



WASHINGTON LETTER.

WHAT WILL MCKINLEY DO WITH SPAIN?

He Will Have the Unanimous Support of Congress if He Faces the Issue Squarely.—The Situation Critical.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—This week will probably determine whether Mr. McKinley is sagacious enough to retain the undivided support of Congress in his Spanish policy. It will all depend upon the action he takes on the report of the Naval Court of Inquiry, which he now has. If he acts promptly and properly on that report and then sends the report and a statement of what he has done to Congress, he will be squarely and unanimously supported by Congress to any extent. But if he plays into Spain's hand by making a weak demand and delays the matter by keeping the report away from Congress, there will be trouble right away. A large majority of both branches of Congress have made up their minds that Senator Proctor was right when he said that no settlement of the Cuban question could possibly be satisfactory that left the island under the Spanish flag, and if Mr. McKinley does not lay his policy along that line, he will probably find Congress taking the matter out of his hands. He can control the situation if he does the right thing; otherwise not. Much will depend upon his first move, which should be made this week.

A statement prepared at the Pension Office shows that more than \$10,000,000 have been legally paid by pensioners to pension attorneys during the last seven years. Just how much the attorneys have illegally gotten from the pensioners is more or less uncertain, but there is data enough in the Pension Office to show that the illegal exactions more than equal the legal fees. It is not surprising that the Pension attorneys should be able to maintain a powerful lobby.

It is a relief, in the midst of so much war talk, to read of the triumphs of peace, as shown in the greatness and progress of American industry through its association with the U. S. patent system. In an annual report of thirty pages, Hon. A. P. Greeley, Acting Commissioner of Patents, has incorporated much valuable and important information for inventors, patentees, manufacturers, capitalists, publicists, and in fact, for everybody who is interested in industrial progress, of which the press synopsis that has been published gives a very faint idea. This pamphlet will be mailed free upon request, by the Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C.

Fool talk is as plentiful in Washington as fools are everywhere, but it need not catch anybody who chooses to use a little bit of common sense, in analyzing it. For instance, just see how absurd, when this test is applied, is the story, one of the latest, that the five great European powers had united for the purpose of demanding that the Government of the U. S. should state whether it intended to annex Cuba, and if so, that it should proclaim a tariff policy for all time that would not be affected by changes of administration. The absurdity of European nations demanding what any bright school child knows to be impossible under our form of government—the binding of its successors by an administration—effectually disposes of this story, but others equally absurd are continually started.

Many Senators and Representatives are sharply criticizing the administration for countenancing the presence in Washington of the three alleged Cuban Commissioners, who jointly with the Spanish minister form what they are pleased to call, the "reciprocity commission," and who have actually had the audacity to take the preliminary steps towards the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty with Spain, to include Cuba. What adds to the audacity is the fact that these so-called commissioners are not acting in good faith, are not what they claim to be, but are engaged in lobbying for a continuance of autonomy in Cuba, although to do so they have to practically call liars several U. S. Senators, Consul General Lee, and every intelligent newspaper correspondent who has recently been in Cuba, as all of these have declared in unmistakable terms that autonomy has been from the first a flat failure. It is thought by a number of gentlemen who are familiar with the game that these agents of Spain are trying to play that the administration would be justifiable in sending them home, but it is whispered that the administration wants them just where they are, and that notwithstanding the sentiment of Congress and of the public in favor of free Cuba, six members of Mr. McKinley's Cabinet favor a policy on the part of this government that will result in the continuation upon some terms of

the farce of autonomy in Cuba, and the use of the power of this government to compel the Cubans to accept it. This seems too monstrous for belief, but it is seriously talked about in Washington and is given to you for what it is worth. Personally, your correspondent does not believe that Mr. McKinley would dare try to carry out such a policy, and is certain, if he did, that Congress would not allow it to be done under any circumstances.

Good Advice to Boys.

You are learning a trade. That is a good thing to have. It is better than gold. Brings always a premium. But to bring a premium, the trade must be perfect—no silver plated affair. When you go to learn a trade, do so with determination to win. Make up your mind what you will be, and be it. Determine in your own mind to be a good workman.

