



WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PRESIDENT OUT ON A CAMPAIGN TOUR.

He is a Guest of Boss Hanna in the South, and is Hastening Around Building up His Presidential Fence.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Mr. McKinley hasn't gone to Thomasville, Ga., where he will be the guest of Boss Hanna for several weeks, solely to get rest and recreation. Not by a jugful, there is political scheming, and a lot of it, in the trip. While they are in Thomasville the leading administration Senators and Representatives will visit them, and in addition to clinching Mr. McKinley's renomination next year, the question of whether the administration will try to prevent Czar Reed's reelection as Speaker of the House, will be carefully gone over and decided. If it were only a question of inclination, it might be considered as already decided. Mr. McKinley and a number of his closest friends are sore on Reed because of his attitude towards all of the administration measures that came before the late Congress, and would gladly antagonize his reelection as Speaker, if they thought they could beat him, but there's the rub. They are afraid to fight Reed, unless they are reasonably certain of being able to control enough votes to down him, because if they do so and fail, they know he would fight back during the life of the fifty-sixth Congress, which will be as long as that of the administration.

Democrats will be glad if the Republican party will endorse the claim of Representative Cannon, of Ill., one of Czar Reed's most obedient henchmen, that real Nicaragua Canal legislation, which has been commended by National Conventions, regardless of party, was purposely prevented at the recent session of Congress by the Republican House. The blame for the failure of that legislation had been placed upon Reed, but when Mr. Cannon says: "Fortunately the House of Representatives resisted the enactment of the proposed legislation," in his labored commendation of Republican accomplishments during the Fifty-fifth Congress, he places the responsibility on the Republican party, and actually glants over it as something to be proud of. Will the National Convention of his party dare to assume the same attitude on this question?

While the friends of Gen. Miles do not go so far as to make the direct charge that the canned meat furnished our soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico was horse meat, although labeled "Roast Beef," they do not hesitate to say that suspicion strongly points that way. It is known that 350,000 cans of the meat was bought in Europe, where it had been shipped from this country. The labels on the meat said it was packed in Chicago, but the firm alleged to have packed it—"The Prairie State Packing Co."—is said to be unknown either in Chicago or to the wholesale trade of the country. That horse meat is being canned in Chicago and shipped to Europe is known, and persons who ought to know have declared that the meat in question was horse meat. If the Military Court of Inquiry really wishes to get at the bottom of this business, it ought not to be a difficult matter. The contractors who supplied this meat could be made to tell who canned it and where it was canned. The Court is already accused of failure to call witnesses known to have information tending to prove Gen. Miles' contention, and if its members are not careful their report will meet with the same reception the country gave to the report of the Alger Whitewashing Commission.

Senator Chandler, who has a reputation for talking against things supported by his party, but always voting with the party, has an acute attack of anti-trustphobia just now. He talks against the trusts as seriously as though he was a good Democrat or Populist, but that is no reason to expect that he will vote against any measures desired by the trusts which may come before the Senate, in the future; he certainly has not done so in the past.

Navy Department officials say that armor for our warships cannot be bought for \$300 a ton, the limit set by the last Congress. A statement made before the House Naval Committee shows conclusively that it could be if there was not an armor trust, formed to bleed the government. One of the members of this trust sold Russia three thousand tons of the same armor for \$240 a ton. It was claimed by a representative of that Company that \$40,000 was lost on that order, for the purpose of introducing their armor in Europe. This claim was a direct admission that the armor only cost \$255 a ton; yet, the trust got the price fixed at \$550 a ton in the bill as first passed by Congress. The reduction was made by the Senate. That is the sort of business that makes rich trusts and dis-

gusts those who believe in old fashioned honest dealing with the government as well as with individuals. If the trust can make armor for \$255 a ton, which its agents say it can, it can certainly afford to sell it to the government for \$300 a ton, but, of course, that is no reason that it will. It will probably prefer making the next Congress raise the price, and the next Congress, being Republican in both branches, will probably be easier to control than the last was.

THE SENATORIAL OUTLOOK.

