

WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUBAN POLICY STILL UNKNOWN.

Secretary Sherman Even Unaware of the Course McKinley Will Pursue With Spain.—The Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Senator McLaurin is one of the few Democrats who is willing to make a prediction as to the date of the passage of the tariff bill by the Senate, which nearly every body expects to occur some time during the latter part of the present or the first of next week. Speaking on the subject, Mr. McLaurin says: "I think a vote will be reached on Friday. That is hangman's day, and, as the bill will bring ruin and misery it would be appropriate to put it through on hangman's day." Some of the Republican Senators expect the bill to be passed as early as Wednesday or Thursday of this week, but that is not very probable. Republicans in the House are very confident that in all the important schedules, the bill as it emerges from the conference committee will closely resemble the original Dingley bill.

Secretary Sherman doesn't know what Mr. McKinley's Cuban policy is to be. He so informed a close personal friend. It has leaked out since Gen. Woodford, the new Minister to Spain, has been in Washington that he isn't in any particular hurry about getting to Madrid, and that he has no idea that he will actually open negotiations with Spain in the Ruiz case, which is to be made the stepping stone to the introduction of the McKinley policy towards Cuba, before the fall. He will probably start late in July, but it is not certain that he will go either by the most direct or the most speedy route.

Czar Reed has made out his list of Committee assignments and unless some of his kindergartens, otherwise known as the U. S. House of Representatives, do something to offend him between now and then, he will announce them after the House has adopted a resolution setting the date for the adjournment of the session.

The new Commissioner of Patents, Hon. Benj. Butterworth, is plying the new broom or pitchfork which has been long needed. Within two weeks he has disbarred eight patent attorneys for fraudulent practices, and he has ordered John Wedderburn & Co. to answer why they should not be disbarred, charging them with making "fraudulent, deceptive, improper and incomplete searches, with intent to defraud and the result of defrauding clients, to their injury, and wrong doing, to the scandal and reproach of the Patent Office and contrary to equity and good morals."

Mr. McKinley and Boss Hanna have concluded to abandon the idea of trying to get Congress to authorize the appointment of a currency commission at this session.

Nearly everybody except the applicant takes the refusal of the Committee of Privileges and Elections to vote on the report prepared by Senator Hoar, favoring the seating of ex-Senator Corbett, of Oregon, on the certificate of the Governor of that state, to mean that Mr. Corbett will never get the coveted seat. He might have gotten the seat had not ex-Senator Mitchell and his friends been using their influence against him on the quiet, although it is by no means certain that a majority would have voted to seat him, anyway.

Senator "Billy" Mason will be unmercifully gayed by his associates when he returns to Washington, for having made a big bluff by telegraphing the request to have the nominations for the southern district of Illinois held up by the Senate Committee to which they were referred, one day, and following it up the next day by withdrawing his objection to their confirmation. He will be complimented on his skill as a lightning change artist.

Some of the applicants for consular appointments are beginning to regard themselves as being up against a bunco game that is being run by Mr. McKinley, and they are kicking as much as they dare to as long as they allow themselves to cherish hopes of getting a government berth. These men say that every time they go to the White House to try to push along their application, they are told that Mr. McKinley isn't ready to take up the appointment of consuls, and yet they see the nominations of consuls sent to the Senate almost every day, and some of them have been young fellows whose only claims for recognition were the pocketbooks of their fathers, or the social "pull" of their mothers. It is not strange that this state of affairs should cause kicking.

Senator Pettigrew is apparently none the worse because of his disagreeable experience in the Senate on Saturday.

His physician says that his trouble was merely a temporary paralysis of the vocal cords. His sudden cessation in the midst of a sentence which formed a part of a vehement speech created a sensation on the floor.

Much Truth in It.

In nearly every community there can be found those who have no regard for their own reputation and desire to bring others down to their own level, says the Middleburg News-Item. In order to satisfy some peculiar whim or, as they may think, for their own aggrandizement they are the authors of malicious stories concerning their friends or neighbors. These backbiters are not unlike treacherous villains, employing similar methods to accomplish their ends, thinking it a cunning trick to thrust the dagger of slander at the reputation of those whose record they envy.