Have pluck and patience. Look out for the interests of your employer—thus you will learn to look out for your own. Do not wait to be told everything. Remember. Act as though you wished to learn. If you have an errand to do, start off like a boy with some life. Look about you. See how the best workman in the shop does, and copy after him. Learn to do things well. Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Never slight your work. Every job you do is a sign. If you have done one in ten minutes, see if you cannot do the next in nine. Too many boys spoil a lifetime by not having patience. They work at a trade until they see about one-half of its mysteries and then strike for higher wages. Act as if your own interest and the interest of your employer were the same. Good mechanics are the props of society. They are those who stick to their trades until they learn them. People always speak well of a boy who minds his own business, who is willing to work and who seems disposed to be somebody in time. Learn the whole of your trade.—Ex.

A Boy's Composition on Breathing.

A boy fourteen years old, who was told to tell all he could about breathing in a composition, handed in the following: "Breath is made of air. We breathe with our lungs, our lights, our liver and kidneys. If it wasn't for our breath we would die when we slept. Our breath keeps the life agoing through the nose when we are asleep. Boys that stay in a room all day should not breathe. They should wait till they get outdoors. Boys in a room make bad, unwholesome air. They make carbonic acid. Carbonic acid is poisoner than mad dogs. A heap of soldiers was in a black hole in India, and a carbonic acid got in that there hole and nearly killed every one, afore morning. Girls kill the breath with corsits, that squeeze the diagram. Girls can't holler or run like boys because their diagram is squeezed too much. If I was a girl I had rather be a boy, so I can run and holler and have a great big diagram."

Thieves Operating at State College.

The authorities at State College on Monday afternoon made the wholesale arrest of seven boys, ranging in age from 14 to 19 years, on the charge of larceny. Four of the boys secured bail from home, and the other three were taken to Bellefonte and lodged in jail, but were also bailed out inside of an hour.

For six months back residents around State College have had their cellars, hen coops and even pantries robbed of everything worth stealing. A detective was employed, who soon made the discovery that the work was being done by an organized band of boys, some of whom were members of families in high standing.

The Proper Way to Advertise.

S. W. Smith, one-fourth mile west of town, will have the last general sale of the season on the last day of this month. Smith took the right course in advertising—the whole sale is advertised in the *REPORTER*, where its many patrons can in this issue see what he has to sell. His fat cattle and other goods, no doubt will be in prime condition and there will be bargains to be had for the buyer.

For some time, I have suffered with rheumatism and tried every imaginable remedy, without effect. Mr. F. G. S. Wells advised me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, telling me that it had cured many cases of long standing like mine. I have used four bottles and feel sure that one more bottle will make my cure complete.—A. P. KONTZ, Claremore, Ark. Sold by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall and H. F. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

Left Husband and Home.

Huntingdon had a sensation, by the disappearance, a few days ago, of T. R. Read and Mrs. Wm. H. Prideaux.

Prideaux traced the couple to the West, but there lost the trail. Read is a bachelor, 47 years old, and conducted the leading drug store, besides being a director of the First National bank. It is understood he has been meeting Mrs. Prideaux clandestinely for about a year. Three weeks ago Prideaux discovered Read in his wife's company and thrashed him soundly.

Read and Mrs. Prideaux took with them the woman's 12-year-old daughter, leaving another daughter aged 16. Read, who is worth about \$75,000, disposed of his business interests before departing, and converted all his belongings into cash. Mrs. Prideaux is a very beautiful woman, and it is supposed she was dazzled by Read's wealth. Prideaux returned a few days after the search for the couple, and is prostrated by his wife's unfaithfulness.

The Fight for Governor.

At Saturday's Republican primaries in Lancaster county there was a hot fight between the Quay and Wanamaker people. Quay carried the county. Money was freely used.

In Blair county Quay carried the instructions for senator there being no opposition, but Wanamaker carried the five delegates for governor.

McKean, Warren and Venango went for C. W. Stone for governor who is Quay's choice.

Up to the present time 143 of the 362 state delegates who will compose the state convention have been elected. Of this number Senator Quay can lay claim to control only 65 without contest. Wanamaker is assured of 43 uncontested delegates.

