



WASHINGTON LETTER.

AN IMPRUDENT OHIO POLITICAL BOSS.

Hanna's Man Uses Checks Instead of Gold Cash in Trying to Bribe the Populists.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Boss Hanna's man, Dick, may be relieved of the management of the Hanna campaign in Ohio. He has got himself the ill will of the Republican magnates for having bungled his work in bribing certain Ohio Populists. Instead of using cash, he was thoughtless enough to have used checks and these disagreeable proofs of bribery have gotten into the wrong hands. The magnates aforesaid expected Dick to arrange for the nomination of a straight Populist state ticket in Ohio, and for other Populist assistants to the Republican state and legislative tickets, especially the latter, but they did not expect him to do it so clumsily as to be caught at it. As no explanation has been or can be put forward by Dick that will satisfy an intelligent and unprejudiced mind that he has not been engaged in wholesale bribery, it is believed in Washington that Boss Hanna will seek to escape responsibility for the bribery by pretending to rebuke Dick by taking the management of the campaign out of his hands. Dick's bribery has greatly strengthened Democratic hopes of defeating Hanna.

"Teddy" Roosevelt has shown that the limit of his versatility has not yet been reached by assuming the role of official whitewasher. His letter exonerating Constructor Bowles, who has charge of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and who was charged with political and other favoritism in running that yard, gives Mr. Bowles an unusually thick coat of whitewash. But there is one black streak that "Teddy" may have put in as a sort of tip to Mr. Bowles. It is the following language in "Teddy's" official letter: "The attention of Constructor Bowles will be especially called to that part of Commander Davis' report (Davis was the officer detailed to make the investigation) warning him as to being sometimes overhasty and following too implicitly the recommendations of leading men and quartermen." Notwithstanding "Teddy's" whitewash, the New York Tribune said editorially since the publication of "Teddy's," "alleged opinion: 'Politics in the Navy Yard cannot be too strongly condemned. The deplorable condition of the Brooklyn dry docks and the consequent sending of the Indiana to Halifax, form an impressive object lesson.' A prominent Naval Officer remarked after reading the above: 'Roosevelt and Whitelaw Reid ought to hold an executive session and try to get together on Brooklyn Navy Yard matters.'"

It is a fact of more than passing importance that the bitterest public attack ever made on the present civil service system is contained in a fifty-column speech in one of the belated numbers of the Congressional record, which was occasionally published up to last week for the purpose of giving members of Congress a chance to talk to their constituents through the medium of "leave-to-print" speeches which purport to have been spoken on the floor. This attack on the civil service system was prepared by Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, the bosom friend of Mr. McKinley and one of the lieutenants of Boss Hanna. In it he claims to have the records of 271 men who were criminals, but who secured offices under the civil service rule, and accuses the civil service commission of violating the law daily.

Ex-Secretary Carlisle and ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin made arguments before the Attorney General against the application of the ten per cent. discriminating duty imposed by the Dingley tariff upon importations from Canada to importations from other countries which come into the U. S. over a Canadian railroad. Messrs. Carlisle and Hamlin represent New England Railroad and business interests. Secretary Gage asked the Attorney General for an opinion and will withhold his ruling until he gets it.

Mr. Carlisle still has an idea that the gold Democrats should keep away from the regular Democrats and he has advised the putting up of a gold Democratic ticket in every state in which an election is to be held this year, and announced his intention to drop his law practice long enough to go to Kentucky and speak for the gold Democrats. The regular Democrats smile at Mr. Carlisle's talk and say that there can be no future for a gold Democratic organization.

—There are yet several months of warm weather and Lewins, Bellefonte offers a most excellent chance for one to save several dollars in purchasing of him. All summer lines have been reduced. The counters must be cleared, and the price they have marked the goods at will move them.

HASTINGS FOR CONGRESS.

The Political Pot is Beginning to Boil and There's Fun a'Coming.

A dispatch from Bellefonte in one of the daily papers has the following: It was stated on pretty good authority that Governor Hastings has aspirations to succeed W. C. Arnold as the next representative in congress from this district. The Governor himself neither affirmed nor denied the rumor. Should such be the case, it will undoubtedly create one of the hottest congressional fights experienced in the district since Andrew G. Curran won his last election against such odds. When the district convention was held last fall Arnold, of DuBois, and Reeder, of Bellefonte, were the leading candidates. The latter withdrew in Arnold's favor, as the sentiment of the district was greatly in favor of Arnold's re-election. However, there was a verbal understanding at the time that Reeder should receive support in 1898. It is universally conceded that the next congressman should come from this end of the circle, and that fact was in Reeder's favor.

