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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### THERE'S TROUBLE AHEAD FOR THE ADMINISTRATION.

Much Opposition among Republican Members over Legislation Advocated by President McKinley's Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The man who would have predicted the present condition of the Washington end of the Republican party a little more than a year ago, when it had just elected a President and a majority of the House, would not have been given credit for sound judgment, even by the bitterest enemy of that party. In fact, it is now difficult for one in Washington, to believe the extent of the disruption of the party. Nothing can better illustrate this than the attitude of the Republicans in Congress towards the recommendations made by Mr. McKinley's message. Not a single one of them has the support anywhere near the solid Republican vote in either branch of Congress. Mr. McKinley asked indirectly, Secretary Gage directly, for the retirement of the greenbacks, and if the Democrats and Populists gain from voting, it is doubtful whether a bill providing therefore could pass either branch of Congress. Mr. McKinley's Cuban policy is constant and openly assailed by Republicans. Asked for the immediate ratification of the treaty for the annexation of Hawaii, but not a move has been made in that direction in the Senate, and the demand of the civil service law, on one-half of the Republican members of the House are openly engaged in an effort to break down that law. In fact, everything is tending towards restoration of the Democratic party power, and the once boasted solid of the Republican party, which was years its most noted trait, has gone apparently forever.

The House Banking and Currency Committee is laboring hard to produce a financial bill, but it is on another case of "much ado about nothing," as there are about as many different opinions in the Committee as there are members, and each opinion is represented by a bill framed by its owner. It has been said that Czar, in selecting this Committee the men whom he knew would never agree on a bill, and it looks that way.

Representative Sullivan, Miss., in his speech against the payment of pensions to wealthy men and extensively from Gen. H. V. Bonn's recent arraignment of the justice of the Pension laws as now administered, because he endorsed what gentleman had said and knew nobody could raise any question on Bonn's right to criticize. Though the Pension bill passed by the House, carries an appropriation of more than \$141,000,000, something like \$2 for each man, woman and child in the U. S.—it was rushed through in an hour or two and every amendment proposed by Democrats was voted down. Representative Ogley's remark that of every \$5 put by the government \$2 went to pensions and fifty cents to pay interest on the public debt, although probably not made for such a purpose, in view of the probable deficit of \$10,000,000 in the next year, and the announced desire of administration to increase our national indebtedness, to cause many millions to put on their thinking caps.

It is practically certain that at the caucus of the Democrats in the House, to be held this week, it will be decided to make Cuba a party question, and to use every opportunity to attempt to get the Senate to recognize our belligerency, adopted by these; also that the caucus will decide party opposed to each and every recommendation made by the administration. It is not likely the caucus will say anything at the silver question. The position of the party is too well known to any new declaration in favor of it. The caucus will probably decide against the annexation of Hawaii by treaty or legislation, and also decide against the enactment of the bankruptcy law, but there is but about the latter action, as there are some strong advocates of the bill among the Democrats, and they who doubt the wisdom of trying to make it a party question.

The report that Reed is in sympathy with the civil service reform, because he recognizes in it a means of lessening McKinley's chances for a re-election, was partially confirmed by attendance at a caucus of Republican representatives called to consider and Means of fighting the civil service law, and bring about its modification or complete repeal.

publican members of the House in about everything else, it does not seem likely that as many as seventy-two of them could have been persuaded to take part in this movement unless they knew that Mr. Reed had no objection to it. The average Democrat has never favored the civil service law, with its one part real reform to nine parts of the most arrant humbuggery, so it will not be surprising to see them vote with the kicking Republicans, if their kicking goes as far as a vote.

### National System of Post Roads.

The establishment of a national system of post roads and the extension of the post-office system so as to cover the entire business of public transportation is contemplated in a bill presented to the House on 7, by Mr. Sperry, of Connecticut. The measure provides for the consolidation of the Inter-State Commerce Commission with the Post-office Department, to be under a Postmaster General and ten associates, including the present members of the Inter-State Commission, each to receive \$10,000 a year. The bill empowers the extension of the postal business to cover transportation of persons, baggage, parcels and general freight, "to secure control and management of such road now carrying the mails and of other roads and transportation agencies as may be needed for the public use."

