



WASHINGTON LETTER.

A GOLD DEMOCRATIC TICKET BEING AGITATED.

The Republicans at the Bottom of the Movement.—The Democrats Will not be Divided in the next Campaign.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Republican wishes father the story sent out from Washington several days ago, that a movement was on foot to put another gold Democratic presidential ticket in the field next year. No such movement is known among Democrats and no such action is expected to get the support of any considerable number of Democrats, because they all know that it is not being instigated by Democrats, but by Republicans, whose only object is to draw support away from the regular Democratic ticket. A number of Democrats who took part in organizing the Palmer and Buckner movement, have since acknowledged their mistake and their regret, and expressed their intention to stand by the regular nominations hereafter, because the Democratic party as a whole stands for most of the things they believe in. Although Republican money is likely to be freely used to bring about such a condition, there is absolutely nothing in sight at this time, to indicate the nomination of a gold Democratic ticket next year.

There is much shaking and quaking in the old Alger clique in the War Department, because of a rumor, which seems to have foundation, that Secretary Root, who is now in Washington, preparatory to being sworn in tomorrow and taking charge intends to reorganize the War Department from bottom to top. Certainly no other department of the government needs a thorough reorganization more than the one over which Mr. Root has been chosen to preside, but the clique is powerful and Secretary Root may find himself unable to overthrow the Algerites. If he is wise, he will get Gen. Miles on his side, by restoring him the authority of which he was deprived by Alger.

Attorney General Griggs, before going off on his summer vacation, shattered the hopes of numerous persons who thought they had everything fixed to secure valuable Porto Rican concessions from the war department, by rendering opinions upon three specific concessions.—The right to use the water power of the river Plata, the right to build and operate a tramway, the right to build and control, for all time, piers and wharves at Ponce. These opinions take the ground that all such concessions were the crown property of Spain, and sums them all, and apparently all other concessions on the island, up as follows: "As crown property, they were, by the treaty of cession, transferred by Spain to the U. S. of America, and are now a part of the public domain of that nation. I do not know of any right or power which the Secretary of War or the President has to alienate in perpetuity, any of the public domain of the U. S., except in accordance with acts of Congress, duly passed with reference thereto." This is understood to be a hint to Alger of the power of the administration to make trouble for him and his business friends, who are heavily interested in some Cuban deals, if he attempts to antagonize the administration.

Representative Griffith, who represents the Indiana district which sent the late Judge Holman to Congress for so many years, said of politics in his state, and he knows: "Indiana will send to the Democratic National convention a solid Bryan delegation. The men who were for Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform, in 1896, have not weakened in their faith regarding either. I am one of those who believe in the indestructibility of the principles of Democracy, and though the party may suffer temporary defeat, it is sure to regain ascendancy, for it represents better than any other political organization, the true interests of the people. The predominant issue in 1900 is very apt to be war upon the trusts, and upon this, the Democrats will be in far better position than their opponents. The voters of the country cannot be deluded by anti-trust declarations of the Republican convention; they understand that there is no real antagonism between the leading men of that party and the trusts, but that on the contrary, the closest intimacy exists, seeing that most of the influential Republicans are thoroughly identified with combines and monopolies. We had a great chance in 1896, and we came very near success, and we will have just as good a chance in 1900. I see nothing in the situation that is discouraging to Democrats, but on the contrary much that betokens a winning campaign.

One of the conundrums of the hour is why the sending of a cablegram to Gen. Otis, conveying an expression of

Mr. McKinley's confidence in him, and satisfaction with all he has done, including his press censoring, should have been kept secret for ten days after it was sent? Some say that Mr. McKinley wanted to ascertain how far public sentiment would go in supporting the demand for the recall of Otis, and that if that demand had been a little stronger, the cablegram would have been suppressed entirely. It was evidently kept back for some purpose. And it wouldn't have been the first time that official matters have been made public or suppressed by this administration in deference to the state of public opinion.

Centre County Insurgent Victory.

