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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### MCKINLEY TANGLED UP IN NEW YORK POLITICS.

He Forms a Combine With Platt.—Hawaii Giving the Administration Plenty of Trouble over the Annexation Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Mr. McKinley and Boss Platt have made a deal which will kill Seth Low's candidacy for Mayor of Greater New York, make Ex-Secretary Tracy the Republican candidate backed by all the influence of the administration, and send Platt and his henchmen to the next Republican National Convention as McKinley shouters. Boss Platt did not relish the latter part of the program, but it was a case of "must" with him and Mr. McKinley knew it as well as he did, and knowing it would accept nothing short of an iron-clad pledge of support in exchange for the administration influence in favor of Tracy and against Low. The deal was kept very quiet, but it leaked out even before Mr. Tracy, who had previously declared that he would not be the candidate, announced his willingness to accept the Republican nomination. According to Democratic advisers, it will make no difference who the Republican nominee is; a Democrat will be elected. It is understood that Vice-President Hobart is also in the deal, and that the next Republican ticket is to be, if the parties to the deal have their way, the same as the last, McKinley and Hobart. It is also said that Platt got Mr. McKinley's promise to make him Secretary of the Treasury, the position he has vainly sought for so many years, if he is re-elected.

Getting rich quick is all right, provided the methods by which it is done are legal and legitimate. The temptation to do so by fraud and at the expense of others, is often too strong to be resisted by men of weak wills and elastic consciences, but there is consolation for the man who is too honest to transact his business upon any other than a legitimate basis, in the knowledge that fraudulently acquired money seldom sticks, and never carries respect with it. The business career of John Wedderburn, head of the concern of John Wedderburn & Co., which will be next week officially disbanded from practice before the U. S. Patent Office, for gross fraud, furnishes an object lesson of the danger of trying to get rich quick by questionable means. The only capital he had when he started was the idea that the newspaper men of the country were ready to be caught by almost any old thing of a scheme, and today many of them have nothing to show for the advertising given to the Examiner Claims Bureau, The Press Claims Company, (both dead) and John Wedderburn & Co., all representing Wedderburn's get-rich-quick schemes, except worthless certificates of stock in the several companies. He adopted lottery and other deceptive methods of attracting business, and now finds himself, instead of being rich, branded with fraud by the U. S. Government and not allowed to practice, and the Postal authorities have been requested to put his paper, the *National Recorder*, on the fraud list. The facts tell the story and need no comment.

Although no official admission has been made, it is known that the administration is much disturbed by its latest advisers from Hawaii. The ratification of the annexation treaty by the Hawaiian Senate has caused much excitement among the Japanese residents of Hawaii, and the administration fears that a state of insurrection may be precipitated at almost any moment, the result of which may be the overthrow of the present government. Information in the State Department leaves little doubt that many Japanese soldiers are on the island, having gone there in the guise of laborers. It is also very clear that the soldiers are armed and that they have talked among themselves of what they intended to do after overthrowing the government and taking possession of the islands. New and urgent orders have been sent to the U. S. Minister to Hawaii, and to Admiral Miller, in command of the U. S. vessels there. The feeling of uneasiness on the part of the administration is not about the final result of a scrap with Japan, but about what might happen to Americans and American interests on the island should the Japanese make an attempt to overthrow the Dole government.

The disposition to poke fun at ex-Senator Edmunds and his ten associates, who have met in Washington and organized themselves into a so-called monetary commission, has been more pronounced than ever since Mr. Edmunds issued an explanation of why they are in session. He admits that they have no authority and that

they cannot even approach Congress with a suggestion as to legislation, except through the right of petition, possessed by every citizen. In the face of that admission, the star chamber meetings of these agents of the Indianapolis Gold Banker a Convention of last winter, appear to be farcical in the extreme, and the result of their deliberation is likely to be just about as influential with Congress as would be a resolution adopted by the Thompson Street Poker Club.

