



WASHINGTON LETTER.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS SHOULD BE SENT HOME.

The Administration Has Not Dealt Honestly With the Volunteers.—Aguinaldo's Surrender Long Over-Due.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The administration has not dealt honestly with the country in regard to the volunteers in the Philippines. It has given out one thing about bringing home those men, who have been worked and fought so continuously that many of them are now unfit for duty, when it knew that another thing was to be done. It has told the country that Gen. Otis has been ordered to send the volunteers home as fast as transportation could be secured for them, when Otis had really been instructed to keep the volunteers as long as he needed them and could make them appear to stay willingly. This has been suspected for some time, but when two transports left Manila for San Francisco last week, with only sick and wounded men aboard, and two more with no soldiers aboard, it became a certainty.

It is now privately acknowledged by members of the administration that it had, from the first, been the intention of Otis to keep the volunteers until the Filipinos surrendered, and that the bluff about bringing them home as fast as vessels could be made available was thrown out because it was thought that the surrender would occur before there would be any opportunity to send them home. A Government of the people can never add to its strength or popularity by deceiving the people. Every such deception is an impugment of the patriotism of the people.

The disappointment felt in administration circles over the failure of the expected surrender of Aguinaldo to materialize is so acute that it cannot be hidden, and officials who have been so glib for several weeks past, in predicting the speedy finish of Aguinaldo, cannot now be coaxed to talk about the probabilities over there at all.

Mr. McKinley still holds to his policy of rewarding the gold Democrats for making him President. The first census plum given to Ohio was the appointment of Gen. Americus V. Rice, by direct order of Mr. McKinley, to be purchasing agent of the Census Bureau.

Hon. E. L. Russel, President of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, who is visiting Washington, thinks the chances for the promotion of Hon. John M. Allen ("Private John Allen of Tupelo") from the House to the Senate are excellent, and he has circulated among the people of Mississippi sufficiently to be well posted. He said: "The people of this state appreciating Mr. Allen's merit and long and useful career in the House, mean to promote him, and in so doing, they will honor themselves."

Admiral Schley has accepted an invitation from ex-Senator Manderson, to pay him a visit at his Nebraska home, and will leave for the west at once. He will probably take advantage of the opportunity, while in that section, to visit a number of other western points, to which he has been cordially invited.

If the idea of a popular subscription to buy a Washington home for Admiral Dewey is as well received all over the country as it has been in Washington, enough money is likely to be subscribed to buy him a whole town, instead of a single house. Dewey has notified the Navy Department that he will leave Manila in a few days, and will get to the U. S. in about four months, which indicates his intention to make the homeward voyage in a very leisurely manner, as the trip could easily be made inside of two months. His friends say that the Admiral wishes to give himself a chance to get good and strong and the cool weather of fall to arrive before he tackles the ovations which he knows await him in this country. Dewey is a long headed chap.

Ex-Representative Hartman, of Mont., who voluntarily retired from Congress at the close of the last session, is in Washington. He says the wish was father to the story that the silver Republicans of his section were not friendly to the re-nomination of Col. Bryan, and that Col. Bryan has taken exactly the right position towards those who bolted the Chicago convention; that the silver Republicans who bolted McKinley's nomination and platform and supported Bryan would have just as much right to attempt to dictate to the Republicans as the gold Democrats have to dictate to the Democrats. Continuing he said: "I would as soon think of going to Mark Hanna for information as to Democratic faith and Democratic principles, as to go to Perry Belmont. They are both supporters of the same interests, advocates of the same financial policy, and brother opponents of the produc-

ing and wage-earning classes of the U. S." Mr. Hartman thinks that if the election was this year, instead of next, there would be no doubt of the tickets being headed by Bryan and McKinley again, and expects that they will be anyway. Speaking of next year's Democratic platform, he said: "The three most prominent features in the platform, in my judgment, will be, first, its declaration on the money question, which will include a re-affirmation of the Chicago platform, a declaration for independent bimetallicism, against the retirement of the greenbacks, against interest-bearing bonds, and against transferring to the banks the right to issue or control the issue of paper money; second, a strong declaration against trusts, and third, anti-imperialism."

