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A BATTLE AT MANILA.

A SPANISH ATTACK REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS.

The Americans Were Outnumbered, but Held Their Own, and the Loss of the Enemy Was Heavy.

The American forces engaged the enemy before Malate on last Sunday night and compelled them to retreat with heavy losses.

Our troops lost 13 killed and 47 wounded. It has been impossible to ascertain the exact losses of the Spanish. The fighting lasted four hours.

The American troops engaged were part of the 10th Pennsylvania, 1st California and 3d regular artillery.

The Spanish led in the attack, attempting to dislodge our troops by a flanking movement from the strong position they have been holding near the enemy's lines. The position is still held by our troops.

In the midst of a raging typhoon, with a tremendous downpour of rain, the enemies force, estimated at 3000 men, attempted to surprise the camp. Our pickets were driven in and the trenches assaulted.

The brave Pennsylvania men never flinched, but stood their ground under a withering fire.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Benjamin R. Stere, of Union twp., and Rachael A. Houser, of Benner twp.

Harvey J. Boop, of Benner twp., and Mary Shawver, of Spring twp.

Robert K. McMullen, of Boggs twp., and Cordelia Strunk, of Spring twp.

George Alvin Hettinger, of Spring Mills, and Elsie May Reish, of Centre Hall.

Harvey Freeman and Mary E. Hancock, of Philipsburg.

Harvey Shawley and Mary C. Meyer, of State College.

Sylvester M. Summers, of Boggs twp., and Mary Lyons, of Spring twp.

Herbert J. Hull, of Bellefonte, and Maggie E. Kane, of Axe Mann.

James W. Lyons, of Jackson, Mich., and Estella M. Stonerode, of Milesburg.

John W. Kepler and Madge G. Goss, of Pine Grove Mills.

Chas. Robinson, of Philipsburg, and Margaret Dornmond, of Rathmul, Jefferson Co.

Kepler and Goss.

Somewhat to the surprise of the happily married couple, that the union was so sudden, after a very brief courtship, almost a case of love at first sight. On Tuesday of this week, the happy couple drove to the county seat, procured the necessary papers requisite to make these two one, immediately hid themselves to the M. E. parsonage, where Rev. Stevens pronounced them one. The bride, Miss Maggie Goss, is the second daughter of ex-Co. Treasurer Cyrus Goss, and is a most accomplished and refined young lady. The groom, J. Wm. Kepler, is one of Ferguson township's brag farmers, is a jovial fellow, and a hustler in political circles. They will reside at Pine Grove Mills.

Send this Also.

Ten dollars has been paid into the Red Cross fund of this town, at Wolf & Crawford's store, being a surplus from a school entertainment. Money contributions are also being solicited for the special benefit of the Centre county boys now in the army. We understand there is also a surplus in bank from a 4th of July celebration in this town several years ago. Resulting from so patriotic an affair, why not appropriate this also to so eminently patriotic a purpose as ministers to the comfort of our brave soldier boys?

Picnic Today.

The farmers' institute and harvest home picnic is being held today on Grange park. The unfavorable weather the last week may interfere somewhat with the attendance, but from present indications there will be a good turn out.

Filling up the Ditches.

Street commissioner George Flory has men at work filling up the water ditches which had sunk below the street level. The lime stone had been hauled off for crushing for new streets and the holes had to be filled up.

The Coming Picnic.

The grange picnic, Sept. 12-17, in Grange Park, Centre Hall, for exhibits, interesting discussions, lectures, music, etc., display of live stock, poultry, etc.

Truth wears well. People have learned that Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers are reliable little pills for regulating the bowels, curing constipation and sick head ache. They don't gripe; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

THE REPUBLICAN WAR.

Attorney Reeder Will Make a Hard Fight for State Senator.

Col. Wilbur F. Reeder, is up in a balloon as the anti-Quay candidate for senator, and has a bitter fight on hand. His opponent in this county is ex-assemblyman Phil. Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg, who has been training with the Quayites. Phil. may be what one terms a "clever fellow," but, unfortunately, Phil. voted "I" on every boodle measure that came up, new offices, new clerkships, raising salaries, and all such, a partial list of which will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Reporter.

The cleaner Quay candidate would be found in Jack Dale, who is not besmirched with voting for any such legislation, and who has all the hustling vim to put up a hot fight, and could easily have brought down Reeder's air ship. But Jack Dale is not a candidate, wisely foreseeing that the next Senator from this district will be a Democrat.

