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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### SPAIN SECURES DELAY ON THE CUBAN QUESTION.

They Have Deceived the Administration and the Demands of the U. S. May be Unheeded.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—That Mr. McKinley is being duped by the government of Spain is the opinion of nearly everybody, except Mr. McKinley and the members of his cabinet. Spain is playing for time and a plenty of it, and it is likely to get it too, unless this country rudely awakens the administration from its dream and demands that Spain be made to fish or cut bait. It is difficult to find an intelligent person who does not believe that the change of ministry in Spain was brought about solely for the purpose of securing delay in replying to the proposition submitted by the United States, and if the game worked well then, there is no reason that it will not be worked again, or at any rate attempted, when Minister Woodford tries to prod the new ministry for a reply. Spain is also trying to secure the support of the bread and butter brigade in this country by hinting at a commercial monopoly to be granted us as soon as peace is restored to Cuba under the new home rule scheme. These things may catch Mr. McKinley, but they do not catch those who know the actual situation in Cuba. Spain will have nothing to do with the commerce of Cuba when there is a restoration of business and trade on the island, because its hold upon the island will be gone. Mr. McKinley cannot change the ultimate result in Cuba, but he can hurry up matters, if so disposed. If he allows Spain to pull the wool over his eyes by the recall of Butcher Weyler, and indefinite talk about Home Rule concessions to the Cubans, which every school boy in the United States knows will not be accepted, he will simply lose a great opportunity to please the people of this country, regardless of party. He probably has not forgotten how difficult it was to prevent Congress forcing this issue last spring. It will be impossible, if nothing has been done by the time Congress reassembles in December.

The single gold standard advocates composing the so-called monetary conference, which has reassembled in Washington after a recess, are, unconsciously, doing the silver men a great favor by trying to force the administration into the advocacy of a financial bill intended to perpetuate the single gold standard on the country, at the coming session of Congress. Nothing would please the silver men so well as to see this issue forced to the front by an attempt to jam legislation through Congress. Without the active assistance of the administration, it cannot be done. Left to himself, Mr. McKinley would let the financial question severely alone, but with this commission hammering away at him from the outside and Secretary Gage from the inside, he may give in and recommend financial legislation in his annual message to Congress. If the support of Czar Reed be secured, any sort of a bill can be passed by the House, but that is where it will stop. The silver men command the situation in the Senate, and nothing which they oppose can get through that body.

It is enough to cause a smile on the face of a wooden Indian to listen to the official announcement that Mr. McKinley is going to Ohio to vote, but it is in doubt as to whether he will accept either of the several invitations that have been extended to him to make a speech in the state previous to the election, when it is well known that Boss Hanna billed him weeks ago for a speech in Cincinnati.

Pagan Bob Ingersoll had influence enough with Mr. McKinley to pull down a nice plum for one of his nephews.—John C. Ingersoll—in the shape of the Consularship at Copenhagen.

"Fools rush in" etc. There has been more or less comment in Washington on the fact that Senator Foraker, of Ohio, was the only Republican of national prominence who could be induced to take part in the Republican mass meeting in New York, held to ratify the nomination of Ex-Secretary Tracy by Boss Platt and Mr. McKinley. Ex-President Harrison positively declined although Tracy is his personal friend and was a member of his cabinet; Chauncey Dewey conveniently managed to avoid other engagements, and Czar Reed politely refused to go. This means that the men are "on to" the Platt-McKinley game and are too smart to get themselves mixed up in it. Why Foraker went to New York is one of the hard things to answer. After his shabby treatment in Ohio by Boss Hanna, he was probably flattered when Boss Platt asked him to speak at the New York meeting and accepted the invitation offhand.

## THE RAPE OF THE TREASURY.

### State Expenses Growing Like Jack's Bean Stalk.

Under the spur of the profligacy and peccolations of the Republicans the cost to the taxpayers of officially running this state grows with a rapidity and unceasingness that baffle the performances of Jack's famous bean stalk. The process is a veritable rape of the treasury, the crime being no less inexcusable, deliberate and determined than those ravishments of the person that make lynch law respectable, if not a practical necessity.

