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PATHETIC ENTRIES

Of a Soldier That Alger Might Think Over in His Political Army Appointments.

A Cleveland soldier starved to death in the trenches before Santiago. This is the construction placed on the death of Private John Prouty, of the 8th U. S. Infantry. Prouty died on July 29 in a hospital in Santiago. His sister, Mrs. Jennie Staffed, has received a letter from a comrade of her brother and the Bible and diary of the dead soldier. These entries were made in the diary:

July 21—I am so hungry.
 July 22—These half rations are not enough. I cannot stand such fare.
 July 23—I had a slice of bacon and some potatoes to-day and I feel better.
 July 24—I am so hungry I think I shall have to eat my pocketbook.
 July 25—Oh, if I only had food.
 July 26—Give me something to eat for God's sake!
 July 27, two days before Prouty died, the last entry was made. It was this—
 I must have something to eat. I feel as if I was starving to death. I am so sick."
 Prouty had been in the regular army two years and was 23 years old.

The Czar Urges Peace Upon the World.

By order of Emperor Nicholas, his Foreign Minister, on 24 ult., handed to the diplomats at St. Petersburg a note demanding that maintenance of peace and the reduction of the excessive armaments now crushing all nations is the ideal for which all governments ought to strive.

The Czar considers the present moment favorable for the inauguration of a movement looking to this end, and invites the powers to take part in an international conference as a means of thus insuring real and lasting peace and terminating the progressive increase of armaments.

The note says:
 "International discussion is the most effectual means of insuring all people's benefit—a real durable peace, above all, putting an end to the progressive development of the present armaments."
 "In the course of the last twenty years the longing for general appeasement has grown especially pronounced in the conscience of civilized nations, and the preservation of peace has been put forward as an object of international policy."

"It is the better guarantee to peace that they have developed in proportions hitherto unprecedented their military forces and still continue to increase them without shrinking from any sacrifice."

The ending of the note reads:
 "Filled with this idea, His Majesty has been pleased to command me to propose to all the governments whose representatives are accredited to the Imperial Court, the assembling of a conference which shall occupy itself with this grave problem."

This suggestion of the Czar to settle all disputes among nations without resort to war, is highly commendable.

War Not Ended—Sagasta Says Hostilities May Be Resumed.

Madrid, Aug. 29: "Spain is still at war with the United States," says Premier Sagasta, in the course of an interview, in which he explains why the government intends to repress the discussion of war topics in the cortes.

Continuing, the premier significantly says: "Diplomatic negotiations are now being carried on, and a debate on these subjects might be provocative of undesirable complications. It must not be said that peace is signed, and discussion is now allowable. Peace is not signed. The two nations have merely concluded a suspension of hostilities in order to negotiate peace."

"These negotiations may be brought to a successful issue; but it might happen that hostilities will be recommenced."

"That is why I think the cortes will only be able to discuss strictly necessary questions; that is, to make itself acquainted with the situation of the interests now at stake, which are so important for the nation; but not to engage in debate which would assume such proportions as to infringe upon the discretion which the gravity of the circumstances requires of the cortes."

Republican State League Convention.

On account of the Republican State League Convention, to be held at Pittsburgh, Pa., September 7 to 9 inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets on September 5, 6, and 7, from all ticket stations in Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh, at rate of a single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents). These tickets will be valid for return passage until Sept. 16, 1898, inclusive.

For broken surfaces, sores, insect bites, burns, skin diseases and especially piles there is one reliable remedy, De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. When you call for De Witt's don't accept counterfeits or fakes. You will not be disappointed with De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

DIED IN WILLIAMSPORT.

Death of Clevan Dinges of Typhoid Fever on Tuesday Morning.

We were pained to hear of the death of Clevan Dinges, which occurred at 4 a. m., Tuesday, at his home in Williamsport, after an illness of eight two weeks of typhoid fever. While on a business trip to Buffalo, he contracted the fever. He improved up to last Friday, and at that time the chances for his recovery seemed particularly bright. On Friday he suffered a relapse.



