



WASHINGTON LETTER.

DEWEY BEING PUSHED FOR PRESIDENTIAL HONORS.

The Admiral is Worrying McKinley to no Little Extent.—Ohio has good Democratic Chances.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The Dewey fright of the McKinleyites is fast reaching an acute stage. It is no longer a secret that Senator Proctor is grooming Dewey for the Presidential nomination, next year, and a statement made to Vermont friends that "no man has ever yet refused to accept the Presidency," is significant of his belief that he can count upon Dewey's acceptance, if he can show him that he can be nominated. Said a prominent Republican official: "Proctor's attitude must be highly enjoyable to Tom Reed, whom he betrayed in 1896. As a reward for betraying Reed at a time when McKinley's nomination was in doubt, Proctor has been given the disposition of more patronage under this administration, than any one man, excepting Hanna, of course, has had; and now he is showing his gratitude." Proctor's political shrewdness is unquestioned, and if the Democrats can only carry Ohio, he will get all the assistance he wishes in booming Dewey for the Republican nomination next year. Nothing short of overwhelming Republican success in Ohio, can give Mr. McKinley a reasonable degree of certainty that he will be renominated, and that seems doubtful indeed, at this time. A Vermont-er, who claims to know Senator Proctor's plans says he has no intention of bringing Dewey out as a candidate unless he is certain that he can be nominated, that he is only preparing things so that he can use them to supplant Mr. McKinley, if he thinks it advisable to do so.

Col. Isaac Hill, who has been an official of the House for many years, says of the Ohio campaign, in which he has been participating: "The Democrats have the best chance they have had in years to carry this fall's election in the buckeye state. They will poll the full strength of the party and capture many votes besides, while the disaffection among the Republicans will keep several thousand of them from the polls. The McLean forces are thoroughly united, and are making the greatest canvass ever conducted by the Democrats in Ohio. I am going back in a few days to again take a hand in the campaign."

Admiral Schley's response to a committee from the Woman's National Industrial League, which called on him to present a copy of a resolution adopted by the League, asking contributions from industrial workers to purchase a home for him, was worthy of the man and his record. He said: "While I feel deeply touched by the desire of your committee, which the resolution brings to my attention, and sincerely appreciate the purpose and wishes you so kindly suggest to me, I feel that I ought to ask you to defer this matter until the wants and needs of a cold winter now coming on, have passed, and its demands in the households of some of the great army of industrial workers have first been met before any provision is made for me. With expressions of deep gratitude to you, the matter is left to your consideration."

Representative-elect Roberts of Utah, now in the east says the fight against him is largely political and that he intends to stand up for his rights all the way through. He says he was elected as a Democrat, not as a Mormon; that prominent Mormons were on the stump against him, and that he carried a number of non-Mormon districts. He denies that he came east to avoid a warrant issued for him in Utah; also that he has ever violated the anti-polygamy law. He expresses confidence that he will serve his full term in the House. The fight against Mr. Roberts promises to be one of the bitterest ever made against any man's retention of his seat in either branch of Congress.

There is no limit to the claims that Republicans are willing to make for the administration, but there is a limit to the imposition that can be practiced upon intelligent men. It is simply ridiculous for the administration to claim credit, as it is now doing, for the acceptance by Canada of the temporary boundary line between Alaska and Canada, which was some time ago agreed upon by representatives of the U. S. and England, when it is well known that the Canadian government was compelled to accept by the English Government. It is equally well known why. England has a troublesome war on hand with the Transvaal republic, in which it wishes the moral support of the U. S. government, and as a sort of bribe, it ordered Canada to accept the temporary boundary line, which the Canadian Premier had declared he would fight rather than accept. Certainly there is nothing in

that to entitle the administration to any credit. While the acceptance of the temporary boundary line is advantageous to Americans, it is after all merely a postponement of the dispute to some future time, when England has no war on its hands.

The administration has announced a strict neutrality in the war in South Africa, and it would better live up to that announcement, as there is a powerful sentiment in this country, especially among those of Irish and German descent against the attitude of England in that war, and those who entertain that sentiment, will quickly resent any departure from neutrality by this government.

A Last Resort.

