



WASHINGTON LETTER.

TROUBLE ON FOOT WITH THE CUBAN ARMY.

Alger's Policy in the Island will Cause a Revolt.—The Interesting Fight for Speakership Honors.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—Washington is decked out in Inauguration togethery for the three day Peace Jubilee, which begins tomorrow, and the additional beauty given by nature furnish another argument in favor of changing Inauguration day from March to about this season of the year, when Washington is at its best, both for looks and for the comfort of visitors.

Mr. McKinley is finding the hot water in which he has been ever since he has got back to Washington much more uncomfortable than that in which he bathed at the hot springs. The mess in Cuba, where the Cuban army is almost on the verge of open revolt, is not conducive to his peace of mind, but it is no more than might have been expected from the policy that he has allowed Alger to attempt to carry out over there. Some go so far as to charge that Alger is trying to drive the Cuban army into revolting for purposes of his own, although it is difficult to imagine what purposes he could have that would be served by such a misfortune as that would necessarily prove to be.

When Mr. McKinley went away he expressed the opinion that Aguinaldo would surrender and peace be established in the Philippines before his return, but he found things very much as they were when he left Washington. Aguinaldo is still trying to negotiate and is still being refused by Gen. Otis.

Friends of the several candidates for Speaker are trying to force Mr. McKinley to declare himself and there is a sort of understanding that in order to square himself in both the east and west, he has said that either Sherman or Henderson would be perfectly acceptable to him. This understanding has resulted in the formation of a combine of Henderson and Sherman supporters for the purpose of shutting out all other candidates. Payne is in Washington kicking hard against being left out in the cold, and declaring that he intends to remain in the field until the last, regardless of orders from Boss Platt, Mr. McKinley or anybody else. The friends of Hopkins also declare that he will not allow himself to be frozen out. It is all very well for these gentlemen to talk, but the question is how can they help themselves; as soon as it becomes generally known that neither is wanted by the administration, neither will have any supporters left.

The most amusing feature of the Speakership campaign is the frantic efforts of what may be slangily called the "Reed push," to retain their grip upon the plums in the House organization. Their latest was an appeal to the ex-Czar to defer his resignation until after he is elected Speaker and has named the committees. Whatever else he may be, Mr. Reed is not a fool. He knows that at best his election to be Speaker again would be doubtful—not a few believe that to have been his real reason for retiring; and that neither he nor any other man would stand a ghost of a show to be elected Speaker when it would be known that his only object was to put the organization of the Committees into the hands of his friends and then get out.

Although everybody knew that Senator Keen, of N. J., was a railroad and corporation lawyer, and therefore naturally inclined to favor trusts of all sorts, he surprised many by publicly declaring, while he was in Washington a day or two ago, that the people of New Jersey would not support any party that condemned trusts, because the trusts organized under their state laws paid so much money into their Treasury. Surely it is time to do some hard thinking when a Senator publicly states his belief that his state has been bought by the trusts—to be exact, Mr. Keen's words were: "The annual revenue from the tax on the capital of all corporations created under our laws now amounts to between \$800,000 and \$900,000. You can readily see that the people who benefit from this influx of wealth are not apt to be antagonistic to the corporations that contribute it."

According to current gossip, Secretary Alger is ungrateful along with his numerous other faults. He has announced himself a candidate for Senator McMillan's seat, and the latter has announced his candidacy to succeed himself, it is said at request of Mr. McKinley. So the country is likely to see the man who has been kept in the Cabinet against the almost general protest of the country, running for the Senate as an anti-McKinley candidate. This is explained by friends of Mr. McKinley by saying that the Presi-

dent is bound by promises to keep Alger in the Cabinet, unless he will voluntarily resign, but is determined to get even by keeping him out of the Senate.

Discrediting American Meat Products.
American meat products may be discredited the world over, as they have been at different times hitherto; but in the present instance, as in former instances, it is not the truth-telling of the General of the army that has wrought discredit, but the business folly and greed of the packers themselves, who, as often heretofore, have again been attempting to sell poor goods, and have got caught at their game.

