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HARRISBURG LETTER.

Compendium of Important News of the Past Week.

Our Special Correspondent at Harrisburg writes on matters of vital importance to every citizen of the Keystone State.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 17, 1898.

Just at this time when so much interest is being manifested in regard to the prosecutions brought by the pure food representatives, the annual report of Dairy and Food Commissioner Wallis is of special importance. In substance he says: "Another year's experience has clearly proven the value of the laws relating to pure food, vinegar, lard and other food products, and it is difficult to even estimate the saving which their enforcement has given to the people of our State, and it is also evident that their enforcement in the future will gradually become more easy as our people and especially our retail dealers in food products become educated to the improved methods inculcated by a strict compliance with the law."

He adds: "Prohibitory laws in relation to what one may legally procure to eat or drink never have been popular with the masses, and in my opinion, never will be. They are the hardest of all laws to fully enforce, and especially so in sections where public sentiment is strongly against them. The output of oleomargarine has been reduced one-half a million of pounds during the last year as shown by reports from the Internal Revenue Department, licenses, &c., and two millions as compared with 1894. While business depression has so generally prevailed, dairy interests have suffered, though as we believe, in a lesser degree than most lines of agricultural pursuits."

AN IMPORTANT ACT.

Secretary Edge, of the Agricultural Department, has submitted his report on Forestry. After giving in full the progress made in the interests of Forestry for the past two years, and remembering the recent destruction by fire of a good deal of our timber land, Mr. Edge quotes the following section of an Act of 1897 for the benefit of the public in general: "That if any person or persons shall be detected by any constable or other peace officer, in the act of trespassing upon any forest or timber land within this Commonwealth, under such circumstances as to warrant the reasonable suspicion that such person or persons have committed, are committing, or are about to commit some offense or offenses against any of the laws now enacted or hereafter to be enacted for the protection of forests and timber land, such constable or other peace officer shall have authority at once, without at first procuring a warrant therefor, to arrest on view such person or persons with like effect as though such warrant had first been procured."

DEPARTMENT NOTES.

Chief Factory Inspector Campbell was last Saturday reappointed by Governor Hastings for a full term of three years. Mr. Campbell's capability is up to the highest standard. The salary of the position is \$3,000. The State Board of Agriculture, composed of representatives of every county agricultural society in the state, will hold its meeting in the Supreme court chamber on Wednesday, January 20.

The constables' association met in Harrisburg this week, when it was decided to appeal to the Superior Court in connection with their fee cases. The fee bill of 1893 allows \$1 for serving a warrant, 50 cents for serving a subpoena, 10 cents per mile circular while on official business and \$1 for serving a commitment. A number of the courts of this Commonwealth have greatly reduced the constables' costs in a number of cases, claiming the law of 1893 is not operative, so an appeal will be taken to determine the matter.

The Pennsylvania state association of School Directors will hold their annual convention in this city Wednesday, February 9th. This association is composed of representatives from the board of education of all cities and organized county associations of school directors in boroughs having separate teachers institutes with the state, county, city borough and township superintendents and principals of normal schools as advisory members.

Fourteen suits have been entered against many corporations by Attorney General McCormick to recover the penalty of \$5,000 from each for their failure to make a report to the State Bureau of Railroads.

John H. Landis, of Lancaster has been appointed coiner of the Philadelphia mint to succeed W. E. Morgan. The salary is \$3,000.

The Scotland industrial and manual training school is to be superintended by Col. Frank J. Magee of Lancaster county. Capt. Skinner, who was mentioned in connection with the place, emphatically expressed a desire to have Col. Magee continue, he being conversant on all subjects that need careful consideration. Capt. Skinner will continue as a member of the orphanage commission.

WILL F. HERRICKSON.

PERSONAL.

S. B. Palmer, of Stroudsburg, was at Milford Wednesday.

D. M. Slanson, an aged resident of this place, has been very ill but is now slowly improving.

John L. Swazey, of Newton, has been confirmed by the New Jersey Senate as Prosecutor of the Pleas.

Mrs. Jacob Klager who for some time has been quite ill is regaining her health under Dr. Womersley's treatment.