### Gov. Pingree's Opinion.

There is too much truth in this extract from a recent speech by Gov. Pingree of Michigan: "It is your so-called respectable people who are the most dangerous. Their cloak of eminent respectability hides them, and people will not believe you when you show them up, especially when they are church members and wear long faces. My experience is that those who stand foremost in the synagogue and wear long faces on Sunday, and spend the rest of the week bribing aldermen and getting up stock jobbing schemes to defraud widows and orphans, are the most dangerous members of society."

### Cut Down the Attorneys.

Judge Doty, of Greensburg, filed his decision the other day in the case of A. W. Mellon against the Gas Fuel Company, of that town, which was an action to foreclose a mortgage for \$177,000 in favor of Mellon, defaulted upon by the gas company. The judge cut down the attorney's commission from \$8,875 to \$700, and allowed other credits, giving Mellon judgment for \$156,000 and \$700 attorney's commission with interest.

### Fought Fire Like Demons.

A prairie fire raged in Guthrie county, O. T., a few nights ago. It started near Ruth on the county line, and swept with lightning speed. The farmers fought like demons to preserve their crops, the women and children assisting. The canons running east and west along Trail creek, finally stopped the fire, but only after serious property loss had been effected.

### Counterfeit Two Dollar Bill.

Local banks have been warned to be on the lookout for a new counterfeit \$2 treasury note, which is now in circulation. It is of fair workmanship and on paper of good quality. The silk threads of the genuine paper are, however, imitated by a few widely distributed red and blue ink marks. The note purports to be of the series of 1891, check letter D, plate No. 2, B, 12,656,528.

### Death of Mrs. McKinley.

Mrs. Nancy McKinley, mother of the President, died at her home in Canton, at 2:30 on Monday morning. She was a member of the Methodist church. She was born in 1809. All the former Mayors of Canton will act as pall-bearers, among them Robert A. Cassidy, printer, formerly of Bellefonte. Funeral was held last Tuesday afternoon.

I had the rheumatism so badly that I could not get my hand to my head. I tried the doctor's medicine without the least benefit. At last I thought of Chamberlain's Pain Balm; the first bottle relieved all of the pain, and one-half of the second bottle effected a complete cure.—W. J. HOLLAND, Holland, Va. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is equally good for sprains, swellings, and lameness, as well as burns, cuts, and bruises, for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, S. M. Swartz, Tazewell, F. A. Carson, Potters Mills, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

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

Regular \$1.00 books, at 25 cents, Kurtz Bro's, Bellefonte, opposite Brockerhoff.

—Ladies' gold pen, in fine plush box \$2.50, at—Bushmans.

## 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. dec-9-3t

### Something for Christmas.

At Christmas time you want to be happy and want to make your friends happy, either by presents, be they big or little, or by inviting them to a royal dinner.

To reach this you want the finest confectioneries and the choicest fruits, namely, oranges, lemons, bananas, coconuts, dates and figs, best canned goods of fruits, meats and fish, with pickled and spiced goods, all first-class and wholesome.

And to have elegance combined with the excellence of your Christmas dinner, you will want your table set with fine glass and China ware, which are also appropriate for Christmas gifts which any friend will appreciate.

Fine teas, nuts, cheese, fresh oysters and crackers, etc., also are articles in place at Christmas festivities.

Even tubs, pails, wash rubbers, baskets, brooms, brushes, etc., make acceptable Christmas presents.

In all these you want no inferior articles and the best at the lowest prices, and in all these particulars you can rest assured that the old, well-known, reliable Sechler grocery, can fill the bill for you in a manner to render satisfaction and add to your enjoyment of the holiday season. Sechlers in the Bush House block, Bellefonte, have all the above, and hundreds of other articles, new and fresh and at prices to suit the holiday trade.

### Misappropriated.

A man who would not subscribe for his home paper because he was "too poor," sent \$1.50 the other day to a New York firm for a "Flea Killer." In a few days he received by mail two small pieces of board, with the following printed on them: No. 1—No. 2. Place the flea on No. 1 and hit him with No. 2, or put on No. 2 and hit him with No. 1. If the first lick don't kill him, try, try again!"