For the present the bribery investigation has obscured the Senatorial contest, or rather given it a secondary place in the public estimation. The ultra-Quay men have ceased to predict Quay's election and are now declaring that there will be no election. This impression has gained a strong footing among the Democrats, who are well satisfied to have it that way, as they very naturally expect to be able to elect a majority of the next Legislature and secure the Senatorship for themselves in case there shall be two sets of Republican Legislative nominees in the field. Senators Mitchell, of Jefferson; Merrick, of Tioga, and a few others of ultra Quay proclivities are declaring their entire willingness to pull down the pillars of the Republican temple if Quay is not elected, and it remains to be seen whether there are enough who are willing to sacrifice a great party if they cannot elect a man of their choice for Senator. Much will depend doubtless on the attitude of Governor Stone, who has shown himself a staunch friend of Quay, but who has not yet openly avowed himself a member of the Quay-or-nobody fraternity. It is known that a number of the more conservative members of the Senate and House believe that the Republicans should pull themselves together and elect a Senator. This sentiment is growing and will certainly manifest itself in some positive form within the next two weeks. For this week, however, the chief interest at the State capital will centre around the bribery investigation and the revenue and financial legislation, which must be given immediate attention now that day of adjournment is only about five weeks off.

Long Drawn Pension.

A queer case has created considerable talk in the pension department. Nathan Brown, who served during the Indian war October 1837, was pensioned in July 1847 at eight dollars per month. His record shows that he was born in 1820, married in 1847, his wife died in 1870, divorced from his second wife in 1881, divorced from the third wife in 1891, divorced from the fourth wife in 1893, married his fifth wife in 1896, died in 1897. His fifth wife who was 17 at the time of her marriage, now claims a pension as a soldier's widow.

Hard on Bridge Spans.

Some of the steel cars now in use on the Pennsylvania lines weigh 39,500 pounds empty, and with their full load of 100,000 pounds represent a total weight of at least 139,000 pounds. Three of these cars will occupy the average length of a bridge or trestle span and represent a weight of nearly 420,000 pounds. Such a weight is dangerous on any ordinary trestle work, and it means that all the old style trestles and bridges must be rebuilt if these heavy cars are to be used in the future.

A Good Record.

Ninety-seven murders is the record of Northumberland county since 1885. Of this number only five were brought to justice. Only three of them were convicted, and Edward Crissinger, who was recently tried for the foul murder of Daisy Smith, was the only one found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Shown Some Consideration.

The special election to be held at State College for bonding the town for \$15,000 to erect new water works, is declared off. Cooler heads insisted on showing the water company some consideration and not destroy their works, an agreement was made that the company furnish fire protection.

Bellefonte's New and Old P. M.'s.

To-day Mr. Montgomery, the new post-master at Bellefonte, takes charge of the office, and will make an obliging official. The retiring post-master, D. F. Fortney, goes out of the office credited with having been the best post-master of that town.

Improvements.

Shoemaker John Martz has his new dwelling under roof. He wants to occupy it after April 1st.

Dr. Hosterman will begin work on his brownstone mansion, in a short time. When completed it will be the finest residence on this side of the county.

Pennsylvania Pensioners.

War veterans will be interested in a bill presented by Captain Skinner, of Fulton, directing the auditor general to place on the state's pension roll, on proper application, the name of any honorably discharged officer, soldier, sailor or mariner now residing in Pennsylvania, who volunteered for at least nine months in the army or navy between April 14, 1861 and May 1, 1865, who was at the time of enlistment a resident of and credited to this state, and who is not an inmate of a soldiers' home, state or national, nor a United States pensioner. The pension shall be at the rate of one cent per day for each day served in the war, payable on the first Wednesday of January, April, July and October. The pension bill shall not be payable to any person of gross intemperate habits, but his certificate may be payable to his wife or the guardian or his children under eighteen years of age. Any attorney or agent prosecuting a claim under this act, and demanding or receiving more than ten dollar fee, shall be liable to a fine of \$50 for the first offense and for any subsequent offense \$100 or three months imprisonment. All such pensioners are to cease when Congress shall pension this class of soldiers. A preamble to the bill argues that an act of 1893 granted a gratuity of forty dollars, and an annuity of ten dollars a month to soldiers who served two months or more in the war of 1812, or to their widows and a similar pension was granted for a service of less than two months in cases of such soldiers who were wounded.