The deceased was a son of Jacob Dinges, who died in this place some fifteen years ago. His widowed mother and sister Annie still occupy the family homestead here. A brother, Simon P., resided with Clevan in Williamsport. Another brother, Harry W., resides a short distance east of town. One brother William, died several years ago while in his third year in the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Clevan Dinges, was a model young man, of correct habits, ardent in all church work and a Christian. He was a self-made man, and his first business ventures were in this place, beginning at 18 years with a small confectionery which, in a few years, grew into a general store that drew a fine trade.

Retiring from the mercantile business he entered the employ of one of strongest insurance firms in the country and by his efficiency was promoted to a general agent.

Four years ago, the deceased was nominated as the Prohibition candidate for congress in the Lycoming district. He was the State treasurer of the Prohibition party, and one of the leading Prohibition politicians in Pennsylvania. When he ran for Congress he largest number of votes that was ever given a Prohibition candidate for that office.

He was married to a daughter of druggist Frank P. Green, of Bellefonte, who survives her husband. A little daughter and the only child, died before reaching the age of one year. On the 16 of this month the deceased would have reached the age of 37 years. The deceased carried about \$20,000 life insurance.

Interment will be made in the cemetery at Bellefonte.

Funeral at Bellefonte this morning, at 10:15, from the residence of F. P. Green.

Sham Battle—Boy Buried Alive.

At Troy, N. Y., a number of boys, under 10 years, organized an American and Spanish army, with toy guns, and had a sham battle, and drove off the Spaniards, John Owens, aged 8, was left dead on the field, as agreed upon. The conquering army decided it would be the proper thing to bury their dead foe, and to this young Owens did not object. A hole was dug in the sand and the "dead Spaniard" was carried with great solemnity to the open grave and lowered down in the grave, and covered up in spite of his cries.

When Owens did not return in the evening his parents began a search. Late at night some of the companions of Owens were located, and when questioned, they said: "Oh, we left him up in the brick yard," but did not say they had buried him.

Next morning one of the boys admitted it, and upon digging in the sand, about 9 o'clock they uncovered his body. The boys state they believed Owens would not be harmed and dig his way out again.

Renomination for Arnold.

It is announced that the Republican Congressional conference of the Twenty-eighth district, composed of the counties of Centre, Clearfield, Elk, Forest and Clarion, will be held in Dubois the first week in September. The three candidates for the nomination are A. Wayne Cook, who has the support of Forest; Delois Dolliver, with the support of Elk, and W. G. Arnold, who has the conferees of Clarion, Clearfield and Centre. Arnold's renomination on the first ballot being thus practically assured, there is a probability that neither of the other aspirants will allow their names to go before the conference.

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Thrilling Scene in the Field Hospital at Guasimas.

There is one incident of the day which shines out in my memory above all others now as I lie in a New York hospital writing. It occurred at the field hospital. About a dozen of us were lying there. A continual chorus of moans rose through the tree-branches overhead. The surgeons, with hands and bared arms dripping, and clothes literally saturated, with blood, were straining every nerve to prepare the wounded for the journey down to Sibony. Behind me lay Captain McClintock with his lower leg-bones literally ground to powder. He bore his pain as gallantly as he had led his men, and that is saying much. I think Major Brodie was also there. It was a doleful group. Amputation and death stared its members in their gloomy faces.

Suddenly a voice started softly, "My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing."

Other voices took it up: "Land where my fathers died, Land of the Pilgrims' pride—"

The quivering, quavering chorus, punctuated by groans, and made spasmodic by pain, trembled up from that little group of wounded Americans in the midst of the Cuban solitudes—the pluckiest, most heartfelt song that human beings ever sang.

There was one voice that did not keep up with the others. It was so weak that I did not hear it until all the rest had finished with the line, "Let Freedom ring."

Then halting, struggling, faint, it repeated slowly, "Land—of—the—Pilgrims'—pride, Let Freedom ring."

The last word was a woeful cry. One more son had died as did the fathers. —From "A Wounded Correspondent's Recollections of Guasimas," by Edward Marshall, in the September Scribner's.

The Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 27th to 31st, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about September 1, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 2d, great central valleys 3d to 5th, eastern states 6th.
 Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 1, great central valleys 3d, eastern states 5th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 4, great central valleys 6th, eastern states 8th.
 Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. September 12 will average below in northern and about normal in southern latitudes.

