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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. 24, 1898.  
With the beginning of last week Governor Daniel H. Hastings entered upon the fourth year of his reign as the chief executive of this Commonwealth and this fact alone gives thought for a number of reflections of the past and predictions for the future. That Governor Hastings has thus far served his constituents faithfully is not disputed and credit must be given him for the economic measures employed in disposing of the State's business. It will be remembered how, during the last session of the Legislature, he vigorously fought everything that savored of extravagance and even went so far as to offend some of his warmest political associates by voting measures that he did not think were calculated for the benefit of those who bear the burden of taxation. Again it will be remembered of the Capitol Building Commission, he opposed any unfairness or impartiality, whether imaginary or not, in the selection of an architect, and when, according to his judgment proper consideration was not given the contestants, he refused to further deliberate with the Commission. His last official act of great importance was that of following President McKinley's example in issuing a proclamation calling for aid for the starving and suffering Cubans, which was so generously responded to and which has so plainly portrayed how the governor sympathizes with suffering humanity in general. Governor Hastings has announced that at the expiration of his term next year he will retire from politics and again resume the management of his business interests in Center county. This is in direct contradiction to the announcements frequently made that the governor was desirous of being sent to the United States Senate. Now the question arises, "Who will succeed Hastings?" As a matter of fact I can see only one candidate who has a vestige of a show for the nomination on the Republican ticket and that person is Colonel William A. Stone, of Allegheny. He has been in the field for months, thus thoroughly familiarizing every body with his views, and the important legislation at Washington in which he has been an important factor, stands out boldly as a recommendation for him. He has already been endorsed by countless political and other organizations as the gubernatorial candidate, and that he will secure the nomination next June is a practical certainty. Of course, as is always the case, he has opposition, and that is coming by way of the "state bosses." They fully realize that Stone is the people's candidate and that he can not be used as a tool in the furtherance of any schemes that they may concoct. That the fight from now on will be interesting is assured, for the leaders are getting desperate and are employing all sorts of tactics to get a "swaying" candidate in the field.

**ANONYMOUS MATTER.**  
The State having been flooded with anonymous communications of late it is well that every person should be familiar with the following act passed by the last Legislature: "That every person who, without appending his or her proper signature thereon, shall send or cause to be sent to another any written or printed communication or matter, the nature of which is either libelous, defamatory, scurrilous or opprobrious, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, and undergo an imprisonment of not more than one year."

**READY FOR PROPOSALS.**  
The State Capitol Building Commission is down to business at last. Plans and specifications are now on exhibition in the Supreme Court room and advertisements requesting proposals for the erection of the capitol have been sent out. Bids will be opened February 7. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$15,000 and the right is reserved to reject any or all bids. The person receiving the contract will have to furnish bond in the sum of \$150,000 that he will complete the work by Nov. 15, 1898.

**DEPARTMENT NOTES.**  
The thirty-ninth annual session of the State Horticultural Society was held at Lancaster last week, representatives being present from every county in the state.

The pure food commission was again unsuccessful last week. Some time ago a number of bills charging the alleged sale by dealers of diseased meats were introduced by the Allegheny county grand jury, and Agent Terry again presented them to the jury for action last Tuesday. With equal promptness all the indictments were thrown out, and now the commission is devising a plan to get the cases before the court for trial.

WILL F. HEDDERGROSS.