### Enough to Discourage a Saint.

A Bucks county man spent nineteen years of his life trying to get the appointment of postmaster. Finally he worked his strings properly and was appointed. When he learned that he was counted only a fourth-class postmaster he immediately resigned. He said he had worked long enough to be a first-class postmaster, and darned if he hadn't sense enough to know it.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: H. L. Hagen, Tyrone, and Mary Hafer, Bellefonte. John M. Word, Stormstown, and Minnie E. Meyers, Armstrong county. E. S. Shaffer, Spring Mills, and Lizzie Styer, Coburn. Geo. W. Eaton, Blanchard, and Serena Walker, Romola. M. D. Gentzel, and Margaret Long, of Penn Hall.

Books, nicely bound in cloth, at 14c per volume, at Kurtz Bro's, opposite Brockerhoff, Bellefonte.

—Ladies' solid gold ring, set with opals and pearls, \$3.75 at—Bushmans.

—Subscribes for the REPORTER.

## INTERESTING SESSIONS.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT SPRING MILLS.

A Feast of Information for the Agriculturists.—Large Attendance and Addresses of Wide Interest.

The Farmers' Institute on Monday and Tuesday, at Spring Mills, was an entire success spite of the bad weather. The farmers and their wives and daughters showed their appreciation of the sessions by an en masse attendance.

The platform in the hall was elegantly decorated with plants the full width of the hall. On the platform was an organ, and its tones mingled with the voices of an admirable choir, under the direction of Prof. John Meyer, added greatly to the pleasures of the occasion.

Hon. Jno. A. Woodward conducted the sessions and his program was an admirable one throughout. At the opening session, Monday morning, D. M. Wolf, D. D., delivered a pleasing Address of Welcome.

Prof. Frear, of State College, gave a well studied and practicable address on Soil Cultivation. He was followed by George M. Boal, of Centre Hall, whose life-long experience as a practical farmer, proved he was a complete master of this important subject, and his speech received the closest attention.

Economy in Corn Culture, by Hon. John Gould, of Ohio, was replete with solid ideas from his large experience at farming in the Buckeye state.

W. M. Grove, Esq., of Potter then led off upon the subject of Farm Fencing and Fence Laws, and ably cleared up the tangle in the minds of many upon the matter of fences.

Monday evening a highly instructive address was delivered by Prof. Wolf, upon Graded and High Schools in our County, a subject of general importance, which, it is needless for us to say, was dwelt upon by the master mind of a scholar.

Geo. L. Goodhart very fittingly followed with his theme, What is the Proper Education for Country Children. As an ex-director and an always friend of education, the speaker showed his devotion and sincerity had built up in him a mine of valuable and practical thought.

Education of the Adult Farmer, by Prof. Frear, in his usually able style. Tuesday morning, How to Grow Potatoes, by A. N. Corman, Rebersburg, who, having raised thousands of bushels of the tubers, delighted the audience by relating his experience and knowledge obtained; his paper covered the subject from A to Z.

Up to date Dairying, Hon. J. Gould. This address was a star effort, illustrated as it was by three life size cows painted on canvas, the worthless cow, the good cow and the medium—each canvas taken up in its order, and the points of merit explained and pointed out in the first; the merits in the build of the second, and the very ordinary value of the third. By his showing any cow's quality can readily be judged by the frame nature has given her. Farmers present at once recognized the truth-telling points in their own barnyards but never knew how simple they were to read upon the cow without critical inspection.

D. D. Royer, of Rebersburg, read an interesting paper, on The Sheep, showing they were profitable on the farm and not harmful. The Cow, by H. E. Duck, of Millheim, a farmer studious and experienced, set forth the cow as one of the noblest of our domestic animals, and sustained it by facts.

Tuesday afternoon, Spraying and Fruit Culture, by C. Kreider, of Cedar Springs. This was quite interesting to all. When, how and what to spray, how to treat your orchards to obtain fine fruit, were points he explained and exhibited samples of the results of his methods.

Dr. Frear, on Commercial Fertilizers and Jno. A. Woodward, on The Farmers' Outlook, closed the afternoon session.