The second disturbance of September will reach the Pacific coast about 7th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 8th, great central valleys 9 to 11, eastern states 12.
 Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about September 7, great central valleys 9th eastern states 14th.

Temperature of September will average below normal in middle latitude east of Rockies, from Chicago to Jacksonville, Fla., and Kansas City to Washington, D. C. All around the section mentioned temperature of the month will average above.
 In southern and eastern Texas, Arkansas, South Missouri and in the vicinity of the lower Mississippi river rainfall will be from about normal to above, and in all other sections below.
 A cool wave will occur in northern latitudes about September 10, and in a few localities, where frosts usually occur early, light but unimportant frosts will occur.

Another cool wave will pass over the northern states about September 22 accompanied by light frosts. Killing frosts are not expected in September, and late corn will probably have ample time to mature.
 Most severe storms are expected not far from 4th and 25th, and will be of great force in southern latitudes.
 Generally September 1898 will be a moderate month as to the weather, and on the whole favorable to crops. No great extremes in the weather are expected and the month may safely be set down in advance as favorable to all interests.

Most Flea From the Fevers

Sickness is on the increase in Porto Rico. Typhoid and malaria, brought on by the rains and tropical climate, have commenced to claim victims among the American soldiers at an alarming rate. Orders were cabled to General Miles to send all troops that can possibly be spared to the United States at once.

De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve has the largest sale of any Salve in the world. This fact and its merit has led dishonest people to attempt to counterfeit it. Look out for the man who attempts to deceive you when you call for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve the great pile cure; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

DEADLY TOADSTOOLS.

Deadly Toadstool Feasts—Two Families Meet Death.

As the result of a feast on poisonous toadstools Mrs. Emma Benson and Mrs. Lizzie Briner, of Antis township, Blair county, are dead, and three others may die. Mrs. Benson and Wm. Killinger on Wednesday gathered what they supposed were mushrooms, in the forest near Bellwood. At noon the toadstools, for such they were, were eaten. When Mr. Briner came home from work in the evening he found his wife suffering terribly with pains in the stomach. A physician was summoned, but the woman died early Thursday morning.

The fatal meal was shared by Wm. Killinger, Mrs. Lizzie Briner and the two children of the latter, May and William. All were made terribly ill, and Killinger and the two children are still in a precarious condition.

Another case is that of Mrs. Rev. George Jefferes and child of Philadelphia, dying in Shippensburg Sunday last, from the effects of eating toadstools. Rev. Mr. Jefferes, who is a minister of the Lutheran church and of middle age, was spending his vacation in Shippensburg with his wife's father.

Friday he and his wife and children while on a walk in the country found what they thought were mushrooms. They gathered a number and ate them. Instead of mushrooms they were toadstools. Some time after the three persons became very sick.

Mrs. Jefferes and her daughter, 8 years old, died Sunday morning, and Rev. Jefferes is in a very critical condition.

Omaha Exposition.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a special eight-day personally-conducted tour to the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha on October 1, allowing four full days at the Exposition. Round-trip tickets, including transportation and Pullman berth in each direction, meals in dining car going and returning, hotel accommodations and meals at Omaha, admissions to the Fair, and carriage drive and hotel accommodations at Chicago, will be sold at rate of \$100 from New York; \$90 from Philadelphia; \$65 from Washington and Baltimore; \$91 from Williamsport and Harrisburg; \$80 from Pittsburg, and proportionate rates from other points.

The party will be accompanied by a tourist agent and chaperon, and will travel in special Pullman sleeping cars. For the benefit of those who may desire to remain longer in Omaha, tickets will be made good to return on regular trains until November 15, inclusive. Such tickets include only railway transportation returning, with reduction of \$15 from above rates from all points.

For further information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia. Sept-1:2t

Completing Arrangements.

The committee for the grange exhibition are in their busiest time of the year arranging for their 25th annual picnic. This is to be the silver jubilee, and strenuous efforts will be made to have this years picnic exceed that of any former year in exhibits and entertainments. The exhibits will be larger than ever. The grounds will be put in shape and beginning next week the tents and buildings will be put up and ready for the opening on Saturday.

Public Sale of Young Cattle.

