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A very strange feature of the war in the Philippines is that Gen. Otis always knows where Aguinaldo is, and yet does not know the location of several divisions of his own army.

A grand jury investigation, at Lansing, Michigan, recently conducted, to look into the expenditure of State war funds during the mobilization of troops for the Spanish-American war, has revealed a sale of military stores and supplies, sold by the authorities of the State, for \$10,500, and shortly thereafter re-sold to the State for \$61,000. To call it grand larceny hardly describes it. In speaking of the matter the Philadelphia Record says: "Somebody ought to go to jail for such crookedness." Just so, but it is more than likely that the very fellows who planned and committed the gigantic swindle will be lionized by the community for their smartness. Similar occurrences in other states could be discovered, were investigations to be made.

THE SITUATION IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The past week has been a bad one for Great Britain. Day after day, according to dispatches, her forces have been driven back, suffering great losses.

The most humiliating defeat of the number she has suffered was that of Gen. Buller. On the morning of the 15th he moved in full force against the Boers, but the fire of the enemy was too severe, and he was forced to retreat. He suffered heavy losses. Of eighteen horses, thirteen were killed. A number of big guns were captured by the Boers. Buller's defeat has startled England as nothing has done in recent times, and from now on it can be depended upon that the country will go to war, with her full strength, because the life and future of the British Empire depends upon it. But she should call a halt. It is useless to sacrifice life, in her present condition. Her every attempt to invade Boer territory has been futile. Let her accept the assistance proffered by the colonies, mass a great army in Africa, and then strike a decisive blow.

The Proposed Enlargement of the White House.

From time to time suggestions have been made to enlarge and otherwise improve the White House, and a bill having that end in view has been introduced by Senator Cullom. The reason given for the proposed enlargement is that the Presidential mansion has become in effect a business office for the Executive, and that the head of this great nation has been forced by the encroachments of his clerical force into narrower living quarters than most well-to-do private citizens would be content to occupy.

The President practically lives in a few rooms of his big house, and has been compared to a tailor living over his store. The obvious remedy would be the removal of the President's "shop" from the apartments intended for residential purposes. A suitable building could be erected for the accommodation of the President's clerical force at a less cost than would be required to remodel the Executive Mansion. Moreover, the White House should be preserved intact, if for no other reason than because of its historic associations. The shades of Abigail Adams and Dolly Madison forbid that the fine bit of "colonial" architecture should be defaced by tawdry additions.—Phila. Record.

MAJOR GENERAL LAWTON KILLED.

Shot Down by a Filipino Sharpshooter on Tuesday Morning.

Major General Henry W. Lawton was killed Tuesday morning while leading a cavalry troop against General Geronimo, near San Mateo.

While the cheers of his men were mingling with the rifle volleys that just preceded the grand rush into the town, he was struck down by a bullet from a Filipino sharpshooter's rifle.

All the morning he had been smiling, though the bullets whistled around him and clipped the grass at his feet. Staff officers called his attention to the danger he was running, but his contempt for rifle balls only caused him to laugh at their fears.

Suddenly he stopped, clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand, and reeled into the arms of a staff officer. Orderlies rushed across the field for surgeons, who came up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump

of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the great white helmet that he always wore covering the face that even in death wore a smile.

General Lawton left home Monday night, having returned from his northern operations Saturday to lead an expedition through Mariquina Valley, which has been an insurgent stronghold throughout the war. The valley has several times been invaded, but never held by the Americans. General Geronimo was supposed to have there the largest organized force north of Manila, and General Otis wished to garrison Mariquina.

Accompanied by his staff and Troop I, Fourth Cavalry, General Lawton set out at 9 o'clock in advance of the main force, consisting of the Eleventh Cavalry and one battalion each of the Twentieth and Twenty-seventh Infantry, which started from La Loma at midnight.

With a small escort he led the way through an almost pathless country, a distance of fifteen miles, over hills and through canebrake and deep mud, the horses climbing the rocks and sliding down the hills. Before day-break the command had reached the head of the valley.

San Mateo, which lies between a high mountain and a broad, shallow stream with white sand bars, which the insurgent trenches and the building commanded, was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three-hours' fight ensued. The Americans were compelled to ford the river under fire. It was while they were lying in the rice fields and volleying across, preparatory to passing the stream, that General Lawton was shot. All except the officers were behind cover. A staff officer was wounded about the same time, and one other officer and seven men were wounded.

