



WASHINGTON LETTER.

NOTHING SHORT OF FREEDOM FOR CUBA WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Much Dissatisfaction Among the Office Seekers Because of the Little Time McKinley Devotes to Them.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—"Cuba; it ought to be and it shall be free!" That is the motto on the flag which the friends of Cuba, many and influential in Washington, have nailed to the mast. The new campaign for free Cuba was opened with a big mass meeting, under the auspices of the Woman's National Cuban League, participated in by many prominent men, including a number of Washington's foremost ministers of the gospel. Other meetings are to be held, not only in Washington, but in all sections of the country, to give that hearty sympathy for Cuba known to exist a chance to express itself in such an emphatic way that the leisurely and uncertain steps of the administration will have to be quickened, whether it be agreeable to the government of Spain or not. At this meeting a picked choir of sixty voices sang for the first time in public Joseph Adams' "Ode to Cuba," which he dedicated to the League. There was great enthusiasm, and those who are in charge say that it is going to continue to grow until it becomes irresistible. These people believe with the Cubans that nothing short of freedom for Cuba will be accepted, and that the administration scheme of pacification for Cuba under a continuance of Spanish rule is bound to be a failure.

Ex-Governor Hoadley, Chief Counsel for the intending purchaser of the Union Pacific Railroad, has been in Washington for the purpose of securing the official consent of the administration to the deal made by his clients with the Cleveland administration. He secured it, of course, and the road will be sold next month, notwithstanding the protests of the Senate Committee on Pacific Railroads and the charge by reputable citizens that the sale is a job to do the government and the private creditors of the road out of millions of dollars.

It pays to be the President's doctor. Dr. Newton L. Bates, a medical director in the Navy, who was the private physician of Mr. McKinley when he was in Congress, and who has occupied the same position since he became President, has been appointed Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in the Navy Department, although he was not next in line for promotion.

An Ohio Republican who would not allow his name to be used because it figures on an official pay roll and he wishes it to stay there, has been telling the inside facts about the high-handed way in which Boss Hanna's man Dick has been walking roughshod over the Foraker Republicans in the state. He said: "There has never been anything like it before in Ohio politics. The supporters of Senator Foraker supposed that when the deal was patched up, largely through Mr. McKinley, by which Mr. Hanna was to be supported for the Senate and Gov. Bushnell renominated, that factional differences were to be shelved for the time and the campaign made harmoniously. They soon discovered that the harmony was to consist of constant humiliations put upon the Foraker men by Hanna, his man Dick and their henchmen. It has been steadily getting worse ever since the campaign opened and the end is not yet, although Senator Foraker became so disgusted that he left the state with the intention of remaining away until the election. Mr. McKinley has persuaded Senator Foraker to return to Ohio, and promised him that if he would go ahead and make speeches he would see that Hanna and Dick gave him and his friends better treatment. Foraker accepted Mr. McKinley's promise and left Washington today for Ohio, but he knows that Hanna considers himself McKinley's master, and he has not much confidence in that promise. Foraker will have a personal day of reckoning with Hanna, as sure as you live, whether it be on the floor of the U. S. Senate or in the state of Ohio."

There is an unusual lot of growling among the office seekers in Washington because of the little time that Mr. McKinley devotes to them. They go to the White House every day but few of them get an opportunity to see Mr. McKinley, and those who do see him do not get much satisfaction. He makes some appointments nearly every day, but lots of them are men whom he knows personally or wishes to reward for personal work done for him. As a result there is some plain talk in the hotel corridors from those who believe themselves entitled to official recognition and who have been led to suppose they would get it. Slowly, but surely, an anti-McKinley sentiment is growing among Republicans.

A Dingley Miscalculation.

The Treasury Department at Washington is now in possession of the returns of the duties collected in August under the new tariff on the wearing apparel of citizens returning to this country from abroad.

The advance estimates of the probable income from this source ranged all the way from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 per annum. The August collections amounted to \$46,000. There are more travelers returning in September than in August, and it is estimated that the September collections will amount to \$60,000 or perhaps \$75,000. The highest present estimate of the year's revenue from this source, based upon actual facts, puts it very much below a million dollars.

In other words the actual revenue will fall short of the estimated revenue from 95 to 98 per cent.—New York World.

They Die Together.