But now, if Governor Hastings decides to enter the race, it will change things materially. Reeder is the Governor's old law partner, and is now assistant adjutant-general. It is a well-known fact, however, that politically the two men have nothing in common and it would be no surprise if both should try for the congressional nomination. Though it is not definitely known whether Arnold aspires to reelection or not, it is a fact that there is throughout the district a strong sentiment in favor of renominating him. His course in congress, and more than all, his hard work in the interest of the old soldiers, has won for him high commendation.

It is now a settled fact that Colonel J. L. Spangler will try again for the Democratic nomination and will undoubtedly receive it. And thus in the event of either Hastings or Reeder receiving the Republican nomination the fight would be one between neighbors. The state senatorial fight is one which is also being watched very closely. Senator McQuown will be a candidate for renomination. He will have several contestants for the honor, among whom are Captain J. T. Fredricks, of Leek Haven, and ex-Representative P. E. Womelsdorf, of Philadelphia. The latter is a strong Quay adherent, and has always been regarded as one of Hastings' bitterest fighters. Of the three, therefore, it is already evident that the Hastings faction would much prefer the nomination of Fredricks, while the Quay people will work for Womelsdorf, as McQuown cannot be counted certain for either faction in a critical period.

Must Pay Their Debts.

Hereafter the employees of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway company, on its main line and branches, must pay their debts. The following order has been issued: "All Philadelphia & Reading railroad employes incurring debts and failing to meet them in due time will subject themselves to dismissal. All complaints will be promptly investigated.

This rule should be adopted generally, for the benefit of farmers, merchants, and all others, to prevent the game of dishonest persons.

Not Allowed to Give Presents.

The acceptance of presents by teachers from pupils has been forbidden by a number of school boards throughout the state. This step has been taken because the boards believe that many poor children are embarrassed at their inability to contribute along with other children. They also regard the practice as tending to influence the teacher's relations with the pupils.

Additional Machinery.

Last week wheel maker Boob received a new improved spoke lathe for his shop, and he will now manufacture all the spokes for his wheels, which heretofore he was compelled to buy in adjoining states. We have plenty of good timber in our valley for spokes, and he has built up quite a big foreign trade in wheels and spokes.

Struck Mill Hall.

The gold fever has struck Mill Hall citizens. Several gentlemen of that borough are now prospecting for the yellow metal in Culby's gap. It is hoped they will be successful.

Still Quarrelling over a Boundary Line.

The boundary line between Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, over which there has been so much dispute of late has been again prominent for the past few days. The Democrat and Sentinel says in regard to it, in part, as follows:

One of the claims of the county commission, in fixing the valley water shed, was that the water that entered a sink hole east of Allensville reappeared at Hazlett's spring, west of Allensville, near the lived-to line. As stated by our Allensville correspondent, the Hazlett spring was found by survey to be higher than the sink hole. To still further test the matter, however, two barrels of crude oil were emptied into the sink hole last week. We learn that this oil has made its appearance at David C. Rupert's spring, one and three-fourths miles north of McVeytown, and six or seven miles east of Allensville.

To reach this outlet the oil had to run in the neighborhood of twenty miles and under mountains nearly the entire distance. The spring was covered with crude oil, rendering the water unfit for use. From this test it shows the trend of the water to be toward the south east, thus, if the water shed is to be the dividing line, placing all the disputed territory in Mifflin county.

Stomach Full of Lizards.

Howard Overly, a young farmer, of Providence township, Lancaster county, has been ailing for several months and his case was a puzzle to the physicians. Dr. Frew, of Paradise, who has been attending him, Thursday decided to give him an emetic and a few minutes later Overly commenced vomiting with astonishing results. There were twenty-four lizards, ranging in size from two to three and a half inches long, many of them dead. Forty lizard eggs and many worms were thrown from his stomach. On the farm on which the latter resides is a large spring from which he has been accustomed to drink for years by lying flat on his stomach, and it is supposed that he in that way swallowed the lizards or their eggs.

Broke Into Campmeeting.

There was an exciting scene at a Methodist campmeeting grounds, in Berks county, last Sunday morning. Rev. H. Sebring, owner of the grove, decided to charge a silver admission. About 4,000 persons came to the camp, some of whom paid the fee and entered, but a great many remained outside. Finally some of the bolder ones began an attack on the fences, big sections of which they broke down. Their example was followed by others, and in addition to tearing down the fences, the ticket office was moved from its foundation and the big crowd rushed into the grove. Order was finally restored by the announcement that no further admission fee would be asked.

