

WASHINGTON LETTER.

GEN. MILES TO BE TRIED ON THE CHARGE OF LYING.

The General is Perfectly Willing and Courts Investigation on His Embalmed Beef Charges.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—According to a statement made by a member of the Court of Inquiry, which this week begins the taking of testimony on the embalmed beef charges, the Court regards itself as sitting as a Court-martial to try General Miles on the charge of lying, although without authority to pass sentence should it find him guilty. No other construction can be placed upon this language, used by the member of the court referred to: "We look to Gen. Miles to prove his allegations. We have no concern as to the witnesses as to that side of the inquiry, and it is incumbent upon Gen. Miles to secure and produce before us those whom he expects to establish his case." In other words, the Court believes Gen Miles guilty, but will give him a chance to prove otherwise. Gen. Miles will produce sixty-odd officers who reported from the field against the beef issued, including Gov. "Teddy" of New York, and the proof will be made so hot that it is likely to scorch Secretary Alger and other officials as well as the beef contractors.

There is some talk of a compromise on the Army bill, which is now before the Senate, but it is not coming from Democrats. Senator Cockrell, who reported the Democratic bill to the Senate, says that measure will give the administration temporarily, all the troops it can possibly have any need for, and that further than that he and his Democratic colleagues are not inclined to go. It is believed by many that the semi-repudiation of imperialism made by Mr. McKinley in his Boston speech was intended to help the Hull Army bill in the Senate. This may or may not be true. Democrats in Congress were glad, of course, that Mr. McKinley should have disclaimed imperial intentions, but, believing the saying that acts count for more than words, and having their wits about them, they fail to see the point of the disclaimer, while he insists upon having at his command a large standing army, and refuses to accept the Democratic offer of a temporary force large enough for his admitted intentions. The Hull bill provides a large number of juicy plums in the shape of commissions for civilians in the regular Army, and the attempt is being made to get Democratic and Populist support for the bill by offering big chunks of this patronage to Senators. This week is likely to determine whether the bill can be passed or not.

The scheme to make this government pay a private company a subsidy of \$100,000 a year for twenty years for the use of a Pacific cable, was thought to have been knocked out some time ago, but it is on deck again as an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill, proposed by Senator Frye. It cannot be knocked out in the Senate on a point of order as the Nicaragua Canal bill was in the House, nor can the same tactics be followed in the House when the bill goes back with Senate amendments. That is why the Senators who are trying to get the Nicaragua Canal bill through have had what is practically the Hepburn bill added to the River and Harbor bill, as an amendment. They have not undertaken an easy job as it is understood that Czar Reed has declared his intention to prevent Canal legislation, no matter what has to be held up to do so, but the Senators are confident of getting the best of the Czar, who is said to oppose the Canal bill only because he is unwilling that work should be begun upon it under the McKinley administration.

There are few Democrats in Congress who are opposed to our paying the \$20,000,000 to Spain which the treaty of peace calls for, as most of them recognize it as a treaty obligation which must be paid. After the ruling out on a point of order of the Nicaragua Canal bill, as an amendment to the Sundry Civil bill, it was only a question of waiting for the same point to be raised against the amendment providing for this appropriation, for it to receive the same treatment. Two separate bills have already been introduced making this appropriation, one by Mr. Cannon and one by Mr. Gillett. The latter's bill also contains the McNary resolution, which the Senate adopted last week.

When a vote is taken on this appropriation, there will not be half a dozen Democrats recorded against it, although the Democrats are all practically opposed to the permanent retention of the Philippines. The prompt payment of this money is a question of national honor, not of policy.

Senator Tillman got in a good joke on Senator Lindsay, when he interrupted the latter's argument in favor

of abolishing the two year's cruise that is now a portion of the regular course of the Naval cadets, by repeating the old time verse beginning, "Mother, may I go out to swim." Amidst the laughter of the Senators and the occupants of the galleries, Mr. Lindsay declared it was the best speech he had ever heard Mr. Tillman make, and then proceeded with his own speech.

Hon. C. V. Holman, a prominent Maine Democrat, who has been looking over the political field in Washington, said among other interesting things: "It would not surprise me to see a permanent rupture among the Republicans in the near future, as an outcome of which Gen Miles, Senator Hoar, and Speaker Reed will be found lined up in vigorous opposition to the President, Secretary Alger and Senator Hanna. In such a schism would lie the Democratic opportunity."

