



WASHINGTON LETTER

CONGRESS OPENS QUIETLY ON TUESDAY.

The Democrats in Both Houses Will Oppose the Annexation of Hawaii.—The Cuban Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Democrats and Populists are not behind the Republicans in joining in the general sympathy extended to Mr. McKinley because of the great sorrow which has come upon him through the dying agonies of his mother. For the time, the strong opposition to the recommendations of his annual message is held in obedience, and the criticism to which the message is open remains unspoken. In the presence of the angel of Death, as it were, any display of partisanship would be unseemly.

The opening of the session of Congress was, owing to the circumstances, quieter than usual, although the crowds were there as usual. There were numerous empty seats in both House and Senate, although the attendance was, on the whole, about up to the average of opening days.

Senator Daniel was warmly congratulated by his colleagues on his unanimous renomination by the Democratic caucus of the Virginia legislature.

Because it happens that all of the outspoken opponents of the annexation of Hawaii in the Senate are Democrats it has been stated that party lines are to be strictly drawn in the discussion of the treaty, and that a Democratic caucus is likely to be held for the purpose of declaring against annexation. There is no disposition on the part of those Democratic Senators who are opposing the ratification of the treaty, to make it a party question, although they will do all they can to defeat the treaty. This ought to be apparent to all when Senator Morgan, of Ala., a Democrat of the rock-ribbed kind, is one of the foremost advocates of the ratification of the treaty. While the advocates of annexation are just as confident as ever that it will be accomplished, not a few of them express doubts of the ratification of the treaty, and believe that it will have to be done by joint action of Congress.

Representative Allen, of Miss., who enjoys the reputation of being the wittiest man in the House says: "Down in Mississippi, we have not, as yet, been deluged with prosperity. The advance agent is tarrying a long time on his way to our section. Tupelo (Mr. Allen's town) is waiting for him and will give him a brass band reception. Our people, however, are not suffering for the necessities of life. We live modestly and contentedly, and are long on hog and hominy, however short we may be on filthy lucre. We do not go much on clipping coupons, but as the poet well says, 'We are the people.'"

Senator McLaurin, of S. C., is opposed to the Postal Savings Bank scheme, unless material changes are made, because he thinks it would impose hardships on owners of real estate, especially farm lands. He says that the National Banks having no legal right to make loans on real estate, the private and savings banks are the principal sources from which such loans are necessarily obtained, and that the operation of the Postal Savings Banks, would drive all the idle money into the U. S. Treasury and the National Banks, leaving no place where land owners could borrow money. If the scheme be amended so that the money deposited in the Postal Savings Bank can be loaned to land owners, Senator McLaurin will gladly support it.

It is a real pleasure to be able to give this administration credit for so commendable an action as the official action of the Post Office Department, closing the mails to all newspapers, closing the mails to all newspapers that print advertisements offering chances in any disguised lottery scheme, such as missing letter words, guessing, etc. These swindles have been shown up almost as often as the green goods business, but so long as they could advertise they could always find new victims.

Although it is always perfectly clear that a large majority of the House are just as strongly in favor of adopting the Morgan resolution for the recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans, which was adopted by the Senate at the extra session, as they were at the extra session, it is equally clear that they will not do it. Czar Reed and his lieutenants agree with the McKinley policy of waiting and will not give the House the opportunity to vote upon the Morgan or any other Cuban resolution. Thus, the country is shown how mistaken it has been in supposing that, under our government the majority rules, in either or both branches of Congress. The majority rules all right, when allowed to vote, but voting is only done in the House by Czar Reed's permission, and in the Senate voting is only done when the

minority consents. The fight against Mr. McKenna has probably already caused Mr. McKinley to regret having promised to nominate him to the U. S. Supreme Court. It's growing quite hot, and the end is not yet.

\$9,000,000 OF GOLD.

Kettles and Pails Fall at Dawson City "I find there is some excitement in this country over the Klondike, but it is not one-tenth of what it will be next July, when the steamers bring out tons of gold. If I were to tell of the riches of the Klondike in detail and people believed what I say, this country would be set on fire."

That is a statement made by H. A. Ferguson, millionaire mine owner and arrived a week ago at Tacoma.

"I do not wish to cause any excitement," Ferguson continued, "but the gold production next spring will be simply enormous." He estimates that supplies at Dawson and Mines will enable two thousand men to work this winter.