Every American meat-handling centre in Europe knows this game of our American meatpackers of old. They establish enviable foreign trade connections by supplying by far the best meat products known to the European trade, and then, as they think the market may bear it, they proceed to cheapen and discredit their goods until American meats get to be an European by-word. After that, the whole expensive business of re-establishing a good name and a trade has to be done all over again. It is a fool way, but unhappily, it is the American way as to many exported products.

What some of the packers are known to have done in supplying meats to our army in Cuba, many of them do and for many years have done consistently in supplying meats to the markets of the world.

It is this, then and not anything Gen. Miles has said or can say, that "is discrediting American meat products the world over."

Bicycle Paths.

The interest of owners of bicycles in Centre county is more or less engrossed with the appointment of three bicycle side path commissioners for Centre county, and the assessment of one dollar tax on wheels. Cause for remark has been occasioned by ignoring this side of the county on the board, and that little expenditure can be expected on the Penns Valley side unless demands are made that the board cannot ignore. By the law Penns Valley will contribute over one thousand dollars to the fund for building bicycle paths, and it is only reasonable to expect that at least this sum be expended in fitting up our roads along with other parts of the county. As the present sentiment stands, the greater part of the fund will be expended around Philipsburg and Bellefonte, and other districts will come in at the tail end. The commissioners have ordered the assessors to make a return of every wheel in the county. With one dollar up against every wheel of any and every grade and quality, many do not look kindly upon the law when no direct benefit is forthcoming. The appointment of another commissioner when a vacancy occurs on the board, will be insisted upon as a member from this side. There is a prevailing impression that only resident taxables can be assessed with one dollar, but it takes in every wheel whether owned by women, children or minors. The assessment covers every wheel by whomever owned.

Entertainment Tonight.

The F. and M. College Concert Company will give an entertainment in Grange Hall, this evening. A quartette, composed of excellent singers, assisted by one of the finest "Cello" players, will delight the audience. C. D. Davis, Professor of Eloquence, will intersperse the music with fine selections. Admission 25 cents; children under 12 years, 15 cents. Doors open at 7.00 o'clock. Proceeds for the benefit of the Reformed church.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Geo. W. Harper and Angie Bates, Ferguson twp. Stif Nagg and Rosa Karoly, Clarence. Clayton Brown and Bertha Spotts, Philipsburg. Geo. S. Schenck and Anna Winslow, Blanchard.

Undertakers to Meet.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Pennsylvania Undertakers' association will be held in the court house in Bellefonte, June 7th and 8th. This association is the largest of any state in the union and upwards of 300 delegates are expected.

Putting it in Shape.

The cemetery is being put in creditable shape, and is being cleaned up and an effort made to eradicate many of the obnoxious weeds which are growing there. Water has been piped in and a hydrant placed, which is a long needed article.

Opened a Branch.

Thomas Bartsches of this place, has a branch photograph gallery at Madisonburg.

NEWS JOBS.

Our forces drove 800 Filipinos from their intrenchments.

There are new assurances the war away out there is near its end.

The next Republican state convention is likely to be two-thirds Quay.

A fire cleaned up the business heart of Dawson City, on the Yukon. Loss, one million dollars.

A spark from a locomotive set fire to a freight car in Philadelphia, in which 16 horses were burned.

The latest Quay game to get into the Senate is to have a law passed by congress, that only a plurality of a legislature shall be required to elect a senator. The boss is so desperate, if it were possible, he would use military force to be seated.

The Quay lieutenants held a slate convention by the seashore, end of last week, and fixed upon the men to be nominated for state offices by the next Republican state convention, and no anti-Quay man is to have a smell regardless of how faithful a Republican.

The report of a decision by the United States Circuit Court, that "the directors of a bank are not liable for the mismanagement of funds by the president, who takes advantage of his position to speculate," is not true, hence the liabilities of directors remains as heretofore, and justly so.

Admiral Dewey has left Manila for the United States, receiving a goodbye boom from all the cannon in and about the harbor. He will sail leisurely and not reach this country before three months. He will be given a score of receptions in this country, and all European nations with harbors on the Mediterranean intend to salute the great American admiral.

