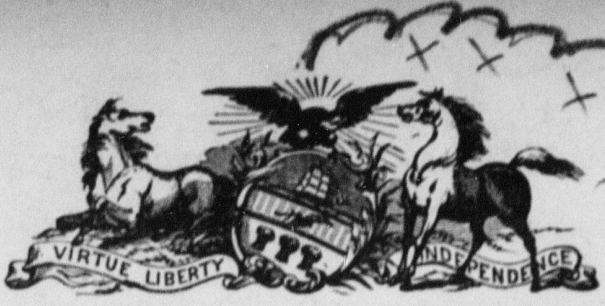


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WASHINGTON LETTER.

RECEIPTS LESS THAN UNDER THE WILSON TARIFF LAW.

A Suit Brought Against the Postmaster General to Prevent His Removal Without Cause.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Such a hubbub has been raised about the construction that should be placed upon Section 22 of the Dingley tariff law, imposing discriminating duties, which was amended by the conference committee in a way alleged to be more or less mysterious, and which has been referred to Attorney General McKenna for an official opinion, that Mr. McKenley has been asked to return to Washington at the earliest possible date, in order that he and the entire cabinet may take a hand in determining the opinion that shall be given out by the Attorney General. \$30,000,000 a year in revenue is involved in this construction, and a possible demoralization of almost our entire foreign commerce. It is understood that Mr. McKenley has promised to return shortly, but has set no date. Attorney General McKenna, probably thinking of a reflection upon his legal ability to have the public know that this matter is to be discussed by Mr. McKenley and his colleagues of the Cabinet, has made a public denial that the opinion was being held back to await Mr. McKenley's return. All the same, nobody expects the opinion to be rendered until Mr. McKenley returns and approves of it.

A Kentucky Democrat—John G. Woods, of Louisville—has put a portion of the administration on pins and needles by bringing suit against the Postmaster General to prevent his removal, without cause, from a position in the classified civil service. He obtained a temporary restraining order against his removal, and the hearing was to have taken place Saturday, but the government asked for a continuance of one week, and got it. The case will probably be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, no matter how it may be decided.

According to advices just received, Senator Burrows has spent the entire summer in trying to smooth the way for his own return to the Senate, and in placing obstacles in the path of Governor Pingree, who thinks he would fill that Senatorial chair much better than Burrows does, and he is not yet easy in his mind. Pingree has got Burrows where he has all the other Michigan Republicans—afraid of him.

The Civil Service Commission has received such an avalanche of correspondence from the army of would-be recruits for Uncle Sam's Civil Service, concerning offers made to furnish information, for a fee, by private parties, that it has issued a circular letter containing the following pointed announcement: "No person has any information of importance to applicants, concerning examinations which cannot be obtained without cost from the Commission. All claims to the contrary, therefore, are misrepresentations."

The receipts of the government for the month of August, under the Dingley tariff law, were \$6,531,582 less than the receipts for August, 1896, under the Wilson tariff law. It may be that the claims of the Republicans as to the revenue-producing qualities of the Dingley tariff will be realized at some time in the future, but the above figures show that they are, as yet, a long way from being realized.

The Republicans are showing how confident they are of carrying Ohio by colonizing voters there from West Virginia and other adjacent states. The Democrats are fully aware of what is being done in that line, and Boss Hanna's henchmen will find it much easier to carry men into Ohio and give them temporary work than it will be to register and vote them.

The Spanish Minister is still keeping the revenue cutters of the U. S. Government busy hunting for Cuban filibusters. He informed Secretary Gage that the filibusters had abandoned Florida as a starting point and were preparing to send several expeditions from the Carolina coast, and Secretary Gage obediently issued an order to the commanders of all revenue cutters in southern waters to keep an extra close watch on the Carolina coast for filibusters. This sort of work must be more or less disgusting to the officers and men in our revenue marine service, but they have no choice in the matter. They must obey the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, even if those orders are dictated by the Spanish Minister.

Weekly Weather Report—Centre Hall (Government Service.)		
	Highest.	Lowest.
Sept. 2	70	63 part clear.
" 3	75	49 clear.
" 4	70	45 clear.
" 5	81	49 clear.
" 6	84	52 clear.
" 7	86	58 clear.
" 8	86	64 part clear.

MONEY HELD BY BANKS.

