



WASHINGTON LETTER.

MCKINLEY TAKES A HAND IN NEW YORK POLITICS.

He Will Try the Party Whip.—He Made a Silver Bluff and is Afraid of Being Taken Seriously.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The Platt-McKinley deal first shown up in this correspondence, has been fully proven by the actions of the administration, public and private, within the past few days. It was to whip all administration Republicans into line for Platt's man Tracy, that Mr. McKinley had Secretary Bliss write that gushing letter in Tracy's favor and announce his intention to personally take part in the New York campaign. The fate of other national administration candidates in New York should have warned Mr. McKinley.

According to private letters received from those who move in diplomatic circles in London, Mr. McKinley became very much afraid about the time the Governor of the Bank of England made that silver bluff, that his own bluff, the international bimetallic commission, was being seriously taken by the British government, and caused it to be unofficially intimidated to Lord Salisbury that this government had no real desire that any steps should be taken that were likely to lead to international bimetallicism, as it was slowly but surely paving the way to make the single gold standard permanent in the United States.

Senator Gorman's manly open letter to the publisher of the *Baltimore Sun*, offering to withdraw from the leadership of the Democratic party of Maryland, if the *Sun* would show its loyalty to the Democratic party, by honestly supporting its candidates, and its publisher would take the management of the present campaign, has been the most absorbing topic of conversation in Washington since it was published. Inasmuch as the *Sun* has claimed Senator Gorman to be the only obstruction to its support of the nominations of the Democratic party in Maryland, Senator Gorman's offer has placed it where it must present some better excuse for ignoring the offer than it has yet done, or run the risk of losing the confidence of many Democrats. Democratic sentiment in Washington is practically unanimously on the side of Senator Gorman in this controversy. In that open letter Senator Gorman thus defines his attitude towards the Civil Service Law: "I am unalterably opposed, except in judicial places, to life tenure of office. It is incompatible with our free institutions. I believe that the highest standard for admission to the Civil Service should be honesty and capacity. When appointed, persons in public employ should be free from political assessment, but I am unalterably opposed to any rule which will prevent the people, at stated and fixed periods from changing their public servants."

It is no longer a fixed secret that Gen. Fitz Lee, who has been much before the public since he became our Consul General to Cuba, will be a candidate for the seat now held by Senator Martin. It is also fully understood that Gen. Lee will, when he returns from Cuba, probably early next year, begin a personal canvass for the Senatorship, which he intends shall cover the entire state of Virginia, even to its remotest corners.

The administration fully recognizes the danger of a big treasury deficit during the next fiscal year, added to that which is being piled up during the current fiscal year, and at the last Cabinet meeting it was determined that the departmental estimates for appropriations to be submitted to the coming session of Congress, should be cut down as low as possible, in order to try to get the expenditures down to the receipts of the government. This is confirmation of the arguments presented by prominent Democrats while the tariff bill was before Congress—that the bill would not raise sufficient revenue.

No one in administration circles has denied the statement that Attorney General McKenna is to have the vacancy made by the retirement of Justice Field from the U. S. Supreme Court, on December 1, although there is one special and particular reason why Mr. McKenna should never sit on the Supreme Court—he is too friendly to the big corporations, this was known before he came to Washington, but additional proof was given by his avidity to ratify the bargain made under the Cleveland administration for the sale of the Union Pacific Railroad to the Huntington reorganization committee, under conditions which practically shut out competition in the bidding. An attempt is now being made to get Mr. McKinley to interpose his authority in some way to stop the sale of the U. P. at least until the conditions of the sale can be

changed so as to make them as fair to one set of bidders as to another, but there seems to be some doubt of his authority and more of his inclination to interfere, after Boss Hanna had told the Huntington ring that the sale should be put through under the old agreement, although the government will lose millions of dollars by the sale under present conditions.

Barns and Live Stock Burned.

The large barn of J. W. Grazier, just west of Tyrone, was totally destroyed by fire last Monday night. Two horses, two cows, two calves and a number of hogs, besides farming implements and crops were also destroyed. It was set on fire by tramps.

