



WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE PRESIDENT WILL STUMP IN OHIO.

He's Fearful of a Democratic Governor in the Buckeye State.—Boss Platt after the Vice Presidency.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—A distinction without a difference is that made by Republicans who say that Mr. McKinley will not make some speeches in Ohio, but will probably make speeches from the rear platform of the train upon which he will pass through Ohio on his coming trip to and from the west. It really looks as though that trip had been arranged solely for the purpose of giving Mr. McKinley an opportunity to make some speeches in Ohio, which he has been assured by his party managers are very much needed. He and his party managers may call them "rear platform" or any other kind of speeches they please, but the people will know them for the stump speeches they will be, and they will not be inclined to think any more of the President of the U. S. who is willing to engage in such business, even to help pull his party out of a very deep hole.

Boss Platt has been in Washington, and it is believed that he tried to make a deal for the Vice Presidential nomination for a New Yorker, it being now pretty generally understood that Mr. Hobart is to "voluntarily" retire, and that Governor "Teddy" doesn't want the nomination. It is said that Platt told Mr. McKinley that any man from his state would please him, but suggested Senator Depew and Secretary Root as available men. One of Mr. Depew's close friends says that having just secured a full term in the Senate, he would not for a moment think of giving it up to accept the Vice Presidential nomination. Secretary Root might take it if he could get it.

Since Reed's retirement there has been much talk about members of the House being allowed more liberty at the coming session of Congress. Those who did this talking believed in it, but an announcement of Speaker-to-be Henderson's program for the Republican financial bill, does not indicate an increase of liberty for members; only a transfer of silent obedience from Czar Reed to King Caucus. It is said to be Mr. Henderson's intention to bring the financial bill before a Republican caucus, as soon as Congress meets to get it endorsed and ordered passed. Then the bill will be railroaded through the House before the committees are announced. The excuse given for this action, which will be decidedly unusual, in dealing with one of the most important subjects that Congress is ever called upon to handle—the country's money—is that if the bill was allowed to take the usual course, it might never get out of the committee on Banking and Currency, to which it should properly be referred after being introduced in the House, or might be changed by that Committee. If this program is really to be carried out, the House caucus should first vote to abolish the banking and currency committee.

Representative Berry, of Ky., has been somewhat annoyed by being misrepresented as to his attitude towards Col. Bryan. While in Washington, a day or two ago, Col. Berry took occasion to say, with an emphasis which left no doubt of his meaning every word: "My opinion is that Bryan will be the nominee of the Democracy, and I have a further opinion that he will get votes enough to elect him President of the U. S."

The kicking of Senator Wellington out of the Chairmanship of the Maryland Republican State Committee has, in the opinion of those who know the situation thoroughly, made the carrying of the state by the Democrats a certainty. A Maryland Republican is quoted as having said: "I would not be surprised if Smith should be elected Governor by 40,000 plurality. The Wellington incident, the independent revolt, and the Schley affair have given the Democrats an advantage that cannot now be overcome." Democrats have expressed confidence in redeeming the state from the beginning of the campaign. The turning down of Wellington makes it certain that he will join Senators Hoar and Mason in attacking the Philippine policy of Mr. McKinley, in the Senate, and with the assistance of Democratic Senators, they can and will give the administration considerable trouble. Take it all in all, Mr. McKinley has no reason to look forward to the coming session of Congress with pleasant anticipations.

Late advices do not bear out the statement so often made in official documents, that Filipino private soldiers only participate in the war because they are afraid of their officers. Gen. Otis believed in that theory once, but since he offered \$40 cash and personal immunity to every Filipino soldier who surrendered a gun, he has changed

his mind. Only one Filipino offered to take advantage of that offer, and before the money was paid to him, it was found out that he was acting in partnership with one of our own soldiers, who had captured the gun surrendered, and was trying to secure some pocket money through the credulity of Gen. Otis. Speaking of the Philippines, there is much talk in Washington concerning the recent activity and daring of the Filipinos, who seemed to be able to operate during the rainy season, even if Gen. Otis cannot. Their attack on a train within thirty-five miles of Manila was certainly not the act of cowards.

Milton Fair.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Milton, October 3, 4, 5, and 6, valid for return passage until October 7, 1899, inclusive, at single fare for the round trip (minimum rate 25 cents.)