### Name It Please.

Clearfield county has a curiosity in the shape of a township, within whose borders there is not a church, school, store, saloon, minister, justice, school teacher, doctor, lawyer, carpenter, blacksmith shop, postoffice or two-story house. None of the inhabitants of the township has ever held office, sat on a jury or been in a criminal action. The people of that township, if any live there, are certainly not of this earth.—*Tyrone Herald.*

### The Peary Meteorite.

Lieut. Peary has brought home that big meteorite which he discovered in his Arctic wanderings. The character of the metallic mass is a matter of deep interest. This visitant from the unknown regions outside the world's atmosphere weighs 100 tons. In size it is 8 feet by 12, and is the best specimen Lieut. Peary ever saw. He has tested the mass, and has found that "the composition is almost similar to that used in plate armor on United States ships and it looks like nicked steel."

### Crown Sheet Collapsed.

A frightful and fatal accident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad 2 1/2 miles east of Gettysburg, about one o'clock Monday morning. The crown sheet of a passenger engine suddenly blew out while the train was in motion.

Six of the seven cars were derailed. Engineer Mitchell was hurled 30 feet up the mountain side, where his mangled body was found among the rocks, while fireman Cawley was discovered down the river bank, where he had been blown along with particles of the engine. No passengers were hurt.

### Greece Cries for War Again.

A large meeting was held on Sunday afternoon in Athens, where a resolution was adopted calling upon King George and the Cabinet to renew the war with Turkey rather than accept the terms of peace offered by the peace conference.

Most of the addresses were bellicose, one speaker making a violent attack upon the King and Crown Prince Constantine. The police endeavored to arrest him, but he escaped with the assistance of the crowd.

### Murdered a Whole Family.

John Boecker, a farmer living eight miles from Carroll, Ia., on Sunday night murdered his wife and five children and fatally wounded his eight-year-old son.

Afterward the fiendish or demented man sent a bullet into his own head, inflicting a fatal wound.

### Perished on Chilkoot.

Eighteen Klondikers were caught by an avalanche, on Chilkoot pass, during death on their way to get gold. They were endeavoring to hurry to Dawson City, when, despite the warnings of the weather, they all were ground to death.

### Blooded Cattle Sold.

The public sale of blooded dairy cattle at the Pennsylvania State College, on last Wednesday, was well attended and high prices prevailed. Forty-one head were sold at an average price of \$42. Some of the graded heifers sold as high as \$51.

### Farmers' Institute.

Farmers' institutes for Centre county will be conducted by the state agricultural department at Spring Mills, on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13th and 14th, and at Hubersburg, on Wednesday and Thursday, December 15th and 16th.

"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. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

—If in need of a stylish and dressy suit, it is wise to consult Lewins, Bellefonte, and have him fit you out.

### Justices' Appeals.

The last legislature passed an act which is of vital importance to everyone who appeals a case from the decision of a justice of the peace. This law provides that no appeal shall be entertained unless the appellant makes affidavit that he verily believes injustice has been done. Some justices have not made themselves familiar with the new law, and if they had entertained any appeals, no matter how just, the ends of justice would be defeated if the opposing counsel went into court and asked to have it stricken off. The law reads as follows: "That from and after the first day of July, 1897, no appeal shall be entertained from the judgment of a justice of the peace or alderman unless the appellant or his attorney or agent shall make affidavit that the appeal is not for delay, but because he verily believes that injustice has been done."

### Wagon Run on Rails.

In accordance with the desire of the secretary of agriculture to promote more extended experiments in the use of steel trackways on wagon roads, the office of road inquiry has made arrangements with the Cambria iron works of Johnstown, Pa., for rolling special rails for this purpose, these arrangements to go into effect as soon as definite orders from responsible parties amounting to one mile of track are received.

The director of road inquiry and the engineers of the iron company, after much discussion, have agreed upon a plan of track that promises to meet all requirements. It requires no wood in its construction nor cross ties for support, but consists of a simple inverted trough or channel of steel for each wheel, with a slightly raised bed on the inside to guide the wheels, each channel resting on a bed of gravel, and tied together occasionally to prevent spreading.

The first order for track has been given by the New York State agricultural experiment station.