The national banks of this country now hold about \$160,000,000 over and above the sum required by law as a legal reserve. This same condition of affairs undoubtedly exists in the savings banks, the trust companies and other banking institutions through the States of the Union. In 1894 they held deposits to the amount of \$1,747,000,000. In 1896 this sum had increased to the extent of nearly \$150,000,000, and there is no doubt that the figures for 1897 will show a further upward movement.

One result of this enormous accumulation of capital will be lower rates of interest for the future. It is believed that we will not see again as high rates of interest as have prevailed in recent years. While this outlook may not be acceptable to the money-lenders, it will be a great boon to the manufacturers, the merchants, contractors and borrowers of money.

Banks give you two and three per cent on time deposits, and when you need money they charge you ten and twelve per cent., which is five and six hundred per cent. more than they allow you! Why shouldn't you demand of the banks at least one half of this enormous profit they make on your money?

Famine in Ireland.

Ireland is threatened with a very severe famine again. It seems very probable that the United States will be called upon during the coming winter to share its abundant food supplies with starving Ireland, as it has been so often in the past. Reports from that country say that the almost total failure of all kinds of crops will make the coming winter the hardest since the memorable famine year of 1847. In that year, despite an expenditure by Parliament of \$50,000,000 to feed the people, the number who perished by starvation and diseases, induced by insufficient food, is estimated at between 200,000 and 300,000. If that is the kind of winter that awaits the unhappy island, with Mr. Secretary Balfour maintaining that no unusual suffering is to be anticipated, there will be room for all of America's charitable instincts to exert themselves.

Perhaps some of our Centre county farmers will be called upon to contribute of their abundance to aid the starving in Ireland.

The Gold Movement at Klondike.

Secretary Bliss has received a letter from Gov. Brady, of Alaska, in which he treats of the gold discoveries in that territory. The Governor says that steamships are passing daily for Dyea and Skaguay loaded to the utmost with supplies. "The news just out from Klondike," says the Governor, "by reliable men, is calculated to raise the excitement to a higher pitch. The shipments by the mouth of the Yukon will be all of two and one-half tons. Rich finds have been made well on the sides of the mountains, and the old saying that 'gold is where you find it, and silver runs in veins,' seems to be emphasized in that district. A conservative estimate is that there are 5000 men at Skaguay and along the trail on the White Pass. But a few only have gone over this pass with their supplies, and only a small per cent. of the number can get across. Some parties are dividing, and will try to send one over with supplies, while the others will go into camp until spring. The men who are coming are fine fellows, and I greatly admire them, as I see them talk and walk. A country can well be proud of such men. They are remarkably orderly."

Eat Lizards to Cure Cancer.

We trust no reader of the Reporter is troubled with cancer so as not to have his stomach shocked with a new cure for the disease—eating lizards.

An Austrian priest named Gentilini claims to have discovered a certain cure for cancer by means of eating lizards. By this extraordinary remedy he is said to have already cured thirty patients afflicted with cancer. In this connection it may be added that recent investigation has resulted in the discovery that both toads and lizards possess beneath the surface of their skins certain secretions which constitute an extremely powerful chemical agent, so that the use of these reptiles for medicinal purposes in China and in other parts of the Orient, is not so ridiculous as was at first imagined.

RESORCE, Screven Co., Ga.—I have been subject to attacks of bilious colic for several years. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is the only sure relief. It acts like a charm. One dose of it gives relief when all other remedies fail.—G. D. SHARP. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Peeler, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

GIVES THE CREDITOR A SHOW.

A New Law that is Making a Certain Class of Debtors Cry out in Anger.

One of the laws enacted by the last Legislature is directed against that class of persons who make a practice of getting into debt and then letting their creditors whistle for their money, finding safety in the ruses that they have served them well for many years. Chief among these ruses was the plea that they owned nothing, all the property that seemingly was their own in reality belonging to relatives, usually wives. The discovery of the new law, which had escaped the notice of the interested persons until a day or two ago, has caused them no end of mental travail. It is said that all over the Hill the cry is going up that this is no longer a country for an honest man to make his home in and that anarchy is being preached, and the single-tax theory being discussed in circles where laws never before were considered other than lightly and taxes caused no woe.