Next Wednesday, 7th, Dauberman & Kreamer will offer at public sale at the Old Fort hotel, 65 head of young cattle, with a few heifers, ranging in weight from 450 to 800 lbs. Among the lot will be 5 stock bulls, weighing from 400 to 900 lbs. This will be an excellent opportunity for purchasing stock for beef and feeders. These cattle will be sold to the highest bidder. Sale will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Repairing the Damage.

The Grangers have had a gang of carpenters at work setting up the part of the large cattle shed blown down by last Wednesday's storm. The building was somewhat broken and wrecked, but it will be in shape for the exhibition week after next. The men were taken off the hall, but work will again be resumed in a few days.

Festival.

A festival will be held at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 23 and 24, for the benefit of the M. E. church. Everybody is invited to attend. Cold plates, good people, and a hot time.

When you call for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve the great pile cure, don't accept anything else. Don't be talked into accepting a substitute, for piles, for sores, for burns; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

Game and Fish Law.

Wild turkey, pheasant, grouse, quail, partridge, woodcock, Oct. 15 to Dec. 15; woodcock may also be killed during July.

Deer, during the month of November.

Hare and rabbit from Sept. 15 to Dec. 15.

Squirrel, October 15 to Dec. 15.

Rail and reed birds, Sept. 1 to Dec. 1.

Wild fowl and web footed fowl, Sept. 1 to May 1.

Plover, July 1 to Jan. 1.

English, Chinese, and Mongolian pheasants, protected until June 4, 1902.

It is misdemeanor for any person or transportation company to ship beyond the limits of this state at any time, any protected animals.

It is unlawful to kill or trap any deer, elk, fawn, wild turkey, pheasant, grouse, partridge, quail or woodcock, for purpose of sale. The sale of same is also unlawful.

It is also unlawful for anyone to kill in one day more than ten ruffed grouse or pheasant; more than fifteen quail or Virginia partridge; more than ten woodcock, or more than two wild turkeys, or to kill in one season, more than two deer.

Fish may be taken between the following periods:
 Black bass, May 30 to January 1. Bass must not be taken less than six inches in length.
 Speckled trout, April 15 to July 15. Trout must not be taken less than five inches in length.
 Lake trout, January 1 to September 30.

Pike or pickerel, June 1 to January 1.

Susquehanna salmon, yellow bass or walleyed pike, May 30 to Jan. 1.
 Gunning and fishing is prohibited in this state on Sunday.

Improvements.

Merchant G. O. Benner is working on the foundation for his new dwelling on the southern end of the borough line. He wants it up and completed before winter.

Dr. G. W. Hosterman purchased a lot of ground from J. D. Murray on the opposite side of the street from the Presbyterian church. This fall yet he will begin the erection of a residence to be occupied by himself, and as soon as finished will vacate his present home down street. He will build a home with all modern improvements.

The new creamery building out at the station is being slowly pushed along. The foundation is up, and the material on the ground for the building.

Clem Luse has masons at work on the foundation for his new house. He will want it up before winter.

Amend the Law.

A decision of the Supreme Court rendered the other day in a case from York county, is of considerable importance. The court held that a ballot marked in the circle at the top of one ticket, with another cross placed opposite one of the names of another ticket even if one name for the same office be erased under the marked circle, is void as to all the names appearing on the ticket and cannot be counted. Under this decision it becomes clear that the ballot law should be changed, so as to require the voter to mark the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote.

Sudden Death.

Miss Mary Musser died very suddenly last Sunday morning at the home of her father, David Musser, at Penn Hall. She was aged about 46 years, and her death was attributed to an affection of the heart, although she had been enjoying comparatively good health previous to her death. Funeral occurred on Wednesday morning, interment being made in Heckman's cemetery.

Plan of Mustering Out.

Acting Secretary Allen has decided to adopt the policy of mustering out the naval militia in bodies, instead of individually as heretofore. Mr. Allen believes that the militiamen will be better pleased to go to their homes in bodies where they may be met by their people and greeted publicly.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:
 Frederick Brighton and Maggie Davis, both of Phillipsburg.
 Curtis R. Snook and Carrie M. Keen, both of MingoVille.
 Zenas E. Hoover, of Julian, and Almada Hoover, of Fleming.

A Common Danger.