Stopped Work.

The boro council has stopped the work of repairing their reservoir on the water plant. The lining of the basin on the west side has been torn out, and over half of that on the lower side was removed when the men were ordered to stop. Nothing has been done for over ten days and the reservoir stands in a sadly dismantled condition. The council is at a loss to know how to make repairs, and apparently do not know what to do. They want to consult some one who has had experience in that line, but such men with ideas suitable for this particular case, seem to be a scarce article. Members of the council state that they "are now ready to receive suggestions from any one," and requested several to come before the body and tell them what to do. With the town nearly \$10,000 in debt on this account, this is any but a flattering prospect.

Laws Not Enacted.

A subject for comment to those in a position to take a comprehensive view of the state is the lack of general recognition given to legislative acts, so far as pertains to the several states' fulfillment.

There is a compulsory educational law, for instance, and only in certain counties has there been steps of any moment taken to enforce its requirements. The bicycle side-path law too, has thus far met with response in comparatively few counties. The new statute providing for the employment of prisoners as roadmakers is a measure that has been observed in scarcely any of the counties, and jail inmates need feel little alarm over the prospect that they will have to earn their support by making roads. Yet this law would seem to insure good results if properly carried out. It provides that the judge, sheriff and commissioners of each county shall constitute a board, fully empowered to compel prisoners to work on the public roads, as the law directs. Preference is to be given to the public highways radiating from the county seat, and when work on such road shall be completed a distance of five miles, then some other main turnpike is to be similarly improved.—Philadelphia Press.

Fearless Anna Long.

On the north fork of Marsh creek lives Mrs. Anna Long, who supports herself and her demented husband on a little farm of twenty acres, which she cleared, and now cultivates with her own hands. She is a robust, fearless woman. During the past winter she shot three wildcats, which she caught molesting her chickens, and along toward spring was awakened one night by her dogs, which were making a terrible racket. She investigated and found them fighting a large panther, which she dispatched with her trusty Winchester. The skins of the three wildcats and that of the panther are now used as a bed for her children.

Died in Michigan.

The wife of John H. Stover, who was a daughter of Mr. Plotner of Penn twp., died in Michigan, aged about 66 years.

LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS OCCUPYING THE PUBLIC MIND.

Happenings in the Town and the Surrounding Country of Timely Interest to All. To Test the Schoolfund Cut.

Governor Stone's strike at the school fund is not to go unchallenged. It has received the condemnation of the people and seems settled that legal proceedings will be instituted in the Supreme Court to test the right of the Governor under the Constitution to veto a proposed amendment to the Constitution, and also to appoint a United States Senator. In addition to these proceedings it is reasonably certain that legal measures will be taken in some form to test the power of the Governor to reduce the school fund applying to the Court for a mandamus upon the State Treasurer to pay the full amount of money appropriated by the Legislature for his district.

New System of Registering Deeds.

One of the acts passed by the recent legislature and approved by the governor, is to establish a new system for the registering and recording of deeds in all counties of the state having over 5000 inhabitants. The new law makes it compulsory that every deed transferring real estate, be first registered in the county commissioners office. One of the objects is to prevent fraud and error in valuations and assessors' returns. The longer this law is active of course the greater the number of real estate transfers will be recorded, and finally the records in the commissioners office will contain a pretty accurate account of the county's real estate. The practical result will be to increase the valuation in the county, and bring more money in the shape of taxes to the county treasury.

Birds as Weather Forecasters.

If you want to know what kind of weather we are going to have, watch the birds. When they stop singing suddenly it is time for all little boys and girls to seek shelter, for there is going to be a thunder shower. If all the birds begin to pick their feathers, wash themselves and fly to their nests, look out for rain. Parrots and canaries dress their feathers and are restless and wakeful in the night before a storm. If the peacock cries when he goes to roost, there will be rain before morning. Robins will perch on the topmost branches of trees and whistle when a storm is coming on.

A Million for the State.