## BRIEF MENTION.

—Port Jervis has a population of 9,570.  
—Burglars broke into the depot at Roanoke last Friday night, but only got an old army musket.  
—Send for fifty years improvements in farming. It is very interesting.  
—Some interesting communications have to wait until next week on account of space.  
—The will of Margaret McCarty, late of Montague, N. J., gives one hundred dollars to the Presbyterian church of Milford.  
—Look out for swag swindlers, and in fact all other kinds. Buy only of reputable merchants and such as advertise in the Press.  
—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Neeson on Harford street.  
—William Galick a well known citizen of Stroudsburg died at his home Jan. 23 of heart failure. He was one of the founders of the Stroudsburg Times.  
—Next week the Press will contain the annual Financial Statement of the County for 1897. Those wishing extra copies will please leave their orders not later than Feb. 1st.  
—D. John Hall announced last Sunday from the pulpit of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church that he had reconsidered his determination to resign the pastorate and would remain in the service of the church.  
—A small house owned and occupied by William Hankins, situated on the hill above the Delaware bridge, was consumed by fire early last Monday morning. Nothing was saved, and the occupant barely escaped with a little clothing. Insurance for \$300.  
—A dispaton to the Philadelphia Press from Stroudsburg says: Barber candidacy for Congress has been announced, and that his nomination will be hotly contested. Ex-State Senator Shull it states will likely be Monroe's candidate to succeed Kirkpatrick.  
—The M. E. Congregation, of Stroudsburg has petitioned the Presiding Elder to return as pastor of the church Rev. Robert Crawford the present assistant pastor. The elder objects on the ground that Crawford is young and a single man.  
—The Post office at Deckertown, N. J., was robbed last Friday night of stamps to the value of \$1200 and about \$25 in cash. Burglars obtained an entrance in the rear of the building, blew open the safe with dynamite, and effected their escape on a hand car on the N. Y. S. & W. R. R.  
—Joseph Hawley, the largest man in Philadelphia, was buried in that city last Friday. He weighed 550 pounds and was over four feet broad across the shoulders. The coffin was especially made and banded with iron, and together with the body weighed 1,200 pounds. It was 7 feet long, 4 1/2 feet wide and 2 1/2 feet deep.  
—The Jersey City Journal says the New Jersey Central railroad contemplates building an electric road between that city and Philadelphia over which it will carry passengers between the two cities in one hour. A speed of 125 miles an hour has been attained in experimental runs over roads specially constructed as this will be.  
—The friends of Rev. Hamby, of White Lake, N. Y., are so pertinacious in their adherence to him that the Presbytery decided at its Middletown meeting this week to issue a circular for the information of his parishioners, containing the evidence given at his trial.  
—The Monroe County Agricultural elected as officer for the year: President, Jerome S. Williams; treasurer, O. E. Phillips; secretary, T. C. Brown. A motion to make application for license to sell liquors so as to control the sale of drinks at the stands during fair week was lost.  
—Sparrow and Franks of Port Jervis, announce some rapid transactions in the Press. This firm is new but by fair dealing and close selling it purposes to satisfy customers that they can save money by buying footwear at their store. To make room for new goods an opportunity is now afforded to secure great bargains. Call on them.  
—The Executors named in the will of the late R. R. DePuy, of Stroudsburg are Lewis D. Vail and S. S. Shafter and the public bequests made are to the Presbyterian church of Shawnee \$1000, First Presbyterian church of Stroudsburg \$2000, Board of Foreign Missions Presbyterian church \$2000, Board of Domestic Missions \$2000. The other bequests are to his wife, relatives and friends.

## DR. HARTMAN SAYS.

Per-na-cure Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.

All classes and conditions of people have chronic catarrh. It spares neither strong or weak, old or young, healthy or sickly. All ranks of people have chronic catarrh. Rich men, poor men, beggar men, thieves, lawyers, doctors, merchants, priests. Not only catarrh of the head, but catarrh of the lungs, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the liver, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the bowels; and a multitude of women are afflicted with catarrh of the pelvic organs. When it is said, therefore, that Per-na-cure cures catarrh wherever located, a much larger fact is stated than at first appears. What is that fact? Per-na-cure will cure catarrh wherever located? Doctors say it, lawyers say it, preachers say it, a vast army of men and women say it who have tried it. The old and the young say it. They say it in the East and in the West; they say it in the North and the South. All these say that Per-na-cure will cure catarrh wherever located. Send for a free copy of an illustrated book of testimonials, entitled "Facts and Faces," sent by The Per-na-cure Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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

