

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, May 8, 1899. Mr. McKinley doesn't like portions of the report of the Military Court of Inquiry, and it is said that the Court, which adjourned a week ago, will be reconvened to revise the objectionable parts of the report before it is approved by Mr. McKinley and made public. It seems that in their criticisms of certain officers, the members of the court, doubtlessly unintentionally, trod on Mr. McKinley's toes.

Some of Boss Hanna's tricks in the Speakership muddle are leaking out. One of them was his hint that the Speaker ought to be a western man. It was thought strange at the time that he should have dropped that hint. But when it is known that several days afterward he had a private conference in New York, with Representative Sherman, its strangeness disappears. It was a bluff to bring Sherman to his knees, and obtain pledges from him. Whether it succeeded is not certain, but there are reasons for believing that it did, and that Sherman, who was first known as Czar Reed's Candidate, will be taken up by Hanna, the administration, and the trusts, and elected Speaker. Friends of Hopkins, Ill., and Henderson of Iowa, both of whom had been led to expect Administration support, are getting very suspicious. They will not talk for publication now, but if the Hanna-McKinley support is given to Sherman they will probably do some talking that will not be enjoyed either by Boss Hanna or Mr. McKinley, and they may not confine their animosity to talk. The Republican majority in the next House will not be large and a few vigorous kickers can make lots of trouble for those in charge of the Administration programme.

Senator Pettigrew, who has been traveling extensively since Congress adjourned, is now in Washington. He said of his observation of the political situation: "Bryan will be nominated by acclamation. His nomination cannot be prevented. I spent several weeks traveling through the South and talked with people in the small towns. In every state, and especially in Louisiana and Texas, I found the sentiment for Bryan overwhelming. Members of the Board of Trade of New Orleans were not favorable to him, but out in the country districts Bryan's name was mentioned with the highest praise. In South Dakota and the northwest there is the same feeling. I believe, too, that half of the delegation from New York will be for Bryan. You know they elect delegates by Congressional districts in New York, and that will insure the expression of the sentiment of the people." The Senator expressed the opinion that the Populists would hold the first National Convention next year, and would nominate Bryan. Speaking of the letter of the Gov. of South Dakota, asking for the discharge of the volunteers from that state, and of the Philippine policy, Senator Pettigrew said: "In his letter to President McKinley, Gov. Lee correctly represented the sentiment of the people of our state. I consider the life of one of our brave boys from South Dakota as worth more than all the Filipinos living. There is no justification for killing these people away. The possession of these islands is worth but little from any point of view we can't make much out of a race whose labor is paid at the rate of 4 cents a day. Our entire policy regarding them is wrong, and though men who oppose it are denounced as traitors, I believe the time will soon come when they will be looked upon as true patriots."

Democrats are hoping that Alger's announcement of his candidacy for the Senate will have the administration endorsement. The legislature which will elect Senator McMillan's successor will not be elected until the fall of 1900, and if Alger becomes the Administration candidate for the Senate, it will largely increase Democratic chances for carrying Michigan for the National ticket. Senator McMillan says he did tell Alger a year ago that he would not be a candidate for re-

election, but that he is not prepared to say as much now, owing to changed circumstances. The "changed circumstances" are believed to have been brought about by McMillan's failure to secure a big diplomatic plum, which Alger made him believe was in his reach, for the express purpose of getting him to declare that he would not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate.

The designation of Senator Jones, previous to his departure for Europe, where he goes for his health, of Mr. J. G. Johnson, National Committee-man from Kansas, to take charge of the affairs of the Democratic National Committee during the absence of Senator Jones, its chairman, and Mr. Walsh, its Secretary, means that there will be no change in the policy of the committee, as Mr. Johnson has been ever since he became chairman of the committee. It means also that there is to be no change in the chairmanship of the committee until after the candidate for President is nominated next year.

The Farm Boys Must Have a Chance. "Heretofore they have been able to get on in the world and equally with any other class. They have never slighted the grand opportunities afforded them to acquire fame and fortune.

Those who have left the farm and gone to the cities have made their mark, have distinguished themselves in the professions, in manufacturing, and in the arts of trade. To-day a large part of the great business of the cities is carried on by the sons and grandsons of farmers. It has been said, and perhaps truly, that were it not for the fresh and virile country blood that is infused into city life, the cities themselves would soon decay.

