



WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NO WALK OVER NEXT YEAR.

McKinley Pulling all Wires for the Place. — Trusts and War Record will be Hard to Overcome.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—It is daily becoming plainer to close observers that Mr. McKinley and his advisers do not regard next year's campaign as a Republican walk-over. They are diligently studying ways and means for coralling electoral votes that they consider doubtful. The trip that Mr. McKinley is now arranging to make this summer to the Pacific coast is one of the ways that has been decided upon. They do not expect to be able to carry Delaware, Maryland, or Kentucky again, but they hope for Kansas and Nebraska, both of which states are likely to be visited on Mr. McKinley's western trip. They are also beginning to realize that some sort of a bluff against trusts must be made. Representative Landis, of Ind., has come to Washington especially to urge upon the administration the necessity of doing something to convince the voters of the middle west that the administration is antagonistic to the trusts. Mr. Landis has done some very plain talking about the danger to the Republican party and it is evident that he has frightened some of the administration men.

Attorney General Griggs, doubtless acting under orders from Mr. McKinley, has made a play to shift the responsibility for his recent queer letter about trusts from the shoulders of the administration, by proceeding against the Chesapeake and Ohio Association, generally known as the soft coal trust, under the Sherman anti-trust law. The suit was instituted in Cincinnati, and will be directed by the Solicitor General of the U. S. The public will watch the prosecution of this case closely, owing to the Attorney General having so recently stated, in writing, that trusts could not be reached by Federal laws.

Evidently Admiral Dewey isn't one of those who believes that the end of the Philippine troubles is in sight. Of course he is too diplomatic to discuss such a question where his opinion would be likely to get out, but when he cabled the Navy Department to send him six months engineering supplies for his fleet, every employe of that department knew that it was just as though he had cabled that it would not, in his opinion be safe to materially reduce the strength of the fleet at Manila for sometime to come.

The latest Philippine news seems to justify the opinion of those who believe that the fighting over there is likely to go on for an indefinite time. Gen. Lawton has started on a campaign with a picked force, with the intention of trying to run down the Filipinos.

Democrats are not the only ones who regard the Philippines as an undesirable possession. Representative Steele, of Ind., a staunch supporter of the administration, who passed through Washington a day or two ago, said of them: "so far as I am concerned, I would like to trade the Philippine islands for a yellow dog, and then kill the dog, if there were nothing else involved but possession of the islands."

In naming one of the new battleships Georgia, although no petition had been sent from that state while they had been sent from a dozen states, Mr. McKinley is said to have been actuated solely by a desire to show his appreciation of the courtesy with which he was treated during his recent visit to that state. This is creditable alike to the President and to the people of Georgia. The other names chosen were, for battleships—Pennsylvania and New Jersey; for armored cruisers—Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, Galveston, Tacoma, and Cleveland.

After taking several days to consider the matter, the Military Court of Inquiry wisely decided to admit as evidence the reports submitted to General Miles on the beef issued by 147 officers who were in Cuba or Porto Rico. Just to give an idea of the nature of these reports, the following phrases, each from a different officer's report, are quoted: "No more unpalatable food could be issued." "An unsuitable article of food." "A distinct failure." "It was nauseating." "Prefer going without meat to eating it." "Was soft, watery, insipid and unsatisfactory to the men." "Was stringy, tough and unpalatable." "Tasteless, and the men would not eat it." "Caused a great deal of sickness, and as a ration was a failure." "Was unfit for use and many of the men said it had been doped." "Was not fit to be issued." "Was utterly unfit as an article of diet." "Hungry men left it on the ground." "The sight of it was enough to turn the stomach." "Was not fit for consumption." "Was open-

ly condemned by the men and generally thrown away." "Was just as bad as possible, short of being rotten." "It produced disordered stomachs." There was a whole lot more of the same sort, but this will do for a sample.

Mr. McKinley has accepted an invitation to attend the Confederate encampment to be held June 7th and 8th at Falls Church, Va., under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and promised to deliver an address.

