



### WASHINGTON LETTER.

#### M'KINLEY'S LIGHTNING CHANGES IN POLICY.

'Wabbling William' Bobs Up and Down at the Call of the Men Who Put Him in Office.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—"Wabbling William" is the rather uncomplimentary name that has been applied to Mr. McKinley by prominent members of his party, because of his lightning changes of mind in connection with that special message to Congress asking for authority to appoint a currency commission. One day he would tell the prominent members of his party who called to protest against his sending in the message at this session that he had made up his mind to withhold it until the regular session and make the recommendation in his annual message, but the next day, when the agents of the banking interests put the screws to him and reminded him of his campaign promises and their campaign contributions, he would announce to them that the message should go in. He kept this up for several days, much to the disgust of those who applied the epithet of "wabbling William" to him and did not finally decide the matter until Secretary Gage, the personal representative of the bankers, had secured the assistance of the rest of the Cabinet to help brace his backbone up. The authority to appoint a currency commission will not be given to Mr. McKinley at this session of Congress, nor at the next. It is possible that a bill creating such a commission may be passed at the next session, but it will not give Mr. McKinley the choosing of its members. If there is to be such a commission, the silver Democrats will see to it that it shall not be packed in the interest of the single gold standard.

Mr. C. E. Somers, who was Sergeant-at-Arms of the Kentucky Senate at the time that Gov. Bradley ordered out the militia to preserve order, and who is conceded to be good authority on the politics of his state, is now visiting Washington. In reply to questions, he said: "The silver Democracy, which is the regular Democracy, will win by 25,000 majority. Our majority may be much higher for the Democrats are determined to administer a stern rebuke to their enemies within the party as well as without. The present state administration has been a rank failure, and the voters will take advantage of the coming election to give a Fitzsimmons blow. By 1900 there won't be left enough of single gold standard Democracy in Kentucky to utilize as a historical reminiscence."

The Republican Senators and Representatives have succeeded in convincing Mr. McKinley that something must be done for their office seeking constituents, and he has promised to shortly issue an executive order removing a number of desirable Federal positions from the control of the civil service rules. Mr. McKinley was not hard to convince, as he has been anxious as anybody to let down to the bars to the offices, but, having always posed as a civil service reformer, he wanted Congress to order him to act. There are reasons—substantial, too—why Congress has not done so, and is not likely to do so; hence his agreement to act independently.

The death of Senator Harris, of Tenn., whose funeral took place in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, removed a striking figure from the arena of National politics, one whose ideas of personal integrity were as old-fashioned and as straight-laced as his ideas of party fealty, and who didn't have one set of ideas for public use and another set to govern his private affairs. During his half century of public life, Isham G. Harris was a credit to his state and to the Democratic party, and was never guilty of an act that even his most bitter political enemy—he had no personal enemies—could cast suspicion upon. Having said that much, it is needless to add that Senator Harris died a poor man.

The Democratic Senators and Representatives, who are members of the Conference committee on the tariff bill, know no more of what that committee is doing than the rankest outsider does. The Republicans informed them as soon as the Conference began that they wished to fight their differences out among themselves without having anybody else present, and, of course, the Democrats retired and will remain out of the conference until sent for. The Republicans evidently regard Jones, of Nevada, as one of themselves, as he not only was not asked to retire, but is taking a very prominent part in the conference as an able assistant to Senator Aldrich in championing the interests of the sugar trust. It is said the Republicans expect to reach an agreement by the middle of the week. If they do, the tariff bill

will become a law before the end of the week, and Congress will at once adjourn.

#### State News.

At Millville, Clinton county, a few days ago, Ezra Vandine and a two-horse team were backed over an embankment and precipitated 40 feet to the bottom. The wagon fell on Mr. Vandine and the horses fell on the wagon. The man was instantly killed and the horses were badly injured.

Wilda Frantz, a 14-year-old girl, living near DuBois, climbed a cherry tree a few days ago and when fifteen feet above the ground a bunch of fire crackers and matches in her pocket became ignited. The girl was horribly burned all over the body and injured by falling. She died four hours later in awful agony.