Rumor has it Colonel Reeder agreed not to make a fight against Womelsdorf at his home if the latter would stay out of Bellefonte. Each borough is entitled to 13 delegates, and Reeder did not care to make a fight at his own home. Womelsdorf refused, however, to make such a deal, and now there will be a lively contest in every district of the county. Next Saturday the primaries will be held.

Reeder is confident he will eventually get the conferrees from Clearfield and Clinton counties if he wins at home. Clearfield has instructed for Charles Osborn, a friend of Senator Quay, and Clinton has declared for William Miller, an anti-Quayite.

If Reeder should reach the senatorship he will be in the race, four years hence, for the Republican nomination for Governor.

The outcome of the Republican fight in this county is awaited with deep interest among outside politicians.

He Knew George A. Jenks.

About twenty years ago an old gentleman of wealth and without any family, resided at Brookville. Like many others he neglected making a will until he became very sick. Then he divided most of his estate among his relatives, giving each a liberal share, but also bequeathed a handsome sum—about \$20,000, if we remember correctly—to churches, schools and other charitable objects. A few days after he made his will his physician informed him that he could not live a week. The law of the state makes void all bequests to churches and charities where the devise dies within thirty days of the date of making the will. Then the old gentleman added a codicil to his will, revoking his bequest to churches, schools, etc., and instead bequeathed the total sum, \$20,000, to George A. Jenks, without reserve. After his death, when the property came into the possession of Mr. Jenks, he turned it over to the institutions named in the will and carried out to the letter the desires of the deceased.

Such incidents show the confidence people have in George A. Jenks, who has known him long and intimately. He is the kind of man required for governor of the state.—Meadville Messenger.

Delightful Vacation Trip.

Visiting Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Quebec, Montreal, Au Sable Chasm, Lake Champlain and Lake George, Saratoga, and the Highlands of the Hudson. Leave Philadelphia by special train August 16. The tour will be in charge of one of the company's tourist agents. An experienced chaperone will also accompany the party, having special charge of unescorted ladies.

The rate of \$100 from New York, Brooklyn, Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington covers railway and boat fare for the entire round trip, parlor seats, meals en route, hotel entertainment, transfer charges, carriage hire—in fact, every item of necessary expense.

For detailed itinerary, tickets, or any additional information, address Tourist Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 1196 Broadway, New York; 860 Fulton Street, Brooklyn; 759 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. aug4-2t

Kansas Crop Conditions.

Secretary Coburn of the State Board of Agriculture has issued a bulletin showing crop conditions. He places the yield of winter wheat at 60,370,000 bushels, which, with one exception, 1892, is the largest ever grown in the State. The season throughout the State, he says, has been adverse to corn. He places the average condition for the State 59 per cent of a full crop.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

TROUBLESOME MATTERS FOR THE PEACE COMMISSION.

The President Believes the Spaniards are Honest in Accepting the Terms.—Politics in the War.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—If the Spanish Ministry had any proper idea of the public sentiment in this country it would not have wasted ten days in deciding whether to accept the terms of peace offered. If they knew a good thing when they saw it, they would have jumped at those terms. In the statement of the terms of peace, last week, the administration was given credit to which it was not entitled. Instead of providing that claims of Americans for property destroyed in Cuba should be paid by Spain and disclaiming responsibility for Spanish bonds issued as a lien on the revenues of Cuba and Porto Rico, it mentioned neither, leaving those troublesome matters to be added to the numerous other troublesome things that will have to be tackled by the Commission that will negotiate the treaty of peace. The only certain things in the terms of peace are that Spain shall evacuate Cuba and Porto Rico and that we shall retain Manila and Manila Bay; everything else is to be settled by the commission.

Mr. McKinley apparently fully believes that the Spanish Ministry is honest in informally telling him that it intends to accept his terms of peace, although officially it still remains silent. His faith is so strong that the orders for the re-inforcement of Gen. Miles have been held up, and that nothing is being done to send Gen. Merritt the re-inforcements that he has asked for. If Spain accepts the terms, these hold-ups will do no harm, but should Spain be foolish enough to reject the terms, they may be fraught with serious consequences. General Miles is having everything his own way in Porto Rico, and being royally welcomed by the Porto Ricans, but if it becomes necessary for him to attack the strong fortifications at San Juan, he has not men enough to take that town, without a great sacrifice of life.

