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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FEW BELIEVE THE PHILIPPINE WAR IS AT AN END.

Aguinaldo is not Expected to Surrender so Soon.—The Trusts will Name the Man for Speaker Reed's Chair.

WASHINGTON, May 1st.—Long-headed men are not doing any premature hurrahing because Aguinaldo asked Gen. Otis to agree to a suspension of hostilities until he could call the Philippine Congress together and have it decided whether the war should be continued. It may mean an end of the war, and it may be only a trick of Aguinaldo's to gain a little needed time to put him in a better condition to continue the war, but it is just as well to wait and see whether Aguinaldo accepts the terms of peace offered by Gen. Otis as an ultimatum—unconditional surrender and amnesty for the Filipinos—before rejoicing. Of course, everybody, the supporters as well as the opponents of the administration policy in the Philippines, wishes to see the fighting of which the country has become very tired, cease over there. It is admitted that Aguinaldo is no fool. In fact, his proposition itself would prove that. If Gen. Otis had recognized the Philippine Congress, he would have officially admitted the existence of the Philippine government, and that admission would have quered the administration policy. Perhaps that may have been all that Aguinaldo was after. A little patience and we shall know.

The hint has been passed around among the western members of the House that the Hanna-McKinley candidate for Speaker, will be a western man. There is much curiosity to know why that was done so early in the game. There is only one eastern candidate—Sherman, of N. Y.—who is thought to have any chance at all, and he is understood to be Mr. Reed's choice. Perhaps that explains it. Hanna may have thought it necessary to drop that hint to head off any Democratic members who might be inclined to place their votes for Sherman, or it may have been put out as a bluff to try to make Sherman pledge himself to stand by the Hanna-McKinley programme, if given their support. Henderson, of Iowa, and Hopkins, of Ill., are the most actively pushed of the western candidates, but many doubt whether either of them will get the Hanna-McKinley support. One somewhat disgusted Republican said: "The trusts will name the next Speaker. Quite a number of gentlemen imagine that they are making a canvass for the place, but they will find that they are mistaken. Some time this summer, the representatives of the trusts will get together, in New York, or some other convenient place, and settle the matter. After the meeting is called to order the chairman will ask what is the business before the meeting. 'The naming of a Speaker of the House of Representatives' will be the response. Different names will be considered and finally, after due deliberation, the gentlemen will take a vote. Some one will be selected, and he may not be any one whose name has been previously mentioned for the place. His election, however, will be assured. See if my prediction is not fulfilled." That isn't a picture to be proud of, but such things have been done before by the same crowd.

Including the \$20,000,000 paid to Spain, through the French Ambassador, the Treasury deficit for April was \$24,088,437.

The report of the Military Court of Inquiry has been in the hands of acting Secretary Meiklejohn, of the War Department for two or three days, awaiting Mr. McKinley's order to be made public.

Commissioner of Pensions, Evans doesn't seem to be greatly worried because the Kansas G. A. R. asked for his removal and the appointment of another Commissioner who will execute the laws in accordance with the true spirit which prompted their enactment." Speaking of the matter, Mr. Evans said: "I did not make the laws. They are the same which have been in existence since 1890, and I am governed by them. The Pension Bureau is an immense business. We have nearly a million pensioners on our lists, and the office is managed with the greatest possible generosity towards the old soldiers, but, at the same time, we must consider the interests of the tax payer. Decisions have been made affecting the entire country, and it may be that they have applied more generally in Kansas than in any other states."

Mr. McKinley's friends are alarmed at reports of defections among western Republicans, which have reached Washington. That these reports are not without foundation is shown by the statement of Mr. W. C. Newman, a life-long Republican, who is the agent of the Cattleman's Protective

Association, of Montana, and who has been sent east to see if something cannot be done to revive the once prosperous foreign cattle trade. He said: "If the administration had come out boldly and allowed an open and honest investigation of the meat scandals, it would have created the impression abroad that this country was sincere in its efforts to furnish the best of meat to the domestic and foreign consumer. As it is, it will require years to overcome the prejudice the administration's unwise action has caused. A great revulsion of feeling has taken place in the west within the past few weeks. I recently attended a semi-political meeting of ranchmen and farmers in southern Montana, and, unless something unforeseen takes place, the administration's attitude will imperil Mr. McKinley's support by the western states at the next National Convention. The back bone and sinew of the Republican party in the west is thoroughly disgusted with its present national leaders."