Says one of the dailies: "One year ago when the Quay people won their great victory in this county for Arnold it was at the expense of turning down Clement Dale, Centre county's candidate for the congressional conference, and the man whom Governor Hastings endorsed. Mr. Dale has declared his intention of going into the congressional race again next year, and it is believed that Governor Hastings will not only again endorse him, but put forth his every effort to secure him the nomination, just to even up the score of last year's defeat." Another: "To what length the stalwarts went to win the contest can be judged when it is now known that the administration gave notice to the State college authorities that they must turn in and do everything in their power to win if they wanted further aid from the State. The stalwarts, having been defeated and the administration dealt a telling blow, friends of the college are now speculating as to whether that institution will receive any further support from the Stone administration. Just what will be the outcome of the insurgent victory in Centre county is hard to predict."

Alaskan Discoveries.

The party of scientists who went to Alaska a month ago, made several important discoveries. Among these is an immense bay extending inland over 20 miles. At the upper end of the bay they have discovered a great glacier, inferior only to Muir Glacier in size. This bay was named Unknown Bay.

Four other new glaciers which have never before been seen by white men were found at the head of Disenchantment Bay. In Icy Bay, opposite Carroll's Glacier, an immense glacier three quarters of a mile in width was discovered and named Harriman's Glacier. In the bay where the Grand Pacific Glacier is located observations were taken which show that its ice wall has receded three miles since Muir and Reed visited the locality and established their survey 20 years ago.

Fighting Bob at Church.

Fighting Bob Evans dressed in citizens clothes, went to church on a Sunday not long ago. Upon entering the house of worship he seated himself in a vacant pew about midway up the aisle. Soon afterwards a gentleman and lady walked in and seated themselves in the same pew. The gentleman looked ugly at Bob and the lady partly turned her back on him. The gentleman stood it as long as he could and then passed a card over to Bob which read as follows: "I pay \$2,500 annually for this pew." Bob glanced at the card and then passed it back with the following written on the other side: "You pay too damned much." The preacher then announced his text, "It's Blessed to Dwell Together in the House of the Lord," or words to that effect.

Well Patronized.

The ladies of the M. E. church held an ice cream and cake festival on the lawn at the home of Wm. Lohr. A rain during the evening marred the success of the affair, but the ladies cleared over thirty dollars.

About one month ago my child, which is fifteen months old, had an attack of diarrhoea accompanied by vomiting. I gave it such remedies as are usually given in such cases, but as nothing gave relief, we sent for a physician and it was under his care for a week. At this time the child had been sick for about ten days and was having about twenty-five operations of the bowels every twelve hours, and we were convinced that unless it soon obtained relief it would not live. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was recommended and I decided to try it. I soon noticed a change for the better; by its continued use a complete cure was brought about and it is now perfectly healthy.—C. L. Boggs, Stumptown, Gilmer Co., W. Va. 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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Visiting Niagara Falls, Toronto, Thousand Islands, Quebec, Montreal, Au Sable Chasm, Lake Champlain and Lake George, Saratoga, and the Highlands of the Hudson. Leave Philadelphia by special train August 12. The tour will be in charge of one of the company's experienced tourist agents, and a chaperon, having especial charge of unescorted ladies, will also accompany the party.

The rate of \$100 from New York, Brooklyn, Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and Washington covers railway and boat fare for the entire round trip, parlor-car seats, meals en route, hotel entertainment, transfer charges, and carriage hire.

For detailed itinerary, tickets, or any additional information, address Tourist Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 1196 Broadway, New York; Ticket Agent, 860 Fulton Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad St. Station, Philadelphia. aug3-2t

NEWS NOTES

Altoona is alarmed over the spread of small-pox.

Elihu Root, a New York lawyer, is now secretary of war in place of Alger.

Dr. A. L. Lee and twenty other Ohio gold seekers, were drowned at Crook's Inlet, in the Klondike.

A mad bull gored Frank Reynolds, of Shippensburg. A law should be passed requiring the dehorning of all bulls, since there are so many cases of injuries and deaths from goring by these animals.

James Campbell, of Philadelphia, insisted he would die on July 31. He spent Sunday evening arranging for his anticipated funeral, and was found dead in bed on Monday morning, caused by neuralgia of the heart.