### The Building Boom Continues.

That there will be no lull in the building operations in Centre Hall for several years to come is evidenced by the many transactions in real estate. There never was a time in the town's history that there was such a clamor for building lots, and almost every week a sale of a lot is made which shall be used sooner or later for building purposes. On Hoffer street a number of dwellings will likely go up within the next year. The dwellings are needed, as there are not nearly enough to accommodate all who want to make Centre Hall their home.

### Commission not yet Received.

Newly-appointed postmaster Brisbin has not yet received his commission from Washington, but is expecting it on every mail. Should he receive it in time, he will take charge of the office tomorrow morning. It is likely that the office will not be removed from the present location. No other suitable room is to be had in this part of the town.

### To Change the Date of Memorial Day.

Grand Army circles are interested in a proposal to change the date of Memorial day from May 30 to the last Sunday in May. The growing tendency to make the day one of recreation and sport instead of a fitting memorial as intended has led to a discussion of the proposed changes.

### Centre Hall Ahead Again.

Centre Hall has a longer street than any other town in the county. Our main street is 1 1/2 miles in length and still growing in the direction of Old Fort having barely an 1/4 of a mile of a gap to build up when it will be annexed to make a Greater Centrehall.

### Chickens Abroad.

An exchange says that the supreme court has decided that poultry running at large is wild game and the party on which they trespass has a right to kill them. No man has a right to allow his chickens to run at large and bother his neighbors.

### Water Item.

Landlord Will Runkle mourns the absence of one of his guests who took to good living there for several weeks while in consultation with the new bore water plant steers for a contract, and left without paying William his niece "William" for board.

### Expelled for Hazing.

Two men were expelled from State College for hazing during the week. The faculty announces that no more hazing will be tolerated. The students have organized a committee to assist the faculty in the enforcement of this rule.

—There is out one first-class clothing house in Bellefonte, and that is the Philad. Branch. Largest stock, lowest prices, and everything first-class.

## IS PENNS VALLEY IN DANGER?

### AN ACT OF LEGISLATURE CAUSES TROUBLE IN LAND TITLES.

Farmers of Berks and Lancaster Want to Fight—Their Lands in Danger—Will Penns Valley be Drawn into Courts?

It seems they have trouble in Berks and Lancaster akin to that some years ago in Potter township, Centre county, over the alleged Potter entailment, by which scores of farmers were supposed not to own their lands.

There are prospects of the liveliest kind of revolt, and possibly of stubborn and protracted litigation on the part of farmers of Berks county, against whom the state is, under a new law, pressing claims for over \$50,000 on lands originally purchased over a century ago—claims which, in the aggregate in Eastern Pennsylvania counties will be swelled to nearly \$400,000.

A number of large land owners in Berks county will, it is said, soon unite to see if these extraordinary claims cannot be successfully resisted.

The State bought the land of the Penn estate in the latter part of the 18th century and sold it to the settlers who came from New York State and foreign countries. Those who took up their lands did not pay all they owed the State, and some did not pay at all. These farms have since been cut up and sold to many parties. In consequence, the present innocent holders find themselves occupying farms without a clear title. Many contend that inasmuch as the State has neglected for a century to collect this money it should not be in its power to collect it from parties who do not owe it.

A number of inquiries have already been received from Lehigh, Montgomery, Chester, Lebanon, York and other counties. When this matter becomes more generally known among the farmers there will be no end to the discontent and opposition.

J. R. Windolph has been appointed by the Secretary of Internal Affairs to look after the interests of the State against owners of land in Lancaster county, who, by a law passed by the last Legislature, are made liable for defaulted payments to the State, ranging from \$10 to \$500 each, and running back to 1733. Mr. Windolph estimates that the State has charges against 20,000 acres in Lancaster county. The present owners are in ignorance of the charge against their properties, and it is likely that there will be considerable litigation.

The Penns owned great bodies of land in this section of Penns valley, hence it was baptized by that name. Whether any of these lands will fall within these disputes, the Reporter is not now able to say. We hope not and that all titles to Penns valley farms are clean and clear. It would be a terrible hardship and a grinding wrong against farmers who toiled a life-time to pay for their farms to find, after vastly improving them, that state sharks were to step in and menace them with costly litigation.

