



WASHINGTON LETTER.

PINGREE SOUNDS ALGER'S DEATH KNELL.

McKinley Will be Forced to Compel Alger to Resign.—Texas is Prospering and is for Bryan.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Unless some of the shrewdest politicians in Washington are much mistaken, the death knell of Algerism was sounded when Gov. Pingree announced his deal with Alger to try to put the latter into Senator McMillan's seat.

Hon. R. M. Finley, the popular Comptroller of the state of Texas, is enjoying a visit to Washington. When asked how things were in the lone star state, he said: "Texas is enjoying a fair share of prosperity. The crop prospects are fine, and there is a greater demand for our unimproved land than there has been for a long time."

Judge Nash and Boss Hanna's man Dick, were hobnobbing in Washington, when news of Governor Bushnell's open attack upon Hanna, Nash and Dick, and his incidental attack upon Mr. McKinley reached them.

If there isn't a job concealed in the erection by a private party of a building for the use of the Census Bureau, the signs are all deceptive. From the day of his appointment, director Merriam insisted that only a building large enough to put practically all the employees of the Bureau on one floor would answer.

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Not a little surprise was expressed in Washington, when it was learned that Gen. Wood had for the time, if not absolutely and finally, declined the offer of \$30,000 a year made him by the Street Railway and Electric Light Trust which has been buying up near-

ly all the street railways and all of the electric light companies of Washington, to become its President, and announced his early resumption of his duties as Military Governor of Santiago. Inasmuch as General Wood was fresh from a conference with Mr. McKinley when he made that announcement, it is inferred that he has received some definite promise of further preferment of some sort, if he will remain in the army.

Otis Will Need 150,000 Men. Dr. McQueston, who was on the staff of Gen. Otis, and who was health officer at Manila, has returned home, inviolated by the climate. He is of the opinion that it will take from 100,000 to 150,000 soldiers to properly subdue and hold the islands. He also says that the Peace Commission was an absolute failure, and that its work from the start was without effect.

Our officers and soldiers have accomplished wonders, and have proved themselves the best soldiers in the world. But nothing decisive can come of it because our men were not in great enough force. As a matter of belief the Filipinos think they have the Americans licked already.

NEWS ITEMS. Thirty-three cases of yellow fever are reported from Santiago.

The President has awakened to the situation and decided to send 15,000 men to strengthen Gen. Otis.

The Pomona Grange of Tioga county representing 2000 grangers, fired hot shot at Governor Stone for cutting down the school appropriation.

The Transcaspian region of Asiatic Russia is threatened with famine, owing to the prolonged drought and a plague of locusts.

The wife of kidnapper Barrow, for playing a part in the stealing of little Marion Clark, has been sentenced to 12 years in Auburn state prison. The husband, a week previous, received 14 years. Not a bit too severe.

Vendetta Prayer Answered. The widow of Tom Baker, leader of one of the factions of the Baker-Howard feud, has her wish fulfilled. She became the mother the other day of a boy, her twelfth son. On June 11 Mrs. Baker said:

"I have prayed to God that my unborn child may be a boy, so he can help his 11 brothers in the work of avenging their father's death. I shall teach all my boys that their aim in life is to slay the men who are responsible for poor Tom's murder."

Judge Pershing Resigns. During his long term of service in the Schuylkill county courts, Judge Cyrus L. Pershing has made for himself an enviable reputation as an able jurist and an upright Judge. His retirement is rendered necessary by ill health and the infirmities of age, and it will be regretted most by the people who know him best.—Philad. Ledger.

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For the Housewife. Do not sweeten fruit juices until after the straining is done; otherwise a part of the sugar will be wasted. It is best to strain very acid juices through coarse linen, cotton or cheese cloth, or an earthen colander, as tin discolors the liquid.

Horses Died. Farmers Edwin Stump and John Conley, east of town, each lost a valuable horse by disease the last week. The animals were valuable ones and their losses are by no means of a small figure.

New Rule for Townships.—To Be Governed by Commissioners.

Township government in thickly settled parts of the State will be revolutionized by the law which goes into effect on January 1, for the classification of townships with respect to their population into two classes. A. J. Cassatt, the new president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who has deeply interested himself, is said to be the father of the act.

Under the new law townships of the first class are those having a population of at least 300 to the square mile. All other townships are assigned to the second class.