Railroad Notes.

Employees of the Pennsylvania railroad are going over the tracks with a measure, seeing that the exceedingly cold weather had not contracted the rails to such an extent that they were out of gauge. The company takes particular pains along this line.

Under the new rules all applicants for positions on the Pennsylvania lines are required to undress before the examining physicians. The rigid system of examination has been enforced with a view to avoid additional expense in the relief department, and at the same time select men who will be physically sound and who can be advanced in accordance with the rules of promotion. Never in the history of railroad affairs were the rules for physical examination and moral requirements more stringently enforced on the railroads than they are now.

Of Interest to Sportsmen

The attention of Pennsylvania sportsmen is invited to a bill introduced in the Senate (File of the Senate 61) by Mr. Hardenburgh, of Wayne county, and favorably reported from committee by Mr. Scott, of Luzerne county, to permit the sale of grouse, quail and woodcock, and to permit their shipment out of the state, both being now forbidden by law. By a change of the squirrel season to open Sept. 1, a time when game birds are young, it makes their killing easy, and destroys the system of an uniform game season for all species, a system which in Pennsylvania, as elsewhere, is wisest and most satisfactory in its workings. It is gratifying to note, too, that the Board of Game Commissioners is alive to the retrograde nature of the measure and is opposing it. The Bard should have the prompt and active cooperation of all citizens of the state who are interested in game preservation.

Fooled the Constable.

Frank Fitch, an alleged whiskey seller, of Bradford, played a heartless trick on a constable a few days ago. Fitch was incarcerated in the lockup and the constable intended to take him to Smithport jail to await trial on a charge of illegally selling liquor. The constable unlocked the door of the prison and then thought he would encase his form in an overcoat which he carried over his arm. While the officer had his arms in the sleeves of the coat Fitch saw an opportunity and seized it. He also seized the constable and without regard for the functionary's feelings threw him into the lock-up, secured the door and vanished. After much yelling the constable succeeded in attracting attention and was released. Fitch, however, was out of sight and at last accounts had not been recaptured.

A Peculiar World.

An exchange has found out that this world is peculiar. When a farmer wishes to retire he moves to town. When town people wish to retire they move to the country. A farmer has poor health and he moves to town to rest up and get well where he will not be bothered with hard work. The town man, when he has poor health, will go to the country with his tent and pitch it under some shade tree, where he may enjoy the country air and rusticate in the enjoyment of a perpetual picnic.

Presbyterian Services.

There will be services in the Presbyterian church at this place Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Communion services at Spring Mills at 10:30 a. m.

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 25 c. and 50c. per bottle.

DEATHS BY FREEZING.

A Few Instances of the Storm's Horrors.

One night Phillip Young left his home to go to Barbour's Mills, Lycoming county, for a physician for his wife. The mercury was thirty degrees below zero. When he returned home with the doctor Mr. Young found his daughter lying on the doorsteps frozen to death and his wife so nearly perished that she was unconscious. The daughter during the night had gone to the wood pile to replenish the fire. She was clad in her stockings and night dress and was overcome by the cold before she could enter the house.

In West Virginia the fatalities by freezing, as far as reported, are already thirty. Two lumber camps in Braxton county are without provisions and cannot be reached. In Charleston, Jefferson county, a coal famine exists. The snow is three feet deep on the level.

Luther Kinney, a farmer, aged 55, was found dead, buried near his home in Connecticut. Kinney drove into Norwich with milk on a Monday morning, and had not been seen since. He had evidently become exhausted while digging his sleigh out of a snow drift.

Wm. Stear, who lived near Tamaqua, started to his home from his place of working. On morning of 14, his son found him frozen to death, standing upright in a snowdrift near his home, with a dinner pail tightly clasped in each hand.

From Selinsgrove we have intelligence that the driver of one of the Atlantic oil refinery's distributing trucks while on one of his usual trips through the country on evening of 13th was found frozen stiff on the seat near Danville.

Robert Fowler, aged 83, and Mary Halstead, aged 74, were frozen to death in the Guyan valley, W. Va.

Reports during the two days of the intense cold show that 14 lives were lost in Texas by freezing.

EDITORIAL DOTS.

The big liner, Bulgaria, was foundered with 91 lives lost.

There may be a compromise on the bill for an increase of the army to avert an extra session.

The pleasing report comes from Washington that Alger will resign—he's as bad as his beef.