If the last legislature passed an act to call into being such a wrong, it will stand as an additional black mark to the infamy of the worst scoundrels that ever met at Harrisburg.

### How Union County Grangers Did It.

The Granges of Union county have petitioned the managers of the fair not to allow the gambling buzzards a place this year. If the Granges of Centre county will do likewise as regards the gamblers at the picnic, they will be backed by public sentiment.

### Nearly Bled to Death.

A little four-year old son of Byron Garis, of this place, a few days ago in carrying a glass jug with molasses, accidentally fell, breaking the jug from which he received an ugly gash in his left wrist severing some large veins.

### To Build the College Barn.

Farmer John A. Woodward, of Howard, is appointed to rebuild the new barn at State College, and is out looking up plans for a strong building.

### 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.

—Lost.—On Sunday evening, on Church street, a ladies fine silk handkerchief, deep hem, hem-stitched, and edged with deep lace. Finder please leave at this office.

### The Maria Poison Case.

Peter Mendis, the Bellefonte rag picker and carpet cleaner, who was arrested last week on the charge of having poisoned James Maria, his partner, applied through his attorneys Taylor and Johnson, for a habeas corpus hearing. The court fixed today, Thursday, to hear the evidence, but postponed it until a later date to be decided upon. The chemist in Philadelphia, to whom the stomach of Maria has been sent, has not completed an analysis of the same, and until he makes a report no hearing can be granted. There is a division of opinion in Bellefonte as to the guilt of the Italian Mendis who is held for the crime. Some are of the opinion that he is guilty, while others say that his incarceration is the work of a rival in business.

### Increased License Fees.

According to the act of 1887 retail liquor dealers were required to pay a license fee of \$150 in boroughs and \$75 in townships; wholesale dealers, \$200 in boroughs and \$100 in townships; bottlers the same as wholesale dealers.

The act passed at the last session of the legislature and approved by the governor, increases the fees as follows:

Wholesale dealers, boroughs \$200, townships, \$100; bottlers, \$250 in boroughs and \$125 in townships; brewers, \$250 where the output is not over 1000 barrels a year, and from that figure to \$600 where the output is 3,000 barrels. To the fees heretofore paid by retail dealers is added \$50 in boroughs and \$55 in townships.

Under the old law the license fees from wholesale dealers, bottlers and brewers all went to the state, while those of hotels and restaurants were divided between the county, boroughs, and townships. The new law does not change this, except that the additional fees paid by the hotels and restaurants go to the state.

### Pennsylvania Peach Crop Large.

Chief Clerk Shock, of the department of agriculture, says that the peach crop of this season has been the largest in the history of the state. So burdened with the luscious fruit have the orchards been that the peaches in many of them are smaller than usual, but are firm and well matured. The fruit is so plentiful that growers are enabled to ship only the finest specimens to the market. Car loads of peaches from Mifflin and other counties, where the orchards are extensive, ship their product principally to Pittsburgh and the western section of the state. Many crates are shipped in refrigerator cars to points farther west.

### Autumn Arbor Day.

Superintendent of public instruction N. C. Schaeffer last Friday issued a proclamation naming Friday, October 22, as the autumn Arbor day. The proclamation mentions the benefits derived from preservation of trees and of the recent beneficial laws in behalf of forestry and concludes: "In view of these facts it is the patriotic duty of every teacher to see to it that Arbor day is properly observed by his school. Since many of the rural schools are not in session during either of the Arbor days appointed in the spring of the year, it has become the established custom for the school department to name an Arbor day in the fall of the year and October 22 is therefore chosen."

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Nathan Simcox, Liberty township, and Sarah Watkins, Spring township. L. Franklin Cox, Charlottesville, Va., and Louisa L. Van Bonhorst, Reading, Pa.

Perry Willard and Ida M. Ickes, both of Ferguson twp.

Carl C. McLaughlin and Lizzie E. Oswald, both of Snow Shoe.

James B. Wagner and Annie G. Fleisher, both of Potter twp.

Elmer L. Bowes, Pine Glenn, and Estella M. Cheesman, Mill Hall.

Stephen Keller, Decatur, and Rebecca Ford, Powelton.

