



WASHINGTON LETTER.

NO BIG STANDING ARMY FOR McKINLEY.

He is Compelled to Accept what is Given Him, and Glad for Any Compromise. —A Roast for the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. McKinley's backdown from his army bill bluff will go down in Congressional history as the most complete ever made by a President. The Democratic victory is complete. The new Army bill is practically just what is offered to the administration by Senator Cockrell, on behalf of those Senators who opposed a large standing army—it provides for continuing the present status of the regular army of 62,000 men for two years from next July, and for enlisting 85,000 volunteers for the same period. The administration Senators fairly fell over each other in their anxiety to accept Senator Cockrell's offer. The next Congress, which will be Republican in both branches, will probably inflict a large standing army on the country, but that will not deprive the Senators who killed the bill, to do so at this time, of deserved credit.

Our Philippine policy is bearing fruit quickly. In addition to having an expensive war with the Filipinos on our hands, Dewey's despatch to hurry up the battleship Oregon indicates the belief on his part that there is danger of war with more powerful opponents. Just how great this danger is can only be guessed, because officials are concealing what information they have and pretending that the despatch from Dewey, which was made public by mistake, had no meaning. Little information can be gained from private despatches from Manila as they are all strictly censored, but it is known that conditions are critical, and that European consuls there are making some stiff claims on account of the recent partial burning of the town.

Mr. McKinley has been catching it again from members of his own party in Congress. Senator Sewell, who voted for ratification of the treaty and for everything else that has been asked for by the administration, was so stirred up by the progress of the war with the Filipinos, that he let out the fact that he had been supporting the McKinley policy against his own judgment. He said emphatically: "I never was in favor of the acquisition of the Philippines," and added that he had begged Mr. McKinley to order Dewey away from Manila, after he won his victory. Mr. Sewell thinks the Filipinos will have to be practically exterminated before we can control the Philippines. He also thinks that we shall soon be at war with Cuba, because of the administration policy.

Representative Johnson, of Ind., a Republican, made a long speech, nearly every sentence of which contained an attack upon Mr. McKinley. He said of those who attacked Alger and praised Mr. McKinley that they have "lacked the courage to lay their ax to the root of the evil and censure the gentleman who, to reward him for his political services and disbursements in the campaign of '96, appointed him (Alger) to his present position, and had maintained him there ever since, notwithstanding his incompetency and against the righteous complaints that have been made against him." He said that Mr. McKinley's recent Boston address "was nothing more nor less than a carefully devised misstatement of the issue," and of our Philippine policy: "I insist that the whole policy is not simply an error, but that it is a crime, and that the Chief Executive of this nation is the one who has precipitated upon us the embarrassments and difficulties by which we are now confronted." Speaking of the claim that Mr. McKinley acted upon the advice of Dewey, in demanding the Philippines, Mr. Johnson said: "The Chief Executive cannot screen himself behind the gold lace of the hero of Manila." He expressed the opinion that the real reason for Mr. McKinley's policy was "his concessions to the selfish capitalists of the country, his surrender to their demands. These are the gentlemen who furnished the money for his nomination and election, and who, I doubt not, have pledged him a re-nomination and re-election. These are the gentlemen who are already grasping after special privileges in the Philippines, in Cuba, and in Porto Rico. It was, I imagine, for their special benefit that the President created his Advisory Board to the War Department."

It is an open secret in Washington that Mr. McKinley would be glad to receive Alger's resignation. The story circulated last week that Alger was about to resign originated in administration circles, and was doubtless intended as a hint to Alger. It brought out the defiant statement from Alger

that he did not intend to resign, of his own accord. He is said to believe that Mr. McKinley is afraid to ask for his resignation, although he knows that he is constantly being advised by prominent Republicans to do so.

When the Morgan Nicaragua Canal bill passed the Senate, there was seven votes cast against it; when the River and Harbor bill, containing an amendment providing for the building of the Nicaragua Canal passed the Senate, only three votes were cast against it—Senators Pettigrew, Teller and Rawlins, neither of whom are opposed to the Canal under what they consider proper conditions.

Mr. McKinley has nominated Ex-Secretary Day to a U. S. Circuit Court judgeship.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The appropriations of this Congress will amount to the enormous sum of one billion and six hundred million dollars, (\$1,600,000,000), as given by Mr. Dockery, one of the committee.

Republican leaders are murmuring that the President allows Alger to remain in the cabinet, and they have concluded to demand of the President that he make Alger walk chalk.

Dave Martin and Guffey say the postponement of Quay's trial, won't be a particle of difference in his favor.