Business Men's League Asks Quay to Run for State Treasurer as a Test.

The Business Men's League, a Republican organization that extends to every county in the state and is particularly strong in Philadelphia, asks Quay to go before the people as a candidate for state treasurer to settle the question whether the people want him. In their address the League say: "The Business Men's League has never placed in the field a candidate for any office, and desires only that proper men be nominated. It is an organization of Republicans who wish to prevent party disruption and disaster, with the conviction that nothing but heroic action will save the party from ultimate State and national disgrace and defeat.

"For the purpose of settling any controversy before the Presidential contest of 1900, we will make the following suggestions as a means of terminating the strife within the Republican ranks:

"Let Mr. Quay himself become the machine's candidate for State Treasurer at the ensuing elections. Mr. Quay has boasted of his readiness to go to the people for vindication. He as State Treasurer inaugurated and fostered the system of 'personal profit by the use of public moneys,' which has been an important issue in this contest. He represents in every sense the evils against which self-respecting Republicans have revolted. He is the source and incarnation of the evils of the system which bears his name. Let him thus make the issue, distinct and direct—leaving the final decision to the people.

If Mr. Quay fears to submit his candidacy to the people, and in the face of his reputation by their direct representatives, insists upon claiming a seat in the United States Senate, through the unlawful act of a subservient Governor, he will intensify and prolong the contest until he is repudiated by a future Legislature and precipitates disaster and defeat upon the other candidates who bear the stamp of his machine."

Signed by the League officers.

A Girl Fights Two Snakes.

Emma Shock, residing near Tamaqua, had a thrilling experience with two snakes the other day. She had been working near her house, a copperhead snake, four feet long, lay coiled near where she stood. The reptile attacked her, but she bravely grasped a stout club and beat it to death. She had no sooner dispatched this reptile than another still larger attacked her. She succeeded in clubbing the second one to death also.

Two Burned to Death.

John Clune and Jennie Delong were burned to death in a deserted lumber shanty a few miles from Johnsonburg, Elk county, on Friday, 12. They were seen to enter the shanty, being supplied with a liberal allowance of whiskey. At 4 o'clock that morning neighbors discovered the hovel burning. When it had burned to the ground the charred bodies of the man and woman were found in the ruins.

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. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

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QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.

When the Twelfth Census Will be Taken.

Just what the population of the United States, territories and possessions is, will not be known until along the latter part of next year, when the census will have been computed. It may not be known accurately even then.

The taking of the twelfth census will be a stupendous undertaking, as many men in the proposed standing army, say 40,000, will be required merely to enumerate the people, and the additions of other help will almost, if not fully, double that figure.

With Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines to be traversed by the head counting officers, the expense of conducting the census of 1900 will be double that of the last census.

Under the director of the census there are to be 300 supervisors, and one enumerator for every 4,000 inhabitants, estimated.

The supervisors are apportioned among the states and territories, each controlling a district and directing the enumerators under him. The enumerators are allowed a maximum of \$6 a day, which with 40,000 of them, will mean an expenditure of \$240,000 a day for thirty days or about \$7,000,000 for a month of hard counting and gathering information about all sorts of things.

In the main office at Washington there is to be an assistant director, at \$4,000; fire chief statistician at \$3,000 each; one chief clerk, at \$2,500; one stenographer, at \$2,500; forty-five clerks, averaging \$1,200 each; an indefinite number of clerks at \$720 each; a captain of the watch, at \$540; two messengers at \$600 each; a disbursing clerk, at \$1,000, and a number of helpers, classed as skilled and unskilled laborers, the first at \$400 and the latter at \$250 each.