## PERSONAL.

E. Kimble and wife, of Kimbles visited Milford last Monday.  
Adam Uhl, Groceries healthy looking, P. M., was in town last Friday.  
Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyck is spending some time in New York.  
E. W. Howell, of Chester, N. J., visited relatives in Milford this week.  
Mrs. Andrews removed from Broad street Tuesday to her house on Harford street.  
E. Warner has been for several days confined to his home on Broad street with a severe cold.  
Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick is on the following House committees elections No. 3, and Pacific railroads.  
Mrs. G. Jennings, of this place left town last Monday morning for a visit among friends in Brooklyn.  
Madam Peroz, of Schoepoe, an aged lady, is seriously ill and very slight hopes are entertained for her recovery.  
Mrs. Moses C. Westbrook of Blooming Grove in company with Mrs. John C. Westbrook of Milford is visiting in Port Jervis.  
Charles Titman, who is in very feeble health, has moved from Water street, and now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Richmond Steele on Broad street.  
S. B. Palmer and E. Arbagast, of Stroudsburg were at the Centre Square Hotel last Saturday. They were reticent as to their errand, but it is surmised a little railroad business was involved.  
Mrs. W. R. Noff entertained at tea last Thursday her Sunday school class. Several young ladies, and a few young gentlemen enjoyed a very pleasant evening, which was enlivened with suitable refreshments and a flash light picture taken of the scene and guests.  
Rev. Thomas Nichols attended a meeting of Presbytery at Middletown, N. Y. Monday. The resignation of Rev. Thos. Gordon which had been tendered his church and accepted was before the meeting and the pastoral relations were severed. It is understood he will engage in business in Washington, D. C.  
Brown & Armstrong would like to know if you have bought your winter footwear.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue.  
Moses V. Briscoe to Elizabeth Briscoe, dated Jan. 21, land in Lehman, 125 acres, con. \$2.  
Frank P. Burchard to Horace B. and Herbert S. Merrill twins, dated Oct. 18, '96 land in Esholts, 80 acres, con. \$1000.  
Joseph Fyda to Joseph Dikronka, dated Dec. 21, land in Greese, 255 acres, with exceptions, con. \$1.  
William Harney to John F. Dengeo, dated Dec. 28, land in Milford township, 25 acres, con. \$1.  
Pegle Brant widow to Hiram Towant, dated Jan. 20, land in Westfall, 82 acres, con. \$6000.  
**The Whereabouts of Mr. Ross.**  
The item (parentage unknown) which has been going the rounds of the papers, concerning the disappearance of W. H. Rose of Matamoras, is contradicted in the Union by J. L. Ross brother-in-law, who says he knows where Rose is his occupation and that he regularly corresponds with him.  
The Dispatch (we give that paper the credit of saying in our opinion) was not the originator of the story. It simply took it from some other paper without giving credit.  
Have you examined Brown & Armstrong's new goods.

## OBITUARY.

DAVID MARSHALL SLAWSON.

Again that grim reaper, before whose sickle all must bow, has been busy in our community. To young and old alike the summons comes, and in this instance it came to one last Monday who had far outspanned the ordinary limit of the allotted period of life and a sheaf ripe for the harvest was gathered. Few perhaps in our community can even recall Mr. Slawson's advent as a young man in the town where he has spent an ordinary life time, and where for half a century he has led a consistent and upright life as a member and supporter of the M. E. Church. His life has been a long example of faithful industry, considerable economy and Christian conduct. Born May 7, 1809 at Green ville, Orange county, N. Y., he first came to this community in 1828 and located in what is now Dingman township. After residing there a short time he removed to this town which he has ever since inhabited. In 1850 he married Mary Walls, a daughter of David and Sarah Walls of this place. He was a grandson of Captain David Slawson, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.  
His surviving children are: Moses V., of Los Angeles, Cal.; John K., of Tunkhannock, Pa.; George and Mrs. Emma T. Briard, of Milford.  
The funeral services conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. R. Noff, were held at the house at one o'clock and at the church at 1.30 p. m. Wednesday.

## Card of Thanks.

The family of the late D. M. Slawson desires to publicly thank friends and neighbors for many kindnesses shown during his last illness.

## HYMENEAL.

SEELY-VAN BUSKIRK.

From a Plainfield, N. J., paper we learn of the wedding of Silas M. Seely and Etta Van Buskirk, which took place Jan. 19 at the home of Rev. W. C. Snodgrass pastor of the M. E. Church who performed the ceremony.  
The bride was handsomely gowned and the couple was attended by Miss Emma Wilcox as bridesmaid and S. B. Brewster as best man.  
A reception was held at the bride's home on Orchard Place at which a large number of relatives and intimate friends of the happy couple were present. A wedding supper was also served after which the newly married pair departed for their future home at Woodbridge. Many costly and useful presents were tendered them as evidences of the esteem in which they are held and the Pass joins in wishing them long life, success and happiness. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Seely of this place and is the owner of a prosperous drug business.

## Local Notes.

Among the real estate transfers recorded at Stroudsburg last week were Charles Lattimore and wife to Oscar M. Brink, house and lot con. \$1000, and Oscar M. Brink to Joseph Lattimore same property as above, and same consideration.  
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."