At Dawson and Mines there is now stored two to three millions in gold. Most of it is in sacks, pails and kettles, in cabins along creeks and gulches. It will be taken to Dawson just before the first boats go down the river next June.

Ferguson and McDonald purchased for \$25,000 each, claims Nos. 1 and 2, on Skookum Gulch, which will produce over one million dollars each. In his cabin, there, Ferguson has \$100,000, mostly in nuggets. He says Skookum is richer than Eldorado and Bonanza Creeks, coarse gold and nuggets being found from surface moss thro' to bed-rock. He estimates this winter's production at \$8,000,000, and believes first boats next summer will bring out nine to ten millions.

No Pensions for Rich Widows.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Davis, in an opinion just made public, has enunciated the policy of the Administration upon the claims for pensions made by widows who already have property interests and settled incomes. The case was that of Louise Wiemerslage, widow of Bernard Wiemerslage, late of Co. D, 58 Illinois Infantry. It was shown that she is the absolute owner of 51 acres of valuable real estate, situate about 12 miles from Chicago, and has other sources of income and can not claim to be a dependent widow.

Must Remove His Shoe.

One day a Dutchman in his shirt sleeves was shaving himself before the glass. His hand trembled so that he cut off the tip of his nose. The pain caused him to drop the razor, which fell on his foot and cut off his big toe. He promptly picked up the two fragments, applied them and bound them up. A fortnight later, on removing the bandages, he discovered to his horror that he had made a mistake. He had put the toe in place of his nose and vice versa. Now when he wants to scratch his nose he has to take off his shoe.

Shot a White Deer.

While hunting on the mountains last Saturday, George Lipp, of Huntersville, Lycoming county, shot a white deer. These animals are extremely rare and this is said to be the first one shot in Pennsylvania for many years. It was a buck about one year old and was as white as snow. Its skin is very valuable. Some hunters believe that the killing of a white deer brings bad luck.

Depositors Threaten Trouble.

Six hundred depositors in the defunct Gardner & Morrow Bank, of Hollidaysburg, have called a meeting to be held on Saturday, to take steps looking toward a righteous settlement of their claims against the bank. A circular letter sent to depositors says something may be done to expose the real thieves of the people's money.

Blow at Widows' Pensions.

The house committee on invalid pensions met yesterday and took action that is intended to correct the alleged rapidly growing abuse of young women marrying old soldiers and sailors for the purpose of becoming their widows and drawing a pension from the government.

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 package free. Large size 50c. and 25c.

CALIFORNIA.

Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

America is a great country. In variety and grandeur of natural scenery it is unrivaled. Its wooded heights, its fertile valleys, its boundless plains, its rugged and rocky mountains, its great lakes, its balmy slopes are the admiration of all mankind. To traverse this great country, to behold its diversities and its wonders, is a liberal education, a revelation to the immature metropolitan citizen. The Personally-Conducted Tour to California under the direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company which leaves New York on January 8, 1898, affords a most excellent opportunity to view the vast variety and boundless beauty of this marvelous land. The party will travel westward in special Pullman cars in charge of a Tourist Agent and Chaperon, stopping en route at Omaha, Denver, Colorado Springs, Manitou, Garden of the Gods, Glenwood Springs, and Salt Lake City. In California visits will be made to Monterey and the famous Hotel Del Monte, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Los Angeles, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, Redlands, and Pasadena. The party will return on the "Golden Gate Special," the finest train that crosses the Continent, leaving Los Angeles February 2, and stopping at Tucson, El Paso, and St. Louis. Eighteen days will be spent in California. Round-trip rate, including all necessary expense during entire trip, \$335 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad System east of Pittsburg; \$330 from Pittsburg. For itinerary and full information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. dec9-3t

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Franklin Walker and Mollie E. Adams, of Howard Pa. Frank S. Fulton and Tillie Carter, of Clearfield Co., Pa. James H. Holmes, Jr., of State College, and Lillie May Struble of Tyrone. Harry Ellis, of Peale, Centre Co., and Emily Clark, of Rush twp. John W. Garbrick and Susan Keller, of Spring twp. H. L. Haagen, of Tyrone, Blair Co., and Mary Hafer, of Bellefonte.