Jacob Herman, the College township huckster who graces the Republican ticket for the office of sheriff, is becoming desperate in his efforts to down our whole-souled and big hearted Democratic candidate Cyrus Brungart. Jacob has tried all the wiles and trickery at his command to further his weak cause, but the tide and sentiment is strongly against him, and he will go under never to be heard from again. Brungart's strong personality and known integrity he cannot assail, and in his last desperate throes he clutches at the religious argument in his endeavors to excite a church prejudice against his honorable contestant. But in this instance his efforts only acted as a boomerang and the people smiled, for Jacob in his religious inclinations has a man he may worthily pattern after.

However, we are not of the opinion that Herman is fully familiar with any point in a religious controversy, as he was far from being religiously inclined the day after the recent Republican primaries in this county. In the fight against the Quay gang Herman was unalterably opposed to Gov. Hastings. He was outspoken, and being of the impression that he was way out of the race and could not be nominated by the Republican convention for Sheriff paid his last respects as he supposed by sending a message with a neighbor to Bellefonte, that "Hastings could go to— with the Sheriff's office."

Will not the readers be of the mind that Herman's religious inclinations are somewhat at fault instead of Cyrus Brungart's?

Centre County Hunting Notes.

D. T. Raymon and John Dejong, of Poemills, came up Monday to make war on the squirrels between Penn Cave and Centre Hall.

The hunting season opened Monday. Sober and his son came up from Lewburg to open up on the pheasants between Coburn and Zerby.

Hunting for this, the opening week, was attended with quite good luck for the game: squirrels remained closely holed, and quail kept quiet and distant.

The fellow with his old shot-gun usually gets back from the woods with a better bag than the fellow with a \$300 hunting outfit, and generally sells out to the latter at a good price.

Sportsmen are flocking to our county, in the Nittany mountain section, where, it is said, a quail paradise exists, a result of the Hecla Park efforts, the club having stocked their preserve with thousands of Kansas quail for several years, from which the birds have spread into adjoining territory.

Here are the names of a "gunning party," which opened the shooting season in our county, Monday, at Hecla Park: Senator David Martin, W. J. Latta, W. A. Martin and magistrate Thomas W. South, of Philadelphia; Senator C. L. Magee and W. L. McKee, of Pittsburg; Ex-Governor Hastings and Colonel Wilbur F. Reeder, with a number of others less prominent, but equally ardent in political affairs of the State.

These nimrods may have killed many Quay-1 and few quail, yet at the banquet there were no Quay-1 on or about the table but a fragrance of quail.

President Kruger says that the Boers will die to a man for the independence of the Transvaal, and that if the republic is to be crushed by England it will be at a cost that will stagger humanity. The Boers are as good fighters as there are in the world and one of the most terrible struggles in history may be expected in South Africa. While the United States deeply appreciates the kindness and value of the British government's attitude in the Spanish war, the trend of American sympathy undoubtedly is with the Dutch republic.

Almost Killed.

On Tuesday of last week, Fowler Miller, son of John Miller, of Romola, this county, who was working in the woods above Lock Haven, fell and had several logs pass over him, almost crushing him to death.

DARE NOT OPEN THE BOOKS.

A Refusal to Allow an Inspection of their Records.

M. F. Riddle, the present nominee for Republican commissioner, up to Oct. 2, 1899, had overdrawn his account \$204.50. This glaring mismanagement of the people's trusts was exposed by an inspection of the minutes of the board and the amounts drawn by Mr. Riddle. This exposure of the present board's doings created consternation in the Republican camp, and at once a grand stroke was deemed necessary to counteract the dire influence this surprising knowledge would create.

The Republicans made vain and futile denials of any such mismanagement in their office, and as a last resort when the editor of the Gazette called to ascertain whether the facts were as stated, the Commissioners refused to show the books.

Was there the least chance for a refusal no one would have been more delighted to have handed over all ledgers and minute books than the present Republican board. They dare not show their accounts and have assumed a defiant attitude under the cloak of the law to hide their wrongs. Had everything been straight and on the square, would they have hesitated for a second to allow an inspection of the records?