The bodies of Arthur W. May, aged 24 years, and Miss Cora Kaseman, aged 18 years, both of Shamokin, were found in the blacksmith shop of Joseph Smink last Saturday morning. May had shot his sweetheart and then blew out his own brains. The murderer and suicide was a blacksmith, and up to the time of his death had been employed by Mr. Smink.

The couple had been lovers for some time, and last week they had arranged to go away and be quietly married. The parents of the young woman objected to the marriage and this caused a postponement. Being thus opposed by the parents of the girl, the young couple evidently made up their minds to end their trouble by dying together.

A Seaside View.

In dealing with public affairs we should be neither pessimists nor optimists, says the National Bimetallist. In order to prove that bimetallism should be restored it is not necessary to claim that the country is in any worse condition than it is in. Neither should we be blindly optimistic and jump at the conclusion that we have a grand area of prosperity before us merely because wheat has gone up and some factories have resumed work. We should look at the situation exactly as it is. Wheat has risen because crops are short in other countries. Factories have resumed partially to replenish stocks exhausted by a long period of idleness and partially in anticipation of a demand which may or may not be realized. But there is nothing in the situation to prove that the gold standard is a good thing or that bimetallism is a bad one.

He Did.

A Kansas newspaper prints the following marriage ceremony that was delivered a short time ago: Wilt thou take her for a wife, for better or for worse; to have, to hold, to fondly guard till hauled off in a hearse? Wilt thou let her have her way, consult her many wishes; make the fire up every day, and help her with the dishes? Wilt thou give her the "stuff" her little purse will pack; buy a boa and a mug, and a little sealskin sash? Wilt thou comfort and support her father and mother, aunt Jemima, uncle John, three sisters and a brother? and his face grew pale and blank; it was too late to jilt; as through the chapel floor he sank, he said, "I will."

For Washing Blankets.

Use a good white soap free from rosin for washing blankets. Slice it into a kettle of hot water and let it dissolve. Pour it into the tub and turn on the hot water, which should be almost scalding. Put in the blankets, covering the tub to keep in the steam, and let them stand about fifteen minutes. Then squeeze them up and down and turn them over. Rinse in a second tub of hot water and ammonia. Rinse again in hot water with a little soap in it. Wring out and hang in the wind to dry. Do not let the sun shine long on the blankets, as it yellows them.

New Postoffice Order.

The Postmaster General has issued an order forbidding clerks and other employees to solicit contributions of money, gifts or presents, or to issue addresses, complimentary cards, prints, publications or any substitute intended to induce the public to make them gifts or presents, to sell tickets for theatres, concerts, balls, fairs, picnics, excursions, or places of amusement or entertainment of any kind, or to borrow money, or contract debts which they have no reasonable prospect of being able to pay.

WESTERN HORSE DEALERS ATTENTION!

A good location for public and private sales of western horses, is at the Centre Hall House, in the heart of Penns valley. For further information, address, W. H. RUNKLE, Jr., Manager.

Rude Behavior.

There is a class of folks—young folks—when away from home put on rude behavior and inelegant conduct, thinking that the people in whose presence they happen to be will adjudge their unseemly conduct to be an evidence of intelligence, refinement, and that they have traveled and seen much. One occasionally observes this kind of conduct on board of passenger cars and in assemblies where 95 per cent. of the individuals show they are possessed of self-respect by being orderly.

These remarks are not uncalled for in the light of the conduct of a few passengers, male and female, on last Thursday morning's train to the Union county fair. Keeping up a rude guffaw at every senseless remark made by them, utterly disgusted the balance of the passengers who noted down the pretentious noisy set as persons to whom the meaning of decorum is a stranger. Getting through the mountain, at the first stop, a farmer had halted with his team just opposite where some farm cattle sat in the car; up went the window and the farmer outside was angered by insulting remarks about his hat, and his appearance, flung at him by a few male and female smarties, from inside the car, with redoubled guffaw at every remark they plied him with. The man outside, no doubt, was as well-dressed as farmers ordinarily are and perhaps better than on the farms where this insolence hails from. He showed a great deal of good sense in not entering the car, under such provocation, and boxing the ears of the rowdyish ones who put their flings at him.