One of the heaviest downpours of rain since the '89 flood caused uneasiness in the east end of Nittany valley, Wednesday night, of last week. Two bridges near Elias Snyder's place were swept away and several stones of extremely large size were torn out and landed on the public highways. The roadways were also badly washed.

During a recent storm in Clearfield county the lightning struck the barn of D. W. McCracken, in Greenwood township and killed two horses. The lightning set the barn on fire but it was extinguished.

#### All Sorts of Shorts.

Corn is beginning to boom now. The senate and house are still at variance upon important items in the tariff.

Barns in this county will not hold all this year's crop of hay.

All kinds of berries are plenty, and fruit will not be lacking; for once peaches are making some show.

A correspondent writes to a daily that many of the roosters gathered in at Harrisburg this week to lift their divies.

Tyrone now has an expensive law suit on its hands, over the water plant question, all caused by two or three shiftless sissy nannies in the council.

The strike in the soft coal regions all over the country threatens to be the greatest yet inaugurated unless efforts to arbitrate the difficulty succeed.

Herdie, the Williamsport contractor has given the Millinburg council an estimate for a water plant at \$25,000 to \$30,000, not including price of land for water right, right-of-way, damages to persons now supplied by same stream or for reservoir.

Quay has announced he will be a candidate for re-election to the Senate in 1899. Quay is a true representative of Republican methods. The Quay influence sways his party in Centre county.

In reading over our large number of exchanges it would seem that over half the towns complain of impure water; many others have scant supply and some that often have no water, while perhaps one-fourth the towns have fresh and pure water and ample supply at all times, among the latter Centre Hall stands at the head.

Always identify yourself with the enterprises and interests of your town, not by shooting off your mouth which is only wind, but by your means and by support of such as use their means in enterprises that build up a town—there's where you find the true citizen.

A Maryland man one day last week sprayed his pear trees with Paris green and soon after the lady on the farm turned into the orchard her fine flock of turkeys. During the day 150 were killed from eating the clover which had become covered with the poison. Be careful that no animals feed where Paris green has been used.

Mrs. Samuel Dale, of Warriorsmark, with her 5-year-old son, were visiting at the home of John Seibert, near Bellefonte. The farmer was hauling in hay, and the boy was at the barn watching the men. The lad climbed on the wagon wheel, the team started and he was thrown to the ground and run over, dying almost instantly.

#### Death of Hon. L. W. Hall.

Hon. Louis W. Hall died at his home in Harrisburg, of heart disease, on last Monday morning. He was an able lawyer, and a quarter of a century ago prominent in state politics as a Republican. Thirty years ago when Centre county constituted a part of a double senatorial district, Mr. Hall was one of the pair of senators and resided in Blair county. He was three times chosen President of the Senate. At the close of his senatorial career he made his home in Harrisburg. The writer knew Mr. Hall well; he was able, fearless and outspoken and conscientious in his views.

—For Sale.—A 15-horse power boiler and a 10-horse power engine, good as new. Price reasonable. W. W. BOOB, Centre Hall.

#### END OF TROUT SEASON.

Rest for the Speckled Beauties—A Female Expert With Hook and Line.

To-day closes the season for catching trout. The angler's success was barely up to the average, yet considerably better than last year.

During the first six weeks of the season the weather was too cool and the streams too high for successful angling, hence there was less fishing than usual.

Some fine trout were caught and there was an occasional catch that was large in numbers, but the luck of the average fisherman was nothing to brag about. The average may have been 10 to 15 per day to an angler. Many landed as low as half a dozen, others experts, could count from 40 up to 105, but only a few anglers reached the latter score after a day's fishing.

Mrs. Billmyer, of Poe Mills, has a good score, and is generally successful when she goes trout fishing, in the streams of the Paddy mountain region. We put her down as the champion in this county. With a rod cut from the bushes, with ordinary line and bait, she caught 137 trout in one day, on Little Poe run; her little daughter was with her to take charge of the beauties as the mother slung them out. We have not yet had any returns of any man doing as well as that. This lady always meets with good success when angling for trout.