But how is it now? How does the farmer boy's chance compare with what it used to be, now that corporations and trusts have taken control of nearly everything? We will let the Republican Governor of one of the greatest western states answer this question:

"The power to 'start in business,' to make a career, has been taken away from our educated young men. The boy comes from the district school, the high school or the university, quick-witted, able, competent, and seeks employment. What does he find? This—that he must choose between farming, a trade, a profession or a clerkship in some corporation.

"The mercantile world, as it was organized thirty years ago, no longer exists. Ability does not count except as corporations can use it. When they are supplied, the boys must go to farming or go into politics, and maybe turn political strikers.

"The corporation jobs, professional, mechanical, clerical, are given first to the sons of favorites of the stockholders and directors. Any small jobs left over are given, with more or less show of generosity, to young men who are permitted to do the work for which some of the favorites get the pay.

"Brains, ability, power in the young man without capital will eventually bring, if his life is spared to maturity, a fair living salary—no more—unless, as sometimes happens, an unusually bright man comes to know too much to be put off with only a salary."

Thus we find to-day hundreds of thousands of our young men—farmers' sons, too—vainly seeking positions where they can, by frugality, honesty and hard work, establish themselves in honorable business, become the heads of families, become men among men, lay up a competence for old age; instead they find only the crumbs that fall from the corporation tables, instead they must take menial places at small salaries, with little hope of ever rising out of the position of servitors.

It behooves farmers who have sons who have to make their own way in the world, to consider whether trusts and soulless corporations are a good thing to apologize for and encourage."

Oddities in Print.

It is a felony to run a crap game in Tennessee under a new law. The American birds have decreased in number nearly 50 per cent, in the last 15 years.

In Russia you must marry before thirty or not at all, and you may marry only five times.

Half the ships in the world are British. The best of them can be converted into ships of war in 48 hours.

Between 7,000 and 9,000 pounds of plug tobacco are yearly furnished to the penitentiary inmates in Mississippi.

Paris actresses wear paper lace, which by night looks as beautiful and as delicate as the best of real lace, while it costs but a trifle.

There are 48 different materials used in constructing a piano, from no fewer than 16 different countries, employing 45 different hands.

The Empress of China travels with 3,000 costumes in 600 trunks in charge of 1,200 servants.

NO NEW TAX THIS YEAR.

Merchantile Appraisers Must Follow the Old Law Until 1900.

An opinion from Attorney General Elkin is to the effect that the new Merchantile tax law will not be put in force until next year. Under the new law there are no exemptions, the act reading:

"Each retail vender of or retail dealer of goods, wares and merchandise shall pay an annual merchantile tax of two dollars, and all persons so engaged shall pay one mill additional on each dollar of the whole volume gross of business transacted annually. Each wholesale vender of or wholesale dealer in goods, wares and merchandise shall pay an annual merchantile license tax of three dollars, and all persons so engaged shall pay one-half mill additional on each dollar of the whole volume gross of business transacted annually. Each dealer in or vender of goods, wares or merchandise at any exchange or Board of Trade shall pay a merchantile license tax of twenty five cents on each thousand dollars worth gross of goods so sold.

"And it is provided that all persons who shall sell to dealers in or venders of goods, wares and merchandise, and to no other person or persons, shall be taken under the provisions of this act to be wholesalers. And all other venders of or dealers in goods, wares and merchandise shall be retailers, and shall pass an annual license tax as provided in this act for retailers."

It is expected under the provisions of this act the States' revenue will be increased fully one million dollars annually.

American Mechanics Good Showing.

The State Council of the Junior American Mechanics at Shamokin last week elected the following officers:

State councilor, S. C. Green, Philadelphia; State vice-councilor, M. E. Davis, Duquesne; secretary, Walter Graham, Philadelphia; treasurer, C. H. Kurtz, Philadelphia; inductor, G. W. Sides, Bainbridge; examiner, F. D. Thompson, Allegheny City; inside protector, G. W. Metz, Shamokin; outside protector, A. M. Rush, Riegelsville; representative to National Council, A. M. Holstein, Harrisburg.