Death of an Aged Lady.

Mrs. Elizabeth Grant Boal, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John I. Thompson, at Lemont, on Tuesday, aged near 88 years. She was twice married; first to John Johnston, of Bellefonte, with whom she had one child, a daughter. Her second husband was George Boal, of Boalsburg, and to them were born two children, Elizabeth and Hamill. He died in 1866. She is survived by her three children: Mrs. Priscilla Jack, of Nebraska, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, of Lemont, and Hamill, of West Virginia.

License for Transient Dealers.

A new Act, signed by the Governor on Monday, requires transient retail merchants in cities and boroughs to pay a license of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200 a month, the amount to be fixed by Council, in townships the license for such dealers will be \$25 a month, and is made payable to the County Treasurer for the use of the school fund of the township. The act requires that all licenses must be renewed monthly. There is a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200 for failure to obtain the license.

Reduced Rates to Lancaster via P. R. R.

On account of the parade of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Lancaster, Pa., May 9, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets, from all stations on its line in the state of Pennsylvania, to Lancaster and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip, minimum rate twenty-five cents.

Tickets will be sold on May 8 and 9, good to return until May 10, inclusive, but will not be valid for passage on the Pennsylvania Limited. apr27-28

A Western Cyclone.

At 6:30 on evening of 27 ult., a big cyclone razed a portion of the town of Kirksville, Missouri, as clean as a field. Fully 400 houses were scattered in fragments. The death list will reach 60, and 1000 persons were injured.

At night it is supposed the same tornado struck the village of Newtown, in Sullivan county, same state, and did terrible work. It is supposed that 15 people were killed.

Must Pay Fare.

A western judge has handed down an opinion in which he holds that a passenger compelled to pay fare because a ticket purchased by a scalper was lifted by a conductor cannot recover from a broker selling the ticket. The opinion holds that in agreeing to present the ticket under an assumed or false name the passenger becomes a party to the misuse of the ticket and becomes a virtual partner of the broker.

To Abandon Trout Breeding.

The state fish commission has decided to abolish the breeding of trout at the state fishery in Salisbury, Lehigh county, and the houses and ponds will be devoted entirely to the hatching of black bass for the streams of the state. The fish commission will hereafter buy all its trout eggs, and the big trout at the fishery will be sold.

Died at Bellefonte.

George I. Blackford, proprietor of a restaurant on Bishop street, Bellefonte, died on last Sunday morning of pneumonia, after a week's illness. He was aged over fifty years and leaves a wife and four children. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon, and was held under the rites of the Odd Fellows.

Pronounced Dead Too Soon.

A dispatch from Pennfield, this state, says that Mrs. James Lewis, an aged woman of Tyler, who had been very ill, apparently died a few days ago, and was pronounced dead by all who saw her. But an hour afterwards she showed signs of life and has now revived.

All the news for \$1.50 in the Reporter

Boy Killed by the Cars.

Last Saturday night the crew of the late passenger train from Bellefonte to Lock Haven, found the remains of a human being strewn along the track at Howard. It was the body of Bruce Bland, the 15-year-old son of Dr. Bland, of Howard. It is supposed the young man was run over by a freight train. The body was horribly mangled. The head was held to the shoulders by a few shreds of skin, while the body below the chest was an unrecognizable mass of human flesh. The boy was subject to epileptic fits, and it is supposed that he was seized with one of these fits while riding on a freight train, and fell under the wheels, or may have been struck while walking on the track. The remains were interred at Howard on Sunday.

Mercantile Tax Law.

