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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Civil Service Law Discussed.

Hawaiian Treaty Taken Up - Germany Washes Reciprocity - Food in Klondike - Pops Want a New Judiciary System - Other Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10, 1898.

Help us modify the civil service law, or we will join hands with the Democrats and repeal the entire law. That, in effect, is the notice that the hundred odd Republican members of the house who favor modification of this law have served upon the other Republican members of the house during the debate, which is not yet over. There has been much plain talk on the subject, and there will be more. A sample is the following, from the speech of Representative Hepburn, of Iowa: "In some things the old system, at its worst, was superior to the new. My colleagues in this house know the qualifications of their constituents, and in the selection of candidates for offices have everything at stake. I believe that there is greater possibility of probity in action, wisdom in selection, and benevolence in results in the old system than in this darkened, subterranean, irresponsible method we have fallen into this later time." Representative Clark, of New Hampshire, said that he favored modification of the law and was willing to leave it to the wisdom of the Civil Service Commission as to how far, but that "any old thing" was better than the present law. That committee is considering the bill introduced last week, which confines the operation of the civil service law to positions paying from \$300 to \$1,800 a year inclusive, and to localities where the employees exceed 25 in number.

The treaty for the annexation of Hawaii was today taken up by the Senate, and the intention to hold daily executive sessions for its consideration until it is disposed of. The policy of the friends of annexation is to allow its opponents to do most of the talking, so as to get the debate over as soon as possible, in order that there may be no excuse for delaying a vote. It is now the general belief that the treaty will be ratified, owing to the movement of the number of senators who were in doubt of their intention to vote for ratification.

The last European nation to take a place in the line of applicants for a reciprocity treaty with the United States is Germany, the country which made a bluff when the Dingley tariff bill was pending that was promptly called by Congress and President McKinley. The clause of the tariff that brought Germany's pride down to asking for reciprocity is that which imposes additional duty upon sugar brought from countries that pay an export bounty on sugar. When the German ambassador requested that reciprocity negotiations be opened he was informed that his Government must take the first step by agreeing to remove the restrictions now imposed upon American cattle and beef imported into Germany.

The administration is doing everything possible to expedite the sending of food to the Klondike region, as the president and all the members of the cabinet believe that relief will be needed by the gold seekers before regular traffic is resumed on the Yukon river. Agents of the Government are now bringing a number of reindeer from Norway to carry the food, which will all be ready and on the ground when the reindeer get to Alaska.

There is probably no provision of the constitution of the United States that furnishes more proof of the wisdom of our makers, or that is more revered by our people, than that which provides for our judiciary system. But nothing suits the Populist, except personal notoriety or gain for themselves, and Senator Butler, of North Carolina, who aims at an entirely new judicial system, the judges to be elected for terms of eight years, and has offered a joint resolution proposing to amend the constitution in accordance with his ideas. There isn't the slightest probability of any such changes, but that it should be even proposed is a warning to the country of what might be expected should the people ever allow the Bryanites to get on top.

During the three days that the Senate was in session in the week just closed, President McKinley sent more nominations to the Senate than in any other single week since he was inaugurated, but some of them were recess appointments.

Old accountants were not surprised when it was found necessary to abandon the Dockery system of auditing postmasters' accounts, because of discovered frauds. This system was adopted during the Cleveland administration as the result of an investigation by a commission, headed by Representative Dockery, of Missouri, and it was pointed out at the time that it was full of opportunities for fraud. No less than nine ways in which a dishonest postmaster could rob the government have been discovered by Sixth Auditor Castle, who has thrown out the system and intro-

duced a new one. The new system was specially intended to detect the frauds made possible by the Dockery system, and although it has only been in operation a week it has done so in a number of cases. The Government was probably robbed of many thousand dollars under the Dockery system of auditing post office money order accounts. Auditor Castle will ask Congress to authorize the employment of a special force to go over and check up the old accounts, believing that the stolen money can be recovered, and the thieves punished, by securing proofs of the thefts.

HYMENEAL.

FRESHE-SAWYER.

At the residence of John Brink in Greentown January 4, 1898, Amicus D. Frisbie and Kate E. Sawyer were united in the bonds of matrimony by the Rev. Mr. Clewell, pastor of the Hopedale Moravian Church. The bride is the teacher of the Greentown school. On the 6th inst. the happy couple left Greentown for Hawley where they took the 2 p. m. train for Sparrow-bush, N. Y., the home of the bride's parents.

