



## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### ALGER NOW ASSUMES ROLE OF DICTATOR.

He Demands that Miles be Deposed from Office.—The President Goes Off on a Trip to Avoid the Trouble.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Secretary Alger, who has just returned to Washington, is lacking in many of the characteristics that go to make an ideal Secretary of War, but he attempts to make up for all of them with gall, of which he has about as much as any man who ever held a cabinet portfolio. And his latest is a little beyond all his previous exploits in the gall line. He has actually gone so far as to dictate to Mr. McKinley, if the public talk of his henchmen can be believed. According to the Algerians, Alger is not satisfied with the whitewashing given him by the War Commission and the alleged vindication given him by the report of the Military Court of Inquiry, which Mr. McKinley has just approved and ordered published, but demands that Gen. Miles shall be deposed from the command of the army. In addition to having demanded this of Mr. McKinley, Alger is said to have told him if he did not issue the order transferring Miles from Commander of the army to one of the Military Divisions, he would, as Secretary of War, issue it himself, thus forcing Presidential action one way or the other. It is not surprising that Mr. McKinley should have concluded to go to the Virginia Hot Springs and try to clear out his system by a few hot baths. But it is Algerism he will have to clean out to accomplish anything.

Boss Platt's edict has gone forth that New York shall have but one candidate for the Speakership, and that Payne, Ray, and possibly other members of the delegation, who have either positively or partially announced themselves as candidates, will be forced out of the way to give Sherman the unanimous support of the delegation. This, and rumors that Sherman had made a deal with Hanna, caused quite a marked boom in Sherman stock, and Sherman is now in favor in sporting circles.

Treasury officials have refused to allow an item headed, "traveling expenses" in the personal accounts of Roger C. Spooner, Special Indian Agent "temporarily" in charge of the Indian warehouse in Chicago, because the aforesaid traveling expenses were incurred by Spooner in going between his home in Wisconsin and his office in Chicago, and are not considered to have been necessary to the proper performance of his public duties. Spooner is a brother of Senator Spooner and holds his position by a trick. The position of Superintendent of the Indian warehouse is supposed to be under Civil Service Rules; also to be vacant. Nearly a year ago, Senator Spooner carried an order to Secretary Bliss, from Mr. McKinley telling him to provide a good place for his brother. It was done by appointing him as Special Indian Agent and putting him in temporary charge of the warehouse in Chicago, where he has been ever since, filling a position that is in the classified service, without ever having even taken an examination. Still, there are some otherwise level headed men who will get "nutty" when the Civil Service Rules are spoken of as the humbug they really are.

Mr. McKinley seems to be developing a disposition to play Czar. He ordered Representative Henderson, of Iowa, Chairman of the Republican Caucus Committee that recently completed a financial bill, when he called at the White House with a copy of the bill, to change it before it was submitted to the Republicans of the Senate Finance Committee, who it seems must approve it before it is made public. Col. Henderson is a peppery sort of a fellow occasionally, but being a candidate for Speaker of the House, he did not care to quarrel with Mr. McKinley, so he only called his attention to the fact that every clause in the bill had been put there by unanimous vote of the Committee. The order to change it was reiterated by Mr. McKinley.

It has been decided by the Republican leaders that an extra session of Congress shall be called, probably early in the fall, but in order to give themselves an opportunity to change their minds, should it be deemed advisable later to do so, they will not say more than that an extra session is probable. The fact of the matter is that they are getting uneasy over the political outlook. A short time ago they were figuring on a walk-over for McKinley next year, but now they are frightened. One of them said: "Mr. McKinley will, of course, be a candidate for renomination, but it is by no means certain that he will win. The scandals under his administration have made it difficult for his friends to defend it. Alger, Shafter, Eagan and

others, who have figured prominently in the administration, have not added to Mr. McKinley's reputation or improved his chances for renomination. Conservative observers believe that Algerism and Eaganism will prove to be a heavier load than Mr. McKinley can carry, and that even if he should be renominated again, he would be defeated.

### REDUCED RATES.

To the National Peace Jubilee at Washington.