Col. Vanderbilt Allen is reported seriously ill at Capri, Italy at which place he has been for some time seeking health.

Mrs. Robert Lady, of Summit, N. J., a granddaughter of H. B. Wall has been visiting friends in Milford recently.

Governor Griggs will resign next Tuesday and Senator Foster M. Voorhees will take the oath of office as Acting Governor.

It is said that George Castard and wife have shaken the dust of Milford off their feet and will hereafter abide in the Quaker City.

Dr. R. R. Davis was elected chairman, and Horace Hoydt, Esq. secretary of the Carbon County Republican Committee.

Louis Thiele, of Greeley, was a visitor at Milford last week, and he will be a happier man in future because he will read the Press.

Catharine, aged two years a daughter of Harry P. Nyce, of Stroudsburg died last Friday of pneumonia after an illness of one week.

Charles H. Winfield, Prosecutor of the Pleas for Hudson county, N. J., is seriously ill at his home in Jersey City with disease of the heart, and there is little hope for his recovery.

Lewis T. Smith died at his home at Mount Pocono, Monroe county, Jan. 12th, aged 63 years. By his energy and labor he brought that section into notice as a summer resort and much of its prosperity is due to his enterprise.

The village will regret to lose Mr. Charles Mayne and his family as summer visitors, if it be their intention to abandon Milford as a summer home. They have made many friends and are pleasant people to number among our accostions.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripes, 10c.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition" of the Westfield News, bearing date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by druggists and general Merchants of Pike county.

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

AROUND THE COURT HOUSE.

The Auditors' Settlement and Various Items of Interest.

The settlement filed by the auditors shows that the indebtedness of the county is as follows:

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| Commissioners' notes | \$7300 00 |
| Balance on contracts | 691 95 |
| Sundry bills unpaid | 948 43 |
| Total | \$8940 37 |

They state that some accounts have been paid recently which will exhaust the balance in hands of treasurer \$355.97, which leaves the county with practically no income until next June and thereafter with which to defray current and necessary expenses to say nothing of the above stated indebtedness, nearly all of which will be due by the middle of March.

The total receipts of treasurer including balance of last year are:

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| Total | \$22 137 75 |
| Paid out | 21 781 78 |
| Balance in hands | 355 97 |

They charged back on the commissioners for days not necessarily spent and expenses as follows:

JAMES H. HELLER:
Days in office..... \$28 00
Day out of office..... 42 00
Horse hire..... 17 50
Railroad and stage fares..... 12 24
Total..... \$99 74

WALLACE NEWMAN:
Days in office..... \$42 00
Days out of office..... 14 00
Horse hire..... 8 25
Railroad and stage fares..... 11 24
Total..... \$75 49

JAMES M. BENSLEY:
Days in office..... \$38 50
Days out of office..... 3 50
Horse hire..... 2 00
Total..... \$44 00

Due Bensley from county..... 15 42
Balance due county..... 28 58

The auditors state in the report in each of above cases that the charges are improper, excessive, unnecessary and illegal.

The commissioners have renewed the insurance of \$6000 on furniture etc in Court House, which expired Jan. 18, in the "Fire Association" of Philadelphia represented by Ryman & Wells.

The regular stated meetings of the Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year will be held on the first Monday of each and every month at 10 o'clock a. m.

The balance due the county from collectors is \$706.22.

Bartlett L. Smith, of Delaware, who has been undergoing a three-month imprisonment for appropriating a small roll of wife, was released on Tuesday and joyfully hied to the bosom of his family.

Jesse R. Barrus, Christian Puffer and William Grimm, of Greene, were in Milford Tuesday on business connected with probating the will of Henry J. Hazer, late of that township.

Marriage licenses have recently been issued to Michael O'Connor and Ellen Madden, of Greene township, and to Elmer L. Westfall and Adda M. Hansen, of Lackawanna.

The County Auditors were engaged thirteen days settling the accounts, and their bills were \$34 each.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter when recovering from an attack of fever, was a great sufferer from pain in the back and hips," writes Louisa Grover, of Sardinia, Ky. "After using quite a number of remedies without any benefit she tried one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain Balm is also a certain cure for rheumatism. Sold by Druggists and General Merchants in Pike county.

