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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Senator Peffer does not like the charge that has been made against him of his being a victim of the Presidential...

What is the actual condition of the United States Treasury? How much cash, available for immediate use, has the Secretary of the Treasury at his command?

It is said there is a law in Norway which forbids the marriage of any girl until she can prove her ability to bake, spin and knit.

The third party Farmers' movement in Iowa is assuming extensive proportions. A State Convention has been called and 990 delegates are expected to attend.

RECENT census bulletins show a falling off in the rural population in a majority of the northern States. This is accounted for by emigrations of farmers to the West and the increased development of commercial interests in the cities.

THE Philadelphia "wit-cat" organizations that promised \$100 for \$35 paid in are being disrupted rapidly, and the numerous dupes who paid their dollars with the hope of receiving three dollars for one paid in or something substantial for nothing, can philosophize over their misfortune at their leisure.

No, no, Brother Johnson, of the North Wales Record, you have not hurt the feelings of the Independent a particle. The question involved is one of principle, not of feeling in a personal sense.

Death from a Queer Accident. BRIDGEMONT, May 5.—Jacob Carpenter, a prominent merchant of Bard, this county, met with a very remarkable accident yesterday, which resulted in his death to-day.

The wife of the Rev. E. Lytkin, of Wellington, Kan., ran away from home recently while her husband was off on a lecturing tour.

A Five Thousand Mile Railway. The great Russian railway from Vladivostok on the Pacific Ocean through Siberia to St. Petersburg has been ordered and operations begun.

Died at One Hundred and Seven. RALEIGH, April 30.—Archibald Andrews, the oldest man in North Carolina, died near Hillsboro Wednesday, aged 107 years.

A Cork Causes Death. NEW YORK, May 3.—After two weeks of suffering the Rev. Dr. George W. Bothwell, of the Congregational Church of the Covenant on Classon avenue, died at the Brooklyn Hospital, at 9.20 o'clock, to-night.

Legislation at Harrisburg. The Compulsory Education bill passed the House last week by yeas 116, nays 49. It requires that all children between the ages of 8 and 12 years must attend school at least 16 weeks each year, unless the child resides more than two miles from the nearest school.

The new road law passed finally in the House. It provides for the election; qualifications and organizations of the supervisors in the several townships of this Commonwealth; defines their duties, authorizes them to make, repair and maintain roads and bridges, or to give out contracts for the same and to construct "highways" by contract; also, to levy and collect taxes, to employ the labor and to make their report to the County Commissioners; prescribes the manner of petitioning for road views to lay out, vacate or open roads and "highways"; defines the word "highways"; and manner of construction; provides penalties for violation of the act; directs the Secretary of International Affairs to furnish blanks for supervisors and to give the State Treasury a statement of the moneys expended by the several townships for roads, the basis for the distribution of the State appropriation, &c.

The following bills, among others, passed finally: An act to authorize the election of assistant assessors for the purpose of registration of voters in townships and boroughs containing more than one election district wherein but one assessor for valuation resides. An act to provide for the security to be entered by municipal corporations for the taking of land for the opening or widening of roads, streets and highways.

Considerable interest in the Speakership fight was aroused this week by the presence here of Mr. McMullan and several of his lieutenants in conference. None of the gentlemen would say what they came for, but it was evident that they thought it important.

General Schofield says he is pleased with the progress made in enlisting Indians in the army, and that he hopes some of the Indian troops may be organized and sufficiently disciplined to be stationed at the World's Fair, in '93.

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ESTATE NOTICE! Estate of Sarah R. Hallman, late of Upper Providence, Montgomery county, deceased.

ESTATE NOTICE! Estate of Abram Cassel, late of Lower Providence township, Montg. Co., Pa., deceased.

NOTICE! The Board of Directors of the Collegeville Ice Manufacturing Company have called a meeting of the stockholders of said Company.

NOTICE! All kinds of Job Printing executed at the Independent Office.