On account of the National Peace Jubilee, to be held at Washington, D. C., May 23, 24, and 25, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged to sell excursion tickets from all stations to Washington at rate of single fare for the round trip, except that the rates from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore will be \$3.00, \$5.00, and \$2.00 respectively, with proportionate rates from intermediate and adjacent points. Tickets will be sold May 22 and 23, good to return within ten days from date of sale when properly validated by the agent at Washington, May 11-24.

### Poemills Pick-ups.

John DeLong, one of Poemills juvenile fishermen, keeps a box for live fish anchored in the creek. In it, Tuesday 23, there were some fine trout, nice eels and big suckers. The thunder shower that afternoon caused a rise in the stream that night, which set afloat a rowdy log and it struck young DeLong's fish box, freeing its denizens, and the entire fishery was now set next morning.—Another item: Howard Eisenhuth has flitted from Panther Run to Poemills, where he has a job.

Stover, the railroad agent, is an attentive railroad employe and an all-around pleasant fellow.

Capt. Snyder, late of the Old Fort toll-gate, is summering at the tunnel with relatives, fishing and making himself generally useful.

### Two Unconstitutional Laws.

At Scranton, on 3rd, Judge Gunster declared the act of May 3, 1893, empowering municipalities to impose a maximum tax of \$1000 on itinerant merchants, unconstitutional. The decision was rendered in the case of the city against Morris Wormer, of New York, a man who conducted a fire sale and who was arrested and fined \$100.

Inquiries having been made as to whether the act compensating persons for fighting forest fires, is still in force. In reply to all such inquiries we republish the fact that Judge Lindsay, of Warren, has declared that law unconstitutional on the ground that the title is defective.

### Home Made Sugar.

When you can make your own maple sugar by boiling three corn cobs; then taking the extract and mixing it with light brown sugar and boiling again, who cares whether the sugar crop in Vermont fails or not? This is not maple sugar, to be sure, but it tastes so much like it that you cannot tell the difference.

### Crops in Europe.

The foreign crop statistics which supplement the recent Winter grain report of the Department of Agriculture show that the Winter grain conditions almost everywhere in Europe are favorable. Russian reports complain of deficient grain, but the general condition is represented as satisfactory.

### Appointed Postmaster.

Pleasant Gap had a change of postmasters last week in the appointment of Henry N. Twitmier. The postoffice has long been kept in Noll & Bro's store, and the change in appointment and locating the office elsewhere, was cause for a small local disturbance several years ago.

### Plowing Wheat Fields.

In Brush valley many wheat fields are being plowed, and the farmers are now sowing them in oats. The wheat crop was destroyed by the severity of the winter.

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. Rosman, Spring Mills.

### WOMAN TREAD A BEAR.

And Kept It There Until the Arrival of Her Husband.

Mrs. McClean Gorham, whose home is near the village of Brookside, Lycoming county, had a thrilling experience with a black bear a few days ago.

The story is told by the Williamsport Sun that she was down in the field some ten or twelve rods from the house and only a rod or so from the woods, when her little dog began snuffing and snarling. The dog kept this up, and Mrs. Gorham went to the fence to see what was the matter. Just across the run was a black bear tussling with the dog. When brin saw her, however, he started off up the hill with the ear following at his heels. Concluding that it might be more comfortable for him, the bear climbed a big hemlock, which stood nearby.

Now that the bear was treading Mrs. Gorham determined he should stay there until her husband would come home, but she was in a quandary how to keep him up the tree. If she went to the house for a pistol and axe, the dog would follow her and brin could come down before she could get back. But remembering where she had seen a chain at the barn only five or six rods away, she quickly brought it and tied the dog to the tree. Then she ran to the house for the axe and pistol. Having secured these she took her place under the tree and waited patiently the return of her husband. The bear was treading at 8.30 o'clock a. m. and it was high noon before Mr. Gorham put in his appearance, and killed the bear.

Mrs. Gorham held her ground all the time, and now a pair of paws and a black hide adorn one end of her spring house as trophies of her fearlessness and bravery.

### Millheim Progression.

Last week some of Millheim's prominent citizens held a meeting to organize a company to supply the town with water. The town depends solely on wells and cisterns for its supply, and the move for a water system has agitated the burg for several years. To make it a boro enterprise was voted some months ago. Outside capitals offered to put in a plant, but met with no encouragement, and now the home capital is at the head of the movement, and the plant seems to be a go. About \$10,000 will be invested. No matter how low the rates, for a year or two, the company will be held as public benefactors for investing their money for the town's good. It will be sure to be followed by a movement to ruin the company by a set prompted by jealousy, and who cannot point out having risked a nickle in any enterprise. That's how they did it in Centre Hall, and started in to do at State College, when common sense prevailed.