The amended mercantile tax law may add something to the State revenues, say from \$500,000 to \$700,000, but it is the only revenue measure of the late Legislature that will. The new law imposes upon each retail dealer an annual mercantile tax of two dollars and a tax of one mill upon each dollar of gross sales. The license fee for wholesale dealers is three dollars and the tax upon sales one-half mill upon the dollar. Under the old law the cost of lowest license was \$7.50 and the highest \$1000. The new law makes the license fee very small, and the real tax is levied on the amount of goods sold, and the law is stringent in requiring this to be returned. Sales amounting to \$1,000,000 annually will pay \$1,000, the highest rate now paid by any retail merchant or firm. It is claimed that this sliding scale will be more equitable upon the small vendors and dealers, and compel those who do a large business to pay their proper proportionate amount of taxes. It will reach the department stores.

An Anti-Quay Organ.

The Bellefonte Republican, once the official organ of the party in Centre county, has been leased to other parties, who will endeavor to infuse new life into the paper. It will be run as an anti-Quay organ, and rumor has it that the lessees are ex-Gov. Hastings and John P. Harris. Wilbur Harris, late executive clerk, will manage the paper, retaining the present editor, Mr. Tuten upon his staff. The policy of the paper will be bitter in its attack upon the Quay machine and methods.

A Heavy Assessment.

A number of persons in the vicinity of Salona, Clinton county, have received notice from a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Pittsburg, that another assessment of about 60 per cent. of the amount of their policies has been levied. About a year ago an assessment of 6 per cent. was levied. Some of the policy holders are asked to pay as much as \$100.

Temperance Lecture.

Volney B. Cushing, the great temperance lecturer, will be in Centre Hall on Monday evening, May 8th, to advocate the cause of temperance. He will speak in the Lutheran church under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of Centre county. Every one is invited to attend and hear the renowned speaker.

Change of Firm.

The firm of Smith & Crawford, general merchandise, recently underwent a change, in the retirement of Ed. Crawford. The business will be conducted by Frank Smith. Mr. Crawford has secured a position as traveling salesman and will go on the road.

Words of Warning.

Here are a few words of warning which all should heed. Any person killing a robin at any season of the year is liable to a fine of from \$2.50 to \$20, or imprisonment for twenty days, or both. The law makes no exceptions as to the object or purpose for which the robin is killed, but is strictly prohibitive.

A Sunday Run.

Eight or ten Bellefonte bicyclists made a Sunday run to the Old Fort on Sunday, where Landford Shaver had a chicken and waffle dinner for them. The ride was hot and dusty but the boys enjoyed it nevertheless.

Headache for Forty Years.

For forty years I suffered from sick headache. About a year ago I began using Celery King. The result was gratifying and surprising, my headaches leaving at once. The headaches used to return every seventh day, but thanks to Celery King, I have had but one headache in the last eleven months. I know that what cured me will help others.—Mrs. John D. Van Keuren, Saugerties, N. Y. Celery King for the Nerves, Stomach, Liver, and Kidneys is sold in 50c. and 25c. packages 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 Wheel Side Paths.

Several of the counties in Pennsylvania have already selected commissioners who, under the act of April 11, 1899, are to supervise the erecting of side paths along the various highways for the use of bicyclists. The common pleas judges of Warren, Dauphin, Lycoming, Crawford and Northumberland counties have named three officials to serve in each bailiwick, and it is anticipated that the assessment of one dollar upon every resident taxable who owns a wheel will return an aggregate of about \$8,000 to the average county, or a total of a half million dollars in the state. The great bulk of this money is calculated to go toward the building of side paths.

Bicyclists generally seem to favor the new law and to express a willingness to pay the tax, although the wording of the statute is such that probably the greater number of wheel owners will not be subject to assessment. Only "resident taxables" are required to pay the fee, and this does not include the many thousands of boys and women who own wheels. Nearly all the assessments will fall upon city or town people as there are few bicycles owned in the rural districts. For this reason it is claimed that the side paths should be raised out from the county seats like spokes from a hub. The roads most frequented by cyclists will receive nearly all the improvements. In Lycoming county the first side path is to be constructed from one end of the county to the other.

Guarding Against Small Pox.