A client of Attorney W. J. Jordan appealed to him for advice. He said that several years ago he became indebted to a merchant. He could not pay the account and the merchant secured judgment against him. But when it came to levying on the debtor's goods it was shown that he owned nothing; that his store was the property of his wife. The creditor was foiled. However, he kept the judgment alive and last week demanded payment. The creditor set up the old plea and was told that it would avail no more because a new law had been enacted for the protection of creditors. Mr. Jordan examined the acts of the last Legislature and told his client that there seemed to be no escape for him.

Under the old law, when a creditor levied on goods that were alleged to be the property of the wife of the debtor, the creditor, if he wished to dispute the declared insolvency of the debtor, was compelled to file a bond to indemnify the sheriff for any damages before that official could go ahead with the sale. Now the burden is shifted the other way. When a debtor sets up that his wife is the owner of the goods levied on, the new law requires that the alleged owner shall pay costs to the sheriff amounting to four dollars. The sheriff then must file the case in court, where an issue is framed and the debtor is required to enter bond in the sum of double the amount of the claim to secure the creditor. Then the case comes up for determination by a jury as in any other suit at law. It is intended to put the fraudulent debtor in a tight place. The requirement that the costs be paid and that a bond be filed, together with the prospect that any fraud will be disclosed, is what is troubling the people who have resorted to trickery to escape payment of their debts.

Live and Let Live.

It requires a great deal of cheek to request free notices from a newspaper for a money-making scheme (which printing should be paid for) and then send job-work to outside offices that do nothing for your neighborhood. This is a complaint with many newspaper offices, and shows that narrow minded and selfish spirits grow in many places. In the past six weeks requests of this kind have been asked of this office to the amount of \$35 for a money-making affair, but no thanks nor a dime for our work. The principle of live and let live, and pay for what you get, is a golden one found with all except the little souls who never rise to the first degree of that which is decent, neighborly and manly—with such it is charge all you can and demand all you get free of charge as far as cheek and brass permit, even unto denying the amenities and courtesies common to good breeding.

About Fairs.

County fairs are all the go now except in old Centre and Clinton. Union county always has a No. 1 fair at Lewisburg. The Milton fair will be very attractive this year. Milford county fair was held at Lewistown last week. What has become of the Centre and Clinton county joint fair movement?

"My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros', Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased, and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Peeler, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

BRISBIN LANDS THE GAME.

THE CENTRE HALL POST OFFICE FIGHT SETTLED.

Congressman Arnold Recommends the Appointment of B. D. Brisbin for Postmaster, and the Agony is Over.

The fight for the Centre Hall postoffice is practically at an end, and Congressman Arnold has sent to the Department the recommendation that B. D. Brisbin be awarded the plum.

The term of the present Democratic incumbent expires October 1, and the commission of Mr. Brisbin will be made out before that time, but he will not take possession until October 1st. Mr. Brisbin served four years as postmaster under the Harrison administration, and made a good official. The patrons of the office can be assured of a good service from his past record. He intends purchasing new and up-to-date furniture and will give the town an office such as it deserves. Whether it will be removed from its present location is undetermined.

The fight for the office was a lively one, and during the past two months the applicants did some lively hustling. Every Republican in the county with the least pull was put to work to use his influence with Congressman Arnold. To some the appointment was not a surprise and to others it was. The Reporter was not caring a hang who was appointed. It was no fight of ours beyond that the town was supplied with a good service, and any one of the applicants we are sure would have given that had he been appointed.

The postoffice stands fourth in the county. The three others being presidential offices, and of the fourth class offices Centre Hall stands first.

Congressman Arnold has recommended the appointment of Hayes Schenk as postmaster at Howard.

Hastings Asks Reeder to Resign.

Trouble is reported in Gov. Hastings' cabinet. Secretary of the Commonwealth Reeder and Deputy Atty General Elkin, it is said, will resign. The cause lies in the fight between Hastings and Quay—Reeder and Elkin belonging to the Quay side. The bitterness between the two factions is intense.

—Since the above was in type we see published the letter of Gov. Hastings requesting Secretary Reeder's resignation, and also the letter of Mr. Reeder complying with the Governor's request.

The reasons for the unpleasantness seem to be Reeder's name to the Haywood bond taking \$20,000 out of the state funds to pay to henchmen who rendered no service.

Further particulars will leak out "by-and-by."

High License, Surely.