Trout fishing in our mountain waters is hard work but royal sport. It means tumbling over logs, rolling into the water by stepping on stones slippery as ice, having line tangled a hundred times high in the bushes and the mortification of seeing your "big ones" drop back into the water, fighting gnats and mosquitos by the brigades unless you have your hands, face and neck well rubbed with lemonpeel, coal oil, or oil of tar, all of which are offensive to the pests. Your appetite is o. k. right along, and in camping you sleep a golden nap inhaling God's purest life-giving oxygen manufactured right in the mountains, and drink delicious water, pure, cold and fresh as bubbles from the springs. Altogether, it is what the angler calls genuine, invigorating, royal recreation, which no sea-side resort can match.

As for snakes, all are harmless, save the copperhead and the rattler, and of these the writer has not met over three in tramping through the mountains during the past forty summers, sleeping on the ground, in tents or in wagons, with a blazing log fire to keep you warm and dry your wet clothes for next day's tramp, always wading the streams which is one of the enjoyable features of trout fishing, the sparkling water laughing and dancing around your legs, keeping you cool, and when you strike a slippery stone and go in full length the brook never fails to salute you with three splashing cheers. Yes, its royal, all of it.

The number of trout caught this season in some of our streams, we estimate as follows for this season:

Poe Swift and Panther runs,	600
Seven Mountain runs,	1500
Elk and Pine creeks,	350
Loop streams,	300
Cedar Run, Logan's Branch,	
Spring creek and Buffalo run,	2500
In the other streams,	3000
About 60,000 young trout were put into these streams in the spring.	

#### The Governor Signs Bills.

Gov. Hastings on Saturday, among others, signed the following bills:

Requiring Borough Tax Collectors to make monthly returns.

Providing for the collection of toll on traction-engines.

Supplement to the act relating to fraudulent debtors authorizing the Courts to inquire into the validity of judgments confessed and alleged to be fraudulent and preventing the practice. (Hope this law will put an end to dodging honest debts by fraudulent judgments.)

Authorizing County Commissioners to assist boroughs in building bridges.

#### Turkey Defiant.

Turkey defies the Powers of Europe, and the Powers talk of getting up a naval demonstration in the Bosphorus to frighten the Porte into receding from the determination to retain a part of Grecian territory captured in the recent war. Whether the Powers will succeed in their efforts to bring the sultan to terms depends upon the nature of the demonstration that shall be made. It is doubtful if the desired end will be obtained without the burning of powder.

—Every young man wishes to look neatly and well dressed, and desires that his clothing shall be of the latest cut and material, and then the price is an important consideration. Lewins, Bellefonte, has a stock that is the very latest. Everything and a big assortment to select from, which gives that stand the enormous rush it is having. Popular prices does the business.

### THE NEW ROAD BILL.

#### THE PROVISIONS OF THE HAMILTON LAW.

A Synopsis of the Measure Signed Recently by the Governor.—Beneficial When in Full Effect.

Following is a synopsis of the Hamilton road law, a measure which has recently passed the legislature and been signed by the Governor.

First. That in the February election in 1898, three supervisors shall be elected, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year, and one shall be elected for three years each succeeding year thereafter.

Second. These supervisors shall levy the road tax for their respective townships. It shall not exceed ten mills.

Third. Not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half shall be paid in money; balance in work.

Fourth. Townships must be divided into road districts of not less than five miles to the district. A road master shall have charge of each district. He must give bond for performance of duties. Board of supervisors shall fix wages paid road masters and laborers.

Fifth. The board of supervisors shall purchase all materials and let all contracts. Notice of contract letting to be published in two newspapers, or by twenty hand bills posted up.

Sixth. Stone crushers and other road machinery may be owned jointly by townships.

Seventh. Treasurer of road fund shall give sufficient surety.

Eighth. Rebates allowed for prompt payment of tax. Penalties for non-payment after a certain date. Treasurer's salary fixed by board of supervisors.

Ninth. Five days' notice to be given all who may wish to work part of their tax.

Tenth. Failure to respond after five days' notice forfeits the right to work out the tax. The whole amount then to be collected in cash.

Eleventh. No public road hereafter made shall have a higher grade than three degrees.