A large barn and several sheds on the farm of Hiram Kleinhaus, in South Easton, were burned on Monday morning in an incendiary fire. Four horses perished, together with crops and implements. Loss \$4000, insurance \$2000.

The barn of George W. Hopple, in Greene township, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire a short time ago with all the summer's crops and farm implements. Loss partly covered by insurance.

Banker Sent to Prison.

Ex-Banker F. V. Rockafellow, convicted of receiving a deposit at his bank after he knew the bank was insolvent, was sentenced at Wilkesbarre last week to pay a fine of \$1,000 and serve one year in the Eastern penitentiary. This is Rockafellow's second sentence. Upon the first conviction he was sent to the penitentiary for two years. There are still a half score of indictments hanging over his head, and according to a ruling of the supreme court he can be rearrested and tried in each case.

The prisoner is over 70 years of age, and when he appeared in court was quite feeble.

Burglary at Milroy—A Former Citizen of this Place a Victim.

A gang of burglars on Monday night of last week, says the *Lewisburg Sentinel*, broke open the freight warehouse and express office and a car loaded with Rev. I. P. Nell's household goods, at Milroy. They broke open his desk in the car and scattered the contents of the drawers about the floor and removed his trunk from the car and took it a few rods down the track leaving it lie there in the rain after going through it and stealing some clothing. In the express office they stole five or six suits of clothing assigned to J. P. Atkins, and broke open the drawers of the desks, evidently in search of money. They also tore open the desk in A. F. McClintick's office in the same building and scattered the contents about the floor. In the freight warehouse, several large cases of hosiery belonging to Thompson Bros., were broken open and a few dozens removed. There is no clue to the thieves.

Opinion on the Game Law.

Deputy attorney general Reeder a few days ago gave an opinion on the game-law funds. This opinion which is the first to be given under the new game law of 1897, says that for each offense mentioned a fine is prescribed, and in default imprisonment of one day in jail for each dollar of the penalty shall go to the informer and the remainder be paid to the treasurer of the county in which the offense was committed, the treasurer, at the end of each month, being required to forward the funds so arising to the state treasurer, to be kept by the latter as a fund separate for the use of the commissioners.

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 la grippe 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 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.

DUTY OF THE DEMOCRAT.

The Suicidal Folly of Democratic Support of Independent or Side Issue Nominees.

Either Michael E. Brown and Walter E. Ritter, the Democratic candidates, will be the next state treasurer and auditor general of Pennsylvania, or those positions will be filled by Jas. S. Beacom and Levi G. McCauley, the Quay and treasury ring nominees. Under no possible circumstances can a victory come to any other. The choice of the people, if triumph of or against the fraudulent appropriation and criminal waste of the public moneys is to be accepted as a consideration of importance, is exclusively confined to the gentlemen named. Votes for the Prohibition or so-called Independent party nominees, against whose characters and capacities as individuals we have by the way, no word to utter, will be a probably deserved compliment to them; but they will be votes thrown away. And even worse must be said of Democratic votes recorded that way, for such votes will be a distinct aid and material comfort to the very men and policies against whom and which all the other nominations are a popular protest.

There is a most excellent fighting chance for the Democratic nominees. To begin with, they enter the canvass with a regularly organized and long established party behind them, which last fall polled in the neighborhood of 430,000 votes, and which, it is generally conceded, with the same candidates to the fore and the same issues at stake would today exhibit an even greater strength. Here is something substantial to build upon. Here is already at hand a powerful, drilled and disciplined army as a nucleus. Here is combination of the people already in line of battle, so to speak, many times larger than all the rosier anticipations of the Swallow and Thompson tickets promise to muster. These tickets will forward the movement for a cleaner and more economical government at Harrisburg if the votes diverted to them are exclusively Republican votes. They will, on the other hand, discourage and materially retard that move to the full extent of the Democratic votes they may enlist.