Oregon has hit upon a new expedient to keep her citizens sober. Every man who drinks is obliged to take out a license costing five dollars a year and unless armed with this document he cannot be served with liquor at any saloon or hotel. Every six months the names of the persons who take out the license are to be published in the local paper, so that the public may know who they are, and those who are not authorized to drink. This is certainly a unique plan and somewhat startling.

Too Many Horses.

Wild horses have become so much of a nuisance in Northern Arizona that Attorney General Frazier has been asked if they may not legally be slaughtered. That vicinity has been overrun by several bands, hundreds in number, unbranded and unclaimed by anyone. They have rapidly increased in number and have become wilder than deer and vicious as well.

Centre county horse dealers might take to Arizona and find it a regular Klondike for horse flesh.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Charles Winslow and Emma Strunk both of Blanchard. Temple G. Cruse, of Bellefonte, and Lodie E. Musser, of Millheim. Orlando Boryan and Laura B. Ginger, of Boggs twp. Frank L. Wagner, of Boggs twp., E. Fannie Adams, of Milesburg. Fred R. Adams, of Phillipsburg, and Sarah T. Smith, of Keystone Hill, Clearfield Co. Claudius Peters, of Union twp., and Lillie McKelvey, of Huston twp. Wm. C. Hipple, of Pine Glenn, and Lydia Agnes Spangler, Tusseyville. Harry E. McClincey, of Boggs twp., and Elizabeth H. Cole, of Zion, Centre Co. Charles Boyer and Maggie McGinley, Julian. Curtis Y. Wagner, of Benner twp., and Margaret Bates, of Pine Glenn.

Alaska—Its Rain and Plague of Mosquitoes.

The great growth of trees everywhere here, and the practical impenetrability of these forests on foot, owing to brush and bushes, all green and growing in tangled jungle, is caused by the comparative immunity of this country from the scourge of forest fires. This is due to a phenomenal dampness of the climate: it rains, rains and drizzles here two-thirds of the time.

Ferns—oh, how beautiful they are!—also grow most luxuriantly and even abundantly upon the fallen, rotting tree trunks and even into the living arboreal boughs, and green mosses form great clublike masses on the branches.

A plague of the spot is the legion of mosquitoes that are native to the soil. These pests of the forest and river tracts are of that abundance which has made famous in letters of gore the Middle Atlantic tracts of the Eastern United States; nay, more, the torment is that of the tropics or of the true Arctic regions, for it is in the hottest and coldest regions of the earth's surface that the melodious tones of the little pipers are banded together in most powerful orchestra. It is a no uncommon thing to see the human head completely encased in a mosquito netting, a condition which has in many parts become a necessity—a necessity extended from the face to the hands.

Telegraphic News Items.

Yellow fever is showing itself in Mississippi. Ocean Springs is reported to be stricken with the dread disease, and quarantine has been ordered.

Trouble is feared if an attempt is made to clear Cherokee strip of intruders, and cavalry are ready for fight. When the Cherokee strip was sold to the Indians the government promised to put out all intruders, but neglected it; there are 5000 intruders.

Ex-bank clerk Harry Clabaugh, of the 2nd National bank of Altoona, when it was looted, he having changed figures in his books, committed suicide Monday noon by shooting himself.

Monday is reported from all quarters as having been a very warm day.

Richard Crocker, the Tammany chief, says the Democrats will carry greater New York by 50,000 majority.

Lawrence Ledwelt, a Philadelphia teamster, after a drunk, fell into a sleep lasting 108 hours and then died.

The depositors in the suspended banking house of Gardner, Morrow & Co., of Hollidaysburg, will get about 3 per cent. instead of dollar for doMar.

Linden Hall.

Misses Helen and Margaret Rudy, two pleasant young ladies of State College, were visiting some of their many friends in and around town a few days last week.

Mrs. Wm. Bible and daughter Elsie, of Potters Mills, were guests at the home of George Swab one day last week.

Miss Carrie Royer, a bright young lady of Centre Hill, was visiting friends in our community on Friday last.

For the past week Mrs. Henry Zeigler has been very low with asthma, but is now slowly improving.

A party composed of the following persons visited friends in Sprucetown: Mrs. Tammie Keller, Mrs. James Swab, Maggie and George Swab. It is customary among the gentlemen when they take ladies out driving, to see them safely home, but in this case some had to walk home alone.

Mr. Mokol and Misses Mattie and Mabel Mayes, of Lemont, attended services in this place Sunday.