The admission of Henry C. Frick, Saturday, that the capital stock of the Carnegie company will be \$250,000,000 is interesting in more ways than one. It gives those seeking investment an idea of the amount of stock that can be subscribed for, and relieves the minds of those owners of small steel plants who feared the competition of the immense corporation with \$600,000,000, which has been discussed in connection with the Carnegie consolidation. The state will receive one million dollars as bonus on the charter of the new company. It will not be long until the machine bosses get this million into their pockets.

No 'Phone Connection With Union Co.

The hoped for telephone connection with the good people of Union county will not be established. The independent company of Union county does not think it will pay them to extend their line from Glen Iron through the uninhabited mountain district to Woodward to make connection with the Commercial line at that point. We are sorry to learn this, since it is so desirable to have telephonic talks with folks down that way, a convenience that all longed for.

A Seedless Orange.

Not content with having produced a hybrid orange that is likely to thrive in a comparatively northern climate, the United States department of agriculture is now engaged in evolving an orange that shall be seedless, and whose peel will come away as readily as the skin of a banana. This, too, it is said, will be able to withstand considerable degree of frost.

Planting a Big Crop.

Our hustling business man, farmer-lumberman Huyett, is putting out sixteen acres of his 7 Mountain farm in potatoes. He usually has square business ideas, and will have choice varieties of the tubers with one order ahead for a thousand bushels.

Union County Deaths.

In Iowa, Israel Beaver, age 78y. New Berlin, Mary Maurer, age 20y. Montandon, Wm. Stiver, age 76y. In Ohio, Chas. Denner, age 52y. Limestone, daughter of Wm. Shafter, in her 3rd year.

A World for the Explorer.

The report of Commander Todd, of the gunboat Wilmington, shows that he ascended the Amazon river 2,100 miles from the Atlantic, and that had he not run short of coal he could have continued 800 miles further, or within about 100 miles of the Pacific ocean. What an incomparable voyage for a river! Had his coal held out he would have sailed on the stream almost across a continent. He would have covered a distance as great as from New York to Salt Lake City. And what an empire the Wilmington explored! All of Brazil, although the republic extends almost from sea to sea, like the United States, contains a population of but from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000, or about that of New York and Pennsylvania combined, and not more than a third of the whole number are whites. The climate of the Amazon is not bad, the forests are beyond the dream of avarice when the lumber supply is in mind, the plateaus that are fit for herds and flocks are like our own prairies, and the water transportation that is at hand insures the cheapest freights in the world.

The man who looks upon the growing population of the United States and frightens himself into the belief that the earth is rapidly filling up has no idea of the room that is left. The voyage of the Wilmington was to a new world, and one that contains land and resources enough to sustain a greater population than is gathered yet on the American continent. We listen to the exploitation of Africa and the far away unknown lands, but in America there is plenty of room for the explorer and settler.

He Made the Announcement.

A prominent Detroit minister, who is noted for straightforwardness of speech, was making the announcements the other Sunday, when one of the ushers of the church walked forward and handed him a note. It announced the death and funeral of one of the old members of the church, who had not attended regularly of late years, or kept up his dues. The minister took the note, read it and went on with his announcements, as follows: "The young people's society of the church will meet in the chapel on Monday evening. The ladies' sewing circle will meet on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Jordan. I am requested to announce that Mr. So and So died early this morning. I am also requested to announce that the funeral will be held in this church Tuesday afternoon. Mr. So and So will be present in person for the first time in eleven years. The usual morning offering will now be taken."

He Salted the Calf.

A Jefferson county farmer recently hired a very inexperienced boy out of the Reformatory to help about the place. One morning he told the lad to go and salt the calf in the pasture. The boy took about a quart of salt and rubbed it all over the calf, working it into the hair. A gang of colts in the pasture scented the salt and got after the calf. They licked the hair all off the calf's back and tried to lick the hide off, too. The farmer tried to catch the calf and wash it off but the creature, thinking he wanted to lick, too, kept out of his way. The boy, calf and farmer are all unhappy. The colts are the only ones that got any fun out of it.

This was like the Irishman who was told to grease the carriage, an hour after reported he had greased it all over, except where the wheels were fast, not knowing how to get 'em loose.