The act provides that the County Commissioners in every county of the State shall commence the work of classification by proclamation before January 1 next. The new township government will go into force on the first Monday of March.

In townships of the first class the new township officers are to be elected on the third Tuesday of February. Five Township Commissioners are to be elected for a population of less than 5000, with one additional commissioner for each additional 2000 of population. The commissioners are to hold office for two years, and are not to receive any salary, nor are they eligible to any other office.

The new Township Commissioners are clothed with extensive powers, including the opening, grading and maintenance of highways, the curbing and paving of sidewalks, the establishment of sewer and drainage systems, and the abatement of nuisances, the maintenance of a night watch and police force, the arrest and imprisonment of vagrants and tramps, the purchase and maintenance of fire apparatus, and the regulation or prohibition of shows, circuses and public entertainments.

So far as townships of the second class are concerned the act provides that they are to be governed as heretofore under existing laws.

Sam Jones Says:

"When God gives a man a wife and six children, he has done a great deal for that man. But when he gives a man a society woman with a poodle dog, He has thrown off on him. These society women look upon children as a nuisance. I have had some of these society women shake hands with me. I had as soon shake a dead fish's tail. Would not give one of your old sock darned women for all the society women in the country. Between cutting off the top of the dress for the ballroom and the bottom for the bicycle, these society women will soon have no clothes left. Some people say you shouldn't speak this way before mixed audiences. Your old sisters wear high closed collars around their necks. That's modest and comely. But deliver me from the society women who wear their collars around their waists. You preachers don't talk that way, do you? You talk about the sweet bye and bye. You ought to talk about the nasty now and nbw."

Quay Puts Up for an Organ.

A Sellersgrove special says, Geo. W. Burns, editor of the State College Times, stopped off in that town on Monday on his return from New York, where he went, he said, to buy a printing press, with which he intends to fight Quay's battle in Centre county to the bitter end. He made the further statement that Quay had furnished the money for the press.

This, with the Gazette, would give the Quay wing two organs in this county.

With this additional Quay organ there should be the happiest happiness among our Republican brethren.

Gen. King's Opinion of Filipinos.

Brigadier General King, who returned from the Philippines a short time ago, in a letter published a few days ago states that the capability of the Filipinos for self government cannot be doubted, and if given a fair start they could look out for themselves infinitely better than our people imagine. He says they rank far higher than the Cubans or the uneducated negroes to whom the United States has given the right of suffrage.

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Try the Reporter for all job printing.

HASTINGS DRIVEN TO CORNER

REPUBLICAN SITUATION FROM A DEMOCRATIC STANDPOINT.

A Correspondent Takes a Clear View of the Great Battle now On in the Republican Ranks.—The Base Ingratitude Shown Hastings by Some who Received no Little Favors from His Generous Hands.—A Bitter Fight Waged.

To the Editor of the Reporter:—There seems to be serious trouble in the Republican ranks. My business requires me to travel all over Centre county, and as a Democrat I see and hear all sides of the approaching contest for the election of delegates to the Republican State Convention.

General Hastings is a bitter partisan; he has always been opposed to all things Democratic; he has made many bitter contests in the county. While he don't openly quarrel with the Democracy, he gives them a jolt wherever possible. My experience in Centre county politics is that if Hastings could be downed by the Love faction, it would be the best thing that could happen to the Democratic party.

During the four years he was at Harrisburg, we regained much that we had lost while he was at the head of the party here, and if this fight keeps up, we have nothing to fear for the future.

At the great reception at Bellefonte, given to Hastings on his return from Harrisburg he publicly announced that he had no further ambition for office; that he would take his place as a citizen and reserving his own personal political views, would consecrate himself to the building up of the industries of Bellefonte and Centre county. We think he was entirely sincere in this promise, but he appears to have been driven into a corner by his political enemies, and he apparently had no way out excepting to fight out.

The opposition to him made a serious mistake when they undertook to nominate and elect two of his personal enemies as delegates to the State Convention. His friends say there would have been no contest if Miller and Dunwiddie had not entered the race for State delegates. Their personal enmity to Hastings convinced the latter's friends that it was intended to be a personal slap and deliberate indignity and they resented it, and selected the two old soldiers, Captain Williams and Captain Gowland, and put them in the lists.

Miller is a carpet bagger from Ohio, who came here but ten years ago. He is a vender of patent rights and is reported to be traveling the county electioneering for delegates, but ostensibly selling a new patent rat trap.