Perhaps at first such reports are started only in a jesting manner, but the listeners may digest it differently than the author thought it would be, and the jester is looked upon as a calumniator, one of the most mean and unprincipled specimens of the human race; who, like a snake in the grass, pours out his poisonous venom into the system of the unsuspecting victim. It is always difficult to follow the trail and find the backbiter, for he secretes himself behind those whom he used as tools to circulate the calumnious story. Do not allow yourself to become the transmitter of these unauthentic reports for by so doing you injure yourself as much as the one whose reputation you are tarnishing.

Water—Water Works Defeated.

The council of Middleburg ordered an election by the citizens, to vote for or against the erection of water works. The election was held one day last week, and the proposition was voted down. The Post says the people voted it down because they feared a job.

The Tyrone council also ordered an election to be held on July 7, on the proposition to bond the town for \$108,000 and buy out the present water company. The Tyrone Times and some of the leading citizens strongly oppose the movement, because the debt would cripple the town for many years, and that the move is only the selfish work of two or three men in the council.

On Saturday, in Lancaster, Judge Brubaker created a sensation in court by charging the city officials with bad and unfair management of the water works.

The Centre Hall movement for new water works, after a few weeks of rest, has wakened up by again abandoning the Bible option project, and falling back upon a purchase of the company's excellent plant which it was intended to wipe out and, in the language of the Supreme Court, "confiscate the property." This 7th or 8th shift from one to the other, is strong proof of the high merit and excellence of the much abused old water works, and that jealousy alone actuates others to try and control and farm it, with the intent to make votes to get petty local offices. Our town would be dry as punk without its unsurpassed water works.

One-Liners.

A glorious Fourth to each and all. A big hay crop is greeting farmers. The corn is beginning to come along. Tuesday and Wednesday warm. Paddle your own canoe always. A terrible set sitting at Harrisburg. A tariff of 67 cts. to be put on coal. Big tariff on hides, high priced shoes. Dont sport on borrowed bikes. The wheat crop in the county good. Do your own dirty tricks. Now let Hastings veto the big steals. Ohio Democrats went high for silver. Boob's shop enlargement is begun. Ed. Royer will move to Millheim. Signs for rain to-day.

Killed by a Rattler.

A little 11 years old boy, while out after the rats in Monroe county, came across a rattlesnake 4 1/2 feet in length, lying coiled in the road. He at once attacked the reptile with a switch and a fearful battle ensued. The boy succeeded in killing the snake but not until after she had bitten him four times. The boy not returning a younger brother was sent in search and found the older one lying unconscious in the road, and beside him the dead snake. He was taken home and died in great agony next day.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should one catch a slight cold or cough, call on R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall, and G. H. Long, Spring Mills, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Constipation, and all diseases of the throat and Lungs. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

CRUEL JOKE.

How a Dampier Was Thrown Into a Wedding.

One can reach the place from here within an hour on a bike, where a wedding was held in the eastern part of this valley. The families interested were respectable. Many friends were invited and complete preparations made for a pleasant time, and at the designated hour the invited guests came and glee and cheer filled the bride's home—but the roads were bad from heavy rains.

Like always, some felt slighted because not invited, and bent on revenge they became, and here is the scheme: In the Freundschaft there was a couple, nine-tenths demented and of corresponding appearance and living in squalor; to them a forged invitation was written, urging them to attend the wedding, they must be present without fail, and no excuse would be accepted, and to this the names of the proper persons were forged. The deluded creatures took it all in good faith, and taking across the fields, shoes covered with mud, she with a short frock, he with a torn and dirty suit, just a little before the ceremonies began, the two, "with no wedding garments on," suddenly ushered themselves into the midst of the guests, with the remark, "Now, do sin mer."—(now, here we are.)

Its effect was like a clap of thunder from a cloudless sky; the glee and good cheer was knocked out of the joyous assembly by the unwelcome appearance of that branch of the Freundschaft, and it rested like a wet blanket upon the festivities.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Edward J. Sweetwood and Dora Weaver, Spring Mills.