Special trains will be run Thursday, October 5, through to Bellefonte, leaving Fair Ground at 5.55 p. m., Milton, 6.09 p. m., stopping at all stations on the L. & T. R. R., arriving at Centre Hall at 8.09 p. m., and Bellefonte 8.50 p. m.

Special trains will be run between Milton and Fair Ground, October 4 and 6, every fifteen minutes from 11.30 a. m. to 2.00 p. m. and from 4.00 p. m. to 5.30 p. m.

Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6, regular trains Nos. 30 and 8 eastward and No. 31 westward will stop at Fair Ground to discharge passengers. Regular trains No. 32 eastward and No. 1 westward will stop at Fair Ground to receive passengers.

For time of regular trains consult time tables.

Found Dead in Bed.

Philip Swanger, an aged and respected resident was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Michael Stover, about two miles west of Woodward. He had gone to bed the night before in apparent good health, and did not respond to calls in the morning. An investigation revealed him dead, having expired during the night several hours before being discovered in the morning. Death was attributed to heart failure. His age was over 86 years. Eight children survive him, six daughters and two sons. Mrs. Matilda Noll, of near Centre Hall, is one of the daughters. The funeral will be held on Friday morning at Wolf's chapel.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Jacob B Kerstetter, of Coburn, Pa., and Clara F. Geary, of Millheim, Pa.

Ira A. Jones and Bertha Jodon, both of Coleville, Pa.

Elmer J. Fisher and Adaline McCloskey, both of Curtin township, Centre county, Pa.

Lorenzo O. Packer, of Romola, and S. Eleanor Krumrine, of Millheim, Pa.

George Bucha, and Lizzie Tkacs, both of Clarence.

May Lose Both Legs.

Col. James L. Hastings, brother of ex-Gov. D. H. Hastings, is in a Philadelphia hospital for treatment for a severe malady affecting both legs. The case is very serious and the attending physicians are of the opinion that both legs will have to be amputated. He is sixty years of age, and doubts are entertained for his recovery. Col. Hastings is a veteran of the civil war, and resides in Philadelphia.

The Man With the Hoe.

Some one has figured out how far a farmer has to walk to plant and attend to forty acres of corn. To plow the ground with a sixteen inch plow he walks 350 miles, to harrow it thoroughly before planting, fifty miles more, and to cultivate it afterwards, 350 miles, making a total of 750 miles, in addition to garnering.

Order Good.

The order in the town last week during the picnic was better than we have had during this annual gathering for years. Drunken persons were few, while not a fist encounter is on record within the boro limits. This is unusual considering the element always attracted to raise a disturbance.

Three Feasts Sure.

A Sunday school teacher asked her scholars if they could name three great Jewish feasts. After a moment's silence Johnny exclaimed in triumphant tones that he could. The teacher invited him to impart his information and he promptly sang out, "Breakfast, dinner and supper."

Fly in Wheat.

The wheat planted this fall is growing nicely and the general appearance is for a good crop, although there is complaint from some farmers that the fly is playing havoc with some fields. The fly in the wheat is very unusual at this time of the year.

CREASY'S SPEECH.

Interesting Reading For All Taxpayers. Farmer Creasy, among other things, said:

The party in power in this State has always been shielding the Trust. Mr. Beacom says: "I do not think any radical change should be made in the revenue system of the State at the present time (1898). The laws which have been in force for a length of time seem to be fairly satisfactory to the taxpayers, and as the operation of the others has not been fairly tested there does not seem to be any interest for new and untried schemes of taxation." And as the present Secretary of Agriculture, Prof. John Hamilton, said in his speech at Williams Grove, "that the State Treasurer was merely a clerk," and we know he has been in the employ of Quay, who changes this clerk every two years, therefore the statement by the State Treasurer was certainly made upon authority given him by the machine.

Hence it is evident that the tax conference bill that was championed by farmers was doomed for defeat long before the session opened, as this report bears date November 30, 1898. But, nevertheless, it passed the House by a vote of 131 to 9. In the Quay machine committee of the Senate this bill was killed.

To make the defeat of tax reform more certain, and to still further shield some of the corporations and all of the Trusts, typewritten statements were given to the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which were false, inasmuch as these statements made the total estimate of the expenditures for the year ending November 30, 1899, \$16,164,168.37, when the actual figures should be over \$700,000 more.

