



WASHINGTON LETTER.

ACTUAL CONDITION IN THE PHILIPPINES NOT KNOWN.

The Administration Distorts the Facts and Colors to its Advantage—The Civil Service Rule-Jugglers.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—There is something decidedly suspicious in the news from the Philippines. Not a line of press news can be cabled from Manila until it has been approved by the U. S. Military Censor, and it is not likely that he would approve anything the administration did not wish public. Hence, the publication of the statement that it would be impossible for Gen. Otis to conquer even the entire island of Luzon, not to mention the remainder of the group, so that it would stay conquered, without a large increase in his army, was allowed to pass the censor for a purpose. Not being in the confidence of the administration, few persons, even among the most prominent Republicans, are—it cannot be positively stated what that purpose is, but the inference is that it is intended to pave the way for one of two things; a call for volunteers to re-inforce Otis, or to make the people of this country satisfied with some dicker that is about to be made with the Filipinos, and which they would naturally be inclined to be dissatisfied with. The preponderance of opinion in Washington is that it means more volunteers. Orders have been sent to the civilian members of the Philippine Commission that they must do nothing to interfere with the military plans of Gen. Otis, which is confirmation of the reported wrangles in the Commission.

After holding it back for many months, Mr. McKinley has issued his much advertised order modifying the civil service rules. It doesn't appear to please anybody overmuch. It excepts a total of somewhere in the neighborhood of four thousand places from the operation of the civil service rule, but as most of those places are already filled by Republicans, it will make comparatively little new patronage for the Republican leaders. It doesn't touch the Government Printing office, which so many Republicans have been trying so hard to get thrown open to them. So far as the party workers are concerned, the order is likely to do more harm than good to the Republican party.

Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, who stands about as much show as Payne, the New York anti-Platt candidate, dropped into Washington a day or two ago and announced that he was a candidate for Speaker. He could not control three votes in the Pennsylvania delegation, counting his own, to save his neck. Bingham is the dummy candidate of the Pennsylvania delegation, and will remain such until Quay decides who shall get these votes.

No surprise was caused in Washington by Senator Platt's flat-footed declaration that McKinley and Hobart would be re-nominated, Platt has been mortgaged since early in the present administration; his endorsement of Hobart means that if he ever had any idea of helping to get Roosevelt second place on the ticket, it has been abandoned, but whether he wasn't pleased with Roosevelt or whether the latter wasn't pleased with the idea of second place, is a matter of conjecture, but the former is more likely to be true. The declaration of Senator Penrose, who is Boss Quay's man and mouth-piece, in favor of McKinley's re-nomination is nothing more than a bid for administration help for Quay in his contest to get his seat in the Senate. This was doubtless pleasing to Mr. McKinley, whether he means to help Quay or not, as he found Quay decidedly "up-pish" towards the administration while he was in the Senate.

The administration was very particular to have the widest circulation given to the report of the Beef Court of Inquiry, but it has now discovered that all of the \$200,000 set aside to pay for the Inquiry has been used up, and has ordered work stopped on the printing of the testimony, upon which that report was supposed to be based, after it had all been put in type. It has all along been contended by many that the administration never intended to make the testimony public, and this action makes it look as though that contention was correct.

Secretary Alger has been putting his foot in it again. Several days ago, he caused an order to be issued by the War Department, instructing the Military authorities in Cuba to give clearances to Cuban vessels under the Cuban flag, and at the same time stating that the vessels flying the Cuban flag would not be under American protection. As there is no Cuban Government, there can be no recognized Cuban flag; hence the order strikes the average man as ludicrous. Somebody

called Mr. McKinley's attention to the order and he directed that it be referred to the Attorney General for an opinion. This opinion, it is expected, will knock the order out. It might answer for Cuban vessels to go from one Cuban port to another, under such a clearance, but in any port outside of Cuba, the masters of such vessels would be at anybody's mercy; they would have no Consul to appeal to in case of unjust treatment of any sort, and no standing in any court of Admiralty. Alger's speciality appears to be doing the wrong thing.

The Dewey Home fund isn't growing as fast as it might. It did not reach a total of \$5,000 until today. Unless it gets a move on, it will not be big enough to buy a Washington house by the time Dewey gets home.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

And Call for the Convention—Apportionment of Delegates.