The enormous majorities that the machine has for some years past been able to insure for anything or anybody that was labeled Republican have encouraged its representatives in the legislature to act what Vanderbilt proclaimed: "The public be damned." The time for a check to this odious and dangerous rule has arrived. The opportunity is afforded in the nominations made by the Democratic party for state treasurer and auditor general. The election of these gentlemen is "the way out of the woods." Their defeat means not only a continuance of the fraud and debauchery heretofore practiced, but such an increase of it as must appal and ruin.

Here are some figures that without going into confusing detail will convey to the taxpayer an approximate idea of the manner in which he has been and is being robbed.

Robert Emory Pattison was governor from 1883 to 1887. The appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial departments made in 1883 to cover the years 1882-84 less the sums vetoed, aggregated \$1,817,088.07.

For the years 1889-90 of Beaver's administration the amount was \$2,154,118.01.

For the years 1896-97 under Hastings, not including the items Hastings vetoed, the total was \$3,126,495.74, or very nearly double the sum consumed under Pattison from 1883 to 1887.

But Pattison was again governor from 1891 to 1895. The appropriations "for salaries of state officers, clerks and incidental expenses" and without reference to legislative and judicial expenses, during these four years, as compared with the appropriations under Hastings, were as follows:

For	Pattison.
1891-92	\$59,450.00
1892-93	\$52,559.26
For Hastings.	
1895-96	1,369,816.48
1897-98	1,225,502.93

Here is considerable more than 100 per cent. increase for which not the shadow of an excuse can be offered, and increase at a time when general trade conditions were and are such as to compel the taxpayers from whom these moneys were relentlessly dragged to the exercise of a most rigid economy. As to the superiority and greater safety of Democratic administration as compared with the present administration, the figures above given are ample testimony. But as further proof that the looters have refused to give ear to the complaints of the people and will decline to be halted in their wrongdoing by anything short of a Democratic victory, the following comparisons of items in the first general appropriation bill under Hastings, with the second bill passed by the legislature just adjourned are given:

Increase in auditor general's department	\$9,700.00
Treasury department	26,200.00
Internal affairs department	15,225.00
State library	14,000.00
Philadelphia barbor master	10,000.00
Public grounds and buildings	25,584.00
Justice	107,134.50
Department of agriculture	14,829.00
Department of public printing	209.00
Factory inspector's department	6,000.00
Legislature	42,746.86
Total	\$27,010.36

And in the last general appropriation bill there were \$250,000 less awarded the charities of the state than in the bill of 1895. The figures in the case as here given, are as few and simple as could be made to cover it. They will be easily comprehended. They show the present cost of running the state departments at Harrisburg as compared with the cost under the Democratic government of 1883-88, the Democratic government of 1891-95 and the first two years of the present administration. The legislature of 1895, which provided the latter, was universally recognized as the most corrupt and reckless that had up to that time assembled, but these figures show that it was innocency almost as compared with the body so recently adjourned. And the new capitol scheme, and Custodian John Delaney's scheme for making an Aladdin's palace out of the gubernatorial residence, and a thousand and one others now incubating indicate as clearly as the sun at high noon that 1899 is looked forward to for furnishing still more luxuriant pickings and proportionately increased imposition upon the people. Balking the figures for all purposes, the gross cost of the three administrations respectively, as covered by the general appropriation bills passed under each, sums up as follows:

Pattison's	30,069,155.47
Beaver's	31,106,338.73
Hastings'	48,990,999.99

The average citizen may well stand aghast at the revelations these figures contain. But standing aghast will not bring the remedy. For that end your votes should be cast for Walter E. Ritter and Michael E. Brown, the Democratic candidates for auditor general and state treasurer, whose election would be the beginning of the end of treasury ring rule, and would inaugurate a new order of things under which the citizen and taxpayer would get honest equivalent for the moneys he contributes to the state's coffers, and the state itself would be placed in a fair way of recovering the good name she has lost under the iniquitous guidance of Quay and his army of conscienceless bootlers.