They dare not show up and they will not. The public is to be kept in the dark according to their ideas of county management, but fortunately the wrongs came to light before it was too late for the taxpayers.

The taxpayers want men in office who are fearless in their efforts to do right. The commissioners are but public servants dispensing the county funds and at no time should they refuse an inspection of their doings.

Fisher got an annual over the railroad when Reeder was elected attorney for the board. Riddle was allowed to overdraw \$204.50 and many jobs were done by political heelers at extortionate prices when bids are on record at much lower figures. The tax payers have paid dearly for their handing the management over to a Republican board, and they have had enough of it. A heavy tax rate is of a far more convincing nature than any argument of mismanagement brought forward.

Honest Daniel Heckman has been tried and has proved faithful to his trust, and with Philip H. Meyer, the books and records in the Commissioner's office need not be kept closed to the public inspection.

Low Rates via P. R. R.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for special excursion rates to Philadelphia on October 11 and 25, November 8 and 22, account of National Export Exposition. Round-trip tickets, good to return within ten days, including day of issue, will be sold on above dates from New York, Trenton, Belvidere, Atlantic City, Cape May, Pottsville, Reading, Wilkesbarre, Lancaster, Harrisburg, York, Williamsport, Canandaigua, Erie, and intermediate points at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus admission to the Exposition (no rate less than one dollar). For specific rates apply to Ticket Agents.

The National Export Exposition has surpassed all expectations in the extent and variety of its exhibits, and in its general excellence and attractiveness. The implement building, containing a marvelous display of farm machinery, is particularly interesting to agriculturalists. The band concerts and diverting midway furnish delightful entertainment for all. oct12-2t

LATE NEWS CONDENSED.

The Boers fired on a British dynamite train and blew it up.

Out of 1312 men who went to the Philippines with the 20th Kansas regiment, 542 were lost.

A dispatch from Kimberley gives it that Colonel Baden-Powell had made a sortie in force against the Boers and after a fierce fight repulsed them. The Boers lost 300 men killed and the British 18.

The exposure made that Adams, the machine candidate for Judge of the Superior Court, was the head of several swindling companies, by which many people were robbed, is enough to settle his prospects at the polls. No known swindler need expect to be supported by honest men.

A terrible epidemic of dysentery is now sweeping over Japan with fatal results. Official statistics show that out of 50,000 persons attacked with the disease up to September 14, nearly 12,000 have died. The authorities estimate that 100,000 cases will be recorded by the end of October.

Lutheran Conference.

The next meeting of the Juniata Conference of the Lutheran Synod, of Central Pennsylvania, will be held at Andersonburg, Perry county, November 13-15.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Merchants Must Display Signs Under New Law.—The Pay of Census Enumerators Will Not be a Lucrative One.

There are many merchants in Pennsylvania who are careless about one important clause in the mercantile tax act passed by the State Assembly last May. The section referred to reads:

Each dealer who comes under the provisions of this act shall cause to be placed permanently at his or their place of business a sign describing the business in which the party is engaged, with his or their name or names upon the same such sign, and a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable with a fine of \$10, said fines to be collected as fines of like amount are now by the law collected and to be paid into the county treasury.

This makes it imperative that every merchant shall display a sign to designate his name and business, and the law provides that constables shall see to the enforcing of the requirement. The informant in each case is entitled to a fifty-cent fee.

Census Enumerators.

An exchange sizes up the enumerator job as follows: The job of census enumerator which so many men are neglecting their work to chase will in no instance pay more than \$125 and will not average more than \$75. Enumerators will be paid at the rate of \$2.50 for every hundred names turned in. Enumerators in the county will not be able to make more than \$1 at this rate, no matter how good a hustler he is. Enumerators in the cities will not be able to make over \$2.50 a day. In addition to their other work the enumerators must ask a long list of questions for every name they put down and make out three copies of their report. The job of census taker is about the poorest political thing afloat and there is more grief connected with it than there is about a clerkship in a railroad office. The enumerators will not get to commence work before next spring and their pay will be held up until the whole job is completed and the corrections are made to the satisfaction of the department.

Literally Broken to Pieces.