Flamers at Jersey Shore.

Two strangers worked the flim flam game on Mrs. William Saft, at Jersey Shore, Saturday. They purchased two cigars, tendered two dollars in payment. Mrs. Saft returned \$1.90 in change, when one of them asked her to hand back the two dollar bill and he would give her the exact change for the cigars. Mrs. Saft handed back the bill and as the men were going out the door she recollected with the two dollar bill they also had the \$1.90 in change. She called her husband, who soon overtook the men. He threatened to thrash the rascals when they gave him the money. They then skipped out and have not been seen since.

A Good Preventive.

Every summer after the storing of hay and grain crops we hear of barn fires, the origin of which, being unknown, is ascribed to incendiaryism, though doubtless if the real cause could be ascertained, it would be found that they were the result of spontaneous combustion, owing to hay or other new crops while in process of fermentation involving heat sufficient to produce fire. If farmers wish to prevent their hay stacks or barns from firing, they need only scatter a few handfuls of common salt between the layers. The theory is that the salt by absorbing the humidity of the hay not only prevents its fermentation and consequent heating, but it also adds a salty taste to this forage, which all cattle like, and besides it stimulates the appetite and assists their digestion and so preserves them from any disease.

Good News.

No other medicine was ever given such a test as Otto's Cure. Thousands of bottles of this great German remedy are being distributed free of charge, to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases, giving the people proof that Otto's Cure will cure them. For sale only by A. H. Long, Spring, Mills, Samples free. Large bottles 50c and 25c.

MUST PAY THEIR JUNKET.

A LITTLE BILL FOR DRINKS, ETC., WHICH HASTINGS VETOED.

A Veto by the Governor Will Cause an Assessment Among the Legislators for a Little Trip They Had Taken.

Further light was thrown on the last disgraceful legislature by Governor Hastings vetoing a bill for a junketing trip of that body, and the legislators instead of having squandered the state's funds must reach down in their pockets and whack up the amount. The Harrisburg Patriot on Tuesday morning had the following, which will interest all tax payers:

Senator Jacob Crouse has called a meeting of the senate military committee for August 25 in the supreme court room to devise means to raise money to pay the expenses of the trip by the legislature to New York last April to attend the dedication of the Grant tomb.

The committee presented a bill of \$7,500 which was cut down to \$3,000. Governor Hastings vetoed the bill and the result is the committee will have to raise the money to meet the obligations which it incurred.

The committee leased a boat for the day and agreed to pay \$500. It also procured 500 badges at a cost of several hundred dollars. Neither of these bills has been paid and the parties are clamoring for their money. James Russ, proprietor of the Commonwealth hotel, has put in a bill of \$5,911.16 for catering on the boat. Mr. Russ has presented an itemized bill to Sergeant-at-Arms Eyre, of the senate. It makes interesting reading and follows in detail:

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| Table supplies..... | \$1,678 25 |
| Wines and liquors..... | 2,026 00 |
| Supper for the committee at Douer's hotel, Philadelphia..... | 61 00 |
| Cigars furnished by John H. Riebel, a member of the house from Philadelphia..... | 250 00 |
| Hire of silverware, china and breakage..... | 187 38 |
| Service of waiters and employes..... | 246 00 |
| Freight..... | 70 00 |
| Saves..... | 8 27 |
| Building kitchen and incidentals..... | 178 00 |
| Car fare of employes and waiters..... | 205 50 |
| | \$5,199 16 |

To liquor returned..... \$157 00

To sale of stores..... 32 00

\$5,611 16

One member of the house who opposed the measure jumped into a basket of glassware and destroyed fifty dollars worth of glasses. The committee will probably assess every member of the legislature to pay the cost of the junket, but it is doubtful if more than two score of them will go down in their pockets to pay for their day's pleasure.

The bill incurred by the legislature during its visit to Philadelphia to attend the unveiling of the Washington monument last May was also vetoed by the Governor. The committee, of which Representative Voorhees is chairman, has not yet decided what action to take.

Squires Local and General.

The Democratic state convention meets at Reading, on 31.

Strikers in the West Virginia district are becoming unruly.

A strike has been organized in the Hazleton coal district.

Sunday afternoon's storm was broad and struck all parts of our county.

At St. Louis, on Tuesday, wheat went up to 95 cents. Shove it five points higher.

