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WASHINGTON LETTER.

DEWEY'S BOOM FOR PRESIDENT CAUSING ALARM.

McKinley Fearsful the Admiral Will Secure the Nomination.—Will Try Terminate the Philippine War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The man who has no weakness is yet unborn. Mr. McKinley's supporters have taken advantage of Admiral Dewey's only known weakness—fear for his health—to shut off the flow of Dewey enthusiasm, and thus as they think, lessen his availability as an anti-McKinley candidate for Republican Presidential nomination. They do not wish Dewey to attend any more big receptions because they keep him too prominently before the public, and, although Dewey looks much better than he did when he first came to Washington, and has been going to the club or the theatre in the evening and attending to his private business in the day time—he helped the committee select the house, which will this week be bought for him—in as active a manner as any other man of his years could do, he has been persuaded that his health is in great danger, and that he must absolutely avoid excitement of all kinds for some months. This was so firmly impressed upon him that he canceled his engagements to go to Atlanta and to Philadelphia, and announced that he would accept no more invitations until next spring. And the McKinleyites think they have killed the Dewey boom.

When Arch-Bishop Chappelle, apostolic delegate to the Philippines, who has announced his intention to go to the Philippines to bring about peace, which Gen. Otis has so signally failed to do, and Mr. McKinley said to each other during the long conference they held at the White House, while big politicians were kicking their heels in the secretary's office, is what all the newspaper men have been unsuccessfully trying to find out. That they talked of conditions in the Philippines is all that is positively known, although much more has been sent out by the imaginative news makers. The Archbishop seemed very well pleased when he left the White House, and said that he would probably see Mr. McKinley again, before he left Washington for Manila, which he will do in a few days. The Archbishop is well known and popular in Washington, where he once had charge of a church.

The Washington Post, which has practically been a McKinley paper since this administration came into power, sounded a significant warning, when it said at the close of an editorial full of praise of Mr. McKinley personally: "The President must usher in a new and healthier regime. If he cares for a political future, he must replace imbecility with brains and vigor. The people are worn out with failure, bewilderment and disaster.

Humility demands a cessation of the murderous bungling in Luzon. Good faith and national honor require the pacification of Cuba and the political rehabilitation of the Cubans. This tragedy must end and end soon. Existing conditions projected into the coming year will put a conclusive end to Mr. McKinley's public life."

Col. N. M. Bell, who was prominently connected with the postoffice department during the first Cleveland administration, and who has been in private business in St. Louis, for some years, is visiting Washington. He says that people in the east have no idea of the intensity of the feeling against trusts in the west, and predicts that the trust issue will figure largely in next year's campaign. He also thinks that there is increasing hostility towards militarism, one of the aliases of imperialism, and towards that sort of expansion involving the surrender of the Monroe doctrine.

Notwithstanding the failure of the Senate, at the last session of Congress, to act upon the batch of Naval nominations which would have put Rear Admiral Sampson ahead of Rear Admiral Schley, and of the public calling down at Minneapolis of Secretary Long, when he attempted to glorify Sampson for what Schley did, it is announced upon seemingly good authority that the attempt to jump Sampson over Schley's head is to be again made by Mr. McKinley as soon as Congress meets. The unjust attitude of the administration towards Admiral Schley has so far only added to that gallant officer's reputation, and if it is persisted in, many believe that it will result in giving Schley the second place on next year's Democratic national ticket. Stranger things than that have happened. It may be said that Schley is not a Democrat, but that is no reason against it. Gen. Grant was not a Republican and he was nominated and elected President by that party. The Army and Navy officer who has enough political bias

in his make up to become a member of a political party, is an exception. As a rule, officers in neither branch of the service vote, even when they remain in one place long enough to acquire the right to do so.

Ex-Governor Thompson, of S. C., who has just returned from Europe, said he was approached by a native in a village of Switzerland, who said to him: "Excuse me, sir, but will you gratify my curiosity by telling me what it was that the Governor of N. C. said to the Governor of S. C. ? Asked what reply he made, Gov. Thompson said: "Why, simply repeated the historic remark, and gave a practical demonstration of what followed it, but it beats me how that fellow ever heard the story of the two governors."

ADAMS OFF, HOW ABOUT QUAY?

Adams, who was exposed as having been the head of several swindling concerns, has been forced to withdraw from the Republican ticket as candidate for Superior Judge.

When Adams was put on the slate for this high and honorable position, it was known to the machine men that the Adams companies were in the courts indicted as swindlers of poor miners and others out of hundreds of thousands of dollars of hard earnings, and ruined!

But Adams was considered a fit subject for Quay's ticket, "because he is one of us," and he is.