The train went on and as outsiders were passed the fling and the guffaw were repeated. Just as the train had pulled out from Millinburg, an old lady was spied several yards from the track, a remark was sent at her and up went a guffaw from the set. It is needless to say that all the passengers in that car were filled with disgust over the exhibition these "ladies and gents" made of their lack of good breeding.

The State Liens.

An examination of the old lien docket shows that while there are quite a number of unpaid claims in Allegheny county, they are nearly all small amounts, none reaching over \$50, and the aggregate will be about \$3,000. An erroneous impression prevails that these claims are only against lands sold to the Commonwealth by the heirs of William Penn. Many claims are recorded against these portions of the state, but in Western Pennsylvania their are liens against many holdings from the state, of the great stretches of land it purchased from the Indians, the famous Six Nations, in 1684, which embraced all the territory from Lake Erie down to Pittsburg and from Lake Erie to Towanda and down to Lock Haven.

State Grange Meeting.

Members of the executive committee of the State Grange of the P. H., held a conference a few days ago, with reference to the national grange to be held in Harrisburg, Nov. 10.

This will be the 31st annual meeting of the grange and between 1,500 and 2,000 people will be present. The business sessions will be held in the supreme court room and the officers will make their headquarters at the Lochiel hotel. The sixth and seventh degrees will be conferred on the evenings of Nov. 10 and 11 in the opera house, J. H. Brigham, the national master, will preside at the sessions of the meeting.

Will Serve at Half Price.

Believing that \$5000 is too much to pay the State Treasurer, J. B. Corey, a Braddock coal operator, will be a candidate, and this is the way he has planned his campaign: "I will get me a ten-cent rubber stamp with 'J. B. Corey for State Treasurer,' cut on it, get some hand bills printed, J. B. Corey for State Treasurer at a salary of \$2500—or one-half present salary—and stick them up at the polls."

Property Sold.

The house and lot belonging to the Samuel Harpster estate, adv. in Reporter and nearly opposite this office, was sold last week to B. D. Brisbin, who will improve it some and likely partition off a section of the large shop for the post-office.

The Trouble Over.

A prominent man in town said the other day: "My wife has been wearing out her life from the effects of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint and Indigestion. Her case baffled the skill of our best physicians. After using three packages of Bacon's Celery King for the Nerves she is almost entirely well." Keep your blood in a healthy condition by the use of this great vegetable compound. Call at G. H. Longs, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial bottle free. Large sizes 50c and 25c.

TOPICS OF THE TOWN.

THE SCHOOL BOARD CONTRACTS FOR FURNITURE.

They went up and Open the Fourth School as Soon as Possible.—Twelve Applications for Teacher.

The school directors met on Tuesday evening in Reesman's shop to transact some very important business on hand. The contract for supplying the furniture for the new school room was awarded to a Wisconsin firm through the agent, Mr. Harrison, of Bellefonte. Twenty-two double desks, five rear seats, teacher's desk and chair are required, which will cost \$82.45, delivered at Centre Hall. The desks are to be of an improved pattern, with automatic rising seat. The school is expected to be opened as quickly as possible. The grange have signified their intention of vacating the room and seek quarters elsewhere in town. The furniture will be placed as soon as it arrives. The room will be occupied by the grammar school. For a teacher the board has twelve applicants to select from, but at present are more interested in fitting up with furniture than selecting a teacher. A ballot was taken Tuesday evening, but no choice was made, and at the next meeting this matter will be settled.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Harry O. Miller and Estella M. Walker, of Boggs twp.

Alvin McMonigal, of Taylor township and Bertha Moore, of Worth twp.

Geo. N. VanDyke, of Greensburg, and Carrie K. Noll, of Bellefonte.

John A. Fleck, of Rush twp., and Mary E. Lupton, of Decatur, Clearfield Co.

John Chapman, of Keystone Hill, Clearfield Co., and Mary Relsall, of Philipsburg.

Irvin E. Robinson, of Curtin twp., and Carrie May Reese, of Howard twp.

Jas. S. Colburn, and Elizabeth Smith, of Philipsburg.

The Month of October.

With the month of October the last quarter of the year 1897 commences. The month is often termed "the month of plenty" and in olden times was called "yellow month" on account of the fading of the leaves announcing the approach of winter. It was the eighth month of the old Roman year, but according to the Julian plan was changed to the tenth, though still retaining its old name. The principal ecclesiastical feasts in October are those of St. Luke on the 18th and of St. Simon and Jude on the 28th. The month contains 31 days and this year it has five Sundays. According to the Anglo-Saxon reckoning the full moon in October was the beginning of the winter.