In examining the Auditor General's reports for 1897 and 1898 you will find that the license law of 1897, discriminating as it is, yields the following revenue:

Increase of licenses for State purposes from retailers . . . \$531,028.46
Brewers and distillers . . . 118,592.18
Bottlers 42,177.51

Total increase of the above . . . \$691,799.15
Three items amounts to . . . \$691,799.15

The same Auditor General's report for 1898 shows an increase in personal property tax of \$246,094.81 over 1897. This same report shows an increase of tax on municipal loans of \$215,968.84 over the report of 1897.

Dropping the odd figures we find that the revenues of 1898 should have exceeded those of 1897 by over \$1,100,000. Yet the reports of 1898 show only an increase of \$207,137.80. This difference of over \$900,000.00 can only be accounted for in that the corporations have not paid up as they should have done. Why is this? The interest on this alone in the report of 1899 should show \$108,000. Will it?

The Quay machine and its treasury looters have the floor. Now what has been done of late years by this band of wily politicians? It passed a tax law in 1897, of which I have spoken in detail, and in that act it taxes the little brewer 25 cents per barrel on his product and the big brewer 2 cents per barrel; the little distiller \$2.00 per barrel and the big distiller from 10 to 15 cents per barrel, when the Constitution plainly says: Art. I, Section 1, "That all taxes shall be uniform on the same class of subjects."

This machine at the last session passed a mercantile license law which will get the most of its increase from the poor people, such as candy and peanut vendors.

The Republicans in their platform have commended Governor Stone for his courageous administration and business capacity as an executive. And what for? For vetoing Constitutional amendments? For appointing his master United States Senator? Or for cutting the school appropriation one million dollars? All this may be courageous, but it is unconstitutional, unwise and unpatriotic.

The reduction of the school appropriation means an increase of taxes on our farms and other real estate, which we have been trying to reduce and equalize.

To be Mustered Out.

Company M, N. G. P., of Bellefonte, organized over a year when Co. B, of the town went to war, will be mustered out by order of the State officials. Bellefonte is too small a town to properly support two military companies and one had to go. Co. B is still up to the standard and will remain in service.

Died Near Bellefonte.

Mary E., wife of Henry Gordon, died at her home near McCoy & Linn's chain works, near Bellefonte, on Saturday, at the age of about sixty-nine years. A husband, three sons and a daughter survive her. The remains were interred at Bellefonte on Monday.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Major W. H. Hastings Awaiting Sentence in Philadelphia Courts.—He Pleads Guilty. —No Evidence Heard in Court.

Major Wm. H. Hastings, brother of ex-Gov. D. H. Hastings, who created such consternation by appearing in Bellefonte a couple weeks ago, and subsequently was arrested by two Philadelphia detectives, was up for trial before the Philadelphia courts on Tuesday.

Four true bills of indictment were on Monday returned by the Philadelphia Grand Jury against William H. Hastings, three written instruments charging him with fraudulently making written instruments, and one with obtaining money by false pretences.

On Tuesday Major Hastings was arraigned in Court No. 1, before Judge Beitler. The prisoner has been confined in the Moyamensing jail, being unable to furnish \$6,000 bail required. He was brought into court in charge of a deputy sheriff. When arraigned he plead guilty. Assistant District Attorney Finletter said that he did not wish to have the evidence heard at the time, and Judge Beitler deferred sentence. Hastings was immediately taken back to prison.

The charge against Hastings was obtaining a loan of \$5000 from the Third National Bank by means of three bogus invoices for rubber goods, purporting to have been sent to as many firms by the Hastings Truss Company, of which the defendant was president. After securing the loan, he decamped for Europe. The invoices were found to be bogus.

The Boro Taxes.

Boro collector Sando is putting out his tax notices and those wishing the benefit of 5 per cent. reduction, should not permit the date limit to pass before paying. The notices show a heavier tax than ever on boro account, and cause some quiet growling. The total is \$1097.47, namely, boro, \$488.84, and interest \$608.63. This is mainly on water account, making an average of \$9 to \$10 per taxable for water. Under the old company the average was \$4 to \$5.50. There is some complaint of assessments being unfair, some being close up to cash value, some 3-4, and some half cash value. This acts unfairly against some. If the half cash value is to be the basis and it is carried out on all properties, there can't be and will not be cause for complaint. Whatever be the basis, the law strictly prescribes uniformity on every class of property and leaves no loophole for any sworn official.