Who Wants to Try It?

The way to get rich is to trust nobody, befriend none; get all you can, take all you can get, stint yourself and everybody that belongs to you, be a friend of yours, heap up interest, be mean, miserly and despised for some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come to you as sure as disease, disappointment and death, and by the time enough wealth has been accumulated by the disregard of the charities of the human heart, and at the expense of every enjoyment, death will finish the work, the body is buried, the heirs dance and fight over what you have left, and the spirit goes—where? By all means get rich. It will pay—the devil says so.

Late News Notes.

The deadlock in Harrisburg continues. Quay's shortage has risen from 13 to 17, and more to follow.

Testimony was obtained in Chicago that second class beef was purchased for our soldiers without inspection by an official in Washington.

Wednesday morning's early passenger train struck a landslide of earth and rock that came down the mountain side near Selingsgrove Junction. Some of the cars were tumbled into the river. No one hurt.

Yesterday was wet; high wind last night; to-day cloudy and cold.

The bribery investigation is going right along and ugly facts are coming to light of attempts to buy votes for the Quay jury bill.

The rotten beef business at Washington and the bribery at Harrisburg, are twins of worst odor.

The Farmers' Alliance of Berks county makes a loud demand for the removal of beef Alger.

In Lancaster county, on Saturday, the Republicans will have a hot fight, between Quay and anti-Quay. Several other counties hold their primaries same day and have a similar fight.

No Court.

Union county is so well-behaved that Judge McClure has ordered the March court off, there being neither civil nor criminal cases to be tried.

We would be pleased to see this happen right often in Centre county.

Notify Us.

All subscribers who will change their postoffice address this spring, should notify us by letter or card, that the Reporter will follow them to the new place of residence. Give old address as well as new one when writing.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

This remedy is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza. It has become famous for its cures of these diseases, over a large part of the civilized world. The most flattering testimonials have been received, giving accounts of its good works; of the aggravating and persistent coughs it has cured; of severe colds that have yielded promptly to its soothing effects, and of the dangerous attacks of croup it has cured, often saving the life of the child. The extensive use of it for whooping cough has shown that it robs that disease of all dangerous consequences. Sold by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS OCCUPYING THE PUBLIC MIND.

Happenings in the Town and the Surrounding Country of Timely Interest to All.—M. E. Conference at Harrisburg.

The Central Pennsylvania Conference of the M. E. church convened in annual session at Harrisburg Wednesday. Rev. Faus, of the Penns Valley charge, is in attendance, and having preached his farewell sermons to his congregations, he may likely be assigned elsewhere. The conference will be presided over by Bishop Chas. H. Fowle, D. D., LL. D., of Buffalo, N. Y. This conference embraces 247 pastoral charges representing 72,000 communicant members. It is divided into five presiding elders' districts, Altoona, Harrisburg, Juniata, Danville and Williamsport districts.

Careless Bookkeeping.

An error of \$2,500 in the last Clearfield county audit has just been discovered. It appears that in 1897 and 1898 Treasurer L. C. Dyer was twice credited with disbursements made on account of the fund set aside for paying sheep damages. In a supplementary report the county auditors acknowledged their mistake, and Treasurer Dyer admits that he holds \$2,500 of county funds in excess of the amount charged to him. The discoveries have created a sensation, and more interesting developments are promised. The auditors are being roundly censured.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Perry A. Frank, Rush twp., and Louisa J. Bower, DuBois. Perry J. Hall and Ada Scholl, Union twp. Theodore N. Brown and Fannie Mooney, Millheim. Thomas F. Farmer, Colyer, and Cleo nie Palmer, Potters Mills. John C. Barnes, Pleasant Gap, and Sadie White, Bellefonte. Levi Barr and May Fink, North Phillipsburg. Forest E. Harter, Coburn, and Virgie M. Scholl, Madisonburg. Samuel F. Neese, Penn Hall, and Maggie Heckman, Spring Mills. Wm. F. Gill, Rush twp., and V. Anna Lounsbury, Buttman, Clearfield Co. Robert Barnhart, Sunbury, and Annie M. Kline, Benner twp. Frederick Michelbacher and Ada Wade, of Gearhartville, Clearfield Co. James Haines, Howard twp., and Sarah E. Young, Curtin twp.