Notwithstanding the harsh criticism which has come from all sections of the country and from the holders of all shades of political opinion of the partiality shown by the Navy Department, in favor of acting Admiral Sampson and against Commodore Schley, that partiality still exists, and, according to current gossip, is about to be strikingly exhibited by a shifting of orders for the purpose of giving Sampson an opportunity to splurge in European waters. The orders for sending a strong fleet to the coast of Spain, issued some weeks ago, for bluffing purposes, have never been revoked, and the officials say that the fleet is to go for the purpose of "impressing Europe," now that the pending cessation of hostilities and the project of permanent peace have made further fighting apparently unnecessary.

There being no further opportunity for Sampson to acquire either glory or prize money in Cuban waters, he is to be given command of the European fleet, and Commodore Watson, who was first assigned to that command of all the ships that remain in Cuban waters. As Watson ranks Schley there will be no important command left for the latter. This Navy Department clique may succeed for a time in depriving Schley of honor he has won, but Congress can be depended upon to see that justice is done him.

Secretary Alger's mixing of politics with military matters has added nothing to his popularity nor to his reputation for political sagacity. In his eagerness to injure "Teddy" Roosevelt's political fortunes, Secretary Alger went to the extent of publishing a private letter from Roosevelt to himself, in which slurs were thrown at the fighting qualities of the volunteer soldiers, in order that he might accompany it with an official reprimand from himself to Roosevelt. Alger was so much afraid that the "round robin" signed by the Generals under Shafter, headed by Roosevelt, who is acting Commander of a brigade, would be credited with the accelerated movements of the War Department in getting our soldiers away from Santiago, that he had an official statement made to the press, saying that the soldiers were being moved in accordance with plans made before the publication of the "round robin" which, by the way, Roosevelt is accused of having furnished to the Associated Press. This need not fool anybody, as it says that the Secretary of War had some time ago notified Gen. Shafter that his men would be brought back to the U. S. "as soon as the fever subsided." The fever has not subsided, but the men are being brought back as fast as they are able to get aboard transports. There isn't the slightest doubt that the "round robin," however much it may

have been tinged with insubordination from a strict military point of view, caused the men to move sooner than they would otherwise have been moved, and that thereby many valuable lives were saved. Insubordination that breaks red tape that is killing our soldiers is not likely to receive popular condemnation; nor does it deserve it.

McCormick Scores Alger.

When asked the other day what the State was doing in the interests of better sanitary quarters for the Pennsylvania soldiers now at Camp Alger, Attorney General McCormick said:

"She is doing all she can. It should be understood that the State officials are absolutely without power in this matter, the troops being in the service of the United States Government; but learning of the terrible conditions existing at Camp Alger, General Hastings and Adjutant General Stewart professed to the Government authorities in the most vigorous way against the continuance of the fever infested camp.

"It is difficult to understand what influence prompted the War Department to locate 25,000 or 30,000 men at such a place as Camp Alger. It is a twelve-mile march to the railroad, and there is not a point on the Pennsylvania Railroad from Philadelphia to Pittsburg but what would be more accessible to the seat of war and more healthful in location than the one selected.

"The people have a right to be indignant at the results of such unwise and ill-advised conduct on the part of the War Department. The percentage of sickness at Camp Alger, at least so far as the Twelfth Regiment is concerned, is nearly as great as that at Santiago, and the public official who is responsible should be held to a strict account.

"Governor Hastings and Adjutant General Stewart are constantly in communication with the War Department endeavoring to better the condition of our troops."

From Santiago.

One thousand Spanish prisoners, on Tuesday, went on board ship at Santiago for their homes in Spain.

By the collision of two steamers at Lisbon, on Monday, twenty persons were drowned.

The transports Miami, Matewan and Vigilante, loaded with United States troops, sailed for the United States on Monday.

General Shafter's sanitary report for Aug. 7: Total number of sick, 3,445; total number of fever cases, 2,498; total number of new cases, 412; total number of fever cases returned to duty, 406; deaths Aug. 7, eleven, of whom five were victims of yellow fever.

The American troops are now marching on San Juan from three points, and the fleet is preparing to move to north side of Porto Rico to aid in active operations against the island capital.