Our reporter was not present at the evening session, but the following good things were on the program:

A Model Country Home, Miss Winifred Wolf, Rebersburg. Sanitary Arrangements of the House, Mrs. C. P. Long, Spring Mills. The Yard and Garden, Miss Mabel Allison, Spring Mills.

Care of the Sick, Mrs. C. E. Royer, Spring Mills. Love in the Home, Miss Lillie Richardson, Spring Mills.

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.

## LIST OF JURORS.

Drawn for January Term of Court, Beginning Monday, Jan. 24.

The following is the list of jurymen drawn for January term of court, commencing on Monday, January 24, 1898. GRAND JURORS—1ST WEEK.

Jacob Krumrine, Furguson. Wm. M. Bower, Potter. S. T. Brooks, Spring. David Rhinesmith, Benner. Robert Montgomery, Bellefonte. Samuel McCoy, Potter. J. S. Dauberman, Centre Hall. A. C. Iddings, Boggs. J. W. Evans, Gregg. Wm. Keller, Miles. John A. Wagner, Bellefonte. Jacob Runkle, Bellefonte. Robert A. Lucas, Snow Shoe twp. C. P. Long, Gregg. Charles Garis, Spring. A. J. Johnson, Liberty. Wm. A. Lyon, Bellefonte. W. S. Weston, Taylor. Daniel Korman, College. E. P. Barton, Union. E. C. McKinley, Milesburg. Warren Stover, Gregg. Geo. Koch, Potter. James Neese, Miles.

TRAVELERS JURORS—1ST WEEK.

Jacob Gross, Spring. Miles Heaten, Boggs. A. V. Hoyt, Phillipsburg. D. A. Grove, College. Isaac A. Gates, Furguson. A. C. Dunlap, Gregg. David Bartley, Bellefonte. Geo. E. Parker, Phillipsburg. Andrew Dushing, Spring. Daniel Strawcutter, Liberty. Samuel Shirk, Spring. Wm. Kern, Snow Shoe twp. Wallace Kerstetter, Penn. Isaac Ellenberger, Furguson. Harvey Meese, Benner. C. K. Essington, Milesburg. Henry Walker, Burnside. Geo. Lambert, Milesburg. R. C. Daley, Curtin. B. F. Keister, Millheim. Isaac Hoover, Union. Abram V. Miller, State College. F. W. Weber, Harris. Frank McKinley, Boggs. P. W. Swope, Huston. Henry Armagast, Benner. Thomas M. Bell, Phillipsburg. H. R. Bidwell, Bellefonte. Marshall Cox, Boggs. Samuel Bitner, Potter. A. J. Johnson, Worth. Geo. W. Balsor, Patton. Geo. Fravel, Snow Shoe twp. John Johnsonbaugh, Walker. James Armstrong, College. Frank Thorpe, Harris. Wm. Zeigler, Miles. G. R. Decker, Haines. Arthur Kerlin, Centre Hall. R. P. Barnes, Spring. D. B. Thomas, Harris. Howard Ocker, Haines. M. C. Walk, Taylor. Wm. Horner, Spring. Edward Meese, Spring. Geo. Brown, Boggs. Albert S. Allen, Harris. J. C. Condo, Gregg.

TRAVELERS JURORS—2ND WEEK.

James A. Kooney, Penn. Geo. J. Hunter, Harris. Geo. L. Jackson, Bellefonte. W. W. Bilger, Rush. Ellis Way, Union. James Egan, Liberty. Isaac Smith, Gregg. Benner Way, Benner. Jacob DeHass, Howard Boro. Wm. B. Wara, Furguson. J. W. Housman, Miles. Elias Tressler, Miles. J. Toner Lucas, Snow Shoe twp. John B. Resides, Rush. Robert Laus, Rush. L. C. Brinton, Phillipsburg. E. E. Knarr, Millheim. Joseph Barton, Unionville. L. T. Eddy, Milesburg. James Boone, Curtin. Isaac Martz, Furguson. James Lenker, College. Wm. Mulberger, College. Wm. A. Alexander, Union. Wm. Goss, Furguson. Geo. Hartsock, Phillipsburg. Jesse Long, Gregg. David Bilger, Rush. Jack Hicklen, Phillipsburg. John G. Platt, Phillipsburg. Geo. Hoover, Phillipsburg. Wm. H. Tibbens, College. John Packer, Howard. Green Decker, Gregg. Amos Straw, Harris. John DeLong, Miles.