Epidemics rage the world over. Yellow fever, cholera, small-pox and the plague break out in many lands, causing many deaths. At Hong Kong there have been 273 in three weeks and at Iamsui, 378 in thirty-five days all due to the plague.

Kindness of wins unexpectedly. A wealthy German munificently rewarded Miss Emma Tobin, of Chester, Pa., for some typewriting she did for him, and declined to be rewarded, as she was only too happy to oblige a stranger. A day or two ago a letter post-marked Berlin was handed Miss Tobin, informing her that for her kindness three years ago, he intended to send her \$35,000.

How to Keep Apples Sound.

Cut this out and try it: A Kentuckian says, he has a cellar which is kept at the same temperature all the year; and he has discovered that by putting apples in it in such a way that they will not touch each other they may be kept sound for months and possibly years.

He also has a method by which he will, in the future, buy eggs at the times of the year when they are cheap and keep them for months when he can receive a handsome price for them. He finds that by permitting pure, fresh water to run over eggs constantly they may be kept sound for months.

Improvements.

Dr. Hosterman's new brownstone house is nearing completion. The masons are through with the exterior and the scaffolding torn away. The building shows up handsomely. The plasterers are at work on the inside, and their work will be followed by that of the steam fitters.

John Martz, our shoemaker, is having his new house plastered, and expects to have it ready for occupancy in course of a short time.

One of the handsomest and most substantial porches that graces our town, is the one just completed for Mrs. Flora Bairfoot, in front of her residence. It is Colonial in design, wide and spacious, with massive pillars. Aaron Thomas and son Calvin did the work, and did it only as good artisans can. It is a credit to them.

L. A. W. Meet, Boston.

For the Annual Meet of the League of American Wheelmen at Boston, August 14 to 19, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets, from all points on its line, to Boston at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold on August 12 to 14, good to return August 14 to 20 when properly executed before agent of initial line from Boston. Upon depositing ticket with city ticket agent of initial line from Boston, not later than August 19, and the payment of fifty cents, tickets may be extended to leave Boston not later than August 31.

Bicycles carried free when not accompanied by other baggage. Special arrangements for clubs traveling as a body. aug3-2t

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

MATTERS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Cleanings and Clipping from our Exchanges Supervisor Reed, of This District, Gets Orders to take the Census.

Although the census will not be taken until June, 1900, the work of getting ready is going on. Mr. Reed, of Sunbury, who will be supervisor of this district, has received a circular of instruction from the director of the census. Following are some of the important instructions:

The supervisor must consult with the director of the census in regard to the sub-division of his district for the purpose of enumerating. He has the power to appoint the enumerators for the various sub-divisions within his district, subject to the approval of the director.

He must thoroughly examine all returns and must use great diligence in correcting all mistakes. He must send in to the director the accounts showing the amount of compensation due each enumerator.

He is to assist the director in subdividing his district. The law provides that no enumerator have any district assigned to him with over 4000 inhabitants. It also provides that enumeration commence June 1, 1900, and the returns of each enumerator must be in the hands of the supervisor by July 1 of the same year. In cities of over 8000 inhabitants, the returns must be in within two weeks from June 1st.

The appointments for the office of enumerator must be non-partisan. The appointee must be an active, energetic person of good address. It is advised that physicians living in the county, would make good enumerators. Postmasters in small offices are to be given a certain preference.

No person directly or indirectly connected in the assessment of property shall be appointed. Persons under 21 years of age may be appointed if desirable.

Women may also be appointed as deemed advisable. The rates of compensation to be paid enumerators will be announced later.

The schedule of inquiries cover four points: Population, morality, agricultural and manufactures.

The supervisor is to receive \$1000 and in addition thereto \$1 for each thousand or majority fraction thereof enumerated.

He is also allowed actual and necessary traveling expenses and an allowance for subsistence not exceeding \$3 a day when absent from his usual place of residence. He is also allowed clerk hire when deemed advisable by the director.

Checks Must be Stamped.