A Nebraska regiment defeated a force of 300 Philippine insurgents, killing many of them.

The house has passed a bill appropriating \$20,000,000 to pay Spain for the Philippine islands.

The rivers are rising and a rapid thaw may cause damage as there is an immense body of snow on the ground.

Quay's time expires on 4th of March, next. He has not yet been minded to "shake the plum tree" for another to pick up the goods.

Tuesday's elections throughout the state where Quayism was an issue, the supporters of the boss went under and his spirits are down below 13.

Rear Admiral Schley is striking back at the attacks upon him by secretary Long, and makes clear many points in the chase after Cervera which have been clouded by his detractors.

The court of inquiry on the poisoned beef matter, is now in session, and General Miles was the first to be called for examination, and will tell some interesting facts about "embalmed" beef.

Aguinaldo, leader of the Philippine insurgents, keeps defiant, and says he will keep up the war against the United States. It is thought, however, that the backbone of the insurrection is broken.

Judge Simonton in the case of the claim to recover from the State \$55,000 for printing a book on chicken lice, decided the claim illegal. This is one of the claims vetoed by Gov. Hastings when upon suit was brought against the State.

The belief among some that if this legislature fails to elect a senator Gov. Stone will appoint Quay. This is an error. When a vacancy occurs at a time when the legislature is not in session then the Governor can appoint which holds good only until the legislature convenes.

They Need Bibles.

The Shamokin Bible society Tuesday reported that after a thorough canvass in that borough, with a population of 10,000 people they found 1,997 families without a copy of the Scriptures. These families will be supplied with Bibles at once.

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to Consumption. A bottle of One Minute Cough Cure used at the right time will preserve life, health and a large amount of money. Pleasant to take; children like it; for sale by Smith & Crawford.

ABOUT THE COUNTY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS TERSELY TOLD.

A Phillipsburg Girl Striking it Rich in the Klondike Gold Region.—Flowers worth their Weight in Gold.

Recent letters from Miss Phoebe Hoover, Phillipsburg's feminine representative in the Klondike, says the Ledger of that place, give glowing accounts of that lady's prosperity. Her salary as cashier in a restaurant has been increased, her property risen considerably in value by reason of a recent gold find at Rampart City, and Miss Hoover is picking up nuggets by making paper roses at \$3 a dozen and bouquets of the same mock flowers at \$10 a piece. This beats digging for gold all out of time, and it will not be surprising if Miss Hoover returns to Phillipsburg a rival to Mrs. Hetty Green in wealth.

A Medal for the National Guard.

An oval bronze medal has just been issued to Pennsylvania National Guardsmen who entered the United States service for the war with Spain, and who were qualified as marksmen in the year 1897. The medal is suspended from a bar inscribed according to the class in which the soldier qualified in 1897. One side of it contains a soldier with gun in hand standing at "ready," while the other side bears this inscription: To the Marksmen of the National Guard of Pennsylvania who entered the United States service in the war with Spain 1898. Space is left immediately under this inscription for the soldier to whom the medal is issued, to have his name engraved thereon if he wishes to do so.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage license were issued during the past week: Oliver Perry Adams Millheim, and Minnie E. Cronenmiller, Aaronsburg.

Walter J. Edmiston, State College, and Ida Cole, Bellefonte.

Frank W. Keisted, Aaronsburg, and Minnie B. Winklebach, Feidler.

W. O. Knarr, Howard, and Florence M. Allen, Spring twp.

Ralph E. Stover, Feidler, and Ida W. Burrell, Penn Hall.

Hayes A. Fletcher and Mabel F. Bathurst, both of Blanchard.

Noah J. Dubbs, of Hanover, Md., and Ida May Flory, of Tusseyville.

George M. Bell and Hattie Sunday, both of Rock Springs.

Lloyd W. Riendont, and Mary T. Page, both of Phillipsburg.

S. H. Dunmire, of McVeytown, and Bella G. Ward, of Halfmoon twp.

Stamped by Electricity.

Before very long letters mailed or received at the Bellefonte postoffice will be stamped by electricity. A machine for this purpose is to be placed in position and will soon be in working order. A dynamo of one-third horse power is used and the result is very rapid work, it being geared to 400 per minute and does its work like a charm.

It is known as the Barr-Fyke stamping machine and is rented by the government. It will expedite the business of the office to a great extent and besides is a vast improvement on the old hand stamp, the postmark made by this latter often being illegible.