Pension Protection for Wives and Families

The act of congress of March 3, is a wise one as it makes provision for the wives of soldiers with pension rights is the first absolute recognition paid wives by the Government in the history of the pension department. It provides that when pensioners desert their wives, who are in indigent circumstances, their minor children or permanently helpless children, one-half of their pensions shall be paid their wives or the legal authorized guardians of their children.

Prior to this time the Government had never recognized the dependent wives of pensioners in any substantial manner.

This new act also provides that when pensioners become inmates of State soldiers' homes and refuse to contribute to the support of their families one-half of their monthly pensions will be at the disposal of the dependent families.

Killing Burglars.

It seems that of late homes and business places are kept in more effective preparation to fight burglars than in former years. This is truly gratifying. Let the precaution and preparation be on the increase so that every home and business place may be a terror to burglars.

The Reporter is led to these remarks from the fact that within the past year we had the pleasure of reading more accounts of burglars being crippled, shot to pieces, killed, and arrested, than in any five previous years. Such results will thin out the tribe of burglars. Let everybody be prepared—for the Gospel says you know not at what hour the thief cometh.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: William Lingle and Lydia C. Hoover both of Penn township.

Joseph F. Sult, of Spring Mills, and Bertha A. Walizer, of Miles township.

Frank C. Waltz and Mary C. McMahon, both of Bellefonte.

John McCoy Shugert and Katherine Curtin Harris, both of Bellefonte.

James S. Lucas and May Freeze both of Runville.

Harry C. Taylor and Jennie C. Howley, both of Bellefonte.

Milton Lucas, of Axe Mann, and Clara B. Young, of Bellefonte.

Select School.

Prof. B. M. Wagenseller opened his select school yesterday morning with an attendance of about twenty scholars, some of them from a distance. Several more will be added as the term advances. Miss Anna Bartholomew also opened a school for children and has quite a number under her care.

To Stop the Lying.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to require fishermen to swear to the weight of fish caught and pay a tax on same. This bill is aimed at the man who exaggerates as to the weight of the fish he catches, but would not affect the man whose biggest fish always escape from his hook.

A Couple Days More.

Fishermen will soon be wending their way to the mountain streams in quest of the speckled beauties. Brook trout can be caught from April 15 to July 15; black bass from May 30 to January 1; pike or pickerel from June 1 to Jan. 1.

New and Stylish Goods.

Mrs. Lucy Henney has returned from eastern cities with an entire new stock of millinery goods for the spring and summer trade. The ladies are cordially invited to inspect the new styles and handsomely trimmed hats, at the grand opening, on Friday and Saturday of this week.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it, for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children. —W. A. Stroud, Popomoke City, Md. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

Life Imprisonment for Debt.

Judge Blair in the Hudson County, N. J., Court has rendered a decision in which he declares that in the future any man who is imprisoned in New Jersey for debt must remain in prison for life unless some special provision is made by Congress for a release. His decision holds that the Federal bankruptcy act supersedes the State insolvency law, under which a man may be released from jail on delivering all his property into court for the benefit of his creditors, and that the Federal act makes no provision for the release from jail of such persons as may have been incarcerated under civil process issuing out of the State courts.

The new decision was rendered in the case of Joseph Scitzer, a second hand furniture dealer doing business in Jersey City.

Persons who try to dodge paying their honest debts may find the above worth thinking over.

Family of Four no More.

When Samuel Wright, who lived back in the mountains, about nine miles from Bodines, died on Friday of blood poisoning, the result of an accident in the woods, a family of four persons was wiped out of existence.

While chopping a log a few days before Wright accidentally cut his right leg below the knee with the axe. Blood poisoning set in a day or two after the accident. About six years ago Mr. Wright's father, T. S. Wright, was killed near the spot where the young man was injured, a tree falling on him during a thunder storm. Mrs. Wright, Samuel's mother, died about three months ago of cancer and pneumonia, after suffering intense agony for two weeks. About two weeks ago their eleven year old daughter contracted a heavy cold, which rapidly developed into pneumonia, and the little one died, leaving her brother Samuel, who followed to the great beyond on Friday. —Williamsport Sun.

The Crop Indications.