A movement is on foot at Altoona to establish a hospital near the city for the treatment of small pox patients. The city owns what is known as the Cresswell farm, which contains two houses, each of which has eight rooms which could be fitted for patients. It is estimated that forty-two patients could be cared for in the two houses. The directors of the poor of the county have agreed to fit up the rooms for hospital purposes if the city authorities permit it. The Altoona board of health is very active in the matter and the city council will have an early meeting to consider the proposition. Small pox has not yet become an epidemic in Altoona but there are now a number of cases there.

Crushed Its Life Out.

A distressing accident occurred at Hawke Run, near Phillipsburg, a few nights ago, as the result of a riotous Hungarian festivity attendant upon a christening. The little creature who had been the chief figure in the ceremony was carelessly placed on a lounge, all unattended, while his elders proceeded to devote themselves to the beer kegs. A big burly Hungarian, who did not know of the disposition made of the infant, or was so sodden by drink as to have lost his recollection of it, entered the room and seated himself on the helpless little creature, crushing the tender young life out.

News Gleanings.

Aguinaldo, it is now reported, says he has nothing to do with the negotiations for peace. Fighting is still going on.

Lightning has begun its work. A barn was struck near Winfield, Monday evening and burned with several cows. A barn in Lycoming county was struck about same time and also burned.

Gen. Lawton captured Baling, a few days ago and drove away 1500 insurgents.

A farmer near New Cumberland was attacked and severely injured by a bear and died half an hour afterward.

Missouri has set itself against trusts, and will not permit them to collect claims in that state. One of these corporations lost its case in the courts a few days ago.

Their Second Anniversary.

The Keystone League of the Centre Hall United Evangelical church, will hold appropriate exercises on their second anniversary on next Sunday evening. An elaborate program has been prepared, and the other societies in the town will attend in a body. All are invited.

Quietly Observed.

Dewey day, Monday, was observed without any demonstration in honor of the Manila hero. Several flags were flying in the town, but everything else passed off as serenely as of yore.

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Brungard Adjudged Insane.

A petition in lunacy was Saturday appointed by Judge Mayer, at Lock Haven, to inquire into the condition of George Brungard, the Mackeyville farmer, who confessed to having burned the barn on the farm of Miss Puella Dornblazer. A week ago it was reported that Brungard had attempted suicide by bumping his head against a wall, but this is denied by his friends. They declare that the injuries to his head were sustained by a fall. Since that time, however, Brungard has been unable to leave his bed. He mumbles a jargon of sounds, but appears to be unable to articulate correctly. Some of the neighbors declare that Brungard is only feigning insanity in order to escape trial for arson and larceny, for which alleged crimes he is under heavy bail for trial at the Clinton county court, which begins next week.

But the commission in lunacy, appointed by the court, which visited Brungard Saturday asserts that its report, which will be made, will declare him a lunatic. Scientific tests were made, and these, in the judgment of the doctors, showed unmistakable evidences of insanity. They found Brungard in a state of physical and mental collapse.

Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm waves to cross the continent from April 28 to May 2 and May 4 to 8.

The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about May 8, cross west of Rockies country by close of 10, great central valleys 11 to 13, eastern states 14.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about May 8, great central valleys 11, eastern states 13. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about May 12, great central valleys 14, eastern states 16.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. May 15 will average below normal in the northern states east of the Rockies, above in southern and about in the Pacific slope states. Rainfall for the same period will be above east of the Mississippi river and below west, except on the northern Pacific coast, where rainfall will be above normal.

Temperature of the first ten days of May will average below normal, the next 13 above and the last week of the month below east of the Rockies. West of the Rocky line will be the reverse. During the first 18 days of May rainfall will be below the normal west of the Mississippi river and about normal east. From about 19 to close of the month rainfall will be below normal west of the Mississippi and above east.

The temperature of May is expected to fluctuate all through the month, but its three-day averages will begin low, gradually rise to far above normal near 18 to 20, and then gradually fall to far below normal near the close of the month. Pacific slope temperature will be about the reverse of this.

Besides the severe storms heretofore described, a period of thunder, hail, wind and rain storms may be expected about 18 to 23 east of the Rockies, this being the point where temperature will change from rising to falling.

Found Dead in Bed.

