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President McKinley has again given out that he believes the Philippine war is near its end. He is bound to hit if he keeps on guessing.

The rotten beef testimony is coming in more damaging every day, and now McKinley can shield Alger and Eagan no longer. Both will have to go.

The bribery investigation closed last week and the next interesting thing to follow is the prosecution of the bribees in the Dauphin county court.

The two prominent personages who have run themselves into the fence-corner of humiliation and oblivion, by the senatorial fight, are lieutenant governor Gobin and speaker Farr.

There will be several horse sales in this valley shortly. If the amiable "farmer" Kulp can attend, there may be \$200 to \$300 dollars in it for him. Don't "miss the train."

The iron trust having raised the price of iron, now the stove trust follows and raises the price of stoves, and the nail trust has raised the price of nails.

Tom Reed is not friendly to McKinley's re-nomination, has a notion he himself should be the next President. This may cause the administration to make a fight on Reed's re-election as speaker.

Trusts are going up by the dozens all the time, but it keeps being blue Monday with all farmers on crop prices.

It's the farmers that need help—the millionaires of the trusts can take care of themselves.

Pat inquired of Moike what was all this matter about trusts you hear so much about. Pat was informed that it meant buying all you want on trust. Both agreed to jive and live high. If the trusts are not halted they will be causing such a condition that you won't have the means left to get anything unless on trust.

Lawyer Ed. Chambers, of Bellefonte, received a fine, sweet doughnut for being a Quay worker. Auditor General McCauley has appointed Chambers attorney for the auditor's department. The salary and expense allotment of the appointment aggregate about \$2000 per year. He was deputy revenue collector under Harrison. Edward was as deserving as any one in the Quay fold.

The Keator ballot reform bill, passed the house 4th. This measure provides absolute secrecy in voting. Under the proposed law no voter shall have a helper unless he is physically incapable or unable to read. His helper must first declare under oath subscribed to that he will not attempt to influence the voter, but will give him the help he desires, and that he will not disclose the contents of the ballot except in a legal proceeding. The bill is now in the senate.

The war with Spain has made the pension business lively. A statement was recently given out by the Commissioner of Pensions which showed that in some of the regiments which were in the service during the war fully 50 per cent. of their membership have filed applications for pensions. This is largely due to the activity of agents who expect to reap a rich reward for their labors in promoting demands upon the Pension Office. Of the applications thus far received the great majority come from men who were not within the field of active operations during the brief war, and many of them did not serve beyond the boundaries of the United States.

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Incorporated concerns with a capitalization of one billion and a half dollars. These loose and easy-going laws have been prolific of schemes of enormous over-valuations of stock. Never before has there been such a legalization of incorporated wind and water as there has been at Trenton during the past winter. The record for the month of March has been made at the rate of fifty million dollars a day. It is the greatest trust craze on record.

What will the harvest be when the time comes for letting out the wind and water?

The House did a good piece of work the other day in presenting dates at which the school appropriations shall be paid, and thus putting a stop to the holding up of school money, in order that it may rest undisturbed in banks where there are good political reasons for leaving it. But the question where the money is to come from remains as much of a puzzle as ever.

The bad beef testimony establishes all these facts:

It was embalmed.

It was rotten.

It stank like carrion.

It was uneatable.

It made the soldiers sick.

It caused the death of some soldiers.

It was not inspected.

It was hauled on manure wagons.

It had maggots in some cans.

It was nauseating.

It was stringy and tough.

It had to be thrown over board.

It was buried for its stench.

It was bought by Eagan,

With the endorsement of Alger.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A move has been made to remove the capital to Philadelphia. Let the city have it if she will pay all expenses for buildings and ground. The state would thereby avoid a job and scandal of millions in the erection of a new capitol at Harrisburg.

Secretary Johnston has issued a call for a meeting of the Democratic standing committee to apportion delegates, and other party work, at Bellefonte, April 24th.

Ther's talk of prolonging the session of the legislature, time having been foiled away trying to elect Quay.

Governor Stone keeps talking economy. That's right; it's needed. But the Governor keeps signing bills for increase of salaries. That's not right; not needed.

Vice President Hobart is quite ill.

The rotten beef investigation has closed and the committee will next hand the names of the bribers over for prosecution.

The war with Spain is at an end, the ratification of peace having been exchanged, and the President has issued his peace proclamation, and appointed Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, minister to Spain. But the war in the Philippines is still going on.

THE QUAY TRIAL.

The Quay trial began on Monday. The first day there was a wrangle over the bank books that were to be used in evidence against Quay whose attorneys quibbled against it. On Tuesday receiver Barlow and ex-judge Gordon gave some startling testimony about the famous letters and papers. A mysterious phone message from Harrisburg informed receiver Barlow some time ago that on that night an effort would be made to abstract the important books and papers from behind lock and key in the bank, accordingly he, Barlow, took possession of the documents and put them to a place of safety.

LATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Dewey reports the Filipinos are not of much use in the government service, and that the men he had employed ran away to join the rebel army.

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Points for Bondsman.

At the recent license court in Lycoming county, which was presided over by Judge Mayer, Attorney Ames made a few points that especially concern those who become bondsmen for liquor dealers. Mr. Ames called attention to the act of 1893, in which it is provided that any one who goes on the bonds of more than one applicant for license is obliged to make affidavit setting forth that he is worth \$4,000 over and above any indebtedness he may owe on his property; and if he is on the bond of one applicant only, then he must swear that he is worth \$2,000 over and above his indebtedness. Another point raised was that these bonds are a lien on the real estate of the bondsmen until the expiration of two years from their date.

During the month of March the trust breeding laws of the State of New Jersey created not fewer than 250

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce that G. W. Keister, of Haines township, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce that E. S. Shaffer, of Miles township, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce that T. F. Kennedy, of State College, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce that Samuel Harpster, Jr., of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce that Cyrus Brundage, of Millheim Borough, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce that A. G. Archegos, of Ferguson township, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

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