The crop indications of 1899 are favorable, and while just now it can only be a matter of guess work, it would seem the hope that the satisfactory results of 1898 will be repeated is well founded. Even though the quantity per acre should fall short of what it was last year, the increased acreage, induced by the bounteous crops of last season will, perhaps, more than make up for any shortage that may possibly occur on that account. In speaking of the prospects Secretary of Agriculture Wilson claims warrant for saying, "There seems to be every reason why 1899 will be as good if not a better year than was the last. It looks as though we were bound to swamp the world with our agricultural productions, our meats, and by our dairy products."

Died at Pleasant Gap.

James A. Stine died at the home of his mother at Pleasant Gap, last Monday evening, from typhoid pneumonia, after an illness of about three weeks. He was aged about twenty-one years. The funeral will take place this Thursday morning. He was a member of Co. B, 5th regiment, and enlisted at the first call of volunteers. A peculiarly sad feature of his death was that on last Thursday afternoon he was to have been married to Miss Ida Young. The wedding was postponed through his serious illness from which he did not recover. He will be buried with military honors.

Housed Up.

Shoe salesman Josiah Dale has been a severe sufferer the last couple weeks from an affection on his face. His trouble dates from the severe cold weather last February when he had his face frost bitten while crossing a long bridge across the river at Williamsport. Several weeks later he caught "barber's itch" in a shop on his travels and the disease assumed such a malignant form that he has been confined to the house. With careful treatment he is improving.

Watch Your Change.

The Lewistown Free Press says: We are reliably informed that an attempt is to be made to flood our neighborhood with counterfeit money. Our informant tells us that \$3000 in counterfeit currency arrived at this place in one package, and that a consignment of counterfeit dollars and half dollars has also been received.

An Important Question.

If your friends or neighbors are suffering from coughs, colds, sore throat, or any throat or lung disease (including consumption), ask them if they have ever used Otto's Cure. This famous German remedy is having a large sale here and is performing some wonderful cures of throat and lung diseases. No matter what other medicines have failed to do, try Otto's Cure. Large sizes 25c. and 50c. Sold by G. H. Long, 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 of Interest to School Directors.

Following is the full text of the act recently passed providing for the payment of school directors for attending the triennial convention for the election of county superintendent and for the punishment of candidates who pay directors' expenses.

Section 1. Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter school directors of this commonwealth who shall attend the triennial convention of directors for the purpose of electing a county superintendent, as provided by Act of May eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, shall receive one dollar each, and, in addition, the sum of three cents for every mile necessary to be traveled in going to and from the place where the election shall be held, the amount to be paid by the school treasurers of the respective districts on the proper vouchers, and the account to be audited as other expenses.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that it shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any candidate for the office of county superintendent to pay or cause to be paid, directly or indirectly, any part of the expenses of any director or who shall attend the triennial convention, and on conviction thereof such candidate shall be fined a sum not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars, at the discretion of court.

Pests in the Wheat.

Farmers in Franklin county are a great deal worried about the appearance of their wheat and how it will come out in the spring. Before the cold weather came and snow fell they noticed that spots here and there were entirely bare. One farmer thought it was the fault of his drill and reproved his tenant. On going to the spots they found the young stalks eaten off closely and by examination with a glass discovered the cause of the trouble, an almost infinitesimal white worm. The crop in those spots will be a total failure. What the farmers are worrying about now is whether or not the little pest has been at work during the winter.

For a New Trial.

At the argument court held in Lewistown on Monday a week, the counsel for Joseph Morrison, who stands convicted of murder in the first degree, Messrs. Culbertson and Dunn, and the counsel for the Commonwealth, Messrs. Lantz and Hayes, argued the reasons filed by the former for a new trial for the prisoner. The argument lasted about eight hours, after which the court took the matter under advisement and will render its decision at April term of court, opening April 17.

Licking All Around.

Some unknown patriot gets off the following: "I've licked a dozen stamps today for telegrams I sent; I licked and stuck one on a bill, with which I paid my rent. I licked a stamp to paste upon a note which I renewed, and then I licked another to make the mortgage good. I've licked these stamps to show that I respect my country's will, and now I'd like to lick the man who introduced the bill."

Were Caught.