After three hours' shooting the Filipinos were dispersed into the mountains. Colonel Lockett took command when General Lawton fell.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

—On January 1 Dr. J. R. Flickinger, principal-elect of the Lock Haven State Normal School, will assume the duties of his new position.

—York Springs is without religious service, the Methodist Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Episcopal pulpits being vacant through resignation and death.

—The ex-county commissioners of Bradford county, who were surcharged with \$36,000 for misappropriated funds, have settled the matter by the payment of \$20,000.

—A fruit canning factory is now being agitated by some of the Montoursville merchants, and it is believed it would make a profitable investment and give employment to quite a number of hands.

—D. K. Heckman last week sold a tract of valuable timber land, in Sugar Valley, to Edgar Holt, of Northumberland, and James Schrack, of Lewisburg, for \$7,000. By this sale the most valuable tract of white pine and white oak timber in Sugar Valley changes owners. The timber will likely be manufactured in Sugar Valley in the near future.

—With about three-quarters of a million dollars in his bank account, Frank Belcher, who left Scranton about six years ago for Alaska, a poor man, is visiting his old home. He was on hand when the gold strike was made in the Klondike and secured rich claims near Dawson. He was formerly a laborer in a coal mine.

Ornely Beaten and Robbed.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lockwood, at Mt. Carmel, aged 75 and 72 years, respectively, was broken into by burglars Tuesday night, and \$875.00 in gold coin, the couple's savings for many years, was carried away. The old people, besides being robbed, were cruelly beaten and kicked. Part of the aged woman's clothing was torn off. They were both tied to chairs and left in a helpless condition. There were five in the gang. A few hours after the robbery an attempt was made to break into the Mammoth store at Centralia by the same gang. The night watchman shot several times at them with a revolver, but they sought cover, and creeping down an embankment, escaped.

Town Killers Classified.

Town killers are classified into eight separate branches as follows: First, those who go out of town to do their shopping; second, those who are opposed to improvements; third, those who imagine they own the town; fourth, those who prefer a quiet town to one of vim and enterprise; fifth, those who deride public spirited men; sixth, those who oppose every movement that does not originate with them; seventh, those who oppose every movement that does not appear to benefit them; eighth, those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of individuals.

Orangeville is to lose one of its physicians, Dr. A. P. Stoddard, who has been located in that town for many years, will move to Scranton.

"The Best is the Cheapest."

Experience teaches that good clothes wear longest, good food gives best nutrition, and a good medicine that cures disease is naturally the best and cheapest. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best medicine money can buy, because it cures when all others fail.

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NUTMEGGERS' QUEER LAWS.

Some of Them Sound Strange, But Others Are Perfectly Reasonable and Right.

Connecticut is noted for her queer laws. Here's the freshest bunch of them, from the New York World. They went into effect on the 1st of August:

If a mortgagee pays insurance, taxes and assessments to protect property under mortgage to him, such money shall become a part of the mortgage debt. Blind persons may be exempt from taxation to the amount of \$3,000.

The governor must proclaim arbor and bird days. Parents are responsible for their truant children.

The United States flag must not be disgraced with inscriptions.

You will be fined for digging more than one peck of clams on the Fairfield beach.

Rabbits are protected in the close season.

If you wish to collect birds' eggs you must have a licence from the game commissioners.

Typewritten deeds, wills and contracts are binding, and standard ribbons are prescribed.

Trout hatched from the egg by growers may be sold between February 1 and October 1.

You must kill wild ducks, geese and brant with a gun that must be raised at arm's length and discharged from the shoulder.

All children in the schools must have their eyes tested.

Dealers in second-hand bicycles must keep records.

Lodging house keepers must keep their books in English.

Bread must not be baked in a dark cellar.

You must not kill more than 75 rail in one day.

Mongolian, Chinese or English pheasants must not be killed before 1906.

Workmen must not be forced to join a labor union.

No man is a hero in the eyes of a looking glass.

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Latest in Hats, \$1.00. \$1.00.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 2, 1900. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised Dec 21, 1899":

B. Albertson, Mr. McClellan Diehl, Mr. T. L. Duncan, Mrs. E. E. Johnson (2), Mr. John A. Kitchen, J. D. Powell, Mr. Harry Polner, Mr. Boyd Smith. Cards—Miss Anna Stute.

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RULE ON HEIRS.

ESTATE OF LAWSON HUGHES, DECEASED.