The Democratic voters of Centre county will meet at the regular places for holding the general elections, in their respective election districts, on Saturday, June 10th, 1899, to elect delegates to the County convention.

Under the rules of the party the election will be opened at 3 p. m., and closed at 7 p. m. The delegates chosen at the above stated time will meet in the Court House, in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, June 13th, 1899, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate: One candidate for Sheriff, one candidate for County Treasurer, one candidate for Register, one candidate for Recorder, two candidates for County Commissioner, two candidates for County Auditor, and one candidate for Coroner. Said delegates so chosen will also at the same time elect five delegates to the State convention to be held in Harrisburg, Pa., on June 14th, next; a chairman of the County Committee to serve from the 1st day of January, 1900, to the 1st day of January, 1901; and transact such other business as the interests of the party may require.

APPORTIONMENT OF DELEGATES.

The number of delegates to which each election district is entitled as approved and ratified by the Democratic County Committee on the 24th day of April, 1899, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Delegates. Includes Bellefonte, Centre Hall, Howard, etc.

PRIMARY OFFICERS.

The County Chairman has made the following appointments for holding the coming primaries in the various voting precincts. Each election board will consist of the local chairman and two assistants, as follows:

- List of primary officers by district: Bellefonte, Centre Hall, Howard, etc., including names like Geo. DeLong, J. J. Warr, etc.

LOCAL AND GENERAL TOPICS

INCIDENTS AND EVENTS OCCUPYING THE PUBLIC MIND.

Happenings in the Town and the Surrounding Country of Timely Interest to All. Stensling Lumber.

While a fleet of three rafts was passing Williamsport the other day, the discovery was made that they contained a large number of stolen logs belonging to local lumbermen. The marks of the owners had been erased and cut out, and, instead, bogus marks had been stamped on the logs. Ed. Winner and Harry Meyer, of Lock Haven, who had charge of the rafts, were arrested and held in heavy bail for court. They denied all knowledge of theft and asserted that they had been hired by Samuel Emerick, a lumber dealer of Karthaus, to pilot the rafts from Lock Haven to Northumberland.

In turn Emerick said that he purchased the timber from Emanuel Conaway, and he had obtained the rafts from a man named Kyler. The Lumbermen's Exchange has been working hard for months to break up such thieving. Thousands of dollars' worth of lumber are thus stolen annually.

Running a Newspaper.

Running a newspaper, says an exchange, is just like running a hotel, only it is different. When a man goes into a hotel and finds something on the table he doesn't like, he doesn't kick all the fat into the fire and tell the landlord to "stop his blamed old hotel." He just pushes that dish aside and wades into some other brand of eatables. But it is different with some newspaper readers. They find an item they don't like and without stopping to think that it may please a whole lot of people, make a grandstand play of their idiosyncrasy and stop their paper. The paper don't stop, but that particular gentleman's copy fails to reach him and he is sure to sneak around and borrow his neighbor's copy, "just to see if the paper is published," you know. The press still grinds on, however, and new subscribers line up in the place of the dyspeptic, etc., who stopped his source of information because a small part of it didn't suit him.

The Famine in Russia.

Latest details of the famine in Russia are of the most appalling character. Testimony from those engaged in the work of relief is that fully five million people are slowly starving to death, though 70 cents is a sufficient sum to keep one man in health for a month. Disease has begun its ravages among the weakened people, and even such suffering as it entails is a merciful relief from the more tedious but no less certain death by starvation. The case is one for contributions on a large scale and by the promptest possible means, the Relief Committee declaring that every immediate contributor of \$2 will save one life.

The Next Holiday.

The next holiday down on the calendar is the Fourth of July. Decoration Day has passed, and there's no occasion for any one taking a loaf until the great day when we shall let the eagle loose. Two or three places are down for a glorious big time on that day, and you will find very few people outside of Centre Hall and Hecla Park. The Bellefonte firemen have charge of the celebration at the latter place, and the Sons of Veterans will do the elegant here on Grange park.

Cure for Gape in Young Chickens.

Young chickens are not troubled with gapes until about four weeks old. In the evening before the hen and her brood enter the coop, pour about a gill of crude petroleum over the floor of the coop. During the night the fumes from the oil will kill the worms and afterwards be found on the floor of the coop. This is no theory, but has been tried, and the result was as stated above. The chickens were cured of gapes, and grew nicely without further trouble.