Edward Puller had a horrible experience at the sawmill of Brown, Clark & Howe at Williamsport Thursday, and is now in the hospital with both legs broken in half a dozen places and with his right arm and several ribs also broken. He is hurt internally. The accident occurred while Puller was repairing a broken belt. In some manner his shirt sleeve caught in a line shaft which was revolving at a speed of hundreds of revolutions a minute. Puller was whirled around the shaft, his body striking at every turn against the ceiling. After the machinery was stopped Puller was suspended fifteen feet from the floor. He was cut down and lowered to the floor.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: John H. Cole and Mary E. Robbins, of Phillipsburg.

John Wilson, of Flemington, and Mabelle May Shaffer, of Lock Haven. Geo. W. McCauley, of Hublersburg, and Laura Belle Webber, of Nittany. James Milo Campbell, of Fair Brook, and Edith Patton, of Warriorsmark. John Paul Johnston and Annie Bell, of Phillipsburg.

John Askins, of Pine flat, and Susan W. Turner, of Unionville.

John W. Zeigler and Lula Lonebarger, of Linden Hall. Thomas Lauver, of Milesburg, and Martha McCloskey, of Marsh Creek.

Wealth of the Boers.

Statistics show that 2,500 miles of the Cape to Cairo railroad have already been built. The diamond mines at Kimberly have produced 98 per cent of the diamonds in the world and in one year alone, 1898, the output was valued at \$50,000,000. The gold mines near Johannesburg are valued at \$3,500,000,000. What a fat picnic England is likely to have out of the war with the Boers!

A Sunday Evening Discourse.

Miss Ray Irvine will deliver an address in the Reformed church on Sunday evening on Japan. Miss Irvine was in that country for several years in charge of the Reformed church mission, and is familiar with her subject. She is a most entertaining speaker.

Turkey Dinner and Supper.

The ladies of Centre Hall Progress Grange will give a turkey dinner and oyster supper in Grange Arcadia on Thanksgiving. The proceeds are for the benefit of their new hall.

ADAMS, CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE, AS SWINDLER.

The Philadelphia North American, a Republican organ of seventy-five years' unswerving standing, on Monday made grave charges against Joseph R. Adams, the nominee of the Republicans for Judge of the Superior Court. He is accused of connection with big swindlers, by which poor miners and others were robbed of millions.

Adams, it is alleged, was associated in the swindles with notorious crooks, and the North American gives mention of the indictments against them and the various swindling schemes practiced.

The North American charges Republican candidate Adams with being intimately connected with a gang of men who, it boldly asserts, were running a swindling concern in the disguise of provident and trust associations, and who are now out on bail awaiting trial.

Adams, the North American says, has been hand-in-glove with the arch-conspirator, G. Percival Stewart, and in the same directorate with him and other sharpers who are even now out on bail awaiting the action of the New York grand jury.

No wonder Quay put Adams on the ticket for Judge of the Superior Court. It is a clear case of birds of a feather flocking together.

No man who engaged in any swindle should be elected to an office, least of all to a Judgeship.

ADAMS' DENIAL.

Judge candidate Adams denies he made any money out of the several swindling companies with which he is charged with having been connected. Of course he'd deny, that's after the machine style.

The companies are under indictment as notorious swindlers and Adams was a head figure in them. No denying of that.

FIERCE BATTLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A fierce battle is raging in Natal. General White's English army engaged with Boers, and both sides lost heavily.

Troops of the Orange Free State poured through border passes and attacked the British patrols. The fighting goes on to-day. Reinforcements are being pushed from Ladysmith camp to help drive back the bold invasion of the Boers.

Joubert's big Boer army is moving southward towards Dundee and is surrounding the forces stationed at Glencoe camp.

The British camp near Mafeking was captured by General Cronje after severe fighting.

In a rough-riding attack under Cecil Rhodes a force of the Boers was scattered.

Arnold to be a Candidate.

According to present reports and a number of our exchanges Hon. William C. Arnold, ex-Congressman, of Clearfield, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congressman-at-Large in 1900. It is reported that he has already begun his canvass by writing to a number of the members of the Legislature, State and Federal officials, and other prominent politicians throughout the state announcing his candidacy.

The Boro Had to Pay.