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

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief. Price 25 and 50 cents; for sale by Druggist and General Merchants of Pike county."

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

OBITUARY.

MARGARET COUNTERMAN TITMAN.

The community was shocked last Saturday morning to learn of the death of this very estimable woman which occurred the previous evening. She had enjoyed ordinary good health up to the moment when the fell destroyer death struck her down suddenly with his icy hand.

She was born in Lehman township this county about fifty-four years ago, and arriving at maturity married Charles Titman. They continued to reside in that township until about twelve years since when they removed to Milford which place has since been their home.

Besides her husband she is survived by Della, wife of George McCarty, of Montague, N. J.; Melissa, wife of Richard Steele; Sarah, wife of L. B. Hissam; Nettie, wife of Lee Poillon; Teal, Alice and George, all of Milford.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. W. R. Neff of the M. E. Church were held Monday and interment was in the Milford cemetery.

ROBERT READING DEPUY.

Robert Reading DePuy died at his home in Stroudsburg Saturday last aged 84 years. He was descended from Nicholas DePuy who came from Esopus about 1735 and purchased land at Shawnee in Monroe county from the Indians. In 1836 he married Matilda R. Disborough of Somerset county, N. J., who survives him. There are no children.

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

Pillsbury's vites at Mitchell's.

BRIEF MENTION.

The trolley in Port Jervis carried over 3000 passengers last Sunday.

The Milford Fire Department will meet Jan. 24 at the Council rooms to elect officers.

Grip is epidemic in Stroudsburg and several aged people have succumbed from its effects.

Fire destroyed the bottling works of E. J. Richardson at Hawley last Friday. Loss \$800.

The Democrats of the Borough will hold their caucus for the nomination of officers Saturday evening, Jan. 23d.

William Mitchell executor of Mary Martens deceased will offer for sale some valuable real estate Feb. 16th.

Senator Martin, of Sussex Co., has introduced a bill in the New Jersey Senate to incorporate Branchville.

Some late developments seem to indicate that printers are not alone in rendering excessive bills. There are others.

The Wilkesbarre Chief of Police is endeavoring to enforce the law against slot machines and has prohibited their use in that city.

There is big money in football, Yale and Princeton each received \$12,082.71 as their share of the receipts from the last football game.

The meetings in the Presbyterian church were continued this week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with a good attendance.

The Villa Ina with its furniture is for rent. The house is finely located near the bluff is roomy with all modern improvements and well adapted for a summer boarding house.

In the resolutions, published last week fixing Treasurers commissions we inadvertently omitted one important provision which reads, "on amount received on sale of County bonds 1/4%."

An electric road near Cleveland has a schedule which calls for a speed of 35 miles an hour, and during recent trial trips one car averaged 82 and ran over a portion of the road at the rate of 55 miles.

George J. Gould is serving on the United States Grand Jury at Trenton, N. J., this week. The \$2 per day and mileage will come handy to a man who left New York to escape taxation on fifty million dollars.

The County Auditors closed their rather protracted session last Monday. When the statement is published the result of their investigations will be apparent, and the taxpayers enabled to judge of the value of their rescu ch into the mazes of county finances.

Farmers' Institute.

Please keep in mind the institute to be held in this county at Milford, Feb. 14 and Dingman's Ferry Feb. 15th. Mr. C. L. Peck, of Connersport, will take the place of Hon. W. L. Nesbit and will talk on dairying, wastes on the farm and how to stop them and economy in the application of manures.

Mr. Hess will discuss commercial fertilizers, the effect of lime on the soil and stock feeding and Mr. Critchfield has for subjects such interesting matters as care and feeding of cattle, corn and potato culture, dairying, the farmer and the public school, the farmer's home and the two that should especially interest, why are the farmer's profits less than formerly, and the treatment of worn out soils.