## Barber is After It.

The Stroudsburg Times says: Laird H. Barber, of Manch Chunk, will again be a candidate for Congress from this District. "He is a gentleman and a scholar," says the Weatherly Herald, "well equipped for the position, and should have no opposition this year on account of the manly fight he made two years ago when the corporations were against him. His election will undoubtedly follow this year if nominated."

The Monroe Democrat however does not take such a rosy view of the situation, and some astute people might read between its lines, a laying down of the law which will largely govern many Democrats in the coming campaign. It says: "It is asserted that Laird H. Barber, Esq., who was defeated in 1896 as the Democratic Congressional candidate, will be a candidate this year. His election is predicted if he should receive the nomination. This will depend entirely on how harmoniously a nomination is effected. In 1896 an agreement was entered into by several of the counties looking towards defining each county's rights in the convention by reason of which many votes were cast for Mr. Barber which otherwise he could not have polled. But the disaffection concerning the manner of making nominations was not entirely reconciled by the agreement and enough votes were lost to cause his defeat. Many of these votes were lost because the voters believed the compact would not be observed. "Since then nothing has been done in any of the counties looking towards fulfilling that agreement or establishing harmony between the counties except in Monroe where a committee was duly appointed with power to confer with a like committee from the other counties in the matter. Whether Mr. Barber or any one else is to be the Democratic candidate a nomination will not mean an election unless such nomination is made in a satisfactory manner and all differences are adjusted before the conference. It is the interest of all the candidates now in the field at once to arrange the details so that when the time for making the nomination shall come there will be unity of purpose and harmony of action. The lesson of 1896 should be understood."

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

## 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 Londen Grover, of Sardis, 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.

The New Railroad.  
A meeting of the railroad commissioners of New York at which all were present was held in Port Jervis Monday to consider the application of the Matamoras and New York Railroad for a charter to construct a road about three-fourths of a mile from the Delaware river to a point on Pike street between Beome and Hammond. Evidence was adduced showing the necessity for the road and incidentally it appeared that the tolls paid the Barret bridge amount to over seventeen thousand dollars a year. The commissioners have not yet announced their decision.

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The Republicans of the house are as solidly behind the administration on the Hawaiian question as upon the Cuban question. This is shown when Chairman Hitt, of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, moved to table a resolution calling upon the president for his authority for negotiating a treaty for the annexation of Hawaii in which it is agreed to pay the Hawaiian public debt of \$4,000,000 out of the United States treasury. The Democrats tried their best to prevent the resolution being laid on the table, but Mr. Hitt's motion was supported by the Republicans and was carried. There are no new developments in connection with the consideration of the annexation treaty by the senate.  
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There is some misapprehension even in congress, of the nature of the old Stanley Matthews resolution, expressing the opinion that the government has the option of paying its bonds in silver, which was recently re-asserted by Senator Teller, and which is now under consideration, and will this week be re-adopted by the silver majority of the senate, and there is probably much more throughout the country. It is now, just as it was twenty years ago, when it was adopted by both branches of congress, merely a concurrent resolution, not requiring the president's signature and not being binding upon anybody, even when adopted by both senate and house. In fact, such resolutions are nothing more than an expression of the opinions of those who vote for them. It will be remembered that Mr. Cleveland ignored one or two resolutions of this nature, declaring the opinion of congress as to what he should do on the Cuban question. In this case the resolution will not get far enough to need ignoring, as owing to its failure to be acted upon by the house, it will never be officially brought to the attention of President McKinley.