Ballot Markings.

The Supreme court has decided that when a cross is marked in the circle at the top of the column and a cross marked at a name in another column, the whole ballot is vitiated and will not be counted. Voters should make a note of this and keep it in mind until election day.

Send your Name Along.

During the last week two communications intended for publication were received at this office. They went into the basket because the name of the writer was not appended thereto.

Improved His Time.

A Waldoboro, Me., bachelor, while watching beside the couch of his sick father last winter, has made three as fine quilts as were ever produced at an old fashioned quilting bee.

CONDENSATIONS.

Quay lost Bedford county.

Egypt is buying American cars. A yellow fever case has alarmed New Orleans. Memorial day was observed at Mania with touching ceremonies. Otis offers every volunteer \$500 to re-enlist, as he is in great need of soldiers.

McKinley gets bumped for going back on the civil service plank of the Republican platform. Hanna's big fight is on in Ohio, and a majority of the state convention are unfriendly to him.

If Hanna's enemies down him in the Ohio state convention it will cause great consternation in some quarters. Filippino insurgents have been killing and burning the houses of natives who are friendly to the American side. An operation to remove cataract from Queen Victoria's eyes is soon to be performed. Royalty has its troubles too.

Warrants have been issued for the bribers in the Quay contest, being Spatz, Coyle, Moyle, Evans, Kulp, and Jones. The trial of the legislative bribers will take place in about a month. Perjury has been added to the charge of bribery.

Why don't wheat go up? This question is fittingly asked by farmers. The speculators are at their old game to take off the cream—that's the why. It appears the Cubans try to fleece us, by padding their army pay rolls. They must have learned that trick from the Quay padded pay rolls at Harrisburg.

Found Bogus Stamps.

Deputy U. S. revenue collector John F. Brosius visited Bellefonte on Monday and made an examination at the different stores in search of cigars from the Jacobs & Kendig factory, the Lancaster counterfeiters, bearing the fraudulent stamp. Only a small number were found by the deputy. On this side of the county no fraudulent stamped cigars were discovered.

A Crossing Needed.

The extreme need of a street crossing out near the railroad station has been ignored by the borough for over a year. Going to the railroad pedestrians must wade the mud. The Reporter would humbly suggest that a crossing be put down or one or two property owners be compelled to put down pavements. A small appropriation would do the business.

Said to be no Good.

There is a general impression, says the Boston Journal, that camphor or pepper moth balls keep away moths, but it is not so. They do not in the least object to odors and why such stuff is used at all is really a mystery. Buffalo bugs seem really to thrive on camphor, and to find especially congenial quarters in cedar shelves or closets or trunks.

Played with Matches.

At Williamsport Sunday while playing with a match, Elma Bock, aged four years set fire to her clothes. Her mother, catching up the burning child, ran with her to a small stream near the house and plunged her into the water, extinguishing the flames. The child was frightfully burned, but may recover.

Skull Fractured.

Wm. Stamm, of Millheim, while at work on a lumber job at North Bend, on Tuesday sustained a fracture of the skull by a falling limb; he was taken to the Lock Haven hospital, his condition being serious.

Squirrels Plenty.

Dan Keller tells us red squirrels are so numerous about his farm that they are an injury to some of his crops. That's the place to get stuff for a pole.

Not Popular in Lycensing.

Williamsport assessors report that the new tax of \$1 on bicycles is very unpopular, four out of every five owners of wheels objecting to the tax.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Charles Shockey and Bessie Viola Whitton, Phillipsburg. Michael Merrick and Annie Besterman, Phillipsburg. Charles A. From, Boalsburg and Catherine A. Keller, Lemont.

Work Will Begin.

The Edgar Tennis Construction Company, of Philadelphia, has been awarded the contract for building the electric railway from Lewistown to Reedsville and the work will be pushed with all possible speed.

Try the Reporter for all job printing.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cuttings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Child's Heart. The heart of a child, Like the heart of a flower, Has a smile for the sun And a tear for the shower; Oh, innocent hours With wonder beguiled— Oh, heart like a flower's In the heart of a child!

The heart of a child, Like the heart of a bird, With raptures of music Is flooded and stirred; Oh, songs without words, Oh, melodies wild— Oh, heart like a bird's In the heart of a child!