Amid rumors of peace the army of General Miles is sweeping on toward San Juan by roads from the east, west and center. This will compel the enemy to concentrate his forces at the capital.

Red Cross Society—Aid for the Soldiers.

Friends of the Soldiers, desiring to minister to the necessities of the men in the field and for the suffering Cubans, by contributions in money or articles, to be forwarded to the Red Cross Society, Philadelphia, will leave the same as early as possible at the following stores:

Wolf & Crawford, Centre Hall;

Rossmann's store, Spring Mills.

Articles needed: Money, all kinds of cured meats and fish, corn meal, grain, canned vegetables, canned fruits, any dried fruits, onions, potatoes, rice, beans, beef extracts, wines, coffee, tea and any groceries, jellies, preserves, medicines, oils, salves, soaps, bedclothing, mosquito netting, fans, towels, new clothing for summer, for children women and men.

Steamer to carry these contributions will leave August 15. Report to Fry-singer Evans, 907 Betz Building, Philadelphia.

A Victim of Vengeance.

Eugene Lentz, of Ralston, Locomotive county, is in a critical condition, the victim of the awful vengeance wreaked upon him by Mrs. Tiny Welch, of the same town. He is said to have made insulting remarks about her. When she met him Friday evening she dashed a tea cup full of carbolic acid in his face. If he survives he will be sightless.

Recalled.

The announcement that Rev. J. H. Keeley, field secretary of the Penna. anti-saloon League, to speak in the Evangelical church at Centre Hall on Wednesday evening, Aug. 17, has been recalled.

AWFUL RECORD.

MILLIONS OF MONEY STOLEN FROM THE STATE.

Having Bankrupted the State the Quay Machine Now Proposes to STONE the People.

For the information of the readers of the Centre Reporter, and the tax-ridden people in general, we have looked up the steals of the two last legislatures, as found in the Leg. Record, and before getting half through with the big search after their most infamous jobbery to fatten the purses of Quay henchmen and keep the machine oiled, we find enough of downright robbery to amaze any citizen of our state if he has but a spark of honor left within him.

The state treasury, by Governor Hastings' own announcement, has been bankrupted, millions of state funds are withheld from the school boards and are used by the banks of henchmen to speculate with, while hundreds of school teachers in the state had to get along as best they could without their scant and honestly earned wages.

These infamous methods the Quay machine proposes to keep up by electing Wm. A. Stone governor, when all the mileage and other infamous steals vetoed by Governor Hastings during last session will be again passed by Quay's orders and signed by Wm. A. Stone, if, unfortunately, he should be elected governor, instead of that man of purity and foe of dishonesty, George A. Jenks.

But, to the Legislative Record, for a small part only of this infamous jobbery:

An increase of the Adj. General's already too high salary and creating two new and utterly useless clerkships; page 2843. Annual steal \$5000.

Reorganizing Banking Department, with increase of salaries, new officials, etc.; page 330. Annual steal about \$15,000.

New Department of Agriculture, useless clerkships, bird book, big book on insects, etc.; page 2551. Already cost the state, as a steal, over \$200,000.

New places, nice plums, for Quay heeters, as unneeded Senate and House officers; page 630. Already cost the state some \$25,000.

Creating a useless Deputy Auditor General, securing a yearly plum for a heeler, of \$8000; page 3753.

Increasing salary of Superintendent of Public Buildings, from \$1400 to \$3000, annual \$1600 steal; page 3425. This was a Superintendent who didn't superintend, else the capitol would not have been set on fire and burned. By this calamity the machine gang will get its fingers into a pie for erecting a new capitol which will ultimately cost the state no less than ten million dollars, over half of which, of course, will be a steal.

Deputy and new officers for Department of Internal Affairs, \$6000 a year, uselessly expended; page 1509.

Creating the not needed Superior Court; page 3342. Expenses, with seven judges, about \$100,000 a year.

Creating a committee to visit less than a score of public institutions to ascertain how many pauper foreigners were kept in same, when a circular from the Internal Affairs Dep't would have obliged the head of each institution to furnish such information, at a cost of not over \$3 to the state. This steal took \$3000 out the treasury, the committee riding on passes no doubt, and afterwards demanding \$1800 for a stenographer!