The following circular has been issued by the commissioners of internal revenue, addressed to the several collectors:

You are directed to notify the banks that are guilty of stamping unstamped checks that if the practice is not immediately discontinued they will be reported to the United States district attorney for prosecution. The instruction contained in treasury decision No. 19,606, under the date of June 29, 1899, to the effect that there was no objection to the affixing by the bank of the requisite stamps to an unstamped check presented for payment is hereby revoked. The instruction was given to meet an emergency immediately preceding the taking effect of the stamp act on July 1, 1898, in order to obviate the necessity of returning by the banks thousands of unstamped checks issued by drawers in ignorance of the law. The law being now generally understood there is no further need of such permission."

International Cyclopedia.

The International Cyclopedia in fifteen Royal Octavo volumes, revised edition, to which has been added the International Year Book for 1898. Its official adoption for use in the schools of our four largest cities, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston, together with its constant use in the libraries of leading educational institutions, Public Libraries, High schools, Academies, private libraries, and endorsement by leading clergymen and prominent educators throughout the country, is the strongest proof of its real practical value, its every day usefulness. Sold by subscription only, either for cash or on the easy payment plan. Dodd, Mead & Co. publishers, New York and Chicago. For prices and terms apply to J. F. GARTHOFF, Coburn, Pa., solicitor for Centre Co.

A Family Reunion.

A reunion of the Decker family will take place at the Frederick Decker homestead at State College, on the 9th of August. All members of this family are invited to be present.

Foster's Weather Outlook.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from July 29 to August 2, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about August 3, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 4, great central valleys 5 to 7, eastern states 8.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about August 3, great central valleys 5, eastern states 7. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about August 6, great central valleys 8, eastern states 10.

Temperature of the week ending 8 a. m. August 14 will average about normal and rainfall above normal east of the Rockies, below west.

Another storm disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about August 9, cross west of Rockies country by close of 10, great central valleys 11 to 13, eastern states 14.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies country about 9, great central valleys 11, eastern states 13. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about 12, great central valleys 14, eastern states 16.

August temperature will average about normal in the southern, above on the Pacific slope and below in the northern states. Coolest weather will be from Florida to Montreal in the Atlantic states and warmest on north Pacific coast, relative to the normal. The corn belt will have warm weather and sufficient rains to make a good crop. The Pacific slope will be dry, and thus favor the northern Pacific slope wheat crop.

Severe storms may be expected not far from August 18 and heavy rains of small extent.

East of the Rockies the first half of August will average cooler than the last half and much below normal. In the same localities the last half of August will be the reverse of the first half. West of the Rockies temperature will be the reverse of east of that line.

A great warm wave, causing a sudden change in the weather from cool to warm, will cross the continent from west to east about 15 to 20, reaching the 93rd meridian not far from 10.

Most rain will fall in New England states and between the Mississippi river and the Rockies. A rain belt will extend from Texas to Minnesota. Least rain will fall on the northern Pacific slope, about the lower lakes, and in southern Florida.

A Wild Tale About John Rohn's Body. An engineer on the Beech Creek railroad reports that the body of John Rohn, who so mysteriously disappeared on April 6 last, was discovered sewed up in the body of a cow, which was buried near Karthaus.

For four months the detectives have been seeking with untiring energy to find the body of the man, who many believe was foully murdered. They have exhaustively searched over a territory covering 50,000 acres.

Some suggested that a cow had died and been buried on the day that Rohn disappeared, and it might be possible that the body of the wealthy lumberman had been buried in the same grave.

The grave was at last found, the body of the cow taken up, and the remains of a human body, cut into pieces and frightfully mutilated, are said to have been discovered.

The general opinion is that these remains are those of Rohn, although they have not yet been positively identified. The great mystery seems to be on the eve of being solved, and the excitement runs high. Arrests are expected at any moment.

Thus They Were Married.

An exchange prints the following marriage ceremony, which was said by a Tennessee Squire a short time ago: "Wilt thou take her for thy pard; for better or for worse; to have, to hold, to fondly guard till hauled off in a hearse? Wilt thou let her have her way, consult her many wishes, make the fire every day and help her wash the dishes? Wilt thou comfort and support her father and her mother, aunt Jemima and uncle John, three sisters and a brother? And his face grew pale and blank; it was too late to jilt; as through the floor he sank he said: "I wilt."