### Contagious Diseases.

The following law, passed at the last session of the legislature and approved by the governor, is apropos at this time:

An act to empower the school directors of the several townships of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to exercise the powers of a board of health in each township, to make rules and regulations to prevent the spread of contagious diseases, to appoint and fix compensation of a sanitary agent, and requiring all practicing physicians to report to the secretary of the board of school directors in each township the name and residence of all persons coming under the professional care afflicted with such contagious or infectious diseases.

### Death of an African Princess.

Miss Mary Jones, 20 years of age, a princess of Monrovia, Africa, who was reared in the family of the late Dr. David A. Day, died at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and her remains were brought to Selingsgrove on Wednesday night to the residence of Rev. Dr. J. R. Dimm, President of the Susquehanna University, where the funeral services will be held today. The deceased was a daughter of Stewart Jones, King of one of the civilized tribes of Africa, and was brought to this country to be educated for mission work among her own people.

### Skin Milk for Whitewash.

The Philadelphia Record's agricultural editor says there is no whitewash that will not peel in time as even paint is not exempt, but a durable whitewash is made by using skin milk instead of water. Slack stone lime with boiling water and add skin milk until the proper consistency is secured. Give two applications or coatings.

### Taken to Darville.

George Brungard, who was declared of unsound mind by a commission appointed by the court, was taken to the asylum for insane at Danville last week. Mr. Brungard, father of the unfortunate man, accompanied the sheriff.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS

### INCIDENTS AND EVENTS OCCUPYING THE PUBLIC MIND.

Happenings in the Town and the Surrounding Country of Timely Interest to All Buyers for an Idle Furnace.

A deal has been practically closed by which a syndicate of eastern capitalists will become owners of the Collins Furnace at Bellefonte, the 150 ton plant built by Collins Brothers in 1887, which has been idle since 1890. The new company also purchased the ore mines of the Carnegie Company at Scotia, sixteen miles west of Bellefonte as well as ore rights on hundreds of acres of land. J. W. Gephart, of Bellefonte, General Superintendent of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, negotiated the deal, and will be president and general manager of the company. It is the intention to have the furnace in blast by July 1. Operations will be resumed within ten days at the ore mines, which have been idle six months. Work will be given to over 500 men. The new concern will be known as the Bellefonte Company.

In order to have the benefit of competitive railroad rates the new concern which has purchased the Collins furnace, and which will be known as the Bellefonte Furnace Company, will build a mile track to connect with the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania. This bit of road will have a three percent grade, will cross Spring Creek and the Bald Eagle Valley branch of the Pennsylvania with a 500 foot curved iron bridge, at a height varying from twenty to thirty feet. The survey for this connection is about complete, the bridge is already being built and workmen will be put to work doing the necessary grading and filling in a few days.

There is also a well-defined rumor that the new company will endeavor to secure control of the Bellefonte Central railroad from Bellefonte to State College and Pine Grove Mills, and if this is done, will eventually push the construction of the road through to Huntingdon and Broad Top. This would give a short outlet to the south. Another story is in effect that the starting of these works will mean the building soon of the long-talked-of Bellefonte and Clearfield road, as well as the eastern extension of the Central Pennsylvania, the construction of which would give Bellefonte the benefit of two, or competitive, railroad lines both east and west. One thing, however, is certain, within the next two months, where all has been idleness for years past, more than a thousand men will be at work earning good wages.

### Lutheran Ministerium.

The Evangelical Lutheran ministerium of Pennsylvania, which will hold its 152d annual meeting in Trinity church, Reading, beginning May 25th, and to continue in session about a week, according to the latest statistics, numbers 337 ministers, 505 congregations, 127,561 communicant members. It has in its bounds 510 Sunday schools, numbering 8,899 teachers and 95,430 scholars. The total benevolent contributions for last year were \$115,066.20. It is often spoken of as the mother synod. There are besides this in the country about sixty other Lutheran synods, having 6,482 ministers, 15,513 congregations, 1,535,552 confirmed members.