When Hastings was invited by the Bellefonte Grand Army Post to deliver the Memorial address, last month, it is said that Miller protested vehemently against it; that it would give Hastings undue prominence. "Count me out," said he, "if you invite Hastings." The Post proceeded to count him out by a unanimous vote, excepting Miller's. This is Miller's style of rat-trap politics. Hastings naturally does not want two personal enemies to go to the State Convention to misrepresent the sentiment of Centre county, because, you may talk as you please, he has the confidence and respect of the best men in both parties. His fearless and independent efforts to stand by the people while he was Governor, are not forgotten. The best proof of this assertion is that no newspaper in the state, Democratic or Republican, has been able to pick any flaw in his administration. All admit that it was able, fearless, and absolutely honest. This is what puts the "free Beer and low School appropriation" crowd down on him and will beat him if they can. They are promising everything for delegates against him including census enumerators, whose selection they have no more power to control, being under civil service rules, than they have the naming of the Princes in the Corea Islands.

From a political standpoint Hastings has made many blunders in Centre county. He seems to be color blind to friend and foe. His appointments to office while he was Governor, have nearly all turned up against him, and it is no wonder that his feelings are hurt. He appointed Beaver to the Superior Court, when the salary was a God-send to the latter. He nominated Love for Judge, and presented him with a thousand dollars, in cold cash, to help him along. Both of these judicial functionaries have turned up against him. He gave John M. Dale, the Bellefonte lawyer, a Receivership worth ten thousand dollars, which was more money than Dale ever earned in all his previous life. Dale has perhaps, committed the greatest crime of ingratitude of them all. Hastings took Hamilton out of security and

made him Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. Two years ago Hamilton told the people of the county in his speeches that Quay was so corrupt he wouldn't have him darken his door; now, Hamilton is sounding Quay's praises from the office of the Secretary of Agriculture. Chambers, whom Hastings also took out of obscurity and made Deputy Revenue Collector, now turns up with a position whose salary is \$2400 per year, and whose duties no one is able to find out; and Chambers is spending all of his time and a good deal of people's money in trying to down Hastings. Chambers went to Harrisburg and made Governor Stone believe that he carried Centre county in his pocket, and Stone gave him a position worth \$2400 a year, with instructions to bring down the delegates. Chambers expects to lead Miller and Dunwiddie to Harrisburg and deliver them over as full consideration for the \$2400 per year of the people's money which he is getting, still Hastings is entitled to no sympathy whatever. He was a fool for trusting them. He was too stupid to comprehend Republican ingratitude. He should have known better. These infamous, repulsive, and brutal returns for favors received, are only what he might have expected. They will send, if they can, the personal enemies of Hastings to Harrisburg, and will make the state believe, if possible, that the quality of gratitude has no habitation in the Republican party of Centre county.

I find much sympathy for Hastings over the county; the sympathy that always comes to a brave man who is not afraid to do right; who always extends a helping hand; who is blind to friend or foe when he can help a neighbor. He sent scores of unfortunate people suffering from incurable diseases, from Centre county to the different hospitals of the state for free treatment, and there are many families throughout the county, who remember his big hearted sympathy for their loved ones. He was the first of all the states to answer the demand of the Government for troops in the Spanish war, and Pennsylvania's quota was first in the field. He never left a Regiment from Pennsylvania, or any other state, pass through Harrisburg without furnishing every soldier in the troops, at his own expense, with a cup of coffee and a sandwich. He organized the first state hospital train, that went to the Southern Military Camps to bring home Pennsylvania's sick and dying soldiers and set an example followed by nearly all the northern states.

He called out the stricken Pennsylvania soldiers from every hospital in the country and brought them home; and arranged to bring back the dead to interment at their former homes. In other words, Hastings has shown himself to be a kindly, tender hearted man, without enough sense to tell the difference between friend and foe when he could do them a favor. He is now reaping the fruit of his inability, to distinguish between friend and traitor. In this regard he is a poor politician, and as politics go he is liable to be sacrificed on the altar of his former friends. But there is no gratitude or sympathy in politics; political gratitude is said to be a lively appreciation of favors yet to come.

One thing is certain, however, that Hastings is traveling along hard lines, for which he is mostly responsible himself, and if "Rat-Trap Miller" and Dunwiddie are elected to the Republican State Convention, the Democratic nominees may go to sleep in Centre county, because, they are sure to have no future trouble from that source. OBSERVER.