The jury in the case of Rebecca W. Fowler, of Williamsport, vs. the borough of Jersey Shore, recently rendered a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,800. Mrs. Fowler's suit was to recover damages for injuries, consisting of the breaking of three ribs and the loosening of another by falling through a defective sidewalk on Main street, Jersey Shore, August 15, 1898.

An Old Justice.

John G. Jones, of Port Matilda, Centre county, who was justice of the peace for more than thirty years, is dead.

How to Prevent Croup.

We have two children who are subject to attacks of croup. Whenever an attack is coming on my wife gives them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it always prevents the attack. It is a household necessity in this county and no matter what else we run out of, it would not do to be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. More of it is sold here than all other cough medicines combined.—J. M. Nickle, of Nickle Bros., merchants, Nickleville, Pa. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Orders in the Transvaal.

Vorwaerts, die Kanonen! Eilet nach Neu Pumbornickel! Hoch Pretoria! Schlaget Victoria!

Mit donnersdem Bombardiren, Und erfrigen Marschieren, Fall't auf Knoblauchwurst, Zertruemert Leidendurst.

Wacker mit Blei und Knettel, Verfolgt den Rothenkuettle. Hoch! Pretoria! Schande! Victoria!

From Alpha to Omega.

A little miss, A little kiss, A wedding—that is splendid; A little jaw, A little law, Back home to ma. And, lo! the trouble's ended!

The buckwheat cake is on the way. The streams in our county are quite low.

Potatoes taken by dealers at 30c per bushel.

Choice, handpicked apples, 40c per bushel in this valley.

The Union county fair made something above expenses.

Somehow wheat can't be made to budge out of the 60ties.

Tuesday there was a light sprinkle of rain in the morning.

There is a fair condition of health in this valley at present.

Had very fine and mild weather, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Sixty-five thousand men are to be put into the Philippines to crush the insurgents.

The original membership fee to the Hecla Park club, was \$100. It has been raised to \$200.

Jennie, a daughter of Henry Mowry of Aaronsburg, by a fall on the road had an arm broken.

A. J. Shreffler, of Millhall, died on Saturday. Interment at Zion, yesterday. Age 46 years.

As yet no arrangement has been effected to connect the Commercial telephone line with the Union county system.

Sidney Krumrine left for Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week intending to spend the winter in the city.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, Oct. 22: Centre Hall, 7 p. m.; St. Johns church, 2 p. m.; Georges valley, 10 a. m.

Not once this summer could our town streets be sprinkled, the dust often being near aukie deep. Have made strides backward.

The Bellefonte match factory company has contracted with the Millhall brickworks for 300,000 pressed brick for the new factory building.

Mrs. Gordon Frankenberger, aged 22, near Loganton, while in apparently good health, fell to the floor on Monday and expired.

Col. B. F. Crouse, aged 63 years, died at Selingsgrove on Monday. He was an ambulance master in the rebellion and later a mail contractor.

Mrs. Sarah Vonada, nee Hosterman, of Kansas, a sister of Mrs. John C. Stover of Aaronsburg, is visiting friends in the east end of the valley.

Even persons outside the county are expressing the wish that Brungart may be elected sheriff. And that's what people in the county mean to do.

Rev. A. G. Wolf, who served as pastor of the Aaronsburg Lutheran charge some eight years, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, and will move to Gettysburg.

The startling assertion that there are men in this town who make elegant prayers when in church and then get drunk, was made from a church pulpit last Sunday night.

Carnegie & Co. have given a large order for machinery to Jenkins & Lingle of Bellefonte, for machinery, which it will take them several months to fill running day and night.

Korman's cider press will operate only on Tuesdays at Tusseyville, and Thursdays at Spring Mills. This should be noted as the press will run one day only each week hereafter.

Luther Best was working on a ledge of rocks at the Salona stone quarry, on Monday, when he lost his balance and plunged downward to the ground. He alighted upon a pile of sand. His legs were broken.

A violent earthquake has visited the south side of the Island of Ceram, next to the largest of the Moluccas, between Boeroo and Papua, completely destroying the town of Amhel and killing, it is estimated, some four thousand people, as well as injuring some five hundred.