There were scores of other steals of which the above will serve as samples. Then were the attempted steals vetoed by the Governor, known as the mileage steals, padded pay-roll steals, fraudulent book printing steals, and others of the same breed of kittens, vetoed by Governor Hastings, all of which will be re-passed and signed if Quay's man Stone is elected governor.

Then there were steals exposed by representative Nesbit, of Northumberland, and Rev. Dr. Swallow, in the fitting up of Grace Church for the sessions of the legislature.

Reader, isn't this an appalling record of robbery? How can honest men vote for Wm. A. Stone, for governor, who is the favorite of the plunderers who were the recipients of the above steals, and scores of like ones which the Reporter does not have time to cite in this issue?

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Quick, now, ye Dons,
To accept our peace,
Before knocked to pieces,
Be quick! Ere General Miles,
Bags the prettiest
Of your isles.
At San Juan
He's knocking now,
For a cool surrender;
Now if your tardy
Uncle Sam so hardy,
'El gobble up—
And that'll end 'er.

Threshing is hindered very much by showers.

Louis Sunday is temporarily laid out from over-work.

Thomas Toot, of Bellefonte, was allowed a pension, \$6.

The Centre county peach orchards promise a fair crop of fruit.

The party to erect the new creamery is here, ready to put up the building.

Republican primaries next Saturday and county convention on Tuesday.

Last week's heavy rains raised our streams bank full and yellow as clay.

Some of the corn-fields were badly washed by last Thursday's heavy rain.

Huckleberries are said to be plenty and are selling at 4 and 5 cents a quart.

The new grange hall, about ready to be encased in brick, will be the largest building in town.

Mrs. Daniel Fleisher, seriously ill the past two months, shows no signs of improving.

Col. Reeder has withdrawn as a candidate for senator, leaving the field to Womelsdorf.

Huyett, among other improvements, has thrown open his front yard by removing the fence.

The Sea Shore Excursion via Penn'a Railroad Thursday August 18th promises to be very popular.

Sandoe has a 100 bushel crop of early potatoes, now worth 60c per bushel, taken from one acre.

The frequent showers in the past week are likely to injure the oats cut and yet in the fields.

From Millheim comes a report of several typhoid fever cases, Bumiller of the Journal, being one.

The crop of late potatoes under the showers of the past two weeks, may come up close to an average.

Berks county farmers are selling their new wheat at 70 and 75 cents per bushel, says the Phila. Record.

George Emerick who has done the threshing on a number of farms since harvest, reports the yield below a full crop.

Lewisburg Buffalo Mills last week paid 70 cents for new wheat. It has advanced a little in the eastern markets.

Of three large fields of wheat threshed by Perry Breon, two miles east of here, two turned out well and the third poor.

W. L. Kurtz, of Lewisburg, has been appointed one of the Jenks Notifying Committee, which meets at Bedford, August 17.

The United Evangelical camp meeting will be held in Emanuel Harter's grove, west of Rebersburg, beginning August 23.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, Aug. 14: At Centre Hall at 10 a. m.; St. John's church, at 2 p. m.; at Georges valley at 7 p. m.

Huyett's big drove of cattle on his Seven Mountain ranche is doing well and to his entire satisfaction. Daniel Slotman is head ranchman.

Hay Fever.—Dr. Humphreys, Specific "77" cures Hay Fever and Autumn Catarrh; all druggists; 25c, or Humphreys' Medicine Company, New York.

Some one has informed us the number of typhoid fever cases in Millheim has reached 100. Among those seriously ill is landlord Braught, formerly of Coburn.

There was an abundance of rain from Wednesday evening to Thursday evening of last week. To every corn patch there was an ear of corn in every gallon of rain.

The Republican faction leaders in this county are Jack M. Dale on the Quay side, and Wilbur F. Reeder on the Hastings or anti-Quay side. Saturday they battle for the mastery.

Rev. A. H. Spangler, the Lutheran minister at Yeagertown, has been appointed chaplain of the 5th Pa. regiment. His appointment will rank with that of captain, with equal pay and perquisites.

The brave soldier boys in Cuba had a hard time of it. The battle with fever took off far more than Spanish bullets. There was most serious blundering at Washington all through this war.

An old subscriber came into our office a few days ago, with the cheering remark, "I thank the Reporter too deserving a paper to have my label read back of '98," and down came the silver jinglers and out went his label to '99.