O. J. Sherman and John D. McKinney, two men in charge of J. M. Bunnell's music store at Philipsburg, were arrested at Buffalo, N. Y., on the charge of embezzling \$1500 of their employer's funds. They collected all bills and sold instruments at a big discount for cash, and then disappeared. They were located in Buffalo and brought back to Philipsburg for trial.

Retaliated.

A. E. Maxwell, of Montourville, Lycoming county, sued G. W. Hall, of that place, to recover a balance of over two dollars on a bill. Judgment was on Monday given the plaintiff by the justice, whereupon Hall retaliated by swearing out a warrant charging Maxwell with setting fire to his own store, which was destroyed about a year ago. Maxwell gave bail for trial at court.

Paid for His Fun.

W. T. Jimcox disturbed a religious meeting in Sugar valley some time ago, was arrested and sentenced to pay a fine of \$1 and undergo thirty days' imprisonment in the Clinton county jail for his misconduct.

On a Vacation.

Bellefonte, if you hear its business men, has not yet had a call from the "advance agent of prosperity." What has become of the chap?

Collection of Taxes.

One of the bills passed at the present legislature and which has been approved by the Governor and therefore is a law, is of much interest to tax collectors and to those who become delinquent in the payment of their taxes.

The bill provides that in all cases in which the period of two years, the limitation of the duplicate of county, school, borough, etc., have expired and in all cases where the power of collector has expired, or all expire during the year 1899, by virtue of the expiration of their term of office, and the collector shall become liable for the amount of tax on said duplicate, with having collected the same, his authority to collect taxes is extended for another year from the passage of this act, 1899.

The collector is empowered to collect the taxes from all persons who have not paid taxes assessed to them, residing in this district, as well as all persons who have removed from said township or borough, etc., and have neglected to pay taxes, as assessed, with like effect as if said warrants had not expired by the limitation of two years aforesaid, or the term of office of said collector had not expired: "Provided that provisions of this act shall not apply to warrants issued prior to the year 1899, and nothing contained in this act shall release any bondsman or security."

Big Deal in Coal Lands.

The Lock Haven Democrat announces the lease of 5000 acres of coal lands in Leidy township, Clinton county, to New York and Boston capitalists, who have entered into a contract for the construction of a short railroad to connect with the Goodyear and Fall Brook Railroads for the purpose of immediate development. The railroad is to be completed by September 1, 1899. There are three veins of bituminous coal on the land, respectively three, four and six feet thick, and a very large part of it is also underlaid with freclay. The coal will be shipped northward to Buffalo, Boston and New York. The new enterprise will furnish work for from 1000 to 1500 men and will insure the full development of one of the heretofore untouched bituminous coal fields of the state.

To Get Rid of Scale.

For the past six months letters have been showered upon the agriculture department at Harrisburg, from farmers and fruit growers asking how they might rid their trees of the dreadful San Jose scale. To meet this demand H. T. Fernald, Ph. D., state zoologist, has prepared a pamphlet, which has just been issued by the department of agriculture, containing full descriptions of not only the San Jose scale, but all scale insects and how to destroy them. This booklet will be widely circulated among agriculturists and fruit growers and it is hoped will result in much good.

Died at Philipsburg.

W. E. Burchfield, of Philipsburg, a prominent citizen and well known all over the county, died yesterday afternoon at his home, at the age of about 63 years. Mr. Burchfield was an influential Democrat and served two terms as Register of Centre county, being elected on the Democratic ticket in 1875 and 1878. He was married to the daughter of S. T. Shugert, deceased, of Bellefonte, and leaves a wife and three children to survive him. The remains will be interred in the Bellefonte cemetery on Friday afternoon.

To Care for the Soldiers.

Hon. A. M. Smith, member of the legislature from Snyder county, has introduced a bill which will undoubtedly become a law. The act provides for the burial of all indigent soldiers of the Spanish-American war by the county commissioners of the county in which said soldiers shall die. By this act soldiers of the late war are placed on a par with the soldiers of the previous ones.

An Aged Lady Falls.

The aged Mrs. Jane Love, on Church street, had a severe fall on Tuesday afternoon while passing over the walk in her back yard. She injured her back to such an extent that she is unable to move in her bed and suffers severely from the pain. Yesterday Wednesday, the estimable lady was 85 years old.