The machine put Adams on, but public opinion forced him off. No swindler can receive the vote of honest men.

But how about Quay? Public sentiment has declared against him as the chief of plunderers and corruptionists, and he is asking the voters to support his slated nominees—can any honest man consent to do it?

Let swindlers take warning. The people have written in large characters, No Swindlers Need Apply for Office. The Baltimore American, alluding to the Adams affair, says:

"This may prove a wholesome lesson to swindlers of all grades. No self-respecting citizen will cast his ballot to put in office any who should be put behind the prison bars. Pennsylvania was a noted operating ground for swindlers and millions of dollars have dropped from the earnings of its industrious citizens into the pockets of swindlers. The patent right swindlers flourished until brought into the courts; the implement impostor with his deceptive papers, which, when signed, turned up to be iron-clad promissory notes; the infamous bohemian oats swindle, and a dozen of others of similar criminal character."

Think of the audacity of any one connected with such swindles asking to be elected to a public office!

Protection Against Fire.

On the roof of your house and of your barn make a small platform, place oil barrels on them; in each barrel put about a peck of salt; fill with water, the salt will keep the water fresh and aid in putting out the fire. Turn two tin buckets upside down on platform near barrels and hold in place by small nails bent over handle. Now have a ladder for each side of roof—ladders having a hook on the end that they may be slipped along the comb of roof. A woman or child in an emergency could extinguish many fires with this simple contrivance.

Mr. Archey has been a tax-payer and honest, hardworking man all his life, never having held a county office, yet qualified for any position in the courthouse. His competitor for Register, Mr. Strohm, has held a county position for dozen years at a fine salary, and has got too well fixed to be away from home longer and, besides, his neighbors think of complimenting Jim at the polls with a testimonial that they prefer him to remain in their midst.

"Give Archey a chance," is going from mouth to mouth and it will be his open sesame to the Register's office.

A Friend to the Needy.

At the time of the great flood in '89, at Johnstown, Cyrus Brungard, who had been a resident of Millheim for only a short time, threw open his meat market and with his own hands cut up half a beef and gave it away to the destitute in that place. This is the kind of a man who is asking the people of Centre county to elect him sheriff. He helps the needy poor.

A Big Corn Yield.

P. J. Witty, of Roland, had a corn yield of which he feels proud. From four and a half acres of ground he realized over 500 bushels of corn ears, the field having been planted in corn for three consecutive years.

Died from Injuries.

Fowler Miller, son of John Miller, of Romola, this county, died last Thursday from injuries received from logs rolling on him and crushing him, at Eddy Run, Pa. He was aged about seventeen years.

DOG OWNERS PINCHED.

Excessive Tax on Canines Used for County Purposes.

The dog owners in the county are waxing wroth over the revelations of the disposition of the monies collected by the County Commissioners from the dog tax assessed each year. The full intent of the law in assessing the dog tax is that the commissioners shall levy only a sufficient amount to pay the sheep claims. During the last two years' service of the Republican board the dog owners have been imposed upon. The assessments have been high while the sheep damage claims have been scarcely one-half. The monies thus illegally collected and left on hand were misappropriated to pay county orders. This is in marked distinction from the former Democratic board where only sufficient funds were levied to pay sheep claims and not a cent appropriated to county orders.

The different statements of the county finances since 1894, reveal the following:

DEMOCRATIC BOARD IN OFFICE.			
Year	Assessed	Demanded	Used by County
1894	\$290	\$355	\$ 88
1895	275	1626	44
1896	365	1772	79

REPUBLICAN BOARD IN OFFICE.			
Year	Assessed	Demanded	Used by County
1897	226	123	14.8
1898	270	1125	989

Total dog tax misappropriated to pay county orders \$1984 97

The Republican board require all the dog tax balances and a higher tax rate than taxpayers have known for years. The Democratic board never found it necessary to appropriate other available funds or raise the millage from 3 to 3½ to keep the county in funds. The greater burden falls upon the farmer and Heaven knows he is always taxed almost beyond endurance, and yet the Republican board added to his heavy burden of taxes by giving him a half mill more that the county could be kept out of debt.

If the taxpayer wants his interests carefully looked after he will cast his vote for Daniel Heckman and Phillip H. Meyer, two men who have at heart to make the burden upon the farming class far easier than it now is and has been for several years.

The farming class want no excessive valuations and high excessive taxes and they will not have these when the present board of commissioners has been replaced.

KNOWN OF OLD.