### Another New Swindle.

A neat swindle is being worked with great success in nearby towns and our residents are duly cautioned. A woman book agent appears in town and goes from house to house leaving books for examination. Next day a man calls to see if the books are wanted. A few days later the woman agent again appears, and on being told that the man had taken away the sample books she weeps copiously, says the villain has been collecting her books all over town, pleads poverty and so on, and accepts the proffered compensation.

### Cold Weather Froze the Bees.

Bee keepers in this county lost heavily during the extremely cold weather in February. The bees up to that time were in good condition but the unusually low temperature of that month froze the honey. The freezing caused a chemical change to take place in the honey rendering it poisonous to the bees, and they died rapidly before the keepers learned the cause. Honey will be a scarce article in this county next fall.

### Hurt in a Runaway.

Mr. John H. Reifensnyder, Millheim's prominent citizen, had his left leg broken at the ankle Wednesday afternoon, by being thrown from his buggy while driving home from Coburn. His horse frightened and ran away, with the above result.

### Reformed Class at Boalsburg.

The West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed Church is now holding its regular annual session at Boalsburg, May 10-15. This classis includes in its territory the counties of Centre, Clinton, Lycoming, Union and Snyder, and there will be in attendance upwards of one hundred ministerial and lay delegates. The opening sermon preached Wednesday evening by Rev. T. Derr, of Lock Haven.

The following will be the program, subject to slight changes: Opening sermon by Rev. T. Derr, Lock Haven, on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. On Thursday evening, Dr. S. U. Callender, of Mechanicsburg, and elder C. M. Bower, Bellefonte, will make addresses on "Foreign Missions" and "Home Missions" respectively. On Friday evening Rev. M. N. George, Rebersburg, will preach a sermon "The Church." The preparatory sermon will be preached Saturday, at 2 o'clock, by Rev. John L. Barabart, of West Milton. On Saturday evening Rev. L. C. Whitmore, Millinburg, will discourse upon "The Young People's Societies with Relation to the Church." The communion sermon, on Sunday, at 10 o'clock, will be preached by Rev. M. L. Frim, Williamsport. A Sunday school service will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, when addresses will be made by several of the brethren of Classis. The closing sermon will be preached by Rev. S. H. Eisenberg, Centre Hall. There will be business sessions of the Classis during the day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to which the public is most cordially invited.

### Of Interest to Property Holders.

For the benefit of those property owners, who are careless about keeping their sidewalks in repair, we republish the following:

Property owners and municipal authorities will find a new order of things in a decision of the supreme court on a case appealed from the Delaware county court. It has heretofore generally been supposed that cities or boroughs were responsible for damages, where such are claimed for injuries sustained by persons who fell on defective streets or pavements that were negligently permitted to exist. The courts now decide that the citizen on whose property the unsafe roadway or sidewalk was continued is responsible for damages resulting.

The case in illustration was that of Mrs. Margaret Lee, of Chester, who fell on a broken pavement and injured her leg. She sued the city and was awarded \$331.50 damages. The solicitor of Chester then entered a claim for the amount against the First National bank that owned the property on which the accident occurred, and the court ruled that the bank was accountable.

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Levi F. Roan, Lemont, and Helen Young, of Boalsburg.

Wm. T. Pease, Williamsport, and Emma T. Smith, Danville.

D. D. Breen, Spring Mills, and Emma L. Winkelblech, Penn Hall.

E. D. Ripka and Abbie S. Breen, of Spring Mills.

Arthur W. Sunday, Milroy, and Edith Barris, Axe Mann.

Edward Erband and Sarah E. Kline, of State College.

Joseph A. Myers, Boalsburg, and Mary B. Wolf, Wolf's Store.

John H. DeLong, and Susan Elsie Schenck, of Liberty twp.

### Silver in Nittany Valley.

Residents of Nittany valley are excited over an alleged find of rich silver ore. J. A. Albright, a carriage maker of Tylersville, while out in the woods discovered a peculiar looking rock and brought a piece of it along home with him. He had the specimen assayed and it was found to be sixty per cent pure silver. Albright will not divulge the place of his discovery, as the rock is not on his land, but asserts that there are hundreds of tons of it there from all appearances.