## State Fish Commission.

Governor Hastings is interesting himself in the matter of raising funds with which to enable the state fish commission to continue its work. Hon. Henry C. Denny, the treasurer of the commission, received lately \$650 from him which was subscribed by the following gentlemen: H. C. Frick, Pittsburg, \$500; S. C. Lewis, Franklin, \$25; Henry Cochran, Williamsport, \$25. This makes a total of \$11,650 thus far subscribed and pledged. The commissioners state that there seems to be an impression in some quarters that no subscription is desired less than \$250. This they say is an error and that they are anxious to have it corrected. They will welcome the subscription of any amount.

## Seeds Distributed.

Now that the department has had time to cast up its accounts, it develops that the free seed distribution of 1897, surpassed in extent anything before done, amounting to more than twenty million packages. Over a million of the packages were flower seed and nearly 300,000 field seed, and the balance being a great variety of vegetables. In the entire distribution nearly every variety of vegetable known to the agriculturist was distributed. The entire amount of seeds distributed was sufficient to plant an area of 355 square miles, or about six times the size of District of Columbia.

## Match Made by Correspondence.

Miss Kate Peifer, daughter of Joseph Peifer, well known young woman of Jersey Shore, some month ago answered an advertisement of a young man from Rochester, N. Y., which appeared in a matrimonial journal, the columns of which he used to aid him in securing a wife. The young people corresponded and exchanged photographs and arranged for a wedding in the first part of October. On Saturday afternoon Fall Brook railway train brought the young man to Jersey Shore in search of his fiancée. He found her in a short time and spent Sunday at her home, and Monday they left on the early Fall Brook train for Rochester, N. Y., where they will be united in marriage.

## A Voice From the South End.

MR. REPORTER:—A little busy-body in the council has been annoying some citizens about having a little rubbish in the alleys. Yet for over a dozen years the street at his own premises has been almost entirely blocked with ugly piles of lumber. Let us have a little more fair-play and less insult and impudence. SOUTH ENDER.

## Married at Lancaster.

In the presence of 300 guests at Lancaster, B. Frank Fisher, son of General B. F. Fisher, a member of the Philadelphia bar, was married Tuesday to Miss Louisa B. Reynolds. The groom is a grandson of Rev. P. S. Fisher, many years ago a Reformed minister in this valley, who had his home at Boalsburg.

## Rev. Bearick's Appointments.

Sunday, Oct. 17, at Centre Hall, at 7 p. m.; at Spring Mills at 2 p. m.; at 10 a. m.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of the gripe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a first trial of the medicine. Say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure. We have no hesitancy in recommending this excellent Cough Remedy to anyone afflicted with a cough or cold in any form.—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. 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.

## THE BORO ENJOINED.

### WORK ON THE NEW WATER PLANT STOPPED.

The Work on the Boro Water Works is Stopped until Injunction is Dismissed—No Bills for Work or Indebtedness to Be Paid or Bonds for Borrowed Money.

The work on the boro water works was stopped on Saturday evening by the arrival of Sheriff Cronister with an injunction which he served upon our esteemed boro fathers. No work has been done since and will not be until the injunction is dismissed by the boro authorities showing that the law sustains their action. The matter will be heard in court on Saturday afternoon, next. The law alone must govern, otherwise the spirit of anarchy would sweep property rights and franchises to the demerit bow-wows. Law is founded upon reason and not made to minister to prejudices and wild ideas sown among the ignorant by designing men.

The injunction caused much interest and discussion among the inhabitants of our pretty, prosperous village. A few had an idea it was some ponderous iron machine to be hauled over on a wagon, not knowing that under our admirable system of government it came as silently as a snow-flake and in a whisper told our esteemed councilmen they must do no wrong to any of their neighbors' property, or the mighty arm of the Commonwealth would come down upon them like a thousand of brick. And the injunction says, The boro shall borrow no money; Shall pay no bonds; Shall incur no indebtedness for water works;

And shall give no obligations or evidences of indebtedness therefor. This would cut out councilman Ed. Wolf's little take of \$13.00 "for engineering"; \$4 for livery hire for junkies to Bellefonte by others; \$50 for water right, and all other bills for work, unless it can be shown their doings were clearly within the law. It is to be hoped the boro treasurer has not yet cashed any such bills for his own safety.