Mary Reish and Nora Miller, of Boalsburg, were the guests of Bessie Seanson over Sunday.

Our town is making quite an improvement on Main street; they are building a new board walk, of which we are in great need.

Mrs. Haffer, wife of Dr. Haffer, of Bellefonte, is visiting at the home of Daniel Hess.

Leonore Helmes, of Osceola Mills, is a pleasant guest at the hospitable home of Daniel Hess.

Irvin Ross and wife, of Lemont, were guests at the home of their son, J. H. Ross, merchant at this place.

Sadie Lee and friends, of Colyer, were callers at the home of her sister, Mrs. Philip Bradford on Tuesday.

A Horrible Railroad Accident.

Is a daily chronicle in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough or any affection of the Throat and Lungs call at G. H. Long's, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial bottle free. Large sizes 50c. and 25c.

—Subscribe for the REPORTER.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Wednesday was the third hot day this week.

We need rain; the ground is dry and dusty.

Picnic week being near everybody predicts rain.

Weather opened up this week hot as any time this summer.

We see it announced there will be 200 tents for next week's picnic.

Centre county farmers are mostly done sowing their wheat fields.

We are safe in saying the corn crop is safe against harm from frosts now.

Boob's steam whistle makes as much noise as our big cannon when fired.

Mrs. E. J. McKee died at her home near Salona, Sunday morning, aged 67 years.

The new United Evang. church, at Linden Hall, Rev. Rhodes informs us, is now begun.

Services by Rev. Christine in the Presbyterian church, this place, next Sabbath forenoon.

Dr. Emerick informs us there is considerable sickness around, being mostly summer complaints.

Pittsburg Republicans intend to run banker Thompson as an independent candidate for state treasurer.

From no portion of the county have we reports of a good potato crop nor from any part of the state.

Mrs. Martha Odenkirk has had a new and substantial board walk placed down in front of her premises.

Congressman Arnold has recommended our next-door fellow citizen, D. B. Brisbin, as post-master for Centrehall.

The very abundant crop of peaches in this county and state, and all over, has brought down the price quite low.

John Bike, a native of Aaronsburg, many years a resident of the west, died at Orangeville, Ill., latter part of last week.

Tuesday was also a scorcher, pretty nigh up to Monday. Vegetation needs rain to keep it from drooping under the sun heat.

Prof. Snyder, of State College, has been elected by our boro' school board, to the principalship of the Centre Hall schools. He is well recommended.

The Reporter office will be open day and night next week for the accommodation of persons who wish to pay dues—and may their name be legion.

What's the use in going to Klondike, since rich gold finds have been made recently in all parts of the earth. Wait—Centre county may be full of gold too.

Wm. J. Bryan was on a wreck in which a dozen passengers were killed, near Emporia, Kas., Tuesday, but escaped and was one of the most energetic rescuers.

Ask your friends in the west to subscribe for the Reporter, it gives all the home news and will save you much postage and letter writing, and will serve to make your friends think of you each week.

The gold watch noticed last week in the Reporter as found by Mr. Arney on the picnic ground, a few days ago, is claimed by Mr. Close, of Linden Hall, who lost a watch on the picnic ground a year ago.

A New Jersey court has decided the right of a passenger to a seat in a Pullman car without paying extra until provided with a seat in some other car. It is to be hoped the decision will have a general application.

Farmers inform us that the yield of wheat, per acre, has not been as large for many years as this year, running from 20 to 30 bushels to the acre. In recent years it had been averaging 12 to 15 bushels to the acre.

The cider presses and steam threshers are in operation over the county; the first will not have their usual amount of squeezing to do on account of a not abundant apple crop; the traveling threshers, on the other hand, are having a harvest of work.

Next week will be a lively one in this burg; the picnic will draw hither crowds of comers to see and be seen, lads and lasses, peanut vendors, small beer and candy vendors, fakirs, and suck-you-ins; implement exhibitors, merchants, and the rest. Sunday is set apart for religious services.

The boro' interest tax, only due this fall, was unlawfully collected last fall, one year in advance and before the bonds were issued! It will be illegal to collect an interest tax on those bonds this fall—it would be doubling up the crime, a very serious thing. Look a leetle out.

The hottest up in the Klondike gold region is like that we had in this section beginning of the week, but the degree of cold is almost ten times lower than here. There summer begins with May and ends with August. The great Yukon river is now beginning to freeze up.