Capt. W. A. Krise has not yet decided where to plant the big siege gun presented to Centre Hall Post.

Edward Thorp, a Klondike gold seeker writes home to Seattle that he had cleaned up \$120,000 in gold in two months.

Serious trouble is expected in the Pittsburgh district of the coal strike, as Pinkerton men are said to have been employed.

Gov. Hastings denies that he is a candidate for congress. Better not be, the Democrats are going to carry this district next time.

Chairman Garman has announced that there would be no compromise resolutions in next week's Democratic state convention at Reading, on the silver question and that the Democratic position as laid down in the Chicago platform, would be upheld.

Work for the good of Centre Hall, and the enterprises of the town and the men who spend their money for establishing enterprises. All towns have croakers, kickers and peace disturbers; don't mind these; they have no money to invest and wouldn't invest any if they had it. Never mind such as only shoot off their mouths. Work for Centre Hall and have something to show up for it too.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy always affords prompt relief. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

The New Water Works.

It is reported our esteemed borough fathers have again dropped the notion to purchase the splendid plant of the water company—which furnishes water for less than half the charges made by most of towns elsewhere—and say they will start a new plant with Bible water and have already paid \$50 of borrowed money for a year's share in that spring. In other words: An individual, wild-goose option, is, by this trick, illegally to be saddled upon the borough as with hundreds of dollars herebefore. Several weeks ago we predicted this trick would be attempted.

This is the tenth shift. It is a pity that the present unexcelled plant has to meet so many disappointments in its readiness to be sold. Its proud projectors and managers feel deeply the humiliation and ingratitude, for their admirable enterprise!

It was told that the other day distances were measured with a tape line, for the third time since spring. With the \$50 aforesaid spent, along with other items, about \$200 are now peeled from the \$5000 voted for.

Act of Ap. 20, 1874, lays down the severe penalty for creating "illegal debt and defines "indebtedness."

Many unjust acts have been done in our borough affairs, to grieve patient taxpayers, but patience finally wears out.

Only recently some of our council were guilty of attempting a very dishonorable trick coupled with infamous falsehood, and it was only when a warrant for arrest loomed up that a retreat was made. They are making progress under secret training and may already be competent as cat's paws to pull chequins out of the fire for a hidden tutor. Nearly a score of years in fomenting quarrels should appease any evil spirit—what a pity some have nothing of good done in enterprise to their credit, but spending their years jealously endeavoring to injure those that have.

We once more call the attention of our citizens to the fact that a few reckless officials, under outside influence, are dragging the taxpayers to the verge of ruinous litigation. Take warning in time from the dire experience of other towns. Think, soberly!

The Reporter takes a sincere interest in the enterprises of this town, having shown it by many thousands of dollars spent here in that direction, while those causing this trouble have not a penny's worth to show up.

Reduced Rates.

For the benefit of those desiring to visit Ocean Grove (Asbury Park) during the great campmeeting, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, on August 25, sell excursion tickets to that point from stations named below at the very low rates quoted.

These tickets will be good for passage to Philadelphia on train named below, thence on regular trains leaving Broad Street Station at 3.30 and 4.05 p. m. that day to Ocean Grove (Asbury Park):

| Train Leaves. | Rate. |
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| Renova.....Leave 6.30 a. m. | 1 00 |
| Leek Haven....." 6.35 " | 1 00 |
| Milton....." 6.40 " | 1 00 |
| Bellefonte....." 6.45 a. m. | 1 50 |
| Leak Haven....." 6.50 " | 1 50 |
| Oak Hall....." 6.55 " | 2 00 |
| Linden Hall....." 7.00 " | 2 00 |
| Reading....." 7.05 " | 2 00 |
| Centre Hall....." 7.10 " | 2 00 |
| Rising Spring....." 7.15 " | 2 00 |
| Coburn....." 7.20 " | 2 00 |
| Glen Iron....." 7.25 " | 2 00 |
| Linden Hall....." 7.30 " | 2 00 |
| Leak Haven....." 7.35 " | 2 00 |
| Milton....." 7.40 " | 2 00 |
| Renova....." 7.45 " | 2 00 |
| Philadelphia....." 7.50 p. m. | 3 00 |
| Adamsburg....." 8.10 a. m. | 3 00 |
| Middleburg....." 8.30 " | 4 00 |
| Salisbury....." 8.50 " | 4 00 |
| Philadelphia....." Arrive 2.00 p. m. | |

Tickets will be good for return passage on regular trains until September 2, inclusive, and will permit of stop-off at Philadelphia within limit.