Foxes Peeped in the Window.

On Thursday while school was in session at the Gravel Hill school house in Howard township, this county, the Hustler says, two wild foxes came and looked in at the window at the teacher and pupils. The teacher, Mr. Chas. Woodward, had quite a time to keep the scholars from getting excited, but by letting two of the large boys get their guns and pursue the foxes, the pupils became reconciled, and then the school proceeded as usual.

A Poison Window.

"A unique 'poison show window' in a New York City drug store displays little piles of various deadly drugs placed in a semi-circle around a human skull. In the centre of the semi-circle are these words: 'Everything in this window is poison.'—Besides the drugs the other poisons are: a cigarette held between the jaws of a skull, a deck of cards, some dice, a quart of whiskey, and a quart of wine.

Same Old Swindler.

The artificial flower fraud is again playing his game nearby. Recently he swindled some girls in an adjoining county out of a sum of money. He bargains with his victims to make artificial flowers, which he promises to make a market for, providing they buy the tools from him, which must be paid for in cash. After getting the money he decamps. Give him a Klondyke chill if he calls at your home.

BAD MANILA NEWS.

News of incendiarism at Manila tells of a serious outbreak accompanied by fighting, and an enormous loss of property. Fires were started at three different points, and a 1000 houses are burned.

THE ELECTIONS.

Lebanon Republicans did a big and good thing, by electing Dr. Weiss, anti-Quay to the senate by from 2000 to 3000 majority.

Fritchey, Dem., was elected mayor of Harrisburg by 500, and Royal, Dem. was elected treasurer by 2900 majority. In Altoona, Giles, Dem., was elected mayor by 1000 majority over Col. Burchfield.

Manning, Dem., was elected to the assembly in Cumberland, by 1200 majority, in place of his deceased father.

The Democrats carried the city of York.

The Democrats carried Johnstown. The town of Huntingdon was carried by the Democrats.

Allentown went Democratic.

Democrats won in Allentown, Easton and other towns.

The Republicans carried Philadelphia and Pittsburg by large majorities and also carried a number of other towns.

When the Druggist Swears.

Here are some orders recently received by a druggist in a neighboring town:

"This child is my little girl. I sent you five cents to buy two sitless powders for a groan up adult who is sick."

"Dear Doctor, please gif baarer five centse worse of Auntie Toxyn for to gargle baby's throat with and obleage."

"You will pleas give the little boy five cents worth of epeac for to throw up in a five months old baber N. B. the babe has a sore stummick."

"I have a cute pain in my child's diagram. Please give my son something to release it."

"My little baby has eat up its father's parish plaster. Send an antedote quick as possible by the enclosed girl."

"I haf a hot time in my insides and which I would like it to be extinguished. What is good to extinguish it. The enclosed money is for the price of the extinguisher. Hurry please."

What Doctors Think of Rubbers.

Here's the first law of health: Keep your feet dry. We all know it. We all know that pneumonia and consumption always start with a cold, and that the shortest cut to a cold is a pair of wet feet. But it's so important a matter that we can't be reminded too often, especially when the reminder carries the weight of authority.

Dr. Wendell C. Phillips, one of the most distinguished physicians in New York, was recently giving a lecture on "Colds, and How to Prevent Them."

"It was a rainy night, and he began:—

"How many persons here wore rubbers tonight? Hands up."

"Not half of you. Now, that is what I thought. Every one of you should have rubbers on a night like this. To go without them is to invite colds, bronchial trouble, catarrh, and pneumonia. It is astonishing how people neglect their feet. Rubbers are fifty cents. You can save a lot of money on the investment—perhaps a ten days' doctor bill, to say nothing of medicine."

The doctor might have made it still stronger and said that a fifty-cent pair of rubbers would not only save doctor bills and medicine bills, but often life itself. Don't try to save on rubbers; it's the most expensive economy in the world, especially just now, when everybody is getting the grip.

Important Decision.

The beneficial societies frequently have occasion to discuss the question as to whether a member in arrears was entitled to the benefits allowed those in good standing. The Supreme court has settled the question by deciding that societies are liable to pay benefits either in part or whole long as a member is carried on the membership rolls, even if he has been declared out of benefits. Also that the members of a society are individually liable for all obligations incurred before the society was disbanded.

Grocers Can Sell Quinine.