The people of Pennsylvania are facing a very serious crisis in this connection. The verdict of November the 3d next, if for the Republicans, will be entitled to be accepted by the treasury looters as condoning the wrongs they have perpetrated and as a commission to indulge in even greater enormities of speculation and extravagance. If for the Democrats it will be, not only a popular condemnation of the evil practices, but a step and a very decided step in the direction of practical, tangible retrenchment and reform. The Quayites must and will accept it as meaning that there shall be,

No more multiplying of needless offices.
No more wild and wilful waste in the furnishing of the departments.
No more thievisly lavish provision of toilet articles and pocket conveniences for the legislators and their employes and every other hanger-on about Capitol Hill.

No more doubling of the expense of government, with no other excuse for it than that of party necessity.

No more conspiring of secretaries of state and deputy attorneys general with state treasurers for the withdrawal of moneys from the treasury to pay so-called officials not recognized in the law and appointed solely as rewards for partisan services.

No more wholesale leakages in the public printing accounts.

No further nonsense in connection with the construction of the proposed new capitol building to which already so much disgraceful scandal attaches.

No more robbery or recklessness of any kind on the part of the state's public servants but, instead a prompt and speedy return to pure and honest-pledged and rigidly constitutional government.

All this is in sight. Democratic success will make it an accomplished fact. But Democratic success will be placed in serious jeopardy if Democrats in any considerable number permit themselves to be seduced into voting for independent or side-issue candidates.

Besides this, the future of the party in the state and nation, its prospects for the gubernatorial and congressional elections of 1898 and the presidential election of 1900 are involved. Desertions from the party ranks now, from any cause, will seriously mar these at present bright expectations. Faithful adherence on the other hand, at this time, to the party candidates and party principles means a hopeful campaign next year and an almost certainty of success three years hence.

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FROM ALL AROUND.

ITEMS OF GENERAL AND LOCAL IMPORT.

A Correspondent Sums Up the Political Situation for Next Year for Both Parties.—Other News of Interest.

The Bellefonte correspondent to *Grit*, sums up the situation for next year as follows: There being only jury commissioner and a county clerk to elect in this county next month, there is no political excitement, and the vote polled will be very light. Notwithstanding this political calm the leaders of the two political parties have about completed plans for next year's campaign. The Democrats intend to nominate Col. J. L. Spangler for Congress, George Goodhart and A. G. Thompson, for Assembly, and Wm. Kunkle, Esq., for district attorney. The Republicans have in training Col. W. F. Reeder for Congress, Ed. R. Chambers, Esq., for State Senator, John A. Daly and C. P. Long for Assembly and Henry C. Quigley, Esq., for district attorney. All the above are able men, and would fill the respective positions with honor and credit to the county.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Howard B. Neff, Roland, and Ida R. Leathers, Howard.

John B. A. McEntire, and Lillie G. Swanger, of Millheim.

Harry C. Musser and Mary E. Corman, of Lebersburg.

John L. Geiswite, of Aaronsburg, and Ora S. Emig, Logan Mills.

Sylvester Heaton and Jennie L. Beatty, both of Boggs twp.

Dr. H. S. Braucht, Milesburg, and Madge Allison, Spring Mills.

Wm. J. Ishler, Benner twp., and Sallie J. Stamm, Bellefonte.

Harry Lose, Bellefonte, and Bertha Bryan, Boggs twp.

Andrew S. Heath, Powellton, and Catharine Wilson, Boalsburg.

John L. Williams and Estella Y. Sechrist, of Howard.

Where Squirrels are Plenty.

Black and gray squirrels are so numerous in every direction near Clearfield that they are seen running along and crossing the roads at all hours of the day. Several black squirrels have been chased from tree to tree through town during the past few days by school boys. Farmers are complaining of the damage to standing corn by the swarms of squirrels. One farmer living two miles from Clearfield declares that three acres of corn have been destroyed by black and grays during the past two weeks.

Removed the Pole.