Secretary Graham reported for the year that 1643 members had been initiated, 148 received cards, while 341 were reinstated. There were 143 deaths; applicants rejected, 47; received by subordinate councils, \$128,899.74, showing a wonderful increase over that of last year; paid by subordinate councils for benefits and relief \$63,639; expenditures for other purpose, \$65,489.69; amount in treasuries of subordinate councils, \$295,171.80; received by State Council from per capita tax, \$4,940.50. A resolution was passed deploring the proposed cut in the public school appropriation by Gov. Stone.

Odd Fellows Convention at Allentown Pa.

The Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge, Grand Encampment and Rebekah Assembly will be held at Allentown May 15th to 20th, 1899.

For the benefit of members desiring to attend these conventions arrangements have been made whereby the Philadelphia and Reading Railway will sell excursion tickets from all Ticket Stations east of and including Sunbury, Danville, Columbia, Lancaster, Shippensburg and Gettysburg at the low rates of Single Fare for Round Trip, with a minimum of Forty Cents these tickets to be sold and good going May 15th and 16th and good to return until May 17th inclusive.

For rates of fare from Stations, time of trains and other information consult any Philadelphia & Reading ticket agents or address Edson J. Weeks, General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

What Do They Know About It?

A Sheboygan, Michigan, editor says that his fever is caused by kissing grass widows. A Missouri editor says it is caused by a grass widow kissing a youth by moonlight. An Iowa editor says it is caused by the fellow kissing his girl while he is feeding hay to the cow, and an eastern Kansas exchange is of the opinion that it is caused by missing the girl and kissing the cow. A poetical editor says it is caused by too much kissing in the heyday of youth.

Nell—I hear that Percy has been fairly raving about my complexion. Belle—Oh, well you mustn't mind him. He always goes crazy over a work of art.

Customer—I want to buy a hat. Hatter—Yes, sir. Would you like a high hat? Customer—No; I want something for about a dollar and a half.

They say in Pembroke, England, when it snows while the sun is shining, that the devil is beating his wife.

COURAGEOUS ANIMALS.

Jungle Cat Attacked a Leopard Three Times Its Own Size—Other Instances.

In North America one of the largest of the weasel family is the "fisher," a very large, long-furred polecat, living mainly by the water side, and like many others of the tribe, very partial to fish, says the London Spectator. It weighs about 16 pounds, and its long, richly-colored fur is exported in great quantities to different parts of Europe, though not often used in this country. A trapped "fisher" will attack anyone who comes within reach of the trap chain, and when free will beat off any dog of twice its size. But perhaps the most striking example of the courage of the smaller species yet recorded is that shown by a small variety of jungle cat known as the fishing cat, which, though no relation to the Canadian "fisher," is quite as courageous. One of these, which was kept in a menagerie, broke through into the next cage and there attacked a leopard which was three times its own size.

The Indian mongoose possesses all the courage of the polecat, together with amiability and a "regulated" mind. It turns its pluck and prowess to good ends, and we imagine it to stand at the head of the list of the smaller animals if quality as well as quantity is demanded as a mark of intrepidity. There is no doubt that the mongoose realizes the deadly nature of the cobra's bite. Its intense excitement is strong evidence of this. But a mongoose has been known to fight just as bravely against other foes. One was seen to attack and drive off a large greyhound which it fancied was hostile to itself.

Corean Punishment.

A youth in Kumsan, Corea, recently cut his hair to displease his parents. The latter were so enraged and grieved at this conduct that they "looked upon him as dead," and, calling in their relatives and friends, went through the ceremony for the dead, sacrifices were offered, and wailing indulged in. The incorrigible youth was a stoic spectator through it all, sitting quietly by himself, and when tired he made his way to the dispensary of Dr. Drew (from whom the account is drawn) and reported the progress of the services. For a month no notice was taken of the boy by his parents other than giving him his food. He has taken to wearing foreign clothing.

Very Natural.

A little boy and girl were standing at the bedside of a sick mother, who was administering words of caution to the pair. They were going out to tea, and the mother said, as she kissed her son: "Now, dear, mind and not be too boisterous." His little sister pensively remarked, as she said good-by: "Mustn't I be gristlerous, mamma?"

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