On which side will the Centre delegates be? Our congressman Arnold is running for congress-at-large and has the Blair and Clearfield.

There was no opposition to Quay in Blair, yet he was cut nearly 3000 votes.

LATEST NEWS ITEMS.

Both of Europe's greatest men, Bismark and Gladstone, are ill.

Philadelphia has a big sensation by several members of council being found guilty of accepting bribes in a water works job.

Towns along the Susquehanna are again in danger of being flooded.

President McKinley is in great worry over the trouble with Spain and sleeps little.

The President is said to favor armed intervention to stop the horrors of war in Cuba.

By a fire in Chicago, one day this week, a score of people lost their lives.

The mother of Dr. Colfelt died at Bedford Springs on Monday.

Dr. Swallow's friends are urging him strongly to be an independent candidate for governor.

In the Northwest there was a freeze on Tuesday which did much harm to fruit and other crops.

At Pittsburg the rivers showed a rise of nearly 30 feet.

HOT SHOT FOR QUAY.

WANAMAKER FIRES HIS FIRST GUN IN THE COMING FIGHT.

"Holy John" Lays Aside His Singing Book and Jumps the Senator's Neck.—There's Plenty of Fun 'a-Comin'.

Mr. Wanamaker in his Lancaster speech took up the Pennsylvania legislature of last year, referring to "its record of promises broken and party pledges ignored; its abuse of public trust and insatiable desire for public plunder; of legislation born of injustice, iniquity and crime, driven through under the whip and spur of the boss; of trusts fostered and protected and legitimate commercial interests assailed; of placing the brewery paramount to the school house and the interest of beer pre-eminent over the crying demands of charity and popular education.

"The machine, finding itself bankrupt, conspired to create a host of new and useless but high salaried officers, aggregating over \$750,000, by instituting railway, prison, civil service and other 'commissions,' but," he added:

"The anti-Quay men, divining the purpose and dangerous character of these bills, quietly formed a combination with all the interests assailed. The temperance people were aroused, hundreds of state papers declared against the scheme intended to break down the restrictive license barriers, the prison authorities became alarmed, lest for political purposes our penal system should be impaired, and gave valiant assistance; the railroads joined hands to defeat a scheme intended for black-mailing purposes; electric interests responded, as did others, and the entire outfit of Quay's commission bills was linked together and strangled by burning.

The speaker next considered the promises of reform legislation made by Senator Quay and his alleged failure to fulfill them. Continuing he said:

"For fifteen years the control of the office of state treasurer has been the citadel of Senator Quay's power; it is believed to have yielded annually a campaign fund of not less than \$100,000, mortgaging influential bankers and affording unlimited credit to borrow vast sums for personal campaigns, and exhibiting incumbents entirely upon the office of state treasurer poor, and on a \$5,000 salary in two years retiring with a competency.

"The state treasurer's office has been the storm center of suspicion and scandal for many years. Public sentiment, always strong, at times inflamed by rumors of great shortages, of funds deposited in unsound banks, of illegal collections of interest of state moneys, of reckless speculation by treasury officials, has time and again unsuccessfully demanded a treasury investigation, always to find the sentinels that guarded every approach too well entrenched.

Mr. Wanamaker averred, as an illustration of the extent to which the state moneys were manipulated, that a Philadelphia bank, "whose president is one of Quay's old lieutenants," a private institution capitalized at \$150,000, has continuously carried a deposit ranging from \$300,000 to \$1,200,000 of state funds. In conclusion, Mr. Wanamaker charged that "in ten years the Quay machine has taken from the taxpayers \$1,250,000 and in twenty years \$2,500,000.

He declared that a large part of the nearly six millions of Pennsylvania citizens are tired of ring rule and "unwilling to submit tamely to the surrender of state affairs to Quay." The legislature and the political power, he said, had been cornered like wheat.

"One senator owns another senator and these control twenty-six congressmen, in solid body, train with the captain or if anyone fail the combination turns in against that man's reelection to congress.