An Imposter.

One day recently a man made his appearance in town and approached the business men saying: "I have a carload of produce, etc., on the way here which will arrive tomorrow, and as I am just a little short of money and as the amount that I am in need of today is so small an amount that I do not think you will hesitate to let me have it until the arrival of my car." He succeeded in getting money from several of our business men on the strength of that car, which has not as yet turned up. Let business men of other towns beware of this imposter. —Houtzdale Journal.

Bee Sting Proves Serious.

John Karsteiter and his son Harry, discovered a colony of bees in Mr. Strohecker's woods one day last week, says the Loganton Journal. A few evenings afterwards they went to kill it, when a bee stung John in the artery of one of his arms, and almost cost him his life.

The Squirrel Season.

Next Friday, 15th, tomorrow a week, the legal season for hunting squirrels will open. The game seems to be very plenty from all accounts, and that particular morning there will many a pound of powder burned if all our hunters go out who say they will.

Croup Quickly Cured.

MOUNTAIN GLENN, Ark.—Our children were suffering with croup when we received a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It afforded almost instant relief.—F. A. Thornton. This celebrated remedy is for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; Wm. Pealer, Spring Mills, and R. E. Bartholomew, Centre Hall.

—When you want a suit to fit, of good quality and at a low figure, there is but one store in Bellefonte that can touch all these points. Lewins, at the Philad. Branch is the place.

ALL ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Not a little favorable comment has been made by the press on the special announcement by The Outlook that its chief feature for the coming year (in the Magazine Numbers) will be a series of papers by Edward Everett Hale on "Lowell and His Friends." The general interest expressed assures a particularly cordial welcome to this series of articles. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

More than 1,500 bushels of peaches have already been marketed from the Hayes peach orchard in Nittany valley, this season, and there will be many more gathered.

An unsigned letter recently received from Baltimore at Everett, Pa., stated that the writer and another, now dead, stole \$4,300 school money from the trunk of Dr. Davis, school fund treasurer, at Riddlesburg, Bedford county. Dr. Davis was sued to recover the money, which was lost in October, 1895.

Veterinary Book Free.—Dr. Humphreys' Veterinary Manual on the treatment of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Dogs and Poultry, mailed free upon request. Address the Humphrey Company, New York.

The steamer Victoria brings news that 60 villages near Tung Chow, China, have been destroyed by floods. It is estimated that 15,000 or 20,000 people were drowned.

A Strange Occurrence.

Several weeks ago a story was published in the papers about a man named Decker, being stricken in a peculiar manner in the western part of the state pointing a gun at the heavens and cursing God. Dr. O. W. McEntire, of Howard, wrote to the postmaster at Instanter to learn the facts, and received the following reply:

INSTANTER, PA., SEPT. 22, '97.
O. W. McENTIRE, M. D.,

Howard, Pa.

DEAR DOCTOR:—As you have received my answer to your letter of the 18th inst., I have since learned more concerning the matter you wrote about. Decker has finally admitted that part of the matter said of him is true; in respect to making the threat and getting his gun and going into his orchard and pointing to the Heavens. He says when he had the gun in position, a feeling came over him that would be impossible to describe. The muscles of his body seemed to be paralyzed. He could not change his position. He tried to call for some one to help him, but could make no sound. There was but one person at the house, that being but a small boy, and he noticing his position, went toward him, but could not get within at least one hundred feet of him. In regard to anyone trying to build a shed over him, he says that no attempt was made. He was in the position two nights and one day. He says that as long as he lives he will never utter another oath, but will try to serve his maker to the best of his ability, from this time on. He says it was a direct warning from the other world.

You can give this publicity in your papers, Doctor, as it will be an accommodation to us, our mail is literally overrun with inquiries.

Very truly yours,
A. C. QUIGLEY,
Ass't P. M.

Late News Briefs.

Forest fires in Canada have swept away three villages, Casselman, South Indian and Cheney.

Forest fires in Michigan are destroying farm property and some villages are in danger of destruction.

Captain General Weyler, the cruel Spanish butcher in Cuba, announces he will not resign.