Went Naked to Be Saved.

John Polosky, a milkman, at Millville, N. J., crazed by religion, created a sensation by serving customers with milk from his wagon, in a nude condition. An officer who was sent for Polosky found him wandering about the farm without any clothes on. The man declared the world was coming to an end and only those who went naked would be saved.

A Candidate for the Job.

A new candidate for a job with the Oshkosh fire department wrote thus: "Heretoby I put in my application for a job in the fire department. I can run, jump or climb like a cat, and have no fear and stand smoke like a ham."

Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Burgetstown, 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.

The Larger Prayer.

At first I prayed for Light,
That I might tread the road
With firm, unfaltering feet, and win
The heavens' serene abode.
And next I prayed for Strength,
That I might tread the road
With firm, unfaltering feet, and win
The heavens' serene abode.
And then I asked for Faith,
Could I but trust my God
I'd live enfolded in His peace,
Though foes were all abroad.
But now I pray for Love,
Deep love to God and man;
A living love that will not fail,
However dark His plan.
And Light and Strength and Faith
Are opening everywhere!
God only waited for me till
I prayed the larger prayer.
—Edna Dean Cheney.

A new business is on the tapis.
A laundry is open for wash and polish.

Queen Victoria was 80 years old yesterday.

Candidates are beginning to breathe hard.

Cool spring thus far; only a couple of warm days.

The recent cool days held back the corn somewhat.

Not a great deal of sickness in the county just now.

Elijah Sharp, Bellefonte, had pension increased, \$8 to \$12.

The grass crop is safe and there will be a large crop of hay.

Mrs. Bairfoot is adding a stylish bay window to her residence.

The wheat that escaped freezing last winter, is picking up finely.

An old and true saying, "It's a poor game that two can't play at."

Dan Keller thinks cherry crop is damaged to considerable extent.

Note change in r. time-table on the main line; no change on our branch.

Persons whose labels show dues of over a year, please send the needed.

All the ministers of this town are experts at catching trout, all but one using bait.

On Monday last a heavy snow fell in Yorkshire and Westmoreland counties in England.

Harry Harper has completely recruited from his nocturnal wanderings in the wilderness.

W. H. Bartholmew advertises executor's notice upon the estate of Mrs. R. E. Bartholmew.

All last week was cool enough for frost, but Providence warded it off by a nightly mantle of clouds.

Cold weather did harm to corn in parts of Miles, and gave it more or less of a check in other sections.

Frank Bradford is improving his home with a fresh coat of paint, yellow tint and light trimmings.

Rob Mench, merchant at Aaronsburg, took a wagon load of potatoes to Bellefonte, which brought 56c per bu.

The blame for the awful wreck near Reading, per the train dispatcher's testimony, was due to reckless running.

The Kansas City Star: Generally the good man who has just gone wrong is the bad man who has been found out.

Huyett's cattle ranch in the Seven mountains starts with 35 head, to be increased as chances to buy present themselves.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, May 28: Centre Hall, 2 p. m.; Spring Mills, 7 p. m.; Tusseyville, 10 a. m., communion.

A destructive hail storm, with chunks of ice, visited Saline county, Kansas, Monday night, killing cattle and destroying crops.

Joseph Morrison, convicted of murdering Harry Daugherty at Bellefonte, was refused a new trial by Judge Bailly, and will be hung.

Reports from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, speak of a poor wheat crop. Late spring, unfavorable weather and the Hessian fly are the cause.

The elm tree is full grown at the age of 150, ash at 100 and the oak at 200 years. The growth of an elm is about two and a half feet per annum; that of an oak less than one foot.

We are told an "expert" was here beginning of the week to see what may be done with the reservoir which is a companion piece to the bridge erst put up near D. Fieisher's with never any water to cross. Wisdom run riot.

Jason Webb, of Cumberland, Ky., is the head of what he believes to be the largest family in the world. He has 19 children, 175 grandchildren and 100 great grandchildren. His brother, Miles Webb, who died at 78 (Jason is still flourishing at 80), has had more than 400 descendants, of whom 255 were either grandchildren or great grandchildren.