Mr. Wanamaker said he was in the fight until Pennsylvania is redeemed and true to the traditions of Lincoln and Grant, and he entered it free and untrammelled and ready to serve the people.

Three Deaths.

George Thomas, of Howard, died of apoplexy, at his home, Sunday evening, aged 79 years. He was soldier in the late war.

John W. Adams, another resident of Howard, died on Tuesday evening of apoplexy, aged near 75 years.

Harry Y. Smeltzer, son of Albert Smeltzer, of Pleasant Gap, died at Sellsburg hotel on Wednesday morning, in which place he attended college as a student for the ministry. Funeral on Friday forenoon.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

PRESERVING EGGS.

German Methods and the Results Thereof

It will be interesting to many of the Reporter readers to know the best way of preserving eggs, hence we give below a series of experiments carried on in Germany last year, and the results.

After eight months of preservation 400 eggs, divided into twenty different parcels for that many methods of experiment, were examined, with heterogeneous results. Upon opening for use the eggs presented the following results, according to the parcels originally numbered: 1, Eggs put up for preservation in salt water were all bad, not rotten but uneatable, the salt having penetrated into the eggs. 2, Wrapped in paper, 80 per ct. bad. 3, Preserved in a solution of salicylic acid and glycerine, 80 per ct. bad. 4, Rubbed with salt, 70 per ct. bad. 5, Preserved in bran, 70 per ct. bad. 6, Provided with a covering of paraffin, 70 per ct. bad. 7, Varnished with a solution of glycerine and salicylic acid 70 per ct. bad. 8, Put in boiling water for twelve to fifteen seconds, 50 per ct. bad. 9, Treated with a solution of alum, 50 per ct. bad. 10, Put in a solution of salicylic acid, 50 per ct. bad. 11, Varnished with water glass, 40 per ct. bad. 12, Varnished with collodion, 40 per ct. bad. 13, Covered with lac (probably snellac varnish), 40 per ct. bad. 14, Varnished with sward, 20 per ct. bad. 15, Preserved in wood ashes, 20 per ct. bad. 16, Treated with boric acid and water glass, 20 per ct. bad. 17, Treated with manganate of potash, 20 per ct. bad. 18, Varnished with vaseline, all good. 19, Preserved in lime water, all good. 20, Preserved in a solution of water glass, all good.

In commenting on this report the Agriculturist says that the last three methods are consequently to be considered the best ones, and especially the preservation in the solution of water glass, as varnishing the eggs with vaseline takes too much time, and the treatment with lime water some times communicates to the eggs a disagreeable odor and taste. There is one drawback with eggs preserved in a solution of water glass, the shell easily bursts when placed in boiling water. It is said this may be avoided by cautiously piercing the shell with a strong needle.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Shun is es Freeyore do!
Now gate de Arwet oh,
Fer Gaertle un Housebutze.
Bring der Recha un de Spawt;
In der Gorte gate's now growt.
Dut de Scholla goot ferbrecha,
Un de Lenner awa recha.
Steck de Zwiwale,
Say de Rettich,
Hock de Gummera un Grumbera;
Un fer en completer Gorte,
Grobt en Bet fer Boshtnawde.
Don Artze, Zellrich un Solot;
Un sog noch mit nichtte,
Fergest net olles goot zu mischte.
Hausebutza is en seece Arbet;
Floor rybe un Seeling wescha,
Carpet schitto un Offa blacka,
Kessel butza, Shenk ousefaga,
Un mit em Bleckkochar ryba,
En Biesen is es net zu b'schriwa.
Un was denkest du das mer date,
Wan mer net de Weipsite het?

The wet weather checked plowing. Streams are high in this county and all over the state.

Anthony Gates, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$12.
It rained moderately Monday night and Tuesday.

The purchaser of old horses will be here again—see his adv.
Benner had the first shad here, on sale last week.

John T. Tate, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$5.
S. V. Fiegel, of Phillipsburg, has obtained a pension, \$6.
James I. Yarnell, of Snowshoe, has obtained a pension, \$8.
James Miller, of Bellefonte, has obtained a pension, \$6.