### 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 Nervous 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.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

To-day started in clear with indications for milder. Kansas had a great snow blizzard beginning of this week.

Additional pension to Wm. Reed, Bellefonte, \$6 to \$8.

David Wagner, of Blanchard, was granted an original pension.

Frank Weaver of Aronsburg, killed four hogs that averaged 46 1/2 pounds.

Mrs. Jacob Smith, of Colyer, will make sale of personal property Dec. 25. An original pension has been granted George C. Kidder, Madisonburg, \$6.

Many Klondykers have stampeded from Dawson City for fear of starvation.

Hale Ross' new store building at Linden Hall, is up and nearing completion.

"My Christmas Gift," that's the yell of the season that sets all the college yells in the shade.

No one around here has the Klondike fever, but have lots longing for a pile of the yellow nuggets.

Alfred Baum, of Bellefonte, intends opening a livery and boarding stable in the Cohen building, Altoona.

Christmas is near, but far enough off for any one to make up his mind not to celebrate it by getting on a spree.

Recent Union county deaths: At White Deer, Daniel Huff, aged 58 yrs. Near Laurelton, John Hoffman, aged 73 yrs.

John Rishel, a son of M. L. Rishel, Esq., of Farmers Mills, after a stay of over a year in Illinois, returned home a few days ago.

The stove mill near Hubersburg will shortly be removed to Hecla, where the owner has contracted for 400 acres of fine timber.

Penns valley hog raisers look out for your laurels: A hog weighing 1012 pounds was slaughtered at Barville, Berks county, by Wm. McCarthy.

Eli Krader, a resident of the 7 Mts., aged about 40 years, died on Wednesday evening, 8th, and was buried in the Confer valley cemetery on Saturday.

Mrs. Archie Allison, of Bellefonte, who had been in Philadelphia six weeks for medical treatment under a specialist, returned about ten days ago much improved.

Our valued friend, Wm. Farner, of near Potters bank, intends to quit farming, and sell off his stock; he has engaged auctioneer Goheen to cry his sale on March 18.

Dobson's big carpet factory in Philadelphia, whose carpets are in many Centre county dwellings, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. Loss half million dollars.

C. K. Soper, the Centre-Union lumberman, during the past four months has shipped an average of over 150 cars of lumber per month. A large bulk of this goes to paper mills.

A two weeks' vacation for our boro schools suits young America to a T, from A on down, if only lots of sledding and sliding would set in their cup of happiness would overflow.

The Christmas gift need not be costly in order that it may be a manifestation of love. The simpler the gift the better. The right-minded recipient is thankful for the spirits of the donor rather than for the gift itself.

An electric railroad from Lemont to State College would pay and be a convenience. The men of enterprise up there should undertake it; the grade is easy and the College has an electric plant that could furnish the power.

In Clearfield three parties were sentenced at court last week to pay a fine of \$50 and undergo an imprisonment of 60 days in the county jail for furnishing liquor to minors and men of intemperate habits. Seen to be sort 'o particular out there.

Potters Mills is having a boom in the mercantile trade, and now has three full-fledged first-class stores. Alex McCoy occupies a new building with merchandise and postoffice, and Frank Carson has also engaged in the same profession in the new building erected by his mother on the site of the old burned one. Competition makes the trade.

### GRAIN AND CATTLE MARKET.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Wheat, contract, December, 96.3-8a96.1-2.

Corn, No. 2 mixed, \$2.1-4a32.1-2.

Oats, No. 2 white, 20a29.1-2.

Butter, fancy western creamery, 23c; Penn'a and western prints, 25c.

Cattle, East Liberty Dec. 15.—Prime \$4.75a4.85; common, \$3.25a3.60; bulls, stags and cows, \$2.00a3.60.

Hogs, prime medium weights, \$3.55a3.60; best Yorkers and pigs, \$3.55; heavy hogs, \$3.45a3.55; common rough 2.25a2.60.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat cash 97 1/2; May 90 1/2.

Corn, cash 25 1/2; May 28 1/2.

Oats, cash, 21.7-8.