Free Methodists at Clearfield.

A great sensation has been caused in Clearfield by the extraordinary revival meetings of the Free Methodists. A few days ago some sixty men and women came to the park and formed a camp meeting. They were from McKean, Elk, Clarion and Cameron counties. They parade the streets of the town before each of their meetings, singing hymns and exhorting the crowd. At their meetings their religious ecstasies recall the tales of the last century. During a heavy storm one woman lay for two hours in a trance, another ran up and down in front of the platform until she dropped exhausted to the ground. Others watch nightly for the second coming. Great crowds attend the meetings.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

The Summer Man.

Dolly's out of town, and I, Though I for her presence sigh, Find her absence, as a rule, Helps me keep a trifle cool.

Thus she is not here to note When I smoke; I wear no coat, And I dine—just think of that!— Without collar or cravat.

All about our house I drop Garments where I chance to stop. Rooms look mussy, I confess, Where I happen to undress.

So I pass my days and nights, Never setting things to rights, If she were home I know she'd frown; But just now Dolly's out of town. —Chicago Record.

Pic-nics are in full blast.

A soaking rain now would do corn and potatoes much good.

A heavy thunder gust passed over parts of this county on Wednesday afternoon.

Always put in a good word and a good action too for Centre Hall to help the town along.

The Penn's Railroad Company announces the next Seashore Excursion on Thursday, August 10th.

If you want a nice, pleasant, healthy location to start a business in, try Centre Hall. Come and see.

Our esteemed townsman, Simon Harper, is still confined to his room with slight improvement.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Aug. 6: Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; Spring Mills, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville 2 p. m.

Rev. Christine, by close application, has succeeded in having a rich lawn around the Presbyterian parsonage.

Rev. and Mrs. Christine a few days ago were in the Bear Meadows picking huckleberries that grow on trees.

Huckleberries are very plenty on the mountain above our town, and many are the pickers each day, each returning with a bucket full some with two vessels well filled.

Centre and Clinton counties Business Men's Picnic, at Hecla Park, August 31. In case of rain on that day the Picnic will be postponed to the day following.

Recent Millin county deaths: Barbara Miller, of Bratton twp., aged 93 years. In Milroy, Levi Rex, age 65 years. In Wayne twp., Mary Vincent, aged 53 years.

The Chinese in San Francisco are one of our oddest elements. In Dr. Doyle's tale—"The Illumination of Lee Moy"—in August "New Lippincott," all the color, pathos, and queerness are lastingly pictured.

A trust is now being formed to control the entire coffee product of the world. If something is not done to head this insidious growth, the water and air supply of the world will some day be dished out by a trust.

Seumas Mac Manus, A. J. W. Frazer, Ray Staunard Baker, and three new writers will contribute short stories to McClure's Magazine for August, which will be a midsummer fiction number with a special cover by Will H. Low and an abundance of fine pictures.

The low rates offered by the Penn's Railroad Company for an excursion to the Seashore, Thursday August 10th, will allow excursionists to go either to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglessa, Holy Beach or Wildwood.

Under a late law boys under 16 years are prohibited from selling junk unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Heretofore junk dealers encouraged boys to bring brass, copper and valuable fittings to them and it had a tendency to make young boys dishonest.

Under a new law manufacturers of baskets must plainly stamp as "short" baskets or boxes of less than standard capacity, and any marketman who sells undersized baskets of fruit not stamped "short" is liable to arrest and a fine of \$25.

Broad street, Philadelphia, is unique in being exactly 113 feet wide and 11 miles long. It is now paved with asphalt for seven miles, but will soon be asphalted its entire length, and then have the distinction of being the longest and widest smoothly paved straight street in the world. It passes through the heart of the city.

From the agricultural department it is given out that the fall crops everywhere are in a promising condition, and rains generally sufficient to keep vegetation in thriving growth. Altoona and scores of other towns that in past years suffered from want of water are not complaining now, rains thus far having been sufficient for all needs. This is also correct as to our own county. The field crops have had sufficient rain thus far, and we hear of no suffering for want of rains; springs are having their average flow.