There should be good attendance at these institutes, no class at present needs and deserves more encouragement than the farmers' and no business likewise demands more exacting attention and intelligent direction than farming to make it profitable. That farmer who laughs in these days at book farming, and who disregards the results of costly and careful experiments will soon find to his cost and regret that he is making a serious and irreparable mistake. He may go on the old way but he will see himself falling to the rear of the profession, and the time not far distant when he must drop out. By all means attend and if you cannot advance ideas at least be in a position to receive them. You cannot fail to be greatly benefited. Elsewhere in the state the institutes are being largely attended and a great interest manifested. Do not let Pike fall in coming up to her sister counties in this she should and could in every respect, would our people only resolve to throw off their lethargy and march to the front. Let every one resolve to get there.

Princeton's Troubles.

President Patton of the University spoke for the first time, since the license question of the Inn has been agitated, at Newark last week and his remarks have caused renewed discussion of the matter of the sale of liquor at that place. He thought a man's morals should improve in the four years of his undergraduate life, and that he knew there were temptations at Princeton but he wanted mothers and fathers to prefer to send their sons there than elsewhere.

He said the trustees in their recent action did absolutely nothing more than say that the law which has always been on the statute books is there still, referring to the one relating to the sale of liquor to students. "That law is going to be enforced not because of the clamor or agitation or outside pressure. The trustees stand loze, parents, and while certain things exist we will do the best we can. We intend to protect the undergraduates from any possible temptation. We are the best judges and the responsibility rests on the faculty and trustees. We can't share it with the public and when I say this I have stated the whole case."

Physicians Change.

Dr. E. B. Wenner to the regret of his many friends will leave Milford about Feb. 1 to take up a residence in Philadelphia where he will practice his profession. The best wishes of the community go with him for success in his new home.

Dr. Kenworthy of Dingmans will succeed Dr. Wenner and we bespeak for this very worthy and able young physician a cordial reception in the community and abundant success in his art of healing.

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

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

Dingman Township Nominations.

The Democrats of Dingman township nominated the following persons at the caucus held Saturday Jan. 15: Assessor, David J. Newman; auditor, William W. Drake; school directors, Christian F. Seitz, Cornelius Greening; overseer poor, Christian Seitz; judge of election, Edwin Drake; inspector of election, Jules Boileau; town clerk, John E. Olmsted; supervisors, James Houlden, Edwin H. Orben, Louis Gavalier, Thomas H. Quick.

To Republicans of Westfall.

The Republican caucus for making nominations for township officers for Westfall township for the ensuing year, will be held in the room over the store of A. W. Balch, in Main street Monday evening Jan. 21, 1898 at 8 o'clock p. m.

A. W. BALCH, JR., Committeeman.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Information About Beet Sugar.

Bimetallism - McKenna's Contribution - National Military Park - Behring Seal - Award - Silver Sentiment Declining - Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 1898.

Secretary Wilson's report on Senator Lodge's resolution, which was adopted by the Senate, asking for full information as to beet sugar and what, if any, foreign sugars it comes in competition with, and what effect if any, the importation of Hawaiian sugars has or could have upon the beet sugar production of the United States, is expected to knock out one of the arguments which have been used by the sugar trust lobby to make certain senators, whose states are large and increasing producers of sugar beets, doubtful of the policy of annexation, by showing that no injury to the beet sugar interests of this country will, or possibly can follow the annexation of Hawaii. It is not surprising that senators should have been temporarily caught by the specious arguments of the agents of the sugar trust against annexation, because of the injury it might do the sugar beet industry in this country. Secretary Wilson was himself once doubtful on the subject because he believed annexation might injure the American beet growers, but investigation convinced him that it would not, and his facts on the subject will convince the senators who have doubts. There are hourly contradictory stories around Washington as to the attitude of senators towards the annexation treaty but Senator Davis, who is in charge of the treaty, is still confident that it will be ratified with votes to spare.

Senator Wolcott's speech bears out Senator Chandler's recent statement that President McKinley does not regard as final the efforts made by the Commission which visited Europe in behalf of international bimetallism, and that he does not regard their failure to get England committed as ending all hope for an international agreement. Senator Wolcott believes that the visit of the commission to Europe materially advanced the idea of international bimetallism, and that it will yet become an accomplished fact.