If you have ever had a cold which you permitted to "wear away" it may interest you to know it was a dangerous proceeding. Every cold and cough which is neglected paves the way for consumption, bronchitis, asthma or catarrh. Otto's Cure, the famous German throat and lung remedy, will cure any cough or cold and save you from consumption. Sold by G. H. Long, Spring Mills. Prices 25c. and 50c. per bottle.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The nights are pleasant, but afternoons are warm.
 The typhoid fever cases at Millheim have all recovered.

Curtis DeHaas, an aged resident of Howard, died Monday afternoon.

Sale of young cattle by Kreamer & Dauberman, at Old Fort, Sept. 7.

Bellefonte's new Creamery is now in operation. It is a stock concern.

Gottlieb Strohmeyer has about fifty bushels peaches on his quarter acre lot.

The Kansas wheat yield is a bushel for every man, woman and child in the United States.

T. W. Hosterman of Coburn, advertises letters of administration on estate of L. W. Hosterman.

Four Centre county men, out of Co. B, are on the sick list, namely, Garis, Hazel, Noll and Brown.

The steel trust has a capital of a fifth of a billion dollars. Gee whiz! how could it steal all that?

In Union county home peaches are offered at 75c per crate; large, fine cantaloupes at 5c a piece retail.

The entire Republican ticket in this county, from Arnold down, was dictated by Quay and his lieutenants.

We learn that one of our business men, Mr. Poulson, intends to leave and locate at Titusville. Sorry.

Mrs. Nancy Barger, of Curtin, aged 106 years, while out in the yard at her residence, Monday, fell, dislocating her hip.

The Republicans on 'his side, are justly growling, because their ticket is a big top-side, being all from the Bellefonte side.

Now a trust is being organized in London to control the output of the world's needles for sewing machine, knitting machine and all other kinds of needles.

L. A. Walker, of Rebersburg, member of Co. B, came up on the hospital train from Chickamauga, ill of malaria, and is now at his home in Rebersburg.

Some fellow seems to delight in putting Howord Eisenhuth's dogs out of the way, down near Poemills. There might be a-barking up the wrong tree some day.

There will be a Festival at Miss' store, near Tusseyville, Saturday eve, September 3d, at which will be served all kinds of fruit, ice-cream and oysters. All invited.

"The That," Francis Speer, of the Gazette staff, is willing to run as the young ladies' candidate for Congress.

It would take
 Like a hot Johnny cake.
 Sergeant John W. Lose, of Co. B, arrived home Friday last, from Lexington, Ky., to find his wife much improved from her injuries in the sad Strohm accident.

A company of capitalists with A. W. Lee, of Clearfield, as president, will build a railroad through the southern portion of Clearfield county, to tap the coal and lumber field.

It is said that at the coming grangers' picnic the pernicious fakirs will be excluded, which is a step in the right direction and will add to the respectability of the big gathering.

The big grange picnic, Sept. 10 to 17, is the next thing on the carpet, and the women folks will see that beds, bunks and cots by the dozen are had in readiness for their uncles, aunts, and cousins to the eleventh degree.

There was a very large attendance last Sunday at the camp meeting in Eman'l Harter's woods, west of Rebersburg, the day having been fine and not so very warm. This is an old camp meeting ground which is sanctified by many years of services.

Recent deaths in Millfin county are, in Derry, the wife of Samuel Rarick, age 41 years; at Burnham, Wm. Riden, age 72 years; near Menno, the wife of Leland Getts, in her 27 year; at Milroy, Wm. Gearhart, aged 58 years. At Ryde, Gertrude, daughter of Jacob Casner, aged 23 years.

When the Leiter wheat corner collapsed and prices suddenly dropped from \$1.70 to 75 cents, all the grain buyers in Penns valley held on to their wheat, confident it would go up to \$2 and over. For their wheat on hand they paid an average of about \$1.40, per bushel. The sudden drop to 75c caused a loss to these dealers of from \$300 to \$700 each.

The state hospital train with the sick from camp Chickamauga came up this week. The following Centre county soldiers were left at the Altoona hospital: W. I. Lathers, Co. I, Phillipsburg; John Brown, Co. B, and D. O. Hazel, Co. B, Bellefonte; Victor Gray, Co. I, Phillipsburg.

The hospital train left patients at towns all along the route where offers were made to take care of sick soldiers.