The schedules for 1900 are under five heads: the individual, corporations, agricultural, mortality and special. The questions to put to individuals are: Your age, conjugal relation, place of birth, parents' birth-place, alien or naturalized, number of years in the United States, occupation, months employed, literacy, school attendance and ownership of property. Every person over twenty years is considered a responsible representative to answer for each and every member of the family. The above questions are the ones you will be compelled to answer. If any further questions are put to you, you may safely ignore them. If you are out your neighbor next door must answer for you, as he is supposed to know all about you. Refusal to answer or any falsification of facts is a misdemeanor for which the guilty one will be fined \$100; an alternative punishment, however, providing for the possibility of the delinquent not happening to have the ready money, is not mentioned.

The schedule under "individuals" is rather modest, while inquiries pertaining to manufacturing establishments are pretentious. Here are the questions: Whether individual or cooperative, or other form; character of business and kind of goods manufactured; amount of capital invested; firm members, co-partners, or officers; amounts of their salaries; number of employees; amount of wages; quantity and cost of material used in manufacture; amount of miscellaneous expenses; quantity and value of products; character and quantity of power used; character and number of machines employed. The president, treasurer and secretary, agent or any direct officer of any corporation, business, factory or firm is answerable for all. And any refusal to answer, or any false statement, is an offense for which the culprit must pay a \$10,000 fine or go to prison for one year, or both.

The questions relating to agriculture include: Name or occupant of each farm; venture, acreage value of farm and farm implements; average quantity and value of different products; number and value of live stock.

Statistics will also be gathered relating to special classes, including: The insane; the feeble-minded; crime; deaf, dumb and blind; pauperism; juvenile delinquents, and inmates of reformatories and benevolent institutions; and last of all, in the cities, social statistics relating to public indebtedness, valuation, taxation and expenditures; to religious bodies, to electric light and power, to the telephone and telegraph business, and to transportation—including steamboats, express facilities, and street railways.

Aguinaldo Will Fight It Out.

A message from Aguinaldo, dated Hongkong, May 12, says: "The Filipino Government, in accordance with the general feeling of the country, has decided to continue the war, at all costs, until independence is secured. "All the Filipino generals support Aguinaldo. General Luna's reported overtures for peace are untrue."

LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS OCCUPYING THE PUBLIC MIND.

Happenings in the Town and the Surrounding Country of Timely Interest to All. Happy on the Mountain.

The two most jovial and contented bachelors to be found, are on the top of the Seven mountain flat, Pat Garrity and his nephew, Walter Garrity. They raise all they want and need to make them comfortable; green fields surround their home and the most charming and romantic mountain scenery meets the eye at every point of the compass; just below the home is a spring of never failing water, pure and cool as the sparkling tears dripping from the cheeks of a sun-kissed glacier; wild deer have sported in Pat's domains from beyond the days of the aborigines, but Pat never hunted deer or dears; pheasants' drumming break the lovely solitude; trout streams with speckled beauties course from the hills and through the dales, but Pat never fishes and Walter's skill in that line will furnish the table with a mess at any time. Pat likes company, especially preachers and editors and in these his native wit finds a gleeful lodgment. They bake and wash and cook and and milk and churn and—are happy.

Johnstown Flood.

The reunion of the Johnstown Flood Correspondents' association, to be held in that city on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the flood, May 31, will be the last one observed by the reporters who covered the news of that fearful catastrophe. The general sentiment of the best people of the city of Johnstown, and the immediate vicinity that they have no desire to have kept in distinct remembrance the harrowing tales of suffering and death that resulted from the breaking of the South Fork reservoir, and the local committee, composed of Johnstown's leading people, which has been making arrangements for the reception of the visitors May 31, will also make this request.

The Two Cent Stamp Issue.

During the year 1898 the United States bureau of engraving and printing issued 2,500,000,000 of the common red two cent stamps, enough to go almost twice around the earth. Stacked one upon another, they would pile up 150 miles beyond the atmosphere, equal in weight to two of our big locomotives and would make a blanket to keep the frost of the city of Washington. If these stamps worked in relays, each taking the letters as far as allowed by the postal regulations, the letter would be carried to the most remote star.

Lightning in Clearfield County.