### After Coal, Too.

A coal find is agitating the good people in the vicinity of Fiedler, as well as at Spring Mills. In making an excavation, a slaty substance was struck along with a black, shining stone which closely resembled hard coal. The find will be further prospected, and if there is anything in the find, it will be a valuable thing for that territory in Penns Valley.

### Married.

At the home of Oscar Homan, April 25th, Elias Fetterolf, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. Lizzie Shaffer, of Madisonburg, were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. Reaick.

At the Lutheran parsonage, Centre Hall, by Rev. J. M. Reaick, May 7th, Joseph A. Meyer, of Boalsburg, and Mary B. Wolfe, of Wolf's Store.

### LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

### In the Philippines.

Rushing over the ridges  
Like a flock of sheep;  
Swimming over rivers  
Where the water's deep;  
Running like scared yearlings  
Over rural scenes—  
This they call rebellion  
In the Philippines.

Leaving smoking ruins  
Of fair towns behind,  
Running with their coat-tails  
Spreading out behind;  
Lurking in the jungles,  
Hiding in ravines—  
This they call rebellion  
In the Philippines.

Making tracks that measure  
Twenty feet apart,  
Stopping but to take a  
Fresh and better start;  
Halting not for battle—  
Not by any means—  
This they call rebellion  
In the Philippines.

Following their leader,  
Who is far in front,  
Leading from the bearers  
Of the battle's brunt—  
Who goes lightly bounding  
O'er the tropic scenes—  
This they call rebellion  
In the Philippines.

Light frost in some sections Wednesday morning.

The Democratic county convention will be held June 13.

Vegetation is booming since last week's thunder showers.

Judge Love has decided that the Commissioners must pay bounty on scalps.

Peaches will come high this year—fact is, they are not likely to come at all.

John Wilson, of Wayne twp., Clinton county, died Sunday evening, aged 89 years.

Ben. Arney has put down a new board walk along his front lots adjoining the boro' line.

All Centre county folks should be happy now—they can talk with Centre Hall by 'phone.

Clearfield has a small pox scare on its hands. Three or four cases have been discovered in the town.

The card of John E. Homer, an old-line Phillipsburg Democrat, for county treasurer, appears in this issue.

Fire almost destroyed the home of J. W. Ludwig, of Selingsgrove, during the absence of the family early on Sunday morning.

Our next door neighbor, Brisbin, is having painters Arney & Stover, put a coat of yellow with green trimmings, on his residence.

The thunder gusts beginning of last week knocked the talk out of more than a dozen 'phones on the Commercial lines hereabouts.

Rev. Reaick's appointments, Sunday, May 14: At Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; at Spring Mills, communion, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville, 2 p. m.

Robert Curtis, of Rauchtown, Clinton county, claims the championship for snake killing. One day last week he slaughtered a black snake six feet eight inches long.

All the members of the Clearfield Bar, Democrats and Republicans, adopted a resolution indorsing ex-Judge David L. Krebs for Supreme Judge.

The late mountain fires made a clean sweep through Poe valley, Panther Hollow and other sections of the Seven mountain region. Several miles of tram roads were burned.

Aunt Katie Durst had a new and substantial board walk put down front of her two lots. Although one of our most aged ladies, she is foremost in the spirit of liberality and improvement.

The Oil City Blizzard says that if the sleep-disturbing canines of Venango county were placed in single file, allowing two feet to each brute, the grand old Keystone state would be furnished with a border that would prove a howling success.

On Friday evening last, Samuel Kleckner, of Millheim, caught a 14 inch trout from under the big rock opposite the toll-gate in the gap. This speckled beauty was of the California persuasion and had taken off the hooks of several anglers this spring.

The big records for trout catches made by our nimrods this season, are not being faunted in your face these days. The streams are becoming more and more depleted every year, and in course of time a speckled beauty promises to be a curiosity.

The appetite of a pet goat was excited to a high degree by Charles Wagner, of Frackville, Pa., who thibked the animal's nose with a \$10 bill. The goat suddenly lunged forward, snatched the greenback, chewed it up and swallowed it. This was a fatal move for him, for he was promptly killed and the bits of the bill were taken from his stomach. They will be sent to Washington to be redeemed.