Since Sunday night's snow we have had wet weather.
Among the announcements will be found the name of Robert M. Foster, for assembly.

Peter B. Jordan was appointed post master at Colyer, vice Jacob Smith, deceased.
The precipitation here from last Saturday night to Wednesday night, was 3 1/4 inches, which is large.

Landlord Gramley, of Rebersburg, is about to become landlord of the Eagle Hotel at Lock Haven.

Surely hens are doing their best to stock the market with eggs since price has come down to 8c per doz.
For the coming summer Lewis Sunday will put in his week days on John Arney's farm, adjoining town.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, March 27, at Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; at St. Johns church, 2 p. m.; Georges valley, 10 a. m.
J. S. Yearick's dwelling in Kratzerville, took fire, one day last week and was entirely consumed, together with his household effects.

Deaths in Sugar Valley: Miss Rebecca Shontz, of Loganton, aged 22 years. At Carroll, of the infirmities of old age, Daniel Troutner.
James Runkle, who last year moved from Centre Hill to a farm near Lewistown, last week flitted back to the Bair farm near Tusseyville.

George Bierley died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Claude Johnson. He was born at Rebersburg, Feb. 28, 1822. His aged wife survives him.
Newt Gordon, of Bellefonte, left last week for Juneau, Alaska, where he will become resident manager of the Last Chance gold mining company.

The aged widow of John Sholl, of Miles township, now over 80 years old, will in the future make her home with her son-in-law, Dr. Hosterman, in this town.
A chickenist down the valley tells us one of his hens laid an egg about a week ago on which appeared the letters L. S., which he declares means, "Lick Spain."

The farmers of Snyder county fixed upon a date and took all their surplus stock to Sellsburg where a great public sale was made of it on Wednesday, the plan proving a success.
The sword worn by Lieut. Howard P. Petriken, of Bellefonte, when he was killed the night before the battle of Antietam, in 1862, has been located in Texas, and will be returned to his sister, Marion, in Bellefonte.

Dandelion, precious yarb, is ready to be plucked for our tables, and has many friends. Soon its flowers of golden yellow will smile at us from every field and roadside. Welcome, dandelion.
"If de average young man," said Uncle Eban, "ud be willin' ter go froo as much hahdship ter git useful knowledge as he did learnin' ter smoke his fust cigar, dar wouldn't be nigh ez many regrets in dis here life."

The safe in C. T. Fryberger's mill office, at Phillipsburg, was exploded by burglars a few nights ago. The safe door was sent nearly through the side of the wall, windows and furniture were broken, and a sum of money obtained.

MAINE REPORT TO BE GIVEN OUT MONDAY.

It is officially stated that the report is a very voluminous document.
It was understood at the cabinet meeting on Tuesday that the report of the court of inquiry probably would be in Washington to-day, Thursday, or Friday; that it is a very voluminous document; that probably it will not be given to the press and to congress before Monday; that the President will require that much time for its proper consideration.
Madrid, March 22.—The Spanish Government has received a dispatch from its minister at Washington, Senator Polo y Bernabe, saying that the report of the United States Naval Court, appointed to inquire into the loss of the battleship "Maine," holds that the explosion was of external origin.
Inside of a week we may know whether we will have war with Spain.
Judge Love Reduces Damages in the Lyon Case.
Last November court Rose Sternberg Lyon obtained a verdict of \$5,375 against Gustave Lyon, of Philadelphia, for alienation of her husband's affections. On Tuesday Judge Love reduced the damages to \$4,000, which the plaintiff must accept or a new trial will be granted.

Their Scheme Defeated.

A rather strange story comes from Avonmore to the effect that a few nights ago a farmer living near that place found an alarm clock in his hay-mow. He took it from the hay and placed it in his house, where after a short time, the alarm began to ring and automatically a match was lighted. It is, of course, alleged that incendiaries put it there for the purpose of firing the hay, and only the barking of a watch dog led to a thorough investigation, that led to the discovery of the clock and match.

The Heldover Licenses.

The Nearhood license for the Rebersburg hotel was granted by Judge Love on Wednesday.
The Ed. Ruhl license for the Nittanyhall hotel was held for further consideration.