Attorney General McKenna's nomination to the Supreme Court would have been confirmed last week had not Senator Allen seen in it an opportunity to secure a little notoriety for himself. When Senator Hoar presented the report of the Judiciary Committee in favor of Judge McKenna and asked that a vote be taken, Senator Allen was the only objector and he consumed four hours in making it plain that his only object was to draw public attention to himself. He first asked for a postponement of two weeks, but was in the end satisfied to get the vote postponed until next Friday. There is nothing uncertain about Judge McKenna's confirmation. At the outside, there isn't likely to be more than six votes cast in opposition, and it is possible that there will be none.

Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, has introduced a bill providing for the establishment of a National Military Park, at Appomattox, Va., and for the erection of a Peace monument upon the spot where the agreement to cease hostilities was executed. There are several bills of this nature, including that providing for making a National Military Park of the Vicksburg battlefield, and the general sentiment in Congress is favorable to them, but they are all likely to be shut out at this session under the general rule that no bill carrying an appropriation for a new project shall be passed by the House, until the receipts of the government exceed its expenditures.

Notwithstanding the use of a whole week in the discussion of civil service matters, the House has made a good business record since the reassembling of Congress. It has passed the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, the Urgency Deficiency Appropriation bill, and is now considering the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill.

Whatever may be the personal opinion of President McKinley as to the justice of the damages awarded to British subjects for losses alleged to have been sustained by reason of our seizure of their sealing vessels in Behring sea, by the Arbitration Commission acting under the treaty of 1896, he knows that we are in honor bound to pay them, so he has sent a special message to Congress, urging the early appropriation of \$473,151.28, in order that they may be paid and the matter closed.

The reports brought to Washington by trustworthy men do not square with the claims of the silver Democrats as to the increase of silver sentiment. On the contrary, they show a heavy decrease in silver sentiment. For instance, Ex-Senator Moody, of S. D., says of his state: "Though Bryan carried the state in 1896, by a slender majority, he will never be able to do so again."

The Carbon Advocate of Lehigh-ton sizes up the present Democratic situation in this district in the following off-hand manner, and in a rather summary way disposes of Pike. It says:

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School Report.

Grammar Department: Whole number in attendance during month, 54; average attendance, 50; percentage of attendance, 96; percentage for term, 96.

J. C. WATSON, teacher.

Intermediate department: Whole number in attendance, boys 20, girls 21, total 41; average attendance, boys 18, girls 18, total 36; percentage of attendance, boys 94, girls 93; average 94. Girls present each day during the month: Nora Degan, Josie Beardsley, Bessie Armstrong, Lila Ryman, Florence Lattimore, Pauline Friel, Phoebe Showers.

Boys present during each month: Willie Steele, Willie Turner, Bert Quinn, Arthur Smith, Clyde Kipp, Emmett Steele, Joe Lattimore, Geo. Wagner. Parents and other friends of the school are cordially invited to visit us. Such friendly interest will certainly encourage pupils and teacher; and will, moreover, furnish a basis for an intelligent criticism of the workings of the school.

BAYARD NICHOLS, teacher.

Primary Department: Month ending January 3, 1898. Average attendance during month, boys 27, girls 18; percent of attendance, boys 85, girls 82; number enrolled, boys 32, girls 24. The following have been present each school day during the month: Lancelot Steele, Ernest Kipp, Walter Dingman, Michael Scott, Willie Van Tassel, August Gherig, Ralph Myers, James Lauer, Pearl Quinn, Helen Lambert, Annie Gherig, Ada Lambert.

LILA B. VAN ETZEN, teacher.

Death of Rev. Doney.

Rev. F. A. Doney, general secretary of the North Eastern Pennsylvania Sabbath Union, died at his home in Scranton, Pa., Jan. 12th. Born in Susquehanna county, his early life was spent in Wayne where he taught school for several years, and also at Waverly, N. Y. In 1864 he bought the Free Press of Hawley and afterward the Eleventh District Monitor at Honesdale. He read law in Honesdale and was admitted to the bar and for some time practiced in Carbon county. In 1875 he entered the Methodist Ministry and joined the Wyoming Conference. He was a brother of Jas. H. Doney who formerly issued and published the Milford Herald.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.