The war in the Philippines is still going on, and no quarter is to be given Aguinaldo. Deaths of his own and the United States troops will be charged to the Philippine chief.

Intelligence has it General Otis has Aguinaldo beaten, and that 8000 Filipinos are anxious to surrender, headed by Aguinaldo, a flag of truce having been sent to Gen. Otis.

Ex-Auditor General Mylin, a firm friend of Quay, says the postponement of Quay's trial "knocks the old man out and is the worst thing that could have happened."

The Pope is laid up by a sudden indisposition, producing a long fainting fit; symptoms were pain in the side and some fever.

Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 23d to 27th and March 1 to 5.

The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about March 6, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 7, great central valleys 8 to 10, eastern states 11.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about March 6, great central valleys 8th, eastern states 10th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about March 9, great central valleys 11, eastern states 13.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. March 13 will average above normal east of the Rockies and below west. Precipitation for the same period will be above east of the Rockies and about normal west.

East of the Rockies temperature of the first half of March will average below normal, and the last half above. Average temperature of the month will be below normal—cold—in the great central valleys from the Gulf to the lakes and from the Rockies to the Alleghenies. West of the Rockies and east of the Alleghenies the temperature of the month will average from about to above normal.

Three cold waves will cross the continent from west to east during March and the lowest part of these depressions will reach the general north and south line of the Mississippi river about March 4, 13 and 31.

Three warm waves will move across the continent from west to east, reaching the Mississippi river about March 9, 15 and 24. The last one will be a great high temperature wave, and will be followed by a cold wave and blizzard.

Rainfall of March will be excessive in the great central valleys, eastern states and north Pacific slope, except in the western parts of Texas, Kansas, Nebraska and Minnesota, where, and on all the balance of the continent, rainfall will be below normal.

The great winter storms of the upper Missouri valleys were very severe and destructive to live stock during the last days of January and the first days of February.

Must Open the Records.

The Commissioners of Clearfield refused to let one of the papers, the "Republican," look at the minutes to publish the same for public information. The newspaper appealed the matter and Judge Gordon decided the records were public to be examined by newspapers and citizens. Well to remember this, applies to all officials.

Rev. Erdman Deposed.

The East Pennsylvania Evangelical Conference, in session at Catawqua last week, deposed Rev. J. H. Erdman from the ministry. He was pastor of the Centre Hall charge two years ago, but his association with a Pleasant Gap female got him into trouble and into jail.

BITTER ON McKINLEY

Is Congressman Johnson, Republican, of Indiana.

Congressman Johnson, Republican, made a bitter speech against the President's war policy, in the House a few days ago, of which the following is the close:

CAPITALISTS AT THE BOTTOM.

"Mr. Chairman, in my humble opinion the reason for the change in the presidential policy was his concession to the selfish capitalists of the country—his surrender to their demands. These are the gentlemen who furnished the money for his nomination and a re-election. These are the gentlemen who are already seizing upon valuable franchises in China, in connection with the English syndicate, with a member of parliament from Wales at its head. These are the gentlemen whom Lord Beresford has in mind in his cordial but not wholly disinterested invitation to an alliance in China with Britain, Germany and Japan against Russia and France, the old-time enemies of his country and the old-time friends of ours.

"These are the gentlemen who are already grasping after special privileges in the Philippines, in Cuba and in Porto Rico. It was, I imagine, for their special benefit that the President created his advisory board to the war department, composed of three American citizens, their object being to farm out valuable privileges and immunities, which should belong to the people of these islands themselves, and in whose disposition they should have a voice if their government is to be free and their rights maintained. I have no fault to find with the spirit of legitimate American commerce. My contention is against the spirit of American greed, which cares nothing for the spirit of American liberty.

"And what do these gentlemen propose? To amass colossal fortunes in the islands by virtue of their franchises, and upon the cheap labor of the native population, not one dollar of which will ever find its lodging place in the pockets of the American people. To enable them to do this our whole population is to purchase their field of operations for them in the Philippines for the round sum of \$20,000,000, and is to be taxed interminably and excessively in the creation and maintenance of a great army and navy, which is to conquer and hold the Filipinos in subjection and defend the islands after they have been extensively fortified against the assaults of the great European nations, with which our new foreign policy will be certain to bring us into frequent contention.

"What else is upon the program of these gentlemen? The open door in the Philippines, making it totally impossible forever to discriminate in tariff duties there in favor of the products of the American farm and the American shop.

