

The Intelligencer.

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Mr. Good's Speech Tuesday Night.

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SWORN STATEMENTS

In regard to Mr. Good and the Wood Tariff Bill.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,) S.S.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH,)

M. D. Mercer, being first duly sworn,

upon his solemn oath says, that while what

is commonly known as "the Wood Tariff

Bill" was pending in Congress, he was one

of a committee who circulated a remon-

strance against the passage of said bill,

and that he presented said remonstrance

to J. Hanson Good, Esq., of Wheeling, W. Va.,

and requested his signature thereto; that

said J. H. Good refused to sign the same,

and said, in effect, that he was not in sym-

pathy with the purpose for which the said

remonstrance was intended; that if iron

could be bought in other countries

cheaper than in the United States, no one

had any right to interfere with those desir-

ing to purchase elsewhere. That if laboring

could be had cheaper in other countries, that

was the misfortune of the American laborer;

and that the laboring man had no right to

dictate to the capitalist where he should

buy his material or obtain his labor. Much

more was said by him that I cannot now

remember.

I was at that time a resident of Wheel-

ing, W. Va., and was well acquainted with

J. Hanson Good, and know him to be the

person who is now a candidate for Con-

gress in the First West Virginia Congres-

sional District.

[Signed] M. D. MERCER.

Sworn and subscribed before me this

7th day of October, A. D. 1882.

[Signed] M. F. CASHIDY,

Alderman.

STATE OF OHIO,

COUNTY OF BELMONT,) S.S.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S FERRY,)

William B. Lewis on his solemn oath

says, that he knows M. D. Mercer, formerly

of Wheeling, W. Va., and that the said

Mercer was one of a committee who circu-

lated a remonstrance against the passage

of the Wood tariff bill. Affiant further

says that he has read the foregoing affida-

vit of the said Mercer, and that it con-

tains, substantially, what was told affiant

by said Mercer at the time the said J.

H. Good refused to sign the said remon-

strance. [Signed] W. B. LEWIS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me at

the village aforesaid this 5th day of Octo-

ber, A. D. 1882.

[Signed] M. C. MITCHELL,

Mayor.

WEST VIRGINIA PENSIONERS.

The Number of Them in This State and

the Amounts They Draw.

Special to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 7.—I

dropped into the Pension office at

Washington and inquired as to the pension

in West Virginia. There has been so much

talk about pension frauds and pension

steals that I thought it would be of interest

to the people of the State to know how

many participated in the "grab," so-called

by Democrats, and how much money they

received. This is a matter, too, of general

interest, for the average pensioner is not

a capitalist enabled to hoard his earnings,

and in consequence this money immedi-

ately finds its way into the channels of

trade. In this manner the business man

is benefited; and, indeed, communities

also profit by Uncle Sam's pension

money. But as to the statistics, in

the State of West Virginia there are

2,902 people receiving pensions from

the United States. The annual value is

\$320,212, and the annual payment, together

with arrears, is \$480,318. The First Con-

gressional District has the largest number,

1,077, and they receive yearly \$117,284,

and the annual payment, with arrears,

\$220,920. The Third District comes next

with 818, receiving \$87,572; with arrears,

\$131,358. In the Second District there are

797, drawing \$85,356; with arrears,

\$128,074. What we cannot get the largest

number live in Wood county, where 249

are found. They receive \$26,624, and with

arrears, \$40,206. Next comes Mason county

with 157, drawing \$16,832; with arrears,

\$25,248. Ohio county has 176, receiving

\$18,500, with arrears, \$27,325. The county

having the least number of pensioners is

Wyoming, where only one is residing. He

draws the regular eight dollars a month.

Boone county only has four, and Clay has

a similar number.

In Pennsylvania, Greene county has

225, receiving \$34,136, with arrears \$45,850;

and Washington county 305, paid \$32,661,

with arrears \$62,062.

Belmont county, in Ohio, has 320, draw-

ing \$32,320, with arrears \$41,082. Jefferson

county, receiving \$25,684, with arrears

\$38,500; and Monroe county 303, paid \$28,-

148, with arrears \$53,681.

From the above you can see that a con-

siderable sum of pension money is paid

out to West Virginians and in the counties

adjoining Wheeling. It is not very far off

to say that they do not look upon pension

payments as funds upon the government.

The West Virginia Republican Associa-

tion, composed of clerks in the depart-

ment, have committees at work looking

up all residents of the State, with a view

of having them go home to vote at the

coming election.

Ballroom Meeting at Blacksburg.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

BLACKSBURG, W. VA., October 7.—An

enthusiastic railroad meeting was held

here to-day, though not as large as was

expected, on account of the short notice.

Col. Ben Wilson spoke and put a fair

proposition, and asked them if they were

willing to be taken for a railroad on fair

principles. The response being in the affirma-

tive the meeting was adjourned till Sat-

urday, the 28th inst. The prospect is bright-

ening.

A Flat Deal.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA., October 8.—The

Register publishes a statement in its Sat-

urday's issue to the effect that Senator

Dawson and myself voted for the resessment

bill. It is not true. Neither Senator

Dawson nor myself voted for it.

W. C. McCREW.

Carroll Declines.

New York, October 8.—Howard Carroll,

of the New York Times, who has been

mentioned for the office of Congressman

at Large on the Republican ticket in place

of Heburn, has declined.

WHICH THEY ARE ENGAGED.

However worthy they may be, far worthier is this cause.

Let them remember the mission of the Republican

party.

It is the province of The National Re-

publicans to do good wherever needed, and

as love for Republics is not by geo-

graphical lines, we have thus addressed

ourselves to the people of West Virginia.

With two Republican Congressmen repre-

senting them in the Legislature of the Na-

tion, we shall have great hope for their

future, and be able to say to them in the

words of Salmon P. Chase, when he pre-

dicted the election of Abraham Lincoln,

"the fringes of the vast curtain that hides

the future are all luminous with the glories

of the coming day."

SECOND DISTRICT.

Wilson at Grants—Speech of the "Har-

mony" Candidate.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

GRANTS, October 8.—Hon. Wm. F. Wil-

son, the Democratic candidate for Con-

gress in this, the Second District, spoke at

Grants yesterday afternoon and again

this evening. He had tolerably good au-

diences, and while his presentation of

principles was in a vague and general way,

his manner of address was mild and pas-

sionate, and his discourse was so evasive

of fact as to render it weak, though pre-

sented with fluency.

His first position was that the panic of

1874 was caused by the Republican party,

and caused the people to place the Con-

gress in the power of the Democrats, and

that the Democrats at once gave us good

times. In all this he showed his ignorance

of the facts, or his disposition to make

false impressions, and his audience received

it with due allowance.

He then attempted to contrast the Demo-

cratic theory of government with that

of the Republican. He said that the

latter is that of "parental government,"

while the former is that of the "popular

alone" principle. He said that this was

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WEST VA. CONFERENCE

OF METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligencer.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., October 6.—The

Conference was opened with religious ser-

vice under the direction of Rev. S. Jones,

of Oakland.

Some time was consumed in hearing the

reports of the several committees of exam-

ination, and passing on the character of

candidates preparatory to advancing them

to the class ahead.

A number of visiting ministers were in-

troduced, among whom was Rev. Dr. T. A.

Archibald, Agent of the Sunday School

Union.

Dr. Alfred Wheeler, editor of the Pitts-

burgh Christian Advocate, addressed the

Conference in behalf of that paper. Dr.

Wheeler is one of the ablest editors in the

Church. The paper under his editorial

management has greatly improved, yet

there are some who feel the paper would

be more popular if some of the long edi-

torials were cut off at both ends and set