A New Adjutant for the Fifth.

Colonel Theodore Burchfield, commander of the Fifth regiment National Guard of Pennsylvania, has appointed Colonel W. Fred Reynolds, of Bellefonte, adjutant to succeed John S. Fair, recently appointed a captain in the Forty-third regiment United States volunteers. Colonel Reynolds was an officer on the staffs of ex-Governors Pattison and Hastings and is a first-class military man.

A Creditable Showing.

The Pennsylvania State College opened for the year 1899-1900 with the largest attendance in the college classes in the history of the institution. The freshmen and sub-freshmen are more than 40 per cent larger than the corresponding classes a year ago and there is every promise of a prosperous year. The grounds and buildings have been repaired and put in good order.

Look After Your Taxes.

The general election for this year occurs on Tuesday, November 7, and all poll taxes of those intending to vote on that day must be paid thirty days prior to that time, which brings it to Saturday, Oct. 7. This is a matter of far more than ordinary importance and should be looked after by all those concerned.

To be Married.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Marion Edyth Musser, to Mr. Paul D. Sheffer, of Bellefonte, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Musser, 339 Monroe avenue, Scranton, on Thursday, Oct. 12. The bride-elect is well-known here, having been a resident of Millheim several years ago.

Broke Her Ankle.

Saturday evening Mrs. Edwin Royer, living a short distance east of the railroad station, was out at the stable caring for her chickens. She made a misstep and fell, breaking a bone in the left ankle, besides severely wrenching that member. Her injuries are quite severe, and will require some time to heal.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

There is a pressure at the treasury for small notes, which are greatly in demand in business circles.

The Maryland Republicans are having a bitter fight between the Lownds and Wellington factions, as hot as the Quay and anti-Quay fight in this state.

The Chestnut Street (Singerly) National Bank has declared another dividend of 5 per cent. in favor of the creditors. This makes a total of 55 per cent. dividend declared since the bank became insolvent.

The Filipinos destroyed the American gunboat *Urdaneta*, capturing and burning it on the Orani river. The crew of one officer and nine men are missing and are either killed or taken prisoners.

England means to force the Boers to war, and has broken off all negotiations with the Transvaal. She has reached the limit of her patience, and will not allow Kruger further chance for quibbling. England is formulating her own proposals for a settlement and will present them on the point of the bayonet.

A series of disasters have crippled the island of Guadalupe. Cyclone, earthquake, destructive fires and a financial crisis have brought incalculable suffering to the island. The hurricane damage is estimated at \$5,000,000. Forty deaths and over 200 seriously wounded are reported from various parts of the island and the city is a mass of wreckage. Famine threatens the island.

Mind Your Own Business.

The hardest thing for many people to do is to mind their own business, especially in a social way. They cannot let their neighbor's affairs alone, but gossip about everything and everybody. No character is too good for them to assail by innuendo or doubtful shake of the head. They always know something against everybody and, to hear them talk, all the world is filled with thieves, liars, prostitutes and rogues. They see innocence in nothing, and delight in gathering and retelling scandal. Of course, they are very good themselves; exceedingly so. They never violate any of the commandments; of course not. They would scorn to steal and tell you sorrowfully about a boy who stole, yes, actually stole an apple from a fruit stand. But they never imagine that to steal a character is the meanest theft in the wide, wide world. The small boy's crime is innocence compared to their deliberate and incessant attacks upon characters far better than their own.

Choked to Death on a Bean.

Bessie, the three-year-old daughter of Thomas Sheesly, of McGee's Mills, Clearfield county, saw a bean rolling across the floor, which, after the manner of children, she picked up and put in her mouth. The bean slipped back into the windpipe, and the child, in a very little while, choked to death, although every effort was used to restore her.

Died at Aaronsburg.

Clara, the eldest daughter of Charles Bressler, of Aaronsburg, died on Monday morning, after a long illness of several months from consumption. She was aged about twenty-two years, and is survived by her father, two sisters and six brothers. Wm. Bressler, of Centre Hall, is a brother of the deceased. Her remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg on Wednesday afternoon.