The heart of a child, Like the heart of the Spring, Is full of the hope Of what summer shall bring; Oh, glory of things In a world undefined— Oh, heart like the Spring's In the heart of a child!

Crops growing nicely. Cooler from yesterday's rain. The late thunder showers have helped the corn. Now it's a dollar per year for your bike—same as for a dog. Monday evening's thunder storm did much damage in Pittsburg.

The Commercial telephone line men are now at work beyond Lock Haven. Mrs. John Hoy and Elias Miller, of Madisonburg, are on the sick list. Jerry Stump, after years of absence, again moved to town, in the John Neff house.

Mrs. Barefoot's bay window is nigh completion; next look out for the gayest plants. Our town has no base or foot ball team, no brass band, and no pool room yet is flourishing.

The Sons of Veterans made a creditable show on Decoration day; Jeff Shaffer was in command. Bellefonte has succeeded in its efforts for a Sunday train. The first train will be run in a few weeks. A heavy thunder gust passed over this county Monday evening, bringing 1.03 in. rain, inside two hours.

Wonderful how many bikes went through here Monday morning, carrying fellows to the circus at Bellefonte. Rev. Berrick's appointments, Sunday, June 4: Centre Hall 10 a. m.; St. Johns 7 p. m.; Georges valley 2 p. m.

Decoration ceremonies were performed in every Centre county cemetery where rested the body of a soldier, on Monday.

From Gallitzin to Kittanning Point, around horse-shoe bend, the Penna. R.R. has let the contract for laying a fourth track.

Rev. Z. A. Yearick, of the Lewisburg Ref. church, formerly of Aaronsburg, has become pastor of the Shenandoah Reformed church.

Big self esteem and small deeds, go together always, says a writer, but are fathomed and sized up, sooner or later, by intelligent people. Inward rotteness carries a gew-gaw mantle.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation from the Faculty and Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania College, to attend the exercises of Commencement week, beginning Sunday, June 11.

In a number of our exchanges we have seen boasts of trout parties of three and four catching 200 to 300 trout in two to three days. Why bless you, not long ago two editors of this county caught 200 trout in five hours and it wasn't the best day for it either. Farther, we could name two dominies who brought home sixteen pounds of trout in a two days' fishing trip.

Stage driver Tibbens, of Loganton, a few days ago lost a \$150 mule. During the night one of his horses got loose in the stall and went over among the mules. One of the latter animals began kicking and knocked down the stall boards. The post was left standing and the mule fell against it and tore a long rent in its body. Its intestines were found strewn over the floor of the stable. The animal soon died.

Thomas Edison frequently has his lunch served in his laboratory and is as frequently distracted from eating by interest in his work. When this occurred the other day one of his assistants substituted an empty plate for his chief's full one, and the result was that when Edison at last returned to eat he cried out: "Why, my memory is getting poorer every day. Here, I've eaten my lunch and forgotten all about it."

The humming bird is the most diminutive of all birds. One of these pretty little creatures paid a visit to our sanctuary and was captured, inspected and admired, and then turned to where it could suck the nectar from the hearts of sweet flowers.

Pretty humming bird call again, This sanctum's not a cage or pen. Come again, tny bonny, We'll place for you a cup of honey.

Unclaimed Letters. List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the postoffice at Centre Hall, June 1st, 1899: H. B. Cautre, Miss Nellie Doughan, Clark W. Stover, George Thomas. Persons calling for above letters please state they are advertised. GEO. M. BOAL, P. M.

MARKETS.

Philadelphia, June 1, wheat, No. 2 red, 78c. Corn, 41c. Eggs, fresh, 14 1/2. Butter, fancy creamery, 18c. Chicago, June 1, wheat, July, 78 3/4.

Bad management keeps more people in poor circumstances than any other one cause. To be successful one must look ahead and plan ahead so that when a favorable opportunity presents itself he is ready to take advantage of it. A little forethought will also save much expense and valuable time. A prudent and careful man will keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house, the shiftless fellow will wait until necessity compels it and then ruin his best horse going for a doctor and have a big doctor bill to pay besides; one pays out 25 cents, the other is out a hundred dollars and then wonders why his neighbor is getting richer while he is getting poorer. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Pottery Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.