In reply to an inquiry as to whether grocers can sell quinine pills, the secretary of the state pharmaceutical board has written as follows: "Under section six the grocer has the right to sell quinine pills, as one of the commonly used medicines, in unbroken packages, but when he attempts to open the package and sell by the dozen or one-half dozen he becomes a dispenser and is liable under section one of the act.

Fooled with a Dynamite Cap.

At Curwensville a few days ago a young son of Mr. Fox found a dynamite cap with a piece of fuse attached. He lighted the fuse and held the cap between his thumb and finger. The cap exploded and tore the end of the thumb off and shattered two other fingers badly.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Words from the Family Oracle.

—Never play a part.

—Be what you are and be not ashamed of it.

—If Heaven made you this or that or the other, you are that and nothing else.

—You are only a plain person. Very well; it is good to be a plain person.

—You have no "grand aspirations," no "yearning after lofty things," so don't pretend that you have.

—Out with your opinions. If you think a thing is wrong, say so; don't wink at it because it is fashionable.

—Take the common sense which God has given you, and use it.

Nearly an inch of snow last night. The snow has about left for the rivers; a thaw all week.

Prof. Owen is about to open a class in vocal music at Woodward.

D. C. Keller will move on his farm east of town in the spring.

The population of Clearfield is 3,170, and of West Clearfield, a suburb, 930.

W. S. Hess, of near Fiedler, will go to Illinois where he has a summer's job.

The large planing mill plant at Watsonstown was destroyed by fire Friday. Loss \$30,000.

Daniel, a son of Rev. Sebastian Musser, dec'd, died about a week ago, aged 60 years.

E. G. Hosterman of east Miles twp., had to kill a valuable cow on account of a broken leg.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Feb. 25: Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; St. Johns, 10 a. m.; Georges Valley, 2 p. m.

James Wert and wife, of near Tusseyville, are visiting his father, Jesse Wert, at Aaronsburg.

T. F. Kennedy, of State College, an ardent Democrat, announces himself in this issue as a candidate for sheriff.

There will be two vacancies now in the Lutheran churches in Selinsgrove, both congregations lose able ministers of the gospel.

J. Toner Lucas, of Moshaannon, a working Democrat, has his name announced in this issue as a candidate for Treasurer.

Amusing how the chronic "scratcher" hates to take his own medicine and thinks all should vote straight when he's on the ticket.

Colonel Philip Hibbish, one of the wealthiest and most prominent citizens of Snyder county, died at Selinsgrove, on 9, aged 84 years.

The men in Huyet's lumber camp in the mountains on south side of the valley, report that the snow in the mountains had a depth of two feet.

Horse radish is now recommended as a sure cure for the grip. If you have tried the other 1,756 sure cures without success, you might give this one a trial.

Many of the cellars were penetrated by the late freeze, and set the grip on apples, potatoes, and other good things usually kept in these nooks of darkness.

The aged John Harpster, died on 11 inst., at Port Matilda, at the age of 80 years. He was the father of 10 children. His wife and 3 children have gone before.

One large and two small tumors were removed from Mrs. Lila Crouse, by surgeons in Philadelphia, a few weeks ago. The lady lives in Aaronsburg and has prospects for recovery.

Commissioner Heckman gave the Reporter a call and ordered his name announced as a candidate for re-election as commissioner. He was a faithful official and strove to do his duty.

A despatch from Omaha says: "A Spaniard put up at a leading hotel one night and was found dead on the floor next morning; the cause of death unknown." Later private advices are to the effect that he looked under the bed and discovered an American vessel.

The following are recent Sugar valley deaths: Olivia, wife of Clyde Zimmerman, at Booneville, aged 25 years. The wife of John B. Rowe died at Greenburr, of apoplexy, aged 74 years, and survived by two sons and five daughters.

The age of Samuel Kreamer, dec'd, which we gave last week as 84, should have been 87, making him the oldest, or one of the oldest men in Hains twp. The oldest lady in that same section, no doubt is the widow of John Young, who a few weeks ago entered her 89th year, and is still well preserved. She is a twin sister of the widow Rhone, of near this place, who is also in fair health yet.

We have received several copies of the "Bethany Messenger," published by the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethany Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, of which Rev. S. G. Shannon, a native of this place, is pastor, and who is editor-in-chief of the congregation organ. The "Messenger" has been in existence a number of years, and is very creditable to the ladies of that church.