Last Thursday evening, the lifeless body of Mrs. David Weaver, was found in her bed near Potters Mills. The lady's death was sudden and unexpected, and was attributed to heart disease. She leaves a husband and five small children. The family resided in Centre Hall about one year ago, occupying the Brisbin property on Water street.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Oscar F. Gill, Pleasant Gap, and Rosie Gramley, Centre Hall.

John Rapsey and Lizzie Coyle, both of Rush twp.

W. M. Cox and Martha E. Fisher, both of Liberty twp.

John Delige and Mary Green, both of Bellefonte.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penna., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr. Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame back, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Rosemary.

Green bud-stars spangle
The dead, black tree;
Blooms its tangle
On orchard and lea;
No w elm-boughs shade me,
Now birds have sung,
Shall the heart persuade me
I still am young?
Ah, no; heart hush thee!
Be wise, serene,
Lest snow-wreaths crush thee
Ere Hallow'en;
Though June be jolly,
Though flowers be sweet,
'Tis all but folly,
And blind deceit.

Heart, thou hast finished
With joys that fade;
Thy strength diminished;
Thy light decayed;
The brain is an ember;
The blood is cold—
My heart remember
We both are old.

—Edmund Gosse.

No change in grain prices.
Simon Harper, of this place has obtained a pension, \$10.

There is good prospect for all crops in this county except wheat.

The most widely known brand of cigars is the Jacobs brand, of Lancaster.

By a recent act all scalps are to be paid for by the Commissioners as previously before repeal of the former act.

The aged David Krape, of Haines, is sinking under his physical and mental ailments, of several month's duration.

The Lutheran Conference was in session this week at St. Pauls church, west of Woodward, attended by some fifteen ministers and some delegates.

On some of the poor farms in the mountain districts we see some very good fields of wheat, which is a rare sight on our brag valley farms this year.

John E. Shannon, aged 63 years, an old soldier, committed suicide at Williamsport Saturday night by taking the contents of a two ounce bottle of laudanum.

The thunder gust that struck portions of this county Wednesday afternoon of last week was the only shower during April, a very low record, save two light ones on 7 and 15th.

The wheat fields of Union county, though not up to their promising appearance of former years, yet are not quite as unpromising as in this county this year.

J. Victor Royer, of Spring Mills, is now a student of Blackstone in the well-known law office of Fortney & Walker, and we think Victor will turn up a victor at the bar under such training.

The fight for County Superintendent of Schools having ended, the next point of interest to divide the public attention will be the Democratic primaries to be held in about five weeks.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, May 7: St. Johns church 2 p. m.; Georges valley, Communion, 10 a. m. There will be no services in the Centre Hall church, Sunday evening, next, May 7th.

In this issue appears the announcement of Boyd A. Muser, as a candidate for Recorder. Boyd is a sterling young College township Democrat, obliging and possessed of the best qualifications for this position.

Wm. Gfrerer, our experienced fence builder, was trimming off a post one day last week, when the axe glanced and the blade struck him below the knee. He carried a game leg around with him for a couple days, but he's about himself again.

William Zimmerman, of Pine Glenn this county, aged 78 years, fell headlong down the stone steps at the court house, at Bellefonte, last Thursday morning, while coming out of the court house. He laid unconscious for nearly two hours, but was soon all right again.

The thunder showers of Monday and Tuesday evenings were most welcome, beneficial to all vegetation, and had a wonderful effect upon tree and plant. Blossoms and foliage came forth as if by magic, and field and garden show the good effects of the needed. Providence has not forgotten us.

Talking about prospect of striking crude oil at Spring Mills, leads to remark of going one better a few evenings ago. Feeling around upon a sitting room table, in the dark, for an article, we toppled a lamp upon the floor and an examination of the carpet proved we had struck refined oil.

The rains put out the mountain fires in the vicinity of Colyer and extending to Huyett's lands. Colyer's mill was in great danger. A party is suspected of starting this fire, and we are informed the circumstantial evidence will likely lead to an arrest. There were mountain fires in different sections of the county within the past two weeks. The penalty for starting these fires is very severe and justly so.