During the severe storm of Tuesday afternoon the house of John Buckeye at Osceola, was struck and his wife and baby killed. At Brisbin James John, a little six-year-old boy was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning and at Sterling a dwelling was struck and destroyed with its contents. A man at Madera was also struck and killed. The storm was unusually severe in Clearfield county.

Brought in Another Line.

The Commercial telephone company on Tuesday ran another line into the town from Bellefonte to supply their service in the valley. The company has poles set to Farmers Mills, Spring Mills and Penn Hall. These poles will have service as soon as the exchange here is working.

Can be Declared Vacant.

The Pennsylvania school law provides that a school director who shall neglect to attend any two regular sessions, unless detained by sickness or prevented by absence from the district, the directors present shall have power to declare his seat in the board vacant, and to appoint another in his stead.

Held Under Bail.

Fred C. Treaster, of Milroy, is in the Holidaysburg jail in default of \$500 for a hearing before U. S. Commissioner A. P. McLeod. The charge against Treaster is sending obscene letters through the mail.

Union County Deaths.

Recent Union county deaths: Alfred, Son of Samuel Geary, of West Buffalo, aged 22 years. In Iowa, Israel Beaver, aged 73 years. In Laurelton, Lydia, widow of John Shirk, age 76 years.

Got Rid of the Smell.

Lovers of that delicious esculent, early spring onions, will be interested in knowing that the disagreeable odor left upon the breath can be wholly removed by thoroughly rinsing the mouth with strong coffee.

Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 15 to 19, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 20, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 21, great central valleys 22 to 24, eastern states 25.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies country about 20, great central valleys 22, eastern states 24. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about 23, great central valleys 25, eastern states 27.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. May 29 will average about normal east of the Mississippi river, south of the Texas Red river and on the Pacific coast, and below normal north of the Arkansas and west of the upper Mississippi rivers. Rainfall for the same period will be above normal in the Ohio valleys, northeastern states and north Pacific coast, about normal in the southern states and below in the Rocky mountain countries.

Whoever can rightly estimate the values of agricultural products for the years 1899 and 1900 has it in his power to accumulate a fortune. Such opportunities as will occur during this year and next seldom come, and to be prepared for this opportunity and to act will lead on to fortune.

All Americans know that great crops great failures, and average crops, each being master about one third of the time, is a fixed rule, but they have failed to observe that these changes have regular periods.

All observant people in the United States know that one year to burn corn for fuel and the next year pay \$1 a bushel for it occurs at least one time every 10 years.

Three classes of business people are greatly interested in these extreme changes in the crop seasons—these who have cereals to sell, those who must buy and those who deal in these articles.

The records show that we are on the eve of one of these great crop events, and these weather bulletins constitute the only source from which information on this subject can be obtained. No other meteorologist has indicated that one of these great events in agriculture is at hand.

Danger of War in Cuba Again.

The Cuban General, Gomez, and his forces, indicates he will begin the war again. Our government offered to pay the Cuban army 3 million dollars to disband, which was agreed upon and the money sent to Cuba. The American military governor, General Brook, demanded in addition the Cuban army, on disbanding, should surrender all their arms. This Gomez flatly refused, declaring it would be humiliating to surrender their arms.

Our government hereupon sent instructions to again make a tender of the money and demand surrender of the arms, and if the latter is refused, to return the money to this country.

With no peace with Aguinaldo, and a renewal of the war in Cuba, matters do not look bright yet.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: W. P. Franel, Patton twp., and Sarah Dawson, Halfmoon twp.

Chas. P. Garbrick and Mary J. Beck, Spring twp.

John L. Markley, Snow Shoe, and Myrtle E. Shirk, Runville.

John H. Dorman, Nittany, and Ella Treaster, Lomar.

Wm. Harvey Wert and Della E. Kern, Coburn.

Joseph L. Underwood, and Nora Idings, Union twp.

Recalled the Appointments.