Wm. Markle and Annie Huey, Fillmore.

John H. Stonebraker and Annie Cartwright, Sandy Ridge.

Lewis M. Springfellow and Maggie G. Simon, Clearfield.

James Morrison, Bellefonte, and Mary F. Cain, Axeman.

Lloyd D. Walker and Lottie M. Miller, Rebsburg.

Henry C. Baney and Hannah E. Mays, Boggs twp.

Irvin Watkins, Boggs twp., and Jennie Kline, Howard.

Joseph Ayers and Sarah Miller, Spring twp.

Latest News.

The Ohio Democrats yesterday nominated Horace L. Chapman for Governor.

Twenty thousand Illinois miners are going to strike for "prosperity."

Two sections of a Christian Endeavor delegate party, crashed together at West Chicago, yesterday, killing three and injuring many.

A scandalous cash grabbing bill for Grace church has been introduced in the legislature.

The Debs scheme to form a socialist colony in the state of Washington, is reported collapsed. Utopia, nix.

Reduced Rates to San Francisco.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that, for the Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in San Francisco July 7 to 12, it will sell special tickets from all points on its system at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will be sold June 27 to July 2, and will permit of stop over at Denver and points west. Returning, passengers must reach original starting point not later than August 17, 1897. For specific rates, conditions, and full information apply to nearest ticket agent. June 24-25

C. E. Rally.

The Society of Christian Endeavor at this place, will hold a rally in the auditorium in Grange park on Thursday afternoon, June 8. The exercises will begin at 2 p. m. An interesting program consisting of addresses, music, etc., will be rendered, which will be followed by a basket picnic on the park. All the young people and friends of the society are cordially invited.

Elocutionary Entertainment.

No one can afford to miss the closing exercises of the class in elocution to be held in the auditorium in Grange Park, Saturday evening, July 10th. First-class recitations, music, dexterity drill, gymnastic exercises, and an enjoyable time for every one.

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REPUBLICAN EXTRAVAGANCE

HOW THE PEOPLE ARE ROBBED BY STATE OFFICIALS.

Shows Up Some Extravagant Practices at the State Capital.—Fancy Prices Paid for Furniture.

The Taxpayer's Friend, a new paper published at Harrisburg, shows up some of the extravagant practices at the state capital. It says:

People standing around last Friday and watching the workmen as they tore down what is left of the burned (capitol) building inquired what was the purpose in building last year, in the midst of the hardest times known to the state, those little 8x10 corners between the senate and the east wing on one side, and the house and the east wing on the other side. They were told that they were passageways between these legislative halls and the reception rooms, and that the cost as estimated by the administration was \$1,400. They could have been built for \$300, or at a big profit for \$500.

Additions to the flower conservatory cost about \$1,800, and some old bricks belonging to the state were taken out of the cellars where they had been stored, and charged as though bought of a stranger, the state thus paying for them twice. The building should not have cost more than \$500.

The placing of an extra sash and glass in each of the senate windows, thus giving each a double window for the hard times, estimated by the administration at \$39 a window, worth really not more than \$12.

Storm vestibule to east entrance of the capital, \$175, worth about \$40.

Replacing with new windows the eight old ones in the upper dome, \$39 each, total \$312; worth not more than \$75.

Replacing sixteen wooden columns on exterior of upper dome with sixteen wrought iron columns at \$110 each, total \$1,760. These took the places of sixteen wooden posts that with a little repairing would have lasted as long as the wood work above and beneath them.

Wrought iron railing between the posts, at \$20 a foot, about \$1,500 more. All the rest of the dome was wood. This was foolishly matching iron to wood in an old building.

A low upper story added to the governor's stable, \$400.

Estimates for keeping state furniture in repair are invited at \$1,500.