Notes From the Pennsylvania Experiment Station.

The State College Dairy School has just made up its list of forty students for the Creamery Course to be given January 5th to February 16, 1898. These students were selected in the order of their application, preference being given to those who had had previous experience. It was necessary to reject nearly thirty other applicants on account of lack of room.

Analyses of samples of sugar beets grown in various parts of the State from seed distributed by the Station last spring have been nearly completed. As a whole, the results are very encouraging, although the dry weather of the late summer and fall rendered the yield small. Nearly half the samples were of sufficiently good quality for sugar manufacture and a considerable portion of these showed yields of upwards of eight tons per acre while several very excellent results were reported. A bulletin giving the detailed results is in preparation.

A bulletin giving the results of tests of varieties of wheat, oats, and potatoes, both during the past season and for the last eight years, is now in press.

Mr. M. E. McDonnell, Assistant in Bacteriology, made during the past summer a very thorough study of the milk supply of the larger cities of the Commonwealth for the State Department of Agriculture. A paper containing the report of these results, together with valuable suggestions as to the precautions necessary to insure the cleanliness and healthfulness of milk, will be contained in the forthcoming report of the Department.

The annual reports and quarterly bulletins of the station will be sent, free of charge, on application, and inquiries on agricultural subjects, answered so far as possible. Address, H. P. Armsby, director, State College, Centre county, Pa. Dec. 15, '97.

Farmers' Institute.

The attention of our farmers is called to the list of institutes, to be held in the county this winter, by the State Department of Agriculture, assisted by the local board of institute managers for the county. These meetings are in the interest of all our farmers, and are open to all. The expenses of conducting them is born by the State. No collections are allowed or the advertising of any business. The discussions are upon farm topics for the benefit of farmers. Arrange your business so as to attend and take part in the exercises. All classes of citizens are welcome, and interesting programs have been prepared. The county chairman is J. B. Van Etten, of Milford, Pa., who will be glad to send programmes or information to any one who will make the request.

The State speakers are: Hon. W. L. Nesbit, Lewisburg, Enos H. Hess, of State College, Pa., and Hon. E. N. Critchfield, Jenners, Pa. The institutes will be held at the following dates and places: Milford, Pa., Feb. 14, beginning at 1.30 p. m., and at Dingman's Ferry, Feb. 15th, beginning at 1.30 p. m.

Come out to these meetings and bring your families and friends.

SEVEN DOCTORS FAILED.

A Case of Syphilitic Catarrh in Its Worst Form Cured.

Invalids would do well to read the following letter recently written to Dr. Hartman by Mr. Abe Miller, of Stilesville, Indiana. Not only read it, but ponder on it. He wrote:

"A word of praise to your medicine. I began taking Per-na 11c 20th of February, 1897. I was all worn out. My weight was 134 pounds and almost ready to go to bed. I had catarrh, ashman and kidney trouble. I have taken ten bottles of Per-na and I weigh 151 pounds. I feel as if I could do as much work as any man on earth. I had tried seven doctors; some of them as good as there were in the state. But none of them did me any good. At last I saw Per-na advertised. Then I began taking it and it has cured me. So I recommended it to my neighbor and it is doing the work for him. He has gained four pounds from the use of three bottles."

Send To The Per-na Drug Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, for a free book on catarrh written by Dr. Hartman. Ask your druggist for a free Per-na Almanac for 1898.

Epiphany Party.

Seldom is such a gathering seen as assembled in the Crisman House last Thursday evening, for it is rare that Twelfth night is so especially celebrated in Milford. This day the twelfth after Christmas has formerly been and is yet observed as commemorating the appearance of the Saviour to the Magians who came to honor Him with presents.

As a household festival it is better known by the name of the Kings festival and the practice of choosing a King and Queen in family merriments upon that night has been traced back to a similar custom among the Romans during the Saturnalia.

To celebrate the event the young or society element blossomed in the picturesque costumes in which the characters familiarly known in the Mother Goose melodies appear. Quite a number of the venerable dame's children appeared but the good old matron herself was not present at least in appropriate dress to matronize her frolicsome brood, so it was a mother Goose party with the mother left out.