### Held for Trial.

Aaron Bartsge, the Loganton druggist at whose home the death of Miss Annie Houser occurred under very suspicious circumstances, has been held in \$1500 bail to answer before the Clinton county court on the charge of complicity in the death of the young girl. In default of bail Bartsge was confined in the Lock Haven jail for several days, until George Pifer went on his bond. The coroner's inquest revealed that the girl was a victim of malpractice.

—The new Fall styles of dress suits have been received at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte, and a more complete stock you will not find. If you need a new dress suit, hat or any furnishing goods, see their stock. Many sales and small profits is the way the firm has built up their large patronage.

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Frost Tuesday morning. Frank Shuey, of Bellefonte, has been granted a pension.

Potatoes are 50 cents in the valley, and apples 25 to 35.

Gov. Hastings on Tuesday again left Bellefonte for Harrisburg.

There are some dangerous holes in walks in our town.

Frost again Wednesday morning, Jack's third call this week.

There is every prospect that we are going to have a lovely fall.

Mr. Shunk has the foundation ready for his new house on Hoffer st.

Chestnuts are not going to be very plenty this fall; even the horse chestnuts are a failure.

No pigeon or other news from Andree who started in July, by balloon, for the North pole.

The past twelve months show more new houses in this place than any previous twelve months.

Sometimes want of time and space oblige us to cut down matter sent by our correspondents.

D. F. Luse is making some improvements upon the rear of his residence. Dan never is "agin" enterprise.

Chestnuts are beginning to grin from open burrs. In a few weeks it will tell upon the Sunday schools.

Quarter acre lots offered a short distance east of the station, at \$40 to \$50 per lot. Inquire at Reporter office.

Liverman Boozer thinks he may need to erect some new sheds and stables for more room for his growing trade.

We have received a dozen Complimentaries to attend county fairs. Accept thanks and the Reporter's best wishes for success.

Yellow fever has appeared in a dozen southern localities and steps are taken to prevent its spreading, and with good results.

We are pleased to mention that our old friend Peter Breon has recovered sufficiently from his summer's illness to come to town again.

Many from this county will go to the Union county fair to-day and tomorrow, where there is always a fine display of farm products.

Boob, the wheel manufacturer, talks of furnishing steam heat for some of the buildings in this part of town, from his 60 horse-power boiler.

For an arm-breaking fall on an icy sidewalk at Dubois, Mrs. Frank Beebe has recovered \$1000 in court, though she at first offered to settle for \$100.

Roll in, and subscribe for the Reporter, which has done so much to found and encourage enterprises for our town and valley. Subscribe for the Reporter and advertise in it.

Work for Centre Hall and for those that have contributed to its enterprises and improvements. Keep shy of those who continually try to cause disturbances. Work for Centre Hall.

Talking about the grange picnic always being struck by rain, consider how fortunate they were in escaping the last week's downpours which were far worse than in picnic week before.

This happy and well watered burg is well supplied with pretty pet babies, each little cherub being the one most admired to the delight of fond mamas; and still there are more—new houses going up.

The season is at hand when it is well to secure hydrants against freezing, and to carefully examine doors and furnace fixtures. Many a serious misfortune is averted by a little timely forethought.

In Milroy there was a deadlock in the school board over the selection of a teacher for the first grade, which was broken by the withdrawal of teacher Lawver, when a new applicant, Mr. Meyer, of Boalsburg, was chosen.

It is refreshing to read that in many parts of the country officers, high and low, from township and borough up, are being sent to the penitentiary for wrongfully spending the public money although having tried to cover their tracks. Take warning.

Bicycles are now being made with one of the tubes in the frame plugged at each end, to be filled with oil thro an inlet at the top, and drawn off below, so that a cyclist need not run out of fuel for his lamp. Any one can make the needed change on his bike.

It is given out that our esteemed heroes fathers will put up trespass notices against the mischievous wags who go down where genial Sam Stover doth abide, and measure the \$50 worth of water. That's right. Gov. Hastings having spent some time in town Monday he was quietly asked to send up a company of the Hazleton sappers to stand guard over the goose wine, and be sure to have canteens filled before they get there.