Well, who would pay all this, is now asked. Why, if illegal, the ones who did it all, councilmen and such as appended their yes and names to any unlawful proceeding, or, perhaps, go to the county boarding house. About a third of a mile of ditching was done Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from near the Diamond down to Auey's and Dinges' line.

The citizens voted to bond the town for \$5000 for water plant complete including reservoirs, right-of-way, apparatus for extinguishing fires, etc. Now with all these indispensable items left out they have illegally contracted already for over \$1200 in excess of the \$5000 limit! To construct reservoirs, buy apparatus for extinguishing fires, etc., would require an additional expenditure of about \$4000 on all of this it was expected to pull the wool over the eyes of the taxpayers under the manipulation of a couple in council who seemed to be doing the wishes of an outside influence.

The owner of one farm declares he would not like to take \$500 for right-of-way and adjoining farm owners also claim like sums. Yet the water supply to be reached, is only one-fourth of the quantity required. The whole trouble and expense is plainly traceable to low malice. A New Racket.

Swindlers in some parts have been working a new racket on the farmer. A well-dressed and glib-tongued stranger drives up to the door and states that he will pay \$1 per bushel for the full crop of wheat, which is to be delivered at the nearest railroad point at a specified time. The farmer is requested to sign an agreement to that effect. The agreement afterwards wards turns up in bank as a note. The swindle was worked to no little extent in some parts of the state.

## New Pipe Here.

Three car loads of cast iron pipe arrived at this station on yesterday afternoon's freight, to be used on the boro's proposed new water plant. This shipment is only part of the consignment. The contract calls for over two hundred tons of pipe. Some are of the impression that the pipe will be shipped back, while others say they will stay right here.

## 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.

## In Pennsylvania.

Uzal S. Hull, a prominent manufacturer at Stroudsburg, is dead.

Walter E. Goodwin, who murdered his wife at Mansfield, September 4, has been sentenced to be hanged.

Whooping cough killed John Glass, a veteran of the late war, 65 years old, at Fort Loudon, Franklin county.

John Wanamaker delivered the opening address at the annual convention of the State Sunday School Association at Harrisburg, Tuesday.

Because he was arrested for drunkenness, Anthony Steffel, aged 60, of McKeesport, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Three colored mountaineers, who have been raiding the granaries and smoke-houses of Lancaster county farmers for some time, have been captured and lodged in jail.

President McKinley will visit Pittsburgh November 3, to be present at the opening exhibition of pictures at Carnegie Institute on Founders' Day, and hear the first concert of the Pittsburgh orchestra.

Col. George H. North, of Philadelphia, assistant adjutant-general on the staff of Maj. General Snowden, has resigned. He had been connected with the National Guard of Pennsylvania since 1868.

Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin, has removed Col. James E. Barnett, deputy secretary, and appointed Richard E. Cochran, of York, in his place. Other changes will likely be made after the election.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has purchased forty thousand tons of steel rails from the Cambria and Carnegie companies, to be used in double-tracking the Atlantic City division and repairing other portions of the eastern lines.

District Attorney Fox, of Northampton county, has asked the court to relieve him of the responsibility of prosecuting the case against ex-Secretary Frank Reeder and others, charged with bribery. Attorney Fox is to wed the only daughter of Superior Court Judge H. J. Reeder, a brother of Gen. Frank Reeder, the accused.

Two American clipper ships, the "Tacoma" and the "Indiana," started from Philadelphia on a race around Cape Horn, Tuesday. The "Tacoma" goes to Tacoma and Seattle and the "Indiana" to San Francisco. Arthur Sewall, late candidate for vice president, owns the "Indiana." A large sum of money, put up by the owners, is to go to the ship making best time.

## Advertising Pays.

An exchange recently gave notice that in case a buggy whip was not returned to a certain place before its next issue it would publish the name of the party who took it. The place designated was the back yard of a certain business place. The next morning after the first notice came out—the night having been very dark—seventeen whips were picked up in the said back yard. Yet there are people who do not believe in advertising.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Frank Hollingsworth, Altoona, and Amber S. Price, Bellefonte. Floyd Sanderson, Huston twp., and Olive D. Comley, Unionville.