"What is the other sacrifice that is required? That the annexation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, absolutely sure to come at an early day, for they have registered it in their vows, shall precipitate the sugar, tobacco, hemp and other cheap products of these islands and Hawaii upon the American market in free and unrestricted competition with the agricultural and laboring elements of our own country.

"This policy, sir, would have been free trade in William Jennings Bryan. What is it in William McKinley?"

Oranges and Grapes Damaged.

The orange growers of Florida have been hard hit again by a freeze which changed the golden globes of the orange and grape fruit into solid rusty spheres. The temperature in the central portions of the state fell as low as 20 degrees above zero, and the inhabitants who are not well provided to meet cold weather, were suffering sadly from cold. The damage will not be so great as in the great freeze of several years ago, but largely because there were not the trees to damage. Many groves which were just recovering from the last calamity, and beginning again to bear fruit, will be utterly ruined.

A Fifteen-Year Sentence.

Michael Hart, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Victor Coretti with a stone, in DuBois, April 25, 1896, was last week sentenced to fifteen years in the Western Penitentiary by Cyrus Gordon.

I have been afflicted with Rheumatism for fourteen years and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured.—Josh. Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; M. F. Newman, Spring Mills.

COUNTY EPITOME.

ITEMS OF LOCAL AND GENERAL INTEREST.

List of Jurors Drawn for April Term, Commencing Monday, April 24—A Ball with a Fine Pedigree.

The following jurors have been drawn to serve at April term of court, commencing Monday, April 24, and continuing for a period of two weeks:

GRAND JURORS.

- Fred A. Auman, Gregg.
- Geo. I. Yearick, Miles.
- Joseph Apt, Spring.
- Geo. S. Keller, College.
- Wm. Deitz, Marion.
- W. H. Durst, Potter.
- Clayton Heckman, Benner.
- D. F. Poorman, Boggs.
- Alex. Cheny, Worth.
- W. B. Sigel, Halfmoon.
- John Wetzel, Benner.
- John Bechdel, Liberty.
- Chas. Miller, Bellefonte.
- C. D. Krider, Bellefonte.
- Jas. Brooks, Spring.
- Jonathan Krape, Haines.
- E. A. Hampton, Snow Shoe.
- Jacob Rider, Ferguson.
- Geo. A. Bayard, Bellefonte.
- Matthew A. Elder, Philipsburg.
- John Hall, Boggs.
- D. M. Whitman, Walker.
- Wm. Goheen, Harris.
- Jacob Walker, Burnside.

TRAVERSE JURORS—1ST WEEK.

- Fred Dunham, Howard.
- Lewis Snavely, Penn.
- Emanuel Ungard, Gregg.
- Andrew Whitehill, College.
- Victor Gray, Philipsburg.
- Geo. W. Long, Liberty.
- Harry Hewitt, Philipsburg.
- Wm. Van Tries, Ferguson.
- J. Hall Crouse, Millheim.
- Thos. Caldwell, Bellefonte.
- Wesley Snyder, Miles.
- Edw. J. Gebret, Bellefonte.
- I. F. Meyers, Ferguson.
- Samuel Glenn, College.
- Jas. Huey, Benner.
- Jas. Carson, Spring.
- Geo. R. Meek, Bellefonte.
- H. H. Rachau, Gregg.
- Jas. Seaton Harris.
- Edw. Brown, Jr., Bellefonte.
- Herbert Reeder, Howard.
- Peter Lauck, Ferguson.
- Ezekiel Bing, Snow Shoe.
- W. T. Speer, Bellefonte.
- Frank Wetzel, Boggs.
- F. O. Hosterman, Millheim.
- Peter Confer, Millheim.
- Calvin Stover, Haines.
- A. B. Herd, Philipsburg.
- Wm. Lutz, Benner.
- W. L. Bair, Philipsburg.
- Samuel White, Spring.
- Garn Freeman, Philipsburg.
- Edward Peck, Walker.
- Chas. Weaver, Curtin.
- D. D. Woods, Rush.
- Wm. H. Taylor, Bellefonte.
- J. H. Shuey, College.
- Henry Swartz, Penn.
- Wm. Shawley, Milesburg.
- John C. Stere, Unionville.
- J. O. Kerstetter, Potter.
- S. A. Dunlap, Ferguson.
- M. R. Adams, Philipsburg.
- Geo. Williams, College.
- Geo. W. Fisher, Halfmoon.
- Geo. M. Rahl, Philipsburg.
- H. M. Deitrick, Walker.

TRAVERSE JURORS—2ND WEEK.