Will be a Big Affair.

The annual encampment of the Sons of Veterans of this state which is to be held in Hazleton in June, will be a big affair, and the capacity of the hotels will be taxed to accommodate all the visitors. It is expected that at least 500 delegates will be present and these will remain for a week. On the day of the parade it is expected that 3,000 members of the order will be in line. The delegation from Philadelphia alone will be 125, besides the camp members who are not delegates that will attend.

Trout Fry.

A number of applications have been sent in to the State fisheries by our local disciples of Isaac Walton, for trout fry to stock the streams in this valley. Thousands of trout are annually placed in our streams, yet they are becoming scarcer every year.

Cutting Wires.

Last Friday the Bell telephone company cut the wires of the new Commercial telephone company at a point where they crossed the wires of the Bell company, in Bellefonte. Perhaps the courts will be called upon to decide.

Silk Industry.

W. Klerx, of Sunbury, and H. Sche-wind, of New York, were in Bellefonte last week with a view of locating a silk mill in that town. A committee of citizens piloted the gentlemen around the town.

Schools Closing.

The public schools in many districts in the county will close their terms this and during the coming couple weeks. The boro schools have about four weeks yet to complete their seven months term. Subscription schools will open immediately after.

Boom in Stock.

The high prices horses and cattle are bringing in this section this year, will be an incentive to many farmers to go to raising stock again. For several years the prices were so low that little money could be made.

Insure with Grant Hoover.

Bribes Were Offered.—Members Testify.

Two members of the house, John Engler, of Lycoming, and Peter J. Criste, of Milton, testified that they had been offered money to vote for the Quay jury bill and again to make the motion to reconsider the vote by which it was postponed to March 21.

Mr. Criste said that the man who approached him was ex-Representative Thomas Moyle, a Wilkesbarre book agent. Mr. Criste said: "Moyle told me Senator Coyle had been talking to him about me and Coyle said: 'Criste is all right.' Moyle said if I voted for the bill there was three in it for me. What he meant by three I do not know. I then returned to the House and voted against the jury bill."

"Later Moyle came to me and said he was under indictment and wanted the bill passed to help him. While we were talking, ex-Senator Coyle came up and leaned between us. Coyle said: 'You vote for the bill and leave the rest to me.' Afterwards Moyle called me out of the House and told me if I would make the motion to reconsider there would be \$1000 in it for me. He said I could explain that I did it for a friend that was under indictment."

Mr. Engler testified that he was approached by Michael S. Costello at the Bolton hotel with the remark: "You are the man I am looking for." He went to the Lochiel on Costello's invitation, and was introduced to ex-Senator Coyle. He had never seen Coyle before. Coyle offered him \$200 to vote to reconsider the bill and put his hand in his pocket. He said there would be five or six other bills that he could make money on.

Costello afterward called at his house and said he was authorized to offer him \$500 to make the motion to reconsider.

Members were told they could make more that way than their salaries amounted to, and that many members have purchased brick houses with money made in voting for bills.

Spring Don't's.

Don't be too ready to put on lighter wraps because the temperature has gone up. Caution may avert the spring cold that sticketh closer than a brother.

Don't be the first to discard your heavy underwear. There is a certain class of people who are proverbially soon parted from their money. This can be made to apply to other things also.

Don't take too much spring medicine in your haste to beautify your complexion. The tendency of all these things is to thin the blood, and an undue amount is injurious. Diet is the great complexion help; beauty comes from within.

Don't forget old Boreas is on the rampage this month, and that a blustering wind produces tan, freckles and harsh, rough skin. Protect yourself by a veil when going out and at Easter you will rejoice in fairness.

Don't be afraid to carry an umbrella even when it seems clear. The time for sudden showers will soon be here, and it may save your "best clothes" lots of times.