Keeping up general repairs, \$1,500; looking after carpenter and cabinet repairs, 1,000; altering and improving senate elevator, \$750; heating and ventilating senate and house, and other rooms connected with them, and keeping in repair all steam heat apparatus, \$7,700; hot water supply for executive and library building, \$2,990; bath and toilet for banking commissioner's office, \$928.75; keeping plumbing in repair, \$1,000, taking up old floors and putting down Carolina flooring, \$80 per thousand feet; electric lighting for special occasions at the governor's house, \$850.

Electric fixtures and alterations not embraced in foregoing items, \$6,074.05. Gilding exterior of capitol dome pure gold, per square foot, \$2.25. This was begun, but not finished. It was actually worth about 75 cents per square foot. If completed, it would have cost the state fully \$3,000.

Winding the clocks, including those in the governor's house, and keeping them in repair for the year 1897, \$50. Clocks costing \$500 should be so constructed as to wind themselves, but they were not.

The largest opportunity for a big steal is improving, and decorating the rotunda; east passage, dome, (interior and exterior,) governor's reception room, auditor general's office, state treasurer's office, and secretary of the commonwealth's office.

It allowed each bidder to submit his own designs and specifications, and thus give the commission an excuse for accepting the highest bidder on pretense of preferring his plans. There is evidence that their purpose was to give the job to Hodges, of New York, for reasons best known to themselves, and this was the plan adopted to carry out that purpose. For all the immense work contemplated in the above enumerated parts and rooms look at their maximum offer, and remember this does not include the house of representatives, which is not in the schedule, nor yet the lieutenant governor's rooms. Ornamental cement work per square foot, \$2.50; decorative painting, it might be on top of cement work, per square foot, \$1.25; this would make per square foot, \$3.75. Plastering, plain and ornamental, (look at it,) per square foot, \$2; marble wainscoting per square foot, \$4.22, worth about \$1.25; figure fresco work per square foot, \$4.75, worth, such as it was, about 50 cents a square foot; hard wood flooring, straight, per square foot, \$1; the same,

curved, per square foot, \$2; tearing out flooring, per 1,000 square feet, \$90.

It will be necessary to see the vouchers, which we hope soon to do, in order to ascertain the aggregate cost to the state of this well considered and well planned opportunity for an immense grab. We shall be mistaken greatly if it does not amount well up toward \$100,000, for our friends have in nothing else lived one iota beneath their privilege.

ALL AROUND.

Local Notes of Interest from all Sections of the Locality.

The aged widow Long, of Penn Cave, now 87 years old, is in feeble health.

Thanks to Miss Libby Runkle for a fine bouquet of roses sent to our sanctum.

Any one should consider it beneath him or herself to be used as a tool to serve the spiteful purposes of another.

Pitching quoits is now one of the recreations of Centre Hallers, Potter's bankers and other overworked vicinities.

Many pedagogues are wearing pleasant faces, the school boards having elected them for the coming term, to "teach the young idea how to shoot."

Part of our edition last week did not have its usual neat and clean appearance owing to our press getting out of fix, which we offer as an apology for the unavoidable.

It is cowardly, and ever been considered so by all fairminded persons, to make an attack upon another person by means of a communication to which the writer is afraid to put his name.

Farmers started in last Friday and Saturday to cut grass, of which there is a large crop in this county, and if the weather continues favorable the hay will be housed in fine condition.

Kind words and deeds cost you nothing and most always gain you valuable friends. Petty deeds and spiteful remarks most always cause lasting sores. Practice the former and shun the latter.

Many bicyclists leave their wheels where they will be exposed to strong sunlight. This will very soon take all the life and elasticity out of a tire and do it more damage than many thousand miles of riding would.

D. F. Fortney, esq., has for the third time, been elected president of the Bellefonte school board. That's right—when you have the right man in the right place, keep him there and don't exchange for a noodle. There is not a warmer and more able champion of our school system, in the state, than D. F. Fortney.

Potters Mills.

The farmers are busy storing away the new mown hay.

Miss Katie Hewes, of Bellefonte, is spending her vacation at this place.

Miss Rhoda Alexander, of Reedsville is visiting some friends at this place.

Mr. Frank Richardson and sister Lillie, of Spring Mills, visited in this place Sunday.