To Wellington Hughes, of Cambria, Luzerne county, Pa., Hannah Lee and Lewis Lee, of Northumberland, Columbia county, Pa., Ellen Hughes, Clara Hughes, Bessie Hughes, Ida Hughes and John Hughes, of Mill Grove, Columbia county, Pa., Clinton Hughes, of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, Pa., Oliver Hughes, of Ottowa, Kansas, John B. Hughes, Cozad, Dawson county, Nebraska, Sophia Arthur and Calvin Arthur, of Cozad, Dawson county, Nebraska, legal descendants of said Lawson Hughes, deceased, and to all other persons interested, greeting: You and each of you are hereby cited to be and appear before the judges of our Orphans' Court, to be held at Bloomsburg on the first Monday of February, 1900, next, at 3 o'clock p. m., then and there to accept or refuse to take the real and personal estate of said Lawson Hughes, deceased, as appraised and valued by the appraisers, and to be held by the said Court, and returned by the Commissioners, or show cause why it shall not be sold. And hereof fail not. W. W. BLACK, SHERIFF. 12-21-16 Per A. B. BLACK, Deputy.

Oh! Where Shall We Go?

At this season of the year when people are troubled so much over what to select for their friends in the line of presents for Christmas they often worry about where to find a well selected assortment at prices within reach of all.

Just one peep at our show windows will relieve your mind on the subject where to make your choice, and to convince you that we have great bargains. Call and get our prices. See our great line of holiday slippers, umbrellas, parasols, mackintoshes, purses, towels, napkins, bureau scarfs, pillow shams, books, dolls, games, &c.

In Bamboo Furniture

We can give you table stands, jardiniere stands, Japanese seats, corner chairs, pedestals, &c.

Handkerchiefs, All Grades.

Hundreds of loving messages from the little ones to Santa Claus can be satisfactorily answered from these stores each day. In every nook and corner of Toyland the jolly little saint has left substantial evidence of his love for the little folks.

China Department.

New goods in jardinieres, 75c to \$2 25; pedestals, \$2 25 to \$5 00; lamps, 35c to \$12 00. In artistic shapes, rich colorings and beautiful decorations. You cannot know what we have unless you see them. Our new lamps, on sale, show the greatest line in town. We are equipped to satisfy every demand of the lamp buyer.

Holmes, Coutts & Larabee's choice wafers and biscuits.

Nuts and Candies.

Our line is complete—from the cheap 10-cent mixture to Lowney's best. Oranges, bananas, &c.

It does not matter what you need for the holidays, it will pay you every time to visit our store.

Bloomsburg Store Co., Limited.

Corner Main and Centre. ALFRED McHENRY, Manager

Christmas Time and the Store.

The formal opening of our holiday stock is something more than a mere incident in the year's merchandising.

It is of sufficient importance to be classed as an event. The store news concerning it is read with interest by our buying public.

The gift buying time is here. The equipment is here to meet the demands. The store is at its best, from top to bottom, from end to end. Everything, everywhere, breathes an atmosphere of Christmas. When lines are most complete there is selection most satisfactory. The completeness and dependability of this big holiday outfit is worthy of the strongest emphasis that we can give them. Everything as near right as experience, knowledge of needs and hard work can make them. Just a few hints for print, they'll serve as index to scores of other hints not printed, but equally important to those who have gifts to buy.

Handkerchiefs For Gifts.

You will find about every good kind of handkerchiefs here.

You will find them temptingly priced, with double our usual quantity.

We start, both ladies' and gentlemen, at 5c, and have them up to \$3 25.

The 12c line you will find the best ever shown in Bloom.

Holiday China.

Can't give you all the China news. Can only outline the Christmas lots. An investigation and your knowledge of values will do the rest.

Salad bowls, from 25c to \$4 50

Celery trays, " 50c to 3 75

Bread plates, " 25c to 2 75

Cups & saucers, " 10c to 1 50

Chop plates, " 25c to 4 75

Cream pitchers, trays, of all kinds. Mugs, vases, pepper and salts, platters, fruit saucers, from 10c up.

The Kid Glove Equipment.

Regular lines re-inforced, new

The Lily Patent Flour is a new brand put up for this store.

In order to get it introduced we will sell it to you at \$3 60 per Bbl. We sell it with this understanding: If you can't bake good bread out of it we will take it back and give you your money.

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French Mixture, 15c. lb., or 2 lbs. 25c.

Broken Candy, 10c. lb.

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