A fire at South Dakota's Industrial school, midnight, Wednesday, destroyed six girls inmates.

A negro was taken from the court room at Hernando, Miss., and hanged by a mob, for accomplishing the ruin of a 15 year old girl.

The business places of Mendora, Ill., were wiped out by fire on Tuesday.

The yellow fever cases are on the increase in New Orleans.

The Lock Haven Traction company has gone into the hands of a receiver, but the service will not be interrupted.

Dr. Swallow is speaking throughout the state exposing the astounding corruption at Harrisburg and is doing the Republicans much harm.

The prospect for more rain to-day if it don't fail, will be of great benefit to the wheat fields.

Mashed a Finger.

Bill McClenahan, the drayman, was loading some heavy billets of wood the other day, and one of them dropped on the end of his right middle finger, mashing it badly.

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

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Work for Centre Hall.

Had a light shower this morning. Robert Tate has been appointed postmaster at Nittany.

Good health still holds sway in all parts of the valley.

S. I. Yarnell has been appointed postmaster at Snowshoe.

Reports from Rome say that the pope is seriously ill.

A revolution, perhaps the most terrible of all, is predicted in Spain.

With a good many of our fast horses it's all hoof clatter and no speed.

The grain fields just now have as fine an appearance as could be desired.

The grain fields in our county have a very promising appearance since the September showers.

Potatoes are selling for 50 cents per bushel with prospect for still higher prices before spring.

In the town of Austin, Pa., every building but five, was burned on 4. It had no fire protection.

Star Pointer, at the Illinois state fair, on 1, beat all records by pacing a mile in 2 minutes and 1/2 second.

The Secretary of the town council has had his salary raised about one-third exclusive of "extras" as our informant says.

S. W. Smith, we learn, intends moving to town, having purchased the old Smith property, and will erect a new barn on a lot back of those premises.

The time for making assessments has been changed by a late act from spring to fall. This will explain why persons received assessment blanks this fall.

Every farm is showing a fair crop of clover seed the first for fifteen years. This is an additional help for the farmer; it is worth about \$2.75 to \$3 per bushel.

The streams in the valley have been very low, and scraping along the bottom. We have had no rains of late, and a long-soaking one is needed and looked for.

The sawmill outfit advertised in the Reporter by a Lewisburg firm, very soon found a purchaser in a Mr. Bumgardner of Boalsburg. It pays to advertise.

The foliage of our forests have put on their autumnal tints and the variegated colors of our mountain sides and valley groves give nature a most beautiful garb, as of an immense flower garden.

The water company is putting down a two-inch main to Hoffer street past the Presbyterian church. The new dwellings going up on this street make this necessary. Several buildings are being considered for the next year, and work promises to be as plenty as before.

HON. JAMES KERR will soon have mounted on his lawn in Clearfield an historical relic in the shape of a cannon supposed to be 100 years old, which was captured from the British when they evacuated Washington in 1814, after the partial destruction of the national capital. The piece weighs about 1,600 pounds.

All survivors of the Eighty-fourth regiment are invited to meet with the One Hundred and Tenth regiment in their reunion at Philipsburg on the 14th and 15th inst. These two regiments were organized at Camp Crossman, near Huntingdon, in the early part of the war, and they were always known as "the twins." The headquarters will be at the Erb house, Philipsburg.

The main topic for discussion in the town is the water trouble, and the subject waxed warmer as the boro proceeds with the operations. Everyone expects an expensive legal battle, and the cool and unprejudiced citizens are beginning to tremble at the prospect of the heavy taxes they will be compelled to pay when the matter is once settled. There was heavy grumbling at the taxes this year, but from the present outlook, the one a year later will exceed them all by far. The schools will require several more mills to be assessed; the boro tax will surely be an increase, and the people have no other course but pay them.

The state capitol building commission is in a bad way. The commission's efforts to erect an economical building failed because the board of experts rejected the plans for a \$500,000 building, in order that the Quayites might prevent Governor Hastings having the credit of erecting the building. The architects whose designs were rejected have taken the matter to court with the prospect that the latter will decide that the plans originally submitted must be considered. Now the attorney general refuses to further advise the commission, and they are compelled to seek counsel from another lawyer. The attempt to defeat the wishes of the taxpayers for an economical building bids fair to be defeated.