## New Railroad Started.

Operations on the Lewisburg, Milton and Watsontown railroad were commenced this week. Ground was broken between Milton and Lewisburg and the road will be pushed rapidly to completion.

## Must Rise Early to See It.

If clear in the early morning of the 23d inst., a beautiful sight is promised in the eastern heavens, when Venus, Jupiter and the crescent moon will be quite near each other. Those who rise early will see it; those who rise late will hear about it.

## Death at Boalsburg.

Patterson Hason, a son of former associate judge Hason, died last week. He was a pensioner, having served in the late war. His age was about 70 years.

## 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.

—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.

Well, this is mighty fine weather. Sharp frost, last Friday morning. Potatoes are still selling at 50 cents. Don't be a foggy or crank. Work for Centre Hall.

Work was plenty around these "dig" gins lately.

Work for our town, pity croakers who stand in the way.

The half inch of rain on Monday night was a good thing for the grain fields.

David Young, of near Colyer, lost a valuable horse about a week ago, likely from colic.

Davy Meyer is one of the few fortunate ones, in having a good crop of potatoes on his farm.

An unusual number of barns have been burned throughout this county and state this summer.

The First Presbyterian church of Blairsville is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this week.

Would be greatly pleased to have remittances from those in arrears on the Reporter. Don't fail us, please.

Our friend and expert miller, Ezra Auman, of Farmer's Mills, purchased the Millheim brick mill, for \$2500.

The water company has laid its mains into Hoffer street without needing to pay any one for "engineering." J. H. Meyer, formerly of Linden Hall has taken charge of Sheriff Gross' roller mill at Winfield, Union county.

East Church street was so quiet on Monday morning you could have heard a wee snow flake drop on a cushion of down.

In some counties it is reported school chart agents are swindling school directors. Look a leedle oud in Centre county.

Mary Ortese, an Indian, died on 5th, at San Diego, Cal., of old age. Her daughter believes her to have been at least 130 years old.

On Wednesday a consignment of lead arrived at the station to be used for fastening pipe joints when the boro water pipes are laid.

Never retail a harmful story about another unless you have indubitable evidence of its truth. Even then silence is often the best policy.

The right-of-way has been neglected by our esteemed boro fathers, for their new water route. Other "engineering" accounts for the which.

Aaron Thomas has the new Presby-terian par onage up and ready for the roof. It will be a creditable home for brother Christine, the pastor.

When the Daughters of the American Revolution get the site of Potter's Fort fixed up, it will be an attractive spot for visitors at the southern end of our town.

"Wer adern eine Grube graebt der fallt oimais selbst hinein," is a true German saying. Translated: Those that dig ditches for others, often tumble in themselves.

It is sad for our citizens that the sound advice given in the Reporter for many months was not heeded by our esteemed boro fathers. Outside malice held sway against all reason.

Samuel Shoop has been appointed boro Burgess to fill out postmaster Brisbin's term. Sam will undertake the handling of the big drunks while the police will look after the little boozys.

It is said that when the bicycle was first introduced in India the natives fell down and worshipped it. Why in this country some worship it so much as to borrow it from others all the time if it is from the ladies.

A freight train on the Frederick division of the Penna. railroad ran into a herd of cattle near Hanover, Pa., killed a number of the animals, cut Otis Noll, a brakeman, in two, and seriously injured two other trainmen.

Centre Hall is a good location for almost any kind of business enterprise and is the only really growing town in this county and in these dull times. Come and look around to be convinced that the Reporter is giving what is a fact.

A gentleman from across the valley asserted for a truth that several outsiders were scared off from purchasing property in our pretty town because some persons in it are "everlastingly getting up a turmoil and making high taxes." Well, it's sad indeed, but you find 'em in many other places.

Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for state treasurer, asked William R. Thompson, the Independent candidate for the same office, to step out of the road and let him have a monopoly of the reform business in this campaign, promising to give Thompson, in return, enough votes next year to enable the Independent organization to have their nominees put on the ticket by certificate of nomination.