Heavy Frost Last Night.

Last night there was a heavy frost all over our valley, and this morning everything was covered with a coating of white. Little harm can be done to the vegetation at this time of the year.

Typhoid Fever.

Boalsburg has several cases of typhoid fever. Two families have access to the water of a well, and to this impure source of water supply is attributed the disease.

Chronic Diarrhoea Cured.

This is to certify that I have had chronic diarrhoea ever since the war. I got so weak I could hardly walk or do anything. One bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me sound and well.

S. L. SHAVER, Fincastle, Va.

I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

S. L. SHAVER, Fincastle, Va.

Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Collings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

At the Fair.

Settin' in the gran' stand
At the county fair,
Seemed as if the whole world
An' all their kin was there.

Way up on the top seat
Me an' Jennie set—
Wight I had the candy
An' peanuts that we et!

Jennie's right good-lookin';
But she likes to boss;
Dared me to bet money
On Jake Douglas's hoss.

Like a fool I done it;
Went down to the track.
How d'ye think I found her
'S I was climbin' back?

There I met her half way,
With another beau,
Stuck-up, slick-haired softy,
That Will Jones, ye know.

Let on not to see me;
Went right on a-past,
'Spose she thought I'd ast her
Where she's goin so fast.

Warn't no use to foller,
So I let 'em go,
Funny how things sometimes
All go wrong jes' so.

Lost a pile on Jake's hoss;
Couldn't ring a cane,
Fellow swiped my golden watch,
Then it poured down rain.

Tell ye 'tain't all sunshine
An' all 'pleasures rare'
Settin' in the gran' stand
At the county fair.

—Chicago Record.

John H. Brown, of Bellefonte, was granted a pension, \$8.

Governor Stone has designated and set apart Friday, October 20, as Arbor Day.

James Musser, of Hartleton, a native of Millheim, is seriously ill. He is in the mercantile business.

Lost: A watch fob with charm, between town and picnic ground. Finder please leave it at this office.

Continued good words for Centre Hall as a good location for industries, will be as seed sown on good ground.

The residence of Joseph Seifert, near Locke's Mills, Mifflin county, was totally consumed by fire. No insurance.

A. R. Alexander, who left Penn tp. last year, for Missouri, has purchased a 170 acre farm in Dallas county, that state.

Mrs. Anna Long died at Mifflinburg on 17, aged 95 years, 2 months and 7 days. Two sons and three daughters survive.

Rev. Edgar R. Heckman, son of Rev. Isaac Heckman, years ago pastor of Centre Hall M. E. charge, has been licensed to preach.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Nittany Rod and Gun Club will celebrate "Farmers' Day" on its extensive preserve in Nittany Valley.

The Danish village was an attraction under a large tent at the picnic, and many dimes were taken, none regretting the admission charged.

General D. K. Heckman, of Sugar valley, informs us that the white grub worm has done much harm to the corn in that valley, yet not so great as in Brush valley.

Rev. J. M. Runkle, of Hublersburg, a faithful minister in the Reformed church, is obliged to quit preaching from an affection of the throat. He is a native of Tusseyville.

A little yellow cur in the town is accredited with the remark that "he would run that school board, or knock hell out of the course." No dire calamities are recorded as yet.

The unhealthy smell created near the station by the apple pumice from the cider press being dumped in a near by field during several seasons, is now avoided by each team taking off the pumice from its apples brought.

Henry Musser has been appointed a justice of the peace for Bellefonte, in place of L. A. Schaeffer, resigned. He will make a good squire. Henry was to have a better place for turning in to help the machine in the late scrap, but found himself fooled until this vacancy happened.

In reply to a query, "What are the three great channels of information," a hide bound, crusty, ill tempered old apostle of single blessedness, said, "telegraph, telephone and tell a woman." This answer—at least part of it—must have been based upon a knowledge that comes to one through a bitter experience.

Sam Jones said, the man who minds his own business and don't interfere with the affairs of others, does not call upon him wrath and future unpleasantness; and the man who minds his own business is not only the happier in the thought that there are no scores others have against him, but that minding his own business is a joy. I tell you, (and Sam let down his fist), chickens come home to roost!