Meadville Votes to Buy a Water Plant.

At a special election on Tuesday the city of Meadville voted almost unanimously for the purchase of the plant of the Meadville Water company at its offer of \$200,000. This is the city in which the council started a new water plant in opposition to the old company. The case was taken to the supreme court which by a unanimous decision rendered an opinion that the city could not erect a rival water plant but must buy the old plant as prescribed by law if the city desired to own a plant.

Good Positions.

Next year being a very important one for county election, candidates are already out setting up their fences for party endorsement. District Attorney, Prothonotary, and Legislature are the best positions to be filled.

Few Boarders.

The Centre county jail is almost deserted as there are only three inmates left—not including the night watchman, Joshua Folk. After the new steel cells are put up, he also will be discharged, as his services will not be needed.

Who is Out?

Here is something to think about. A man owed \$1 and had but 75 cents. He went to a pawn broker and pawned the 75 cents for 50 cents. He met a friend and sold him the pawn ticket calling for 75 cents for 50 cents. He thus had two 50 cent pieces, \$1 in fact, with which he paid his debt. Was any one out and how much.

During the past two years, Mrs. J. W. Alexander, wife of the editor of the Waynesboro, Miss. Times, has, in a great many instances, relieved her baby when in the first stages of croup, by giving it Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. She looks upon this remedy as a household necessity and believes that no better medicine has ever been put in bottles. There are many thousands of mothers in this broad land, who are of the same opinion. It is the only remedy that can always be depended upon as a preventive and cure for croup. The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mill.

—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.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

PROGRAM FOR SPRING MILLS AND HUBLERSBURG.

An Interesting and Instructive Program Has Been Prepared.—Prominent Speakers from Home and Abroad.

The first at Spring Mills, Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 13 and 14. Program:

Monday afternoon, 1.30. Hon. W. M. Allison, presiding officer.

Music; prayer by Rev. S. T. Faus.

Address of Welcome by Prof. D. M. Wolf. Response by one of the speakers. Music.

Soil Cultivation, Dr. Wm. Frear, St. College.

Hay Farming, George M. Boal, Centre Hall.

Economy in Corn Culture, Hon. John Gould, Ohio.

General Discussion of the Hay and Corn Crops, limited to five-minute talks.

Farm Fencing and the Fence Laws, W. M. Grove, Centre Hill.

General Discussion of the Fence subject, limited to five-minute talks.

Monday Evening, 7.00.

Music. Query Box.

Graded and High Schools in our County, Prof. D. M. Wolf.

What is the Proper Education for Country Children, Geo. L. Goodhart. Music.

The Farmer's Girl of to-day, Miss Blanche E. Meyer, Penn Hall.

Education for the Adult Farmer, Dr. Frear.

Book Keeping and Financiering on the Farm, E. E. Smith, Penn Hall.

General Discussion of the questions of Education for the Country Dwellers, limited to five-minute talks.

Tuesday morning, 9.00.

Music. Query Box.

How to Grow Potatoes, A. N. Corman, Rebersburg.

A Brief Discussion of Potato Growing.

Up to date Dairying, Hon. J. Gould. General Discussion of Dairying, limited to five-minute talks.

Stock on the Farm:

A.—The Hog, J. A. Keller, Centre Hall. B.—The Sheep, D. D. Royer, Rebersburg. C.—The Cow, H. E. Duck, Millheim.

General Discussion of Farm Stock, limited to five-minute talks.

Preservation of Manure, Dr. Frear.

Tuesday afternoon, 1.30.

Music. Query Box.

Spraying, C. Kreider, Cedar Springs Road Making from a Farmer's Point of View, R. D. Musser, Rising Springs.

General Discussion of the Road question, limited to five-minute talks.

Commercial Fertilizers, Dr. Frear.

General Discussion of the Fertilizer Problem, limited to five-minute talks.

Ten Years' Experience with a Silo, Hon. John Gould.

Questions upon Silage and the Silo, answered by Mr. Outlook.

The Farmers' Tool, J. A. Woodward.

Tuesday evening, 7.00. Ladies' Session. Music. Query Box.

A Model Country Home, Miss Winifred S. Wolf, Rebersburg.

Heating, Lighting, Ventilating and Sanitary Arrangements of the House, Mrs. C. P. Long, Rising Springs.