- H. B. Miller, Gregg.
- Geo. Glenn, College.
- Andrew M. Reaser, Snow Shoe.
- John D. Gardner, Curtin.
- J. F. Heckman, Gregg.
- A. Britton Hall, Union.
- John R. McClosky, Curtin.
- Scott Bricker, Harris.
- Geo. Frankenberg, Penn.
- Jacob Wagner, Potter.
- Wm. Losh, Walker.
- Lucian Stover, Millheim.
- Geo. Stroop, Milesburg.
- Sylvester Nagle, State College.
- Philip P. Garbrick, Spring.
- A. A. Frank, Millheim.
- John Neiman, Boggs.
- Richard McCord, Rush.
- M. G. Ardry, Spring.
- Henry Shultz, Boggs.
- Geo. Glossner, Marion.
- Robt. Hudson, Philipsburg.
- Benj. Fisher, Walker.
- Warren Ward, Ferguson.
- Daniel R. Confer, Liberty.
- Chester Wilcox, S. Philipsburg.
- Chas. Morris Millheim.
- John J. Orndorf, Haines.
- Calvin Bortoff, Potter.
- Alex. Hoover, Patton.
- G. C. Fink, Huston.
- Joseph B. Mitchell, Union.
- Wilbur Tibbens, College.
- W. H. Madera, Gregg.
- D. O. Eters, Bellefonte.
- Wm. Loder, Howard.
- C. L. Rhinehart, Haines.
- A. S. Stover, Haines.
- Geo. Kessinger, Walker.
- Joseph Eckley, Benner.

—For fine job work come to the Reporter office.

WASHINGTON.

Four-Day Personally-Conducted Tour via F. R. R.

The almost unparalleled success of the tour last year has induced the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to offer the residents of Williamsport, Wilkesbarre, Sunbury, Harrisburg and neighboring cities in Central Pennsylvania another opportunity to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages of a personally-conducted tour to Washington, and has therefore arranged for a four-day tour to the National Capital on Monday, March 27.

Train will leave Renova at 6.40 a. m., Williamsport 8.30 a. m., Scranton 7.45 a. m., Wilkesbarre 8.45 a. m., Sunbury 10.50 a. m., Mt. Carmel 7.30 a. m., Altoona 7.15 a. m., Lancaster 10.35 a. m., Harrisburg 12.35 p. m., stopping at the principal intermediate stations and at York. Returning special train will leave Washington at 3.30 p. m., Thursday, March 30. Passengers from points west of Williamsport, and from Dewart, Selingsgrove, Lykens; Dillsburg, Lebanon, and points on the Shamokin Division will use regular trains from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 1, inclusive.

Round-trip rate, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from supper on date of tour until after luncheon March 30, \$12.90 from Williamsport, \$13.60 from Wilkesbarre, \$11.70 from Sunbury, \$14.00 from Altoona, \$10.10 from Lancaster, \$10.10 from Harrisburg, and proportionate rates from other stations, including stations on the Cumberland Valley Railroad north of Chambersburg. Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train.

For itineraries, rates, tickets, and full information apply to ticket agents; E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.; Tourist Agent, Wilkesbarre, Pa., or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. mar2-2t

Weights 1660 Pounds.

Hiram Durst a few days ago brought his big short-horn bull to town, a fine one, to have the boss weighed, and he bore on the platform to the tune of 1660 pounds. He was a fine animal and a sample of the kind of live stock Hiram will have at his public sale—all A No. 1. He is down on the books of the Cattle Association as the 6th Duke of Locust Grove, and was bred on the stock farms of J. R. Trux all in Westmoreland county. He is three years old, and comes from the finest blooded stock in the country. The pedigree of the animal which Hiram has, dates way back, and there are few if any animals in the country which can show as fine strain of blood as this 6th Duke.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage license were issued during the past week: Franklin S. Williams of Lemont, Centre county, Pa. and Della A. Simmons of Benner township.

Frank E. Butler, of Butler, Pa., and Alice Nolan, of Bellefonte, Pa.

Reuben F. Welty and Ella Kerstetter, both of Pleasant Gap.

Wm. H. Meyer, of Tusseyville and Clara M. Hockman, Spring Mills.

Robert Broom, of Milesburg and Della Wingard, of Potter township.

George A. Calhoun and E. Blanche Eckerth both of Union township.

John C. Schenck of Eagleville, Pa., and Frances A. Goss, of Pine Grove Mills.

Charles Miller and Eva Hilbert both of Philipsburg.

Things Unpleasant to Women. Tobacco stained pavements. Dressmakers who disappoint. Slushy crossings and over-full gutters.

The married neighbor who would like to flirt. The friend who says: "I don't think your hat is becoming."