One More Due Us.

Weather prophets declare that one more snow storm is due to fulfill the prediction of twenty-six snow storms for the winter of 1898-99. The first snow fell on November 26. So far we have had all but one and that is coming soon. Another prediction is that three frosts are due in May.

Dug their way Out.

Ed. Viard and Jim Morris, two larceny prisoners in the Clearfield jail, escaped one night by digging through the wall and lowering themselves to the ground by means of a rope made from one of their blankets.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Why He Is Glad.

I'm glad I'm not a girl,
I'd rather just be me;
Girls always has to be as prim
And nice as they can be.

They've always got to be polite
And careful of their clo's,
And girls don't never dare to fight
And punch each other's nose.

I wouldn't want to wear my hair
All braided or in curls,
Nor have to keep my hands as white
As you always see a girl's.

I wouldn't like to wear a dress
Nor hat with flowers on;
I'd hate to be my sister Bess,
I'd rather just be John.

Besides, if I had been a girl
And not a boy, you see,
Dear Jennie Rawnsley wouldn't care
A nickel's worth for me.

—Chicago News.

Our town has no pauper.
A laundry might flourish here.
One inch of snow last Friday forenoon.

Henry Yearick, of Walker twp., is quite ill.
Fruit prospects are good, all except the peaches.

Dentist Musser, of Aaronsburg, will locate at Bellefonte.
Julia G. McMullin, Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$5.

Our townsman, A. S. Kerlin, is too indispensed to leave home.
Rev. Eisenberg, after a week's illness, is able to be out again.

Harry Potter, of near this place, attends the Spring Mills academy.
If any one desires a good location for an enterprise, try Centre Hall.

Emanuel White, of Axeman, has moved on the farm he purchased near Penn Cave.

In different localities of the county farmers were plowing, but it was awful smearable.

Last Friday morning snow flakes came down as big as Johnny cakes for a short spell.

Rebecca, widow of ex-sheriff Musser of Millheim, broke her hip by falling from a step ladder.

Peter Hockman, of Gregg, moved to near Hecla Park, having purchased the Zimmerman farm.

Rev. Christine, and his delegate, Joshua Potter, are attending presbytery at Osceola this week.

Pleased to say the Reporter has enrolled quite a lot of new names since '99 came in, without gift or bribe.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, for April 16: Centre Hall 2 p. m.; Spring Mills 10 a. m.; Tusseyville 7 p. m.

The trout fry put into our mountain streams last week were about two sizes larger than those of former years.

It is noteworthy how large a number of aged people were taken away by the hand of death the past winter, in all parts of the state.

Thieves opened a chute in H. G. Gable's flouring mill, near Boyertown, and nearly 600 bushels of wheat ran into the mill race.

A New York lawyer charged a counsel fee of \$250 and a bondsman fee of \$50 to defend a boy who was held for the larceny of 90 cents' worth of groceries.

The party that opened the quarry along the pike in the mountains beyond Centre Hall, after getting out a few car loads of nice stones, has abandoned the job and left.

J. Milton Keller, of Pinegrove, whose marriage to Miss Sadie Markel, of Tyrone, was postponed from March 16 last on account of his serious illness with gastric fever, is gradually improving.

'77' for Grip.—'77' for Grip is no better than Dr. Humphreys' other Specifics described in his Manual, which is sent free, on request; Humphreys' Medicine Co., N. Y.

The children of the blackest Africans are born whitish. In a month they become pale yellow, in a year, brown; at four, dirty black, and at six or seven, glossy black.

Who said printers' ink doesn't pay? An Iowa girl who spent \$9 in advertising for a husband, got one. In less than a year he was killed at Santiago and his inconsolable widow collected \$3,000 insurance, and in addition will probably receive a pension.

A series of articles on "America's Working People," by Mr. Charles B. Spahr, now appearing from time to time in "The Outlook," is attracting much attention as a first-hand study of typical industrial regions in the United States. The article in the April Magazine Number of "The Outlook" is called "A Typical Primitive Community," and gives a graphic account of a visit to a small farming village in the backwoods of Alabama. \$3 a year. The Outlook Company, New York.