P. P. Long, of Punxsutawney was here last week; he is looking well.

D. E. Palmer and wife, who were visiting in this place, left for their home in Topeka, Kansas, Monday.

There was a very interesting ball game at this place on Friday last; the boys played well for beginners.

F. A. Carson has one of the finest trout ponds in this valley; he has some fine trout in it.

Rev. Rearick's Appointments.

July 4, at Centre Hall at 7 p. m.; at St. Johns church at 2 p. m.; at the Georges valley church at 10 a. m.

All the above appointments will be filled by Rev. C. B. Gruver, of Lock Haven, as Rev. Rearick expects to be absent.

Hamilton Road Bill Signed.

Governor Hastings has signed the Hamilton road bill, which will not become operative until the legislature appropriates a million dollars for the improvement of the highways of the state.

Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. Daniel Boileau, one of the oldest citizens of Milesburg, died at his home in that place, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, in the 85th year of his age.

UNDER the new Three-cents-a-day law, it is probable that most foreigners who are refused naturalization will be unable to obtain employment. Then they will have two resources open to them. They can become either paupers or criminals, and, in the majority of cases, they must take one of these courses. In either event they will become burdens on the community. Did the legislators who enacted the new law think as far as that?

TUSSEYVILLE.

An Interesting Batch of Items from Our Wide Awake Scribe.

Levi Stump and wife were to Centre Hall Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Treaster was taken sick very suddenly on Friday evening. Quite a number of our young people intend camping at the Rebersburg campmeeting in July.

Alfred Reiber and Lot McClenathan attended the Childrens' service at Centre Hall on Sunday evening.

Peter Smith and Squire Grove, of Centre Hill, were transacting business in our vicinity Monday evening.

Misses Sallie Bohn, Blanche Tressler and Miss Hatley, of Linden Hall, were guests at the home of David Bohn on Sunday.

Korman Spicher left last week for Lock Haven, to attend the commencement at the State Normal school from which he is a graduate.

Miss Ida Rhoads was the guest of Miss Blanche Housman on Tuesday last, Rev. Rhoads was in our vicinity at the same time fishing, but no game.

David Young and family and his sister Mrs. Rowe, and her daughter, Miss Barnhart, from Michigan, were to Penn Cave Saturday and report a fine time.

We are glad to note that the young people of our vicinity have organized a literary society and hold interesting meetings every Thursday evening in the school house at Colyer.

We are informed that Roy Miller was very unfortunate on Sunday evening with one of his cows. They had broken into another field and in chasing them back one of the cows broke her leg.

Prof. D. M. Wampler, of California, has been quite successful in teaching the 18 karat oil painting throughout our community; he has quite a number of students who are taking a lessons.

LINDEN HALL.

What Our Correspondent from up the Valley Gives Us.

Miss Freda Hess, a bright and accomplished young lady, who is attending school at Bellefonte, is home for her summer vacation.

Mrs. Leister and family, of Spruce-town, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burris.

James Swabb and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Wm. Bible, at Spruce-town.

Tom Tibbens and wife of Houserville, visited at the home of Mr. Fielding on Sunday.

Frank Weiland is wearing a broad smile over the arrival of a young daughter.

J. Rossman and wife, of Penn Cave, visited with his brother, Henry Zeigler over Sunday.

Mrs. Tom Rishel and daughter Iva, of Bellefonte, are visiting friends in our community.

Wm. Felding and Wm. Zeigler made a flying trip to Pine Grove Tuesday evening.

Miss Anna Corl, of Pleasant Gap, is visiting her grandfather, Robert Corl.

Reduced Rates via P. R. R.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for the benefit of persons desiring to take advantage of the National Holiday on the Fourth of July, it will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its line east of and including Pittsburg and Erie; except that tickets will not be sold to or from points north or east of Philadelphia nor to and from points north of the line Harrisburg to Erie. These tickets will be sold and will be good going on July 2, 3, 4, and 5, and will be good to return until July 6, 1897, inclusive. June 24-25

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