Owing to the absence of the pastor, the following appointments of the Presbyterian charge have been recalled: May 21st, Spring Mills and Centre Hall; May 28th, Centre Hill and Centre Hall.

Supplied an Instructor.

Prof. Schrader, of Selingsgrove, who comes well-recommended, having taken charge of Prof. Wagonseller's select school, will teach to the expiration of the term. His character and qualifications are all that could be desired.

State College Cut Short.

Gov. Stone got in his work with the veto axe on the appropriation of \$66,551.90 to State College. He disapproved of items in the bill aggregating \$11,000. There will be general regret all over the county at the governor's action, as the institution is a meritorious one.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.—P. E. Grisham, Gaars Mills, Pa. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossmann, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

If We Didn't Have To. Some sage person has discovered And has told in verses neat What a lot of cash 'twould save us If we didn't have to eat.

Let me add unto this wisdom, Though the thoughts may make you creep, We could hoard up gold in bedclothes If we didn't have to sleep.

Furthermore, 'tis borne upon me With a force I cannot balk, That we'd save a lot of leathers If we didn't have to walk.

So of all the bills that vex us Just the biggest one, I guess, Would be spared for safe investment If we didn't have to dress.

Come to think the whole thing over, Free concurrence you will give That vast wealth would line our pockets If we didn't have to live.

—Chicago Journal.

All vegetation is booming.

Had .66 inch rain last night.

Thunder showers Tuesday noon.

Recent rains have raised the waters.

Crop and fruit outlook good, except wheat.

Had cool weather for a week, fortunately no frosts.

Hiram Durst assures us there is coal at Spring Mills.

Silver in Nittany valley, coal at Egg Hill—arn't we getting there?

All vegetation is booming. Grass is doing finely. The prospect for fruit is fair.

Bellefonters are happy over the prospects of a boom. It would help the rest of the county.

This season bait fishermen have as good success as experts with the fly, even better in some instances.

Tuesday evening's storm did great harm in Altoona and other towns and localities west of the Alleghenies.

The Presbyterian brethren have decided to improve their parsonage and church premises by grading and filling.

It is intimated water users may be cut off from accustomed free use to exact needs. Where the "overabundance" promised, eh?

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, May 21: Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; St. Johns, Communion, 10 a. m.; Georges valley, 2 p. m.

A. K. McClure will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Bellefonte High School, June 1.

Preparations are being made for the trial of the Quay bribers, in the Dauphin county court before Judge Simonton.

The cutting down of the school appropriation by Governor Stone, cuts Centre county schools out of \$4300. Cause: the machine spent all the money.

Rev. McCool, de'd, carried a life insurance to the amount of \$4000, which will relieve the immediate wants of the family and give the children a little start in life.

The paper on which the internal revenue stamps for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1900, is to be printed will be made at Lock Haven, as it has for several years past.

Notwithstanding Al Krape's fish basket had a far larger hole in the bottom than on the top, yet he got home with a nice mess of trout, saying nix of the dandies that got out through the cellar door.

The Penn'a RR. company is erecting its own telephone lines, and the general office in Pittsburg will be in communication with all the towns and stations along the road.

Jesse Wert, one of Aaronsburg's respected citizens, had one of his ribs broken one day last week, by being pressed to the side of a stall by a horse he tried to pass with intent to feed it.

The Filipino army was put to a wild rout, on Wednesday morning. Lawton's advance guard defeated 2000 men in trenches, and the capital, San Isidro, was taken. Two simultaneous expeditions leave no place of refuge for insurgents except mountains inhabited by hostiles.

We see from the Journal that the new water company organizing at Millheim makes a proposition to furnish the borough with fire protection for \$300 per year. This is not an unreasonable offer compared with other towns, excepting the Centre Hall Water Co. which furnished fire protection for many years FREE OF CHARGE, besides having a far lower water tax than other towns. Under the new town plant taxes are higher with a deficient water supply, and, as a consequence insurance companies have refused to grant lower rates in this town for want of sufficient water for fire protection. How our people were willfully deceived in ALL promises!