Twelfth. Board of supervisors to receive \$1.50 cents per day, each, for attending meetings of the board.

Thirteenth. Vacancies in boards to be filled by appointment by the judge of court of quarter sessions.

Fourteenth. Road accounts shall be audited by township auditors annually.

Fifteenth. Reports to be made by board of supervisors in March each year to the secretary of each department of agriculture, of tax levied and money expended.

Sixteenth. The board shall keep accurate minutes of their proceedings.

Seventeenth. Supervisors shall not be interested financially in any contracts let, work done or purchases made. Heavy penalties upon conviction.

Eighteenth. Penalties for violation of any of the provisions of this act.

Nineteenth. Existing laws to govern convictions for dereliction of duties of supervisors and road masters.

The provisions of the act are not to go into effect until a state appropriation of \$1,000,000 has been made to be expended on the roads. Said appropriation to be apportioned among the townships in proportion to the number of miles of road in each township. No township will receive more of said appropriation than is raised in the township by local taxation, including money and work tax.

#### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Geo. W. Williams, and Laura B. Houtz, Lemont.

Thos. J. Barner, Bellefonte, and Ida B. Johnson, Hubersburg.

John A. Whitmeyer, and Sallie A. Stiver, Coburn.

Vinson Barrigar, and Lida Smoke, Keating.

Wm. E. Martz, and Lillie Maude Hepburn, State College.

Wm. W. Grenoble, and Bessie C. Stover, Millheim.

John C. Nolan, and Elizabeth Shaugnessy, Bellefonte.

Ross S. Grove, and Mary M. Brouse, Pine Grove Mills.

Chas. E. Schreffler, Pleasant Gap, and Sallie C. Velthofer, Pine Glenn.

Wm. P. Smith, Bellefonte, and May Goodfellow, Fleming.

John H. Letterman, and Margaret E. Minnemyer, Milesburg.

Simon W. Zimmerman, Pine Glenn, and Sarah M. Ralston, Kylertown.

Charles Myers, Julian, and Myra J. Bartin, Unionville.

James T. Sullivan, and Emma Tobin, Snow Shoe.

Charlie F. Harrison, State College, and Maude Love Spring twp.

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#### SPRING MILLS BUDGET.

A Bristling Account of the Recent Events of the Burg.

The 4th of July (celebrated on the 3d) was ushered in with a tropical sun. The heat was oppressive the greater part of the day. The explosion of fire crackers, guns and pistols, were incessant, and the racket continued 'til after midnight. A very considerable number of flags were displayed throughout the village, and in the evening our population was largely augmented by the arrival of country people who visited us merely as "lookers on here, in Vienna" of course this added to the enthusiasm and commotion. We had no public display of fire works, but privately the exhibitions were very creditable—no accidents occurred worth mentioning. In the afternoon a large number of spectators witnessed the base ball game between the junior club of our village and the Rebersburg team resulting in favor of the latter by a score of 15 to 9. The game was only remarkable for the blunders committed by parties who know better. On the first few innings of the game, there was precious little skill displayed on either side. Up to the 5th or 6th innings, the runs made by the juniors were represented by ciphers, while their opponents had 8 or 10 scored to their credit. The Brush valley team had the lead from the start and held it easily until the close of the game. The junior club lacked their usual dash and vim, and in several instances played perfectly reckless and wild. They can play better, but what demoralized them on this occasion would be difficult to fathom. Come young gentlemen this will never do, a few more such games and you will lose your laurels entirely.

The children's school picnic on the 2nd inst. was somewhat marred by the heavy rain storm of the night previous. However in the afternoon quite a large number of little folks collected in the park and had a very pleasant time, notwithstanding they had only a half holiday.

The festival gotten up by Mrs. R. G. Kenney and Mrs. Blosser, in behalf of a very deserving invalid of our village, and held at the Cross church on Saturday evening last, was a decided success. The proceeds were very considerable and proved a great benefit to the recipient.