Little Millicent Crisman the hostess vivaciously represented, in fitting dress, the Queen of hearts who, if memory serves, was so proficient in the art of making tarts that a King would steal them. Henry Klaer who was that personage was not in the tart business but wanted a pipe and presumably a bowl of milk or something which he might divide with the other Queen Mary Lassiter who was getting the batter of the honey. George Jennings and Gove Emerson tooted their horns, as the boys in blue, for their lost sheep. Red Riding Hood was a favorite and had two lively representatives in Dorothy Baker and Bessie Jennings. Allie Emerson and Virginia Mott were the little Bo-Peeps whose lambs had wandered, and they didn't know were to find 'em. Bessie Armstrong was resplendent as a bride and Percy Hart threw aside dignity to show how a Jolly Miller might behave after being bitten by a flea. Helen Hart answered the question as to how contrary Mary's garden grew and Hetty Unsworth was the lady fair. Alice Baker the young lady who formerly had business with a cow which sported crumpled horns, and Edna Klaer the old lady Bunting who told stories about Papa's going hunting. George Heller was the Jack who went up only to fall down the hill, but all alone. Helen Lamschantin was little Miss Muffett scared by a spider and Edna blossomed a daffy down dilly.

Frank Baldwin Crissman, do not confound him with an elder Frank, as Bobby Shafto fat and fair and sporting rather more hair than the other one, was numerous and happy the night.

Suitable refreshments were served and each received from a handsome and well laden tree a Christmas gift and then went home to dream and wish their were more such evenings soon to come.

A caucus for the nomination of candidates for township offices to be held at the February election will be held by the Republican voters of Dingman township at the election house in said township Saturday, Jan. 15 at 2 o'clock p. m.

JOSEPH SCRANNO, JAMES BURY, JR., JULIUS W. KERRILL, Township Com. Jan. 13, 1898.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE B. SIMONS.

George B. Simons died at his home in Dreher township, Wayne county Saturday morning Jan. 8th, 1898, aged about 78 years. The funeral was held on Tuesday and interment in the Simonstown cemetery.

The deceased was a son of James and Ann Simons, who were among the first settlers of Greene township. His wife died about 24 years ago. He is survived by five children, two sons and three daughters; Marilla wife of David Heberling of Greentownship, Jennie - Mount Pocono, Monroe county, Charles of Jefferson county, July and Frank at home, also four brothers and three sisters, Elizabeth widow of Samuel H. Borree, Frances widow of John Wilson and Mrs. H. E. Kipp of Wisconsinville, Wayne county. The deceased was a member of Wallenpaupack Lodge No. 478 I. O. O. F.

HENRY HASER.

Henry Haser died at his home in Greene township Saturday morning Jan. 8th with pneumonia. He was sick about one week. He is survived by his wife one brother, Frederick and seven small children the youngest about two months old. The funeral services were held on Tuesday Jan. 11th at the Moravian church conducted by the pastor Rev. Clewell.

A Narrow Escape.

The experiment, always unsuccessful, of passing two trains on a single track, has been nevertheless frequently repeated. It came near repetition here this week, only there were no trains, they being typified by civil engineers. We were always fearful of the calamities which are a concomitant of railways, but in the peace and quietness of our rural lives we did not expect to be almost horrified by a railway collision at our very doors, yet it almost happened. Two rival corps of engineers surveying preliminary routes for two roads, both sure to be built, came upon the narrow track in front of the town. One man was killed there—many years ago—this time no gore was spilled, not even a Corbett war was waged, because as it chanced they did not arrive at the same time, but it was a mighty narrow escape from a fearful sensation. Our nerves are not in a condition to withstand severe shocks, so please gentlemen of the transits, tape, and levels aim to miss each other. There is plenty of room, the ice along the shore is safe for travel and when you are ready to build a real, honest cross your heart railroad, the parties who first secure a right of way and set a few Italian counts toying with the sands will be top dogs on the dirt pile, meantime we will sit on the bluff moonlight evenings listen to the gentle murmuring of the zephyrs, note the noble river meandering softly by until our reveries are dispelled by the scream of the iron horse, disturbed by the gentle wooing of stray skeeter from the Jarneys, or rudely awakened by a toot from Gabriel's trumpet. No railway collisions on our fair soil understand, we won't have them, pass.

Republican Committees.

The Republican County Committee met at Milford, Jan. 12th to organize for the ensuing year. Present, E. Pinchot, O. K. Lashshire, A. Billman, C. O. Armstrong, Charles Lattimore, proxy for Aaron Court-right. E. Pinchot was elected chairman and O. K. Lashshire, secretary. The following were elected township committeemen: Blooming Grove, John Kleinhans; Delaware, Jas. D. Brooks; Lehman, David Boucher; Lackawaxon, J. D. Kierman; Dingman, Julius W. Kiesel; Milford Township, G. Williams; Milford Borough, Charles Lattimore; Westfall, A. W. Balch, Jr.; Greene, Samuel Hopps; Palmyra, Alfred Killam; Shohola, V. Hipsman; Porter, Henry Whittaker.