The telephone pole in the centre of the diamond was removed yesterday afternoon by the telephone company. That part of town is now free of obstructions, the hitching posts having been removed, and in course of time we can expect to see the entire square thrown open.

Exceeding Debt Limit.

Long Island water bonds have been declared off because money intended for other purposes was to be used.

The Mayor and Comptroller of Brooklyn have announced the council exceeded the debt limit \$1,407,000, hence illegal, and payment of obligations for this excess declared void.

Will Excite the Boys.

Phillipsburg Daily Journal: General Woodring, of Worth township, in the upper Bald Eagle, reports wild turkeys very plenty in the ridges back of Port Matilda, and destructive to the corn. He reports one farmer's crop nearly destroyed by turkeys husking and eating his corn faster than he could husk it.

Taken to Philadelphia.

Banker George W. Jackson, of Bellefonte, was taken to Philadelphia on Tuesday night by special train, where he will undergo treatment from a specialist for kidney trouble. The train of two coaches passed through Centre Hall about seven o'clock in the evening. His friends are very much alarmed over his condition.

Trouble Over a Stone Crusher.

On the picnic ground stands a stone crusher since the exhibition in September, the ownership of which seems to be in dispute. The agent claims that Potter township contracted for the machine while the supervisor says not. To whom the machine belongs the courts may have to decide.

Martied.

At Centre Hall, October 20th, 1897, at high noon, by Rev. F. F. Christine, Mr. H. S. Braucht, M. D., of Milesburg, Pa., to Miss Madge Allison, of Spring Mills, Pa. Their future home will be Milesburg.

How the Money Goes.

The famous editorial which Dr. Swallow printed in the Pennsylvania Methodist February 25, contained nine charges. One of these charges was that persons have been paid out of the state treasury, who rendered no service to the state therefor, and in some cases made no pretence of service, except as politicians serving their party. Dr. Swallow has been amply vindicated concerning this charge, for only a few weeks ago the governor demanded the resignations of the secretary of the commonwealth, Mr. Reeder, and Deputy Attorney General Elkins, for signing a bond to indemnify the state treasurer for paying these political hoppers. Now, as to the facts. The doctor found that a neighbor was upon the pay rolls as a transcribing clerk, yet he was not qualified for the position.

After holding that place for about 100 days at six dollars per day, he was transferred to the office of door keeper at the capitol. He met Dr. Swallow one day and the following dialogue ensued:

"So you are a door keeper, now?"

"Yes, sir."

"How much do you get?"

"Six dollars per day."

"Any others keeping that same door?"

"Yes, five others."

"How much do they get?"

"Six dollars per day."

A well kept door, no doubt, at \$36 per day.

A colored man in Lancaster county received six dollars per day as a janitor, yet was never seen in Harrisburg, except when he came to draw his pay. But he had "influence" with the colored voters of his county.

An employe of the Pennsylvania railroad was on the pay roll as a "cellar janitor," at six dollars per day, yet went out on his train every day and only went to the capitol on pay day.

We might continue such evidence indefinitely, but suffice to say, there were about 100 such "heelers" on the pay rolls as rewards for political services and rendering no returns to the state for the money received.

In view of the useless waste of money on Republican political favorites, is it not time to demand a change in the administration of affairs at Harrisburg? Elect Ritter and Brown and a step towards that change will be taken.

NEWS NOTES.

A Colorado miner who was stolen from home when a little boy, thinks he may be lost Charley Ross.

Immense forest fires are raging in Cambria county, one line is 20 miles long.

Next June there is likely to be a fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

The board of pardons recommended the pardon of 12 criminals, including Gray the Westmoreland county murderer.

Van Wyck, Tammany, stock is taking a rapid rise in Greater New York, while Tracy chances are lowest of the four.

Lost 500 Bushels of Potatoes.

James Graham, of Graham township, whose barn was struck by lightning last summer, and who came near losing his life while attempting to save some machinery, has been unfortunate again. His crop of potatoes was very large this year, having had 500 bushels to store in his cellar. He thought they were all right, but noticing an offensive odor, examined his potato bins. The top potatoes looked all right, but upon pressing on them, his hand sank into the pile revealing the fact that instead of potatoes, he had a rotten mush. The pile had to be hauled, and was used for fertilizing.