For Coroners.

The following will interest coroners in making investigations where inquests are deemed necessary: Under the bill a coroner may investigate a sudden death, and need not hold an inquest if one is not necessary. For such services he receives his regular fees, but the county is relieved of the expenses of the jury. Heretofore the coroner received no compensation for investigating sudden deaths.

A Remarkable Cure of Chronic Diarrhoea.

In 1862 when I served my country as a private in Company A, 167th Pennsylvania Volunteers, I contracted chronic diarrhoea. It has given me a great deal of trouble ever since. I have tried a dozen different medicines and several prominent doctors without any permanent relief. Not long ago a friend sent me a sample bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after that I bought and took a 50 cent bottle; and now I can say that I am entirely cured. I cannot be thankful enough to you for this great Remedy; and recommend it to all suffering veterans. If in doubt write me. Yours gratefully, Henry Steinberger, Allentown, Pa. Sold by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Berries in this county, this season, were almost a drug.

Gold mines and Klondike nuggets taken in pay for the Reporter.

It is now close on to dollar wheat—pray that the farmer may see it get there.

Compliments like the above are appreciated and more precious than rubies.

That the potato crop will be light is now a settled matter—proved by "bottom" facts.

Advertising in the Reporter pays, all read it. Try your luck—it won't be as risky as Klondike.

The next big picnic at Hecla Park, will be the Centre and Clinton veterans' reunion in a few weeks.

Centre Hall seems to be a favorite place for visitors—there were more this summer than previously.

There were no post membership appointments for our county within a week. Look out for a big crop soon.

A few days ago huckleberries, being very plenty, were sold as low as 2 cts. per quart in the lower end of the valley.

David Fye sent some apples of last year's crop to this office. They were holding on to see whether "prosperity" was coming.

So far as threshing the wheat crop by many of our farmers has been finished, the yield has been larger than usual.

Gov. Hastings last week returned to Harrisburg from his Bellefonte residence, to attend to public business for a few days.

Centre Hall has more comfortable and roomy porches than any town of its size on Uncle Sam's farm. Interpretation: Hospitality.

It is rumored Secretary Sherman is getting too peevish to remain in the cabinet. Charly Hewes, Jack Dale, or Reeder would be an improvement.

Nine miles of the Kulp railroad are now finished. The first load of lumber was brought over the road to Lewisburg on Wednesday, says the Journal.

While much of the corn in this section may turn out little above average farmers tell us that quite a percentage of fields will not be up to an average.

J. D. Murray, the druggist, has added a large new porch to the front of his residence. The improvement extends across the north and east sides of the house.

The Centre and Clinton business men's picnic, at Hecla Park, last Thursday, was a big affair, and the railroads were barely able to handle the crowds.

The crowd at the Centre and Clinton business men's picnic at Hecla park, last week, was estimated at from 12 to 15 thousand. Everything passed off in good order.

Picnics this year were numerous with a larger attendance than usual; and only half of them over. Question: How do some folks find time and money to attend all?

The Excursion Tickets to Ocean Grove (Asbury Park) for the Pennsylvania Railroad Excursion on Wednesday 25 inst., will permit stop off at Philadelphia returning within the limit.

In consequence of the frequent short rains, this summer, the springs have kept up a full flow, and the streams have been above low water mark. No danger of scarcity of water the balance of the year.

Joe Auman and Harry Hoover, of Penn township, a short time ago, climbed 70 feet up a pine tree, to smoke out a swarm of bees, and were rewarded by securing 70 pounds of honey. It took them a day and a half to do the job, says the Journal.

At the colored camp meeting one fellow was so awfully sore by Sunday's storm, he mounted his bike and ran so fast that a streak of lightning that aimed for him couldn't overtake the frightened cyclist.

A subscriber writes us, the Reporter is the best paper in the county. Right he is, and it's a compliment, for there are some good papers in the county.

And still another writes, with remittance one year ahead, the Reporter has done more for home enterprise and for the county in general, than any other three papers. Correct again, and the facts and figures sustain our friend.

Now just here we open a letter from a lady at Cantonale, ordering her name on our list, saying she can not get along without the Reporter.

Wheat has crept up to 92 cents in New York. Creep on and up! the banks and money sharks have nigh shaved the life out of the distressed farmer to the tune of 12, 15 and 20 per cent. prosperity should now hit the famer first.

Ralph S. Hagen Ross (1897)