Quality and Preparation of Food, Mrs. W. H. Kreamer, Centre Hall.

A short discussion of this subject, by Dr. Frear.

The Yard and Garden, Miss Mabel Allison, Rising Springs.

The Care of the Sick, Mrs. C. E. Royer, Rising Springs.

Love in the House, Miss Lillie Richardson, Rising Springs.

Hon. W. M. Allison, chairman General local committee. T. M. Gramley, chairman program committee. J. I. Condo, chairman hall committee. J. S. Meyer, chairman music committee, Miss Mabel Allison, chairman decorating committee. R. D. Musser, chairman reception committee.

Hublersburg Institute

Wednesday afternoon, 15th, 1.30.

President, Jacob Dunkle. Music. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Diehl.

Address of Welcome, Rev. Jas. W. Runkle. Response, One of the State speakers.

Commercial Fertilizers, J. W. Lee, Hublersburg.

Fertility, Dr. Frear. A general discussion of fertilizers, limited to five-minute talks.

Who is the Farmer's Neighbor? Hon. John Gould, Ohio.

Wednesday evening, 7.

Recitation, "What They Tell Us," Miss Grace Markle.

Are Parents Taking the Interest They Should in Our Schools? A. A. Pletcher, Nittany.

Education for the Adult Farmer, Dr. Frear.

Music. Recitation, "The Biogic

Head of Wheat," Miss Helen J. Beck, Nittany.

Some Facts and Figures About our Country Schools, John H. Beck, Nittany.

A general five-minute talk on above topic.

Thursday morning, 9.

Music. Query Box.

Economy in Corn Culture, Hon. J. Gould.

Leguminous crops in our Rotation, Dr. Frear. General five-minute talks on corn and clover.

Proportion on the Farm, John A. Woodward.

Thursday afternoon, 1.30.

Music. Query Box.

The Fence Problem, W. E. Shaffer, Nittany.

General five-minute talks on fences.

Mark Twain's Experience as Editor of an Agricultural Paper, read by Mrs. M. B. Guiser.

Ten Years Experience with a Silo, by John Gould. Questions answered by same.

The Lucky Horse Shoe, Miss Mary Gentzel.

Thursday evening, 7.00.

Music. Prayer. Ladies Session.

Country Home Life, Mrs. B. W. Rumberger.

Recitation, "The Old and the New Way," Mrs. James W. Runkle.

Music.

Meat and its Cooking, Notes on Flour and Bread, Some Points on Diet, Dr. Frear.

Home Adornment, Mrs. H. Kate Allison. Music.

Sanitary Conditions of Farm Houses, Dr. S. S. McCormick.

Admission to Institutes free. All invited.

Unmailable Matter.

Assistant Postmaster General Merritt has issued an order stating that it is not permissible to write upon third or fourth class mail matter or its wrapper, or to print or write upon second class matter or its wrapper, directions relative to its delivery.

Consequently, directions to deliver to some indefinite address, as to a druggist or physician, if the matter be undeliverable to the addressee, must in all cases be disregarded by postmasters.

Postmasters have been instructed that after March 1, 1898, matter so addressed will be held to be unmailable.

No Scalp Premiums.

On and after December 15th, 1897, the county commissioners will positively refuse payment of all scalp premiums if the words as well as the figures are not written on all probates issued by the different Justices of the Peace. This is done to prevent any person who wishes to be dishonest from raising the figures and getting paid for more than they are entitled to.

Theft by Snow Shoe.

Charles Linn, of Snow Shoe, was arrested at Bellefonte Saturday afternoon for the larceny of \$80, a shirt, a pair of cuff buttons and a set of studs from James Burns, a merchant at Snow Shoe. He was given a hearing before Squire Keichline and committed to jail.

Paid for Their Sport.

Two Williamsport men a few days ago paid \$20.00 in fines and costs for conducting a raffle for turkeys and chickens in that city. The chief of police gives notice that raffles or any other games of chance will not go in Williamsport.

A Veterans Back Pay.

Eight years ago Mr. W. A. Tobias, of Millheim, a veteran of the late war, made his first application for a pension. The pension was at last granted last week, and he received his check for \$548.33 back pay on Tuesday. He will draw \$10 per month hereafter.