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THE TREASURER'S FEES.

Resolutions Fixing Same—A Cut in Compensation.

January 3, motion by Mr. Heller that compensation of County Treasurer be fixed same as last year, viz: Two per cent. for money received and two per cent. for money paid out, except money received and paid out on temporary loans.

Heller and Newman, affirmative; Bensley, negative. Bensley moved that compensation be 1 1/2 for paying out and 1 1/2 for receiving. No action taken.

Motion by Heller that compensation for receiving and paying out money on temporary loans be one-fourth. Unanimously carried.

January 6, communication from County Auditors that they do not concur in the action fixing compensation the same being excessive and the wording of the resolution being too vague indefinite and uncertain in meaning to admit of intelligent action.

Resolution by Heller that inasmuch as the action of commissioners has been disapproved by the auditors that all resolutions passed on said date relating to same be rescinded.

Resolution by Mr. Heller that the compensation be on all money received on county duplicate two per cent. on all money paid out as hereinafter provided two per cent. on amount of personal property tax received from Commonwealth one-fourth per cent. No per cent. on money received on temporary loans or payment of same or for payment of same now existing. On moneys not above mentioned two per cent. each way.

Newman and Heller, affirmative; Bensley not voting.

The following resolution offered by Bensley not acted on: Resolved, that the Treasurer of Pike county shall receive as fees for 1898 1 1/2 on all money received from duplicates and on paying out said moneys received from duplicates. He shall receive on all moneys drawn from the state or otherwise received or paid except on duplicates as above stated and all moneys on which the fees of the treasurer are fixed by law he shall receive at the rate of one-fourth of one per cent. for receiving and paying out said moneys.

This resolution is not offered because the county is so deeply in debt, and therefore the greatest economy is obligatory, but because I consider the pay a just compensation for the services of the County Treasurer, particularly so when I take in consideration how hard the greater part of the people of this county have to toil and strive to get money to pay their taxes.

JAMES M. BENSLEY.

January 7, the County Auditors approve of resolution in the matter of treasurer's compensation as contained in communication of Jan. 6.

JOHN C. WARNER, County J. E. OLMSTED, G. J. GEPHARDT, Auditors, ATTEST C. P. MOTT, Clerk.

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 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."

The County Funds.

The balances shown in the hands of the County Treasurer Jan. 1 are: County funds \$355 97 Road " 252 68 Poor " 86 07 School " 289 55 Sheep " 454 15 Redemption funds 155 36 The bills rendered by the Commissioners for services and expenses for 1897 are: Wallace H. Newlan 774 43 James G. Heller 622 74 James M. Bensley 563 40

FOR SALE.—Seasoned white oak sled plank very tough. Address, B. B. Hursh, Hainesville, N. J.

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

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Dunn, of Passaic is visiting her brother, Rev. W. R. Neff.

Moses C. Westbrook, of Blooming Grove visited Milford last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Hunt at their home on Mott-street a son.

Jacob DeWitt of this place left for Scranton last Saturday to visit his sister.

Mrs. Wallace Newman is seriously ill at her home on Broad street with a heavy cold.

Dr. Horace J. Beemer and George Smith, of Newton, called on friends in Milford last Sunday.

H. B. Wel's was on Tuesday re-elected a director in the First National Bank of Port Jervis.

Dr. Arthur Simons and Peter Corey, of Greene, were in Milford Wednesday on legal matters.

Oscar M. Brink of Yonkers, N. Y. has been visiting his mother and daughter a few days this week.

Mrs. Henrietta Wilson and son Paul have gone to Wayverly, N. Y., where they will spend the winter.

Miss Katie Beck has returned home after an extended visit among friends and relatives in New York, Newark and other places.

Mrs. Charles DeKay Townsend, who lately returned from an European trip is with her family occupying a cottage on Harford street.

Adrian F. Kiernan who spent last summer at the Jardon House has lately been appointed assistant Corporation Counsel in New York.

Wm. H. Armstrong and wife left Milford Jan. 6 for their winter home in Washington, D. C., where they will remain until next May.

