretary Gage's annual report have been submitted to Congress, probably means that the measure which the committee will recommend to Congress will be in the main along the same lines as the financial recommendations that will be made in Secretary Gage's annual report and endorsed by President McKinley. In a statement just issued by this Committee, much more confidence is expressed in the passing of financial legislation by this Congress than there are indications in sight to justify.

President McKinley doesn't believe in the brass band method of announcing in advance what he intends doing; he prefers to allow his acts and accomplishments to speak for themselves. He has done more to maintain our national prestige abroad since the 4th of last March than his predecessor did during his full term of four years, and not the least of his accomplishments in that line was securing the release of 27 American citizens from Spanish prisons in Cuba.