GRAIN AND CATTLE MARKET.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—Wheat, contract, December, 93.8-487c.

Corn, No. 2 mixed, December and January, 32.1-432.1-2c.

Oats, No. 2 white, December and January, 28.3-429.1-4c.

Butter, fancy western creamery, 24c; do Pennsylvania and western prints, 25c.

Eggs, fresh nearby, 24c; do. western 23.

East Liberty Live Stock.—Dec. 9.—Cattle, prime, \$4.75-4.80; common, \$3.25-3.60; bulls, stags and cows, \$2-3.60.

Hogs, prime mediums, best Yorkers and pigs, \$3.40-3.45; heavy, \$3.35-3.65; roughs \$2-3.

Sheep, choice, \$4.50-4.65; common, \$3-3.95; choice lambs, \$5.70-5.90; common to good lambs, \$4.50-4.50.

Veal calves, \$6.50-7.00.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

John Luse moved into his new house last week.

Weather has changed to springlike; roads muddy.

Uber, the murderer, was hanged by a mob in Nevada.

The Germans have defeated the Chinese in a little battle.

The pension bill as reported by the sub-committee, runs to \$141,218,830.

Isaac Smith, of Farmers Mills, killed a hog that dressed 490 pounds.

Turkeys, we hear, are bringing a good price in the market.

Benj. Stover, of Haines, killed a hog that dressed 575. There are not many to beat that.

Geo. M. Boal, agent, advertises a valuable farm at private sale, in another column.

Over in Lycoming a hunter has been arrested for killing a deer out of season. Right.

Wolf & Crawford this week, also D. A. Boozer, shipped a car load of apples to other towns.

Tuesday made a slovenly effort at snowing, but it melted as soon as it lit on the ground.

Several weddings are billed to take place in town and close to it in the next few weeks.

Harry Dinges is putting up a stable on his lot just outside of the borough limits on Church street.

Our townsman, Simon Harper, does not feel it safe to leave the house on account of ill health.

Our town merchants are displaying their holiday goods, and are looking forward to a brisk trade.

Potters Mills with three stores and Spring Mills with six, looks like business on the first floor.

On currency reform the president does not seem to have a majority in congress to agree with him.

Manufacturer Boob shipped a large consignment of wheels of his own make to Bombay, India, last week.

Mrs. McKinley, the aged mother of the President, is very low, seeming near her end, at her home in Canton.

The State Farmers' Alliance will hold their eighth annual convention at Williamsport, Dec. 14, to continue three days.

Chief of Police Wise, of Williamsport, has begun a crusade against church, saloon, secret society and other lotteries.

Rev. Goodling, pastor of the Episcopal church, Bellefonte, moved into the new parsonage recently by his congregation.

The people of Beech Creek are easy on account of the frequent rain that place and vicinity, and opinion that there is a firebug in them.

Catharine Esterline wife of Samuel Esterline, near Greencourt, died last Wednesday morning. She is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters.

On Friday afternoon Prof. Snyder's grammar school will debate this question, "Resolved, that Pennsylvania has produced greater men than any other state."

There are twelve students from Centre county attending the Lock Haven State Normal school. Five free scholarships were provided for by the Centre Democrat.

The grangers are still taking the benefits of the favorable weather and busy hauling stones for their new home at the lower end of town opposite the picnic ground.

The Lutheran sociable in the Sabbath school room, a few evenings ago, was largely attended. Social chat, brief addresses, recitation, music and prayer occupied the hour.

The stone crusher on exhibition during picnic is still in the park as a dispute, the agent claiming he sold it to the Potter township supervisors, which is denied by supervisor Bruns.

A Paris paper regards the president's message outrageous so far as it regards the Cuban question, considers the message as exhibiting a friendly feeling between the United States and Spain.

Ed. P. Geary, esq., has been appointed district attorney of Clinton county to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Harry T. Hall. Mr. Geary is a son of Anthony Geary, formerly of Hublersburg.

Book on Diseases of Horses.—Book on diseases of horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, hogs and poultry, mailed free by addressing Humphreys' Veterinary Specifics, cor. William & John sts., New York.

The debate in the Centre Hall grammar school, on the question, "Should the United States annex Cuba," affirmative Paul Murray and Earl Fleming; negative, Grace Lee and Maybel Keller, was decided in favor of the