The Misses May and Grace Boyd entertained at their home on Broad street several of their friends at a Progressive Enchre party last Thursday night Jan. 6.

Hon. J. J. Hart was recently appointed a member of the Board of Directors of the Independent School District of Milford in place of C. W. Bull, Esq. resigned.

The Misses Crawford, of Iowa have been spending several days visiting at Conasaugh. They will spend the winter in New York taking a course of study in art.

Andrew Yetter, of Blairtown, visited his possessions in Pike this week. He says he may come here to reside, with a strong accent on, and a big exclamation point after, the may.

Mrs. William Hass died Monday evening at her home in Shohola of cancer in the stomach. She was about 57 years old. Her husband and two children survive. The funeral took place Wednesday.

Dr. Charles Beattie, of Middle-town, has been assisting Rev. Thos. Nichols in holding services this week in the Presbyterian church. The meetings are well attended and the forcible and persuasive sermons of Dr. Beattie have created a marked impression on his hearers.

Wallace Wheat with a companion came down from Port Jervis last Sunday and in turning in to the Vandermark Hotel stable their sleigh was upset throwing them out in a promiscuous heap. Wheat's arm was severely bruised and his collar bone injured. The horse ran a short distance and fell in a wood pile cutting its leg quite badly.

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 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.

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

Chautauque Circle.

At a conference of officers and members of the Chautauque circle, it has been decided to pass over the meeting on Thursday evening of this week, January 13th. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Shearer on Thursday evening, January 27th, at 8 o'clock. The lesson will be "Imperial Germany," from page 66 to page 113.

BRIEF MENTION.

—Dr. John Hall for over thirty years pastor of the Fifth avenue Presbyterian Church has resigned.

—Service may be expected at the Sawkill school house, the weather permitting, Sunday January 16th at 3.30, p. m. A good attendance is hoped for.

—Liquor licenses for 1898 will cost more than last year. The act of 1897 making them in boroughs \$200 and in townships \$100. The increase goes to the State.

—After the holidays Milford dropped out of gaiety and into a serene, peaceful slumber. There isn't news enough here for even a yellow journal lukewarm sensation.

—50 years improvements in farming advertised in the Press is a very interesting paper. Get up a club in your neighborhood and order as many copies as possible. Address all orders to the Press only 15 cents a copy.

—Now farmers please don't all ask to be writ down as speakers at the Institute. Half a dozen will answer considering that it will be a one day session, but let us have at least that many sure for a ten minute talk each.

—Two corps of surveyors are now engaged running lines in the valley for different corporations. The farmers console themselves with the idea that the stakes will all leave out in the spring, so as not to impede their plows or mowing machines.

—A railway is reported as sure between Kingston and Ellenville, and the papers are advising the mail carriers not to have their wagons painted for the spring business. Mere waste of money for they will not need to use them.

—Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio won his fight by a vote of 56 in the House and seventeen in the Senate. The same seventy three were cast for him at the joint session which makes him a representative in the upper house of Congress for the next eight years.

—A mild case of Scarlet fever in the family of W. R. Judd was reported to the health board last Sunday, and the house, situated near Browns mill, was promptly quarantined. No new case has so far been reported and it is hoped the disease will be confined to its present limits.

—There are always after the ball reflections, sometimes regrets, so Johnson the incomparable fitter of feet has some after the holiday suggestions in the way of slippers and sandals. They seem to be regrets at least it appears he is sorry he has them and proposes to let them slide your way for a song.

—The house of John R. Smith in Montague township, New Jersey situated on what is called the new road was with its contents totally destroyed by fire last Sunday evening. The fire broke out about 7.30 and in less than an hour the work of destruction was complete. The loss is over \$1000 partially insured with Bowman at Branchville for \$600. There was no one home at the time and the origin of the fire is not known.

Have you examined Brown & Armstrong's new goods.

Better State Roads.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, John Hamilton has received from several Quarter Session Judges in the State replies to a circular sent out by him suggesting a scheme for improving the roads. The views he advanced meet with approval. His plan in brief is that viewers should report whether in their opinion public necessity demands the road, that they attach a map showing courses and distances, also a profile map showing the contour of the ground, the cuts and fills and degrees of elevation, and that no road except in extreme cases shall have over five degrees grade. The width shall be at least thirty three feet and the character of the soil marked on the draft, and that there shall accompany the report an estimate of the probable cost of construction. Several of the above particulars are already provided for by law and rules of court but the one requiring profile drawings showing elevations and depressions and estimates of cost are new.

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