A day or two since I heard of a very sharp piece of sour cherry business, which seems almost incredible. A certain party sold to another party a certain quantity of sour cherries, and I am informed, gave full gospel measure. Later the purchaser remeasured them, and actually jammed them into the measure, of course with such a mush molly treatment, the quantity would naturally fall short, and then made a claim of four quarts. Whether the claim was allowed or not, I am not prepared to say; but I am assured that it is no fancy sketch but an actual fact.

J. D. Long our new postmaster, entered upon his official duties on the 1st inst., with his daughter Ida a very accomplished young lady, as his deputy. The postoffice will continue in the store room of Wm. Pealer until the completion of the building now being erected for that purpose. By the way, not only in the postmastership, but in the erection of the building the soldier elder was not forgotten; David Burrell, of Centre Hall, and Nathaniel Brown, of our village—old soldiers, built the foundation walls, and the carpenters, Jas. N. Leitzell, Daniel Kenney and others now at work, are likewise scarred old veterans of the late "unpleasantness." Mr. Long will occupy the building on the 1st proximo.

John Smith and Bro. the well-known furniture dealers of our village, their brother Luther, from Johnstown, Howard Rossman, the popular clerk of C. P. Long, and others, spent the 3d of July at the Red mill fishing, etc. They report having had a very agreeable and royal excursion.

Dr. D. M. Wolf, well-known as a teacher of profound erudition, and a gentleman of refinement, will commence a summer session of six weeks at our Academy on the 26th inst. The session is principally for advanced pupils, preparatory to entering college; the course is very thorough.

Wm. Bear in delivering a load of hay at the stable of Jas. Kenney in our village last week, in making a short turn to enter a narrow passage way upset; fortunately the only thing attending the mishap was a delay of several hours.

On Tuesday last, Lewis Rossman one of our farmers while removing a load of hay with a harpoon fork, the fork suddenly failed to work, Mr. R. gave the rope a sudden jerk, when the rope broke precipitating him to the barn floor where he remained unconscious for some time. Finally he recovered sufficiently to be able to reach the house, no bones broken. Mr. Rossman has not been able to resume his farm work since the occurrence.

The United Evangelical congrega-

tion of our village have rented the M. E. church building for evening services every alternate Sunday. Rev. Brown, their pastor, is a gentleman of very considerable ability, is a fluent speaker and delivered a very excellent discourse.

A mild type of whooping cough seems to be quite prevalent among the children here.

At nearly every festival in our village, no matter whether for the benefit of a church, or any other organization, we are visited by a very rough and vile element from and around Georges valley. These night brawlers are generally intoxicated when they arrive here, and of course are violent, quarrelsome, and use every effort to create a disturbance; use the foulest billingsgate in the presence of no matter whom, and assassin like, attack and strike only in the dark, or when in cowardly numbers. Time and again they have been cautioned, admonished, and advised to be orderly and have some respect for the town, as they evidently had none for themselves, but it was simply casting pearls before swine. At last the citizens of Spring Mills have become sick and tired of these repeated outrages, and on the next occasion, if these cravens persist in their high-handed proceedings, our authorities intend arresting the ring leaders, and if necessary arrest them all; they are determined to teach these candidates for the penitentiary a lesson they will not forget very soon.

#### DELIGHTFUL SUMMER TOURS.

Two Tours to the North via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the convenience of those who seek the most attractive way of spending a summer holiday, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged two delightful tours to the North, under the personally-conducted tourist system, July 27 and August 17. The points included in the itinerary and the country traversed abound in nature's beauties. No matter how much may be expected, one cannot be disappointed in Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Quebec, Montreal, Au Sable Chasm, Lakes Champlain and George, Saratoga, or the Highlands of the Hudson.

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#### Will Get Back Pay.

Governor Hastings has approved and signed an act authorizing and empowering and directing county commissioners of the several counties of the commonwealth to pay to the constables of their respective counties, for the services rendered by such constables in making returns to court of elections, attending special, borough, township or ward elections, and traveling expenses incidental thereto, since the first of January, A. D. 1886, in all cases where the same remain unpaid. This is in accord with the act of April 2, 1868, which provides: For making returns to court \$1.50, attending special township or ward elections \$3, and for traveling expenses or mileage in all cases for each mile, circular, 6 cents.

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