Judge Bell vs. Bridge Building.

Judge Bell, of Blair county, uttered a protest against unnecessary bridge building by the county commissioners, in court at Hollidaysburg. Last year the county expended \$27,032 for bridges, and the court holds that this is too much, and that the law imposes no obligation upon the county to build bridges over rivulets and creeks where the construction can be easily done by townships and boroughs.

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; E. A. Carson, Fellers Mills; H. F. Rosman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Hand and Heart. Give me the man who loves his work, However hard it be; Who only thinks it mean to shirk, And hates the hireling's plea; Though hands and face be hard and brown, That were a trivial thing; Who wears his duty like a crown Is every inch a king. No honest labor can disgrace The man whose heart is true; He scorns himself and not his place Who can consent to do In any mean, half-hearted way The common tasks of every day Are all ordained of heaven. Is thy task lowly? Lift it up! Let it be wisely willed. Who cares how poor and plain the cup? So it be richly filled. Be it thy task to till the soil, Or do the drudge's part, Fill thy poor cup of common toil With nobleness of heart. —Atlanta Constitution

Rainfall last night, .77 inch.

Did you sniff the new-mown hay? Cherries and berries are trump now. Emanuel Noll, Bellefonte, has been granted a pension, \$6.

The recent rains keep vegetation booming. All looks fair. Cherries, from wagons, 5c a quart; huckleberries, 6c a quart.

The prospect is promising for a good potato crop in this county. Golden Eagle picnic, Milesburg Castle, at Hecla Park, August 24.

The next annual meeting of the state grange will be held in Sunbury next December.

Our farmers are busy making hay. The quality is good and the crop above the average.

Our next-door neighbor, Brisbin, has erected a new porch over the entire front of his house.

Lightning has done serious harm to persons and buildings in many localities within the past few weeks. Strohmeier's crimson Rambler rosebush is the prettiest thing in town. Thanks for the roses sent us.

We had immense hail stones, but fortunately far less than adjoining counties, hence little damage.

The wheat has ripened and many farmers have started their binders. The crop will be under 75 per cent.

Jonathan Shutt, late of Centrehill, writes us from Clinton county he lost two good horses within two months.

Subscribers in the mountain sections can square Reporter dues with huckleberries, raspberries, or blackberries.

Farmer McClellan and Henry Potter, of Linden Hall, were among the first to make hay middle of last week.

On 15, married at Stormstown, John Stewart, of Sewickley, Pa., and Miss Pearl, daughter of Rev. S. Mattern.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, July 2: At Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; St. Johns church, 2 p. m.; Georges valley 10 a. m.

The Linden Hall Lumber Company, now in operation about ten years, will have work enough in their territory for three or four years yet.

Arthur Lee is running the repair and smithshop at the Reits lumber camp beyond Linden Hall, temporarily until the return of Mr. Snively.

Superintendent J. W. Gephart, of Central R.R., is adding to the life of Bellefonte by the improvements under his charge and brought about by his energetic spirit.

G. D. Wilkinson, of near Williamsport, has a contract to peel 6,000 cords of bark in the Black Forest region. He employs 120 men, 20 teams, and his pay roll is said to be \$1,500 a week.

The wife of Thomas J. Small, jr., of Mackeyville, died at the home of her father, Capt. Samuel Benson, in Walker township, on evening of 19th, aged 25 years. Death caused by incipient paralysis.

Had a terrific thunder gust, 4.30 to 4.45 last Friday afternoon, 23. Hall as large as hickory nuts and walnuts fell, there being no wind, the hail came down straight and no windows were broken, nor were they so plenty as to do much damage to crops.

Daniel L. Evans, son of Rev. L. K. Evans, of Pottstown, starts to-day for a 1300-mile bicycle trip through the New England States. Young Evans might make an ellipse of his journey, return via the centre of York state to Centre Hall thence to his grandfather and grandmother Evans near Spring Mills.

In Dunnstable township, Clinton county, on Saturday afternoon, the large barn, two large tobacco sheds and a corn crib, on the Woods Ferguson estate, were struck by lightning and burned. 40 tons of hay, 500 bushels of wheat, with all farm implements, were burned. Loss, \$5000 to \$7000, and partly insured.