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Decay in the County.  
In another column is an item stating that in 1855 over one million dollars worth of lumber floated down the Delaware in one season. This amount probably came in gely from this county and the money arising was distributed in various ways so as to reach nearly all classes. Contrast that sum with what is now derived from that source. It only requires too a slight stretch of memory to recall when there was a large and flourishing tannery at Ledgdale on the borders of Greene which gave employment to many men, and a number of houses in Pike were occupied by its workmen. These buildings are now rapidly falling in decay and soon will be wholly gone. The Collingwood company at Wilsonville was a large employer of men and teams, the tannery at Blooming Grove with its lumber adjunct flourished and both were busy centres of industry, from which many thousands of dollars were yearly distributed. We might go over the county and point to many such enterprises then in operation, but now wholly and forever suspended. Our lumber is gone, we have no mineral wealth to succeed it, our lands are less productive now than formerly, and the whole county seems to be retrograding. Our expenses have not diminished in proportion to the loss of income, but rather have increased. The people should reflect on these truths and consider the ways of recuperating our depleted prosperity. The demand to do this is inexorable and must be met. In this valley summer boarders, attracted by the scenery, the roads, the pure air and water, have to some extent supplied the place of other industries. They bring money here, earned elsewhere and this is more or less distributed among our people. We have all the requirements which nature can furnish to induce health and pleasure seekers to come among us. It only remains for the people to use such artificial means as are at command to improve and beautify our surroundings, and induce more to come. Increased population demands greater supplies which means better markets for produce and labor. To encourage strangers to visit the town and valley, improvements looking to their delights and comforts should be made. To this end progressive, not necessarily expensive and wasteful officials, should be selected. It is one thing to spend the taxes in operations which are of no permanent benefit, and quite another to use the same money in a proper and judicious manner for the development of our natural advantages. Select men for office who will have an eye single to our improvement and prosperity, who by careful efforts will beautify our surroundings and render them more attractive to the eyes of the city dwellers who come here to spend a season with us.

Alaska Gold.  
David Ward, the lucky gold miner, who brought back the news of a rich find of gold on the American side of Alaska, and who says that the rush next spring will be far down the Yukon on the American side, spent three years prospecting in Alaska, and in that time only received seven letters from home. Since his return he has had more than that many thousands of letters from would-be argonauts in three months. He is now in Philadelphia, Pa., and tries to answer every inquiry concerning the Far North, its perils, rigors of climate and wonderful riches. His practical experience makes his advice highly valuable, and anyone interested in Alaska should avail themselves of his knowledge by writing to him. 573 Bourse Building.

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In another column is an item stating that in 1855 over one million dollars worth of lumber floated down the Delaware in one season. This amount probably came in gely from this county and the money arising was distributed in various ways so as to reach nearly all classes. Contrast that sum with what is now derived from that source. It only requires too a slight stretch of memory to recall when there was a large and flourishing tannery at Ledgdale on the borders of Greene which gave employment to many men, and a number of houses in Pike were occupied by its workmen. These buildings are now rapidly falling in decay and soon will be wholly gone. The Collingwood company at Wilsonville was a large employer of men and teams, the tannery at Blooming Grove with its lumber adjunct flourished and both were busy centres of industry, from which many thousands of dollars were yearly distributed. We might go over the county and point to many such enterprises then in operation, but now wholly and forever suspended. Our lumber is gone, we have no mineral wealth to succeed it, our lands are less productive now than formerly, and the whole county seems to be retrograding. Our expenses have not diminished in proportion to the loss of income, but rather have increased. The people should reflect on these truths and consider the ways of recuperating our depleted prosperity. The demand to do this is inexorable and must be met. In this valley summer boarders, attracted by the scenery, the roads, the pure air and water, have to some extent supplied the place of other industries. They bring money here, earned elsewhere and this is more or less distributed among our people. We have all the requirements which nature can furnish to induce health and pleasure seekers to come among us. It only remains for the people to use such artificial means as are at command to improve and beautify our surroundings, and induce more to come. Increased population demands greater supplies which means better markets for produce and labor. To encourage strangers to visit the town and valley, improvements looking to their delights and comforts should be made. To this end progressive, not necessarily expensive and wasteful officials, should be selected. It is one thing to spend the taxes in operations which are of no permanent benefit, and quite another to use the same money in a proper and judicious manner for the development of our natural advantages. Select men for office who will have an eye single to our improvement and prosperity, who by careful efforts will beautify our surroundings and render them more attractive to the eyes of the city dwellers who come here to spend a season with us.

Alaska Gold.  
David Ward, the lucky gold miner, who brought back the news of a rich find of gold on the American side of Alaska, and who says that the rush next spring will be far down the Yukon on the American side, spent three years prospecting in Alaska, and in that time only received seven letters from home. Since his return he has had more than that many thousands of letters from would-be argonauts in three months. He is now in Philadelphia, Pa., and tries to answer every inquiry concerning the Far North, its perils, rigors of climate and wonderful riches. His practical experience makes his advice highly valuable, and anyone interested in Alaska should avail themselves of his knowledge by writing to him. 573 Bourse Building.