A Fine One.

From present indications the Presbyterian parsonage now under course of erection, promises to be the neatest dwelling in town. It is to be of brick and the walls are gradually nearing completion. The brick layers have been at work since Monday and with the carpenters are pushing it to completion rapidly.

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.

The largest assortment of Fall clothing ever received in this county are on display at the Philad. Branch, Bellefonte. The price is as low as the stock large. Satisfaction always guaranteed on every sale.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Had a sharp frost Monday morning. Not much sickness around as Dr. Jacobs informs us.

Rain set in last night with prospect of continuing to-day.

Always let your purposes be honest and your motives pure.

Sunday to Tuesday evening was cool and Wednesday was warm again.

Chestnuts are scarce, and the squirrels and big and little boys miss them.

Rain would be a great benefit to the wheat fields and help the low waters.

Friday and Saturday last were quite warm, and since Sunday it has been cooler.

Every good and noble man will aim to do nothing to foment strife in his locality.

The streams in our county are quite low, although there is no suffering for want of water.

There is reported to be considerable soft corn in the county, likely owing to late planting.

Esq. Houseman was in town on Friday doing some surveying on the lots of Isaac Smith.

Down in Arkansas a few days ago negroes lynched one of their own color saving the whites that trouble.

Farmers could not have had more favorable weather for husking corn than in the past two weeks.

Shook's cider mill at the station, is doing considerable squeezing although the apple crop is not abundant.

D. A. Boozer does the bigger part of buying up apples in these parts for shipment, also in picking them for the shares.

The gray squirrels had to stand the fire last Friday, the day for opening the season. We did not learn of any great success.

Remember, the U. S. post-office department desires Centre Hall to be written "Centrehall"—and there is some sense about it.

John S. Auman, of Port Royal, Pa., a former resident and miller in this valley, has returned and is now a resident of Spring Mills.

The Millheim post-mastership is becoming interesting now, with a number of applicants that have hung up their stockings for it.

Work for the good of our town; aid those who show enterprise and hinder upon jealousy and strife which hinder the prosperity of any locality.

This week and during the next two weeks we will enclose bills for dues on Reporter, and we trust no one will fail to respond—we need your remittance.

The Mann axe factory building this side of Bellefonte has been turned into a cider mill. The protected tariff trust knocked out the axe business over there. See!

Mrs. Alfred Hosterman, of Centre Hill, has the thanks of the Reporter for a basket of quinces and apples which are fine enough to exhibit at any fair.

Excavating for the basement and foundation of the new garage hall is now going on. When the foundation walls are finished the job will lie over until next spring.

This has been a smoky week, occasionally, no doubt, by great forest fires in many parts of the country. Our county has had a cloud of smoke over it for about a week.

The Mennonites are to found a colony near Houston, Texas, purchasing an immense farm, to be colonized by all the Mennonites now scattered through the West.

A good many now may know for the first time that attending argument court on an injunction case is a dry circus. The clown does not appear as in the bar at quarter sessions.

Some farmer took a half dozen sample lot of big potatoes into the Gazette office, to which Francis Spear would fall heir if it weren't for the want of a little woman to cook the big tubers.

A barn owned by George Hopple, a short distance north of Loganton, was destroyed by fire Monday night. The season's crops were also burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. This is the second time that Mr. Hopple has lost a barn by fire.

An Italian laborer employed in a stone quarry at Blooms Run, Clearfield county, was blown to pieces Saturday afternoon by an explosion of dynamite. The man's remains were so scattered by the explosion that not an atom of the body could be found.

Strangers coming to town are surprised at the marks of improvements in new buildings, &c. There is perhaps only one building that might be considered out of date. All join in for the interests of our town and to help along the enterprising citizen. Keep Centre Hall abounding, never mind the jealous croakers.