Being stared out of countenance by the men who stand on street corners. The girl who never tires of the myriad superiorities of her beaux.

The huckster who comes to the front door and rings the bell till answered. The servant girl who has heard a popular song and hums it all day long.

The Sick.

Mrs. Jerry Miller is ill but improving gradually. Mrs. W. H. Bartholmeew still remains in a precarious condition. Mrs. Adam Neardhood, is quite ill from an attack of paralysis.

Married at Pittsburg.

Miss Ella Goss, eldest daughter of the late ex-county treasurer Cyrus Goss, was married on Tuesday, Feb. 21st, at Pittsburg, Pa., to Mr. William P. Sanley.

Letters Uncalled For.

Uncalled for letters in the Centre Hall postoffice: Mrs. Birkster, Julia Brown, Edw. E. Deini, B. B. Frisbie.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Good Housekeeper.

How can I tell her? By her cellar. Cleanly shelves and whitened walls. I can guess her By her dresser. By the back staircase and halls. Add with pleasure Take her measure By the way she keeps her brooms; Or the peeping At the "keeping" Of her back and unseen rooms. By her kitchen's air of neatness, And its general completeness, Where in cleanliness and sweetness The rose of order blooms. —Boston Herald.

It's bad if a woman smokes; It's worse if she chews tobacco; It's disgusting if she is profane; It's horrible if she is an intoxicant; It's awful if she is a news-carrier.

Catherine Esterline died at Logan-ton, aged 87 years.

Enoch Kremer, of Haines twp., by an accidental fall, broke an arm.

John Shilling died at Clintondale, aged 84 years and 4 months.

The wife of Senator Heinle is still in a serious condition of health.

This winter had more disagreeable anti-go-to-church Sundays than there is any record of.

Gen. D. K. Heckman's sale of stock and farming implements will be Mar. 21, in Sugar valley.

On Monday three car loads of leaf tobacco were shipped from Lock Haven to New York.

Hiram T. Lucas, a prominent citizen and merchant of Howard, died on Tuesday of last week.

Sec'y Charles Slack, of the Potter school board, called to advertise a letting for the Pinecamp school house.

Work is to begin on the Roaster tobacco factory, 50x100 feet, at Millhall, which is to give employ to 100 hands.

Rev. Reareick's appointments for next Sunday: At Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 2 p. m.; Tusseyville, 10 a. m.

Frank K. Luckenbach, formerly of Bellefonte, has been elected cashier of the First National Bank of Philipsburg.

Sunday was disagreeable with a fall of three inches of sleet mixed with rain, making poor sleighing Monday and Tuesday.

Reub Kline's election as constable of Gregg township, is a clear case of the office hunting the man—for the twenty-eleventh time.

This winter had more disagreeable Sundays than any on record so far as we know. Providence takes its share of a pleasant days.

The Philadelphia Times Almanac meets the wants of every desk, student and business man, combining compactness with convenience.

The March number of "McClure's Magazine" will contain short stories by Rudyard Kipling, Frank Norris, and Louise Herrick Wall.

Isaac Smith, of Farmers Mills, will likely remember how cold it was the other week, 11 frozes and some poultry having been frozen for him.

Read again Talmage's sermon printed in last week's Reporter, and then hand it to your neighbor, the subject: "Dishonest Transactions."

H. A. Moore, one of Howard's sterling Democrats, announces his name in the Reporter as a candidate for Treasurer, for which he is very competent.

Wm. T. Speer, an old-line Democrat of Bellefonte, and of most excellent repute, announces his name in this issue of the Reporter as a candidate for Treasurer.

A Boston man gives this cure for the grip: "Go to bed; drink your hat upon the foot of the bed; drink whiskey and quinine until you see two hats; then fall asleep."

Dr. Uriah Reed, a well-known physician of Jersey Shore, died suddenly while on a visit to a neighbor, after supper, expiring in three minutes. His age was 75 years.

At last the much talked of electric railroad from Lewistown to Reedsville is an assured fact. Civil engineers are now hard at work grading the road bed, says the Free Press.

The first authentic and official report on the damage throughout Georgia by the recent cold wave shows that the loss on crops in that State will amount to several millions of dollars.

Among the announcements this week will be found the name of John B. Bitner, of Potter, for commissioner. He has been an unflinching Democrat all his lifetime and an estimable citizen.

A woman whose husband was wont to play cards heard him complain of losing a jackpot. Then she went to the hardware store to buy a new jackpot for her husband to make him happy. Advice to storekeepers: Put in a line of Jackpots.