Don't start your spring house cleaning too soon. It makes a great deal of extra discomfort, and until the spring winds are gone the dust blows so you really have to do it over again. Then besides, when summer garb generally is to be put on it means a virtual second renovation. Why not do it all at once?

Eight Trusts in One Week!

Promoters who make a business of organizing trusts and monopolies to order have had a busy week. Some of the combinations incorporated and proposed last week have been:

Soap	\$75,000,000
Smelting	65,000,000
Iron	20,000,000
Cement	50,000,000
Steam pumps	27,000,000
Woolens	50,000,000
Dyewoods	10,000,000
Knit goods	50,000,000
Total	\$347,000,000

Combinations of rolling mills, copper, shipyards, chewing gum, flint glass, ice and various other lines have also been talked of.

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; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

Grant Hoover leads in Insurance.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

If you've any task to do, Let me whisper, friend, to you, Do it.

If you've anything to say, True and needed, yea or nay, Say it.

If you've anything to love, As a blessing from above, Love it.

If you've anything to give, That another's joy may live, Give it.

If some hollow creed you doubt, Tho' the whole world hoot and shout, Doubt it.

If you've any debt to pay, Rest you neither night nor day, Pay it.

If you've any joy to hold, Near your heart, lest it grow cold, Hold it.

If you've any grief to meet, At a loving Father's feet, Meet it.

If you know what torch to light, Guiding others in the night, Light it.

It is said Tom Reed is not favorable to McKinley's re-election.

A. O. Dutweiler will move on his father's large farm near Colyer.

Bradford's had a fine day for their sale, a big crowd and good bidding.

The United Evangelicals of Howard will erect a handsome parsonage.

It is thought Quay has made up his mind to withdraw from the contest for senator.

Edward Bierley, of Rebersburg, has moved in with Ivy Bariges, at Centre-hill.

The Delaware legislature has adjourned without being able to elect a senator.

Silk mills and the gap captured the people of many towns within the past six months.

The bribers at Harrisburg are finding themselves in as bad a fix as if in liquid air waist deep.

Chris Magee, a canvass shows, can not muster enough votes to be elected in case Quay withdraws.

Witmer Smith flitted to Bellefonte to-day, where he is in the employ of the new telephone company.

In a score of sections we hear of telephone wars, improvement of the service and reduction of rates.

Lawyer Clement Dale will remove his law office to rooms on second floor of Centre County bank building.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, March 19: Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville, 2 p. m.

John Auman will move to our town next week and take charge of the mill and grain house at the station. He will be a good citizen.

Mrs. Lila Crouse, of Aaronsburg, for some time in Philadelphia to have an operation performed, returned home with prospects of recovery.

The Quay fight will enter red-hot into the Republican primary elections of every county of the state, for the control of the next state convention.

Our esteemed friend, Fred Decker, of Leamont, has gone to York state, intending to make that his future home. He will be a good citizen anywhere.

Sunday, last, was entirely like spring. Warm shower in the morning followed by warm sunshine, and the song of the blue bird and robin.

A. G. Archey, esq., one of Ferguson township's Democratic war horses, announces himself as a candidate for Register; he is one of the leading citizens up that way.

Rev. Hingworth, several years ago pastor of the Centre Hall Methodist charge, is now serving a Presbyterian charge at Erie, having joined that denomination.

The creameries in the valley deal in eggs, which are gathered up by their milk wagons. The Centre Hall creamery claims to ship a thousand dozen eggs per week.

John Swartz, of Dakota, Ill., in paying up to '99, writes: We had a cold, open winter; very little snow. We had a great deal of sickness, but at present not so much.

Our troops defeated the Filipinos, capturing several of their villages on the Pasig river. Our loss was one killed and a number wounded, while 30 to 40 of the enemy were killed.

The card of Ellis Shafer, of Madisonburg, announcing his candidacy for sheriff, appears in this issue. He hails from a large connection of working Democrats in Miles township, none of whom heretofore asked for office.

Green Decker, of Gregg, an old Jacksonian Democrat, announces himself a candidate for Commissioner, and explains that his lateness in publishing his card is owing to sickness for a number of weeks; from the days of Buchanan he never voted other than the Democratic ticket.