The Republican organs of the county are putting Republican candidate for Sheriff, Jacob Herman on record as having "a jolly good time scudding through the county." Every one familiar with Jake's personality does not doubt this assertion in the least. He always had a "jolly good time" for the last several years in all his travels over the county, and we suppose he is having the same kind of a time campaigning. The people of Centre county have no need of such a man in the Sheriff's office who is disposed to having a "jolly good time" always and will elect to that office Cyrus Brungard, the whole-souled, generous and philanthropic man whose actions and manners are far above public reproach. The voters of Centre county are well aware of the merits of the two candidates and "Jolly Jake" after November 7th, will be at more leisure to have a "good time" than he is now hopeful for.

A Good Plan.

The Hollidaysburg Standard says that Altoona has one man at least who knows how to treat tramps. A hobo appeared at his home the other day while he was taking a nap and asked the lady of the house for something to eat. She gave him a piece of butter bread and some cold ham. After making some insulting remarks to her he threw the meat on the boardwalk, ground it under his foot and then plastered the bread and butter against the side of the house. The lady awoke her husband who met the tramp at the front door, took him by the neck and after administering a few hearty kicks marched his tramp back into the yard and compelled him to eat every morsel of the bread and meat before releasing him.

Excellent Entertainment.

Madame Fry's celebrated entertainment of Boston, consisting of pathos, music, mirth, humorous, dramatic and musical readings will appear in Grange Arcadia, this Thursday evening, Oct. 26.

A Fruitful Tree.

Samuel R. Tweed, of Nittany valley, has an apple tree in his orchard from which he picked 49½ bushels of winter apples this fall. Four years ago the same tree produced 50 bushels, and the year following 38.

Death of an Infant.

The infant son of William Ripka, in Georges valley, aged about three months, died last Sunday from cholera infantum.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Presbyterian State Synod in Session at Erie.—A Recent Decision on the Fire Warden Law.—Other Happenings.

The Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania is now in session in Erie. The synod of Pennsylvania is the supreme court in this state. There are two lower courts, the session and the Presbytery. Appeals may be taken from the lower courts to the synod, and from the synod to the national supreme court, which is the general assembly, composed of delegates from all the states. The Presbyterian government is in close analogy with the civil government of the state and nation. There are 222 delegates representing the various presbyteries in the ratio of one minister and one elder for every twenty-four ministers and churches in the presbytery.

The synod is conservative in doctrine, and aggressive in Christian work. It represents twenty-five presbyteries, 1124 ministers, 4782 elders, 211,498 communicant members and about one million adherents. The work of last year shows \$3,251,739 as an outward expression of the inward purpose of this church to spread the kingdom of Christ throughout the world. This money was given for church work, benevolence and church extension within the state, home missions and Sunday school work in the United States and West India islands, and foreign missions throughout the world.

The Fire Warden Law.

Forestry Commissioner Rothrock has received word that the opinion of Judge Lindsey, of the Warren county court, in deciding unconstitutional the act of March 30, making constables ex-officio fire wardens for the extinction of forest fires, for the reason that the title did not state how those who were called out to suppress forest fires are to be remunerated, has in part been reversed by the opinion of Judge Rice, of the superior court.

Judge Lindsey, however, is sustained by the higher court in ruling that when a man is employed by a land owner to protect property against forest fires that neither the owner nor the laborer can justly claim compensation from the state or county.

The case is one of Barker vs. the county of Warren, where the plaintiff claimed to recover from the county at the rate of twelve cents an hour for services rendered his employers, G. W. Campbell & Sons, in extinguishing forest fires which originated in and were confined to the lands of timber owned by them, in which services his employers have either paid him or are liable.

A Grist of Bankrupts.

The United States District Court in Pittsburg is grinding out a big grist of bankrupts from this part of the state of those who are taking advantage of the bankruptcy laws in unloading their obligations by paying a few cents on the dollar. Our own county has been well represented with petitions running into the five figures, while the assets are insignificant. The bankruptcy court allows the easiest beating of creditors of anything on record.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Benj. F. Hoffa and Vera B. DeVinoy, of Phillipsburg.

Franklin B. Herman, of Hecla Park, and Nancy W. Vonada, of Spring Mills.

Benjamin McCaus, of Phillipsburg, and Ida Tate, of Gramampton.

Geo. W. Whiting, of Bellefonte, and Flora M. Yarnell, of Hecla.

Milton Robb and Clarissa Shilling, of Phillipsburg.

Mike Stari and Emma Weleber, of Phillipsburg.

Thos. O. Keen and Collicca Gingerich, of Ingleby.

Boilt Eight Churches.

Eight United Evangelical churches were erected and dedicated in Centre county within the past 18 months, or the final settlement of the long drawn out contest between the Escherites and Dubbitses for possession of the various church properties in Centre county. This shows a wonderful vitality in a denomination that had been shorn of all but its faith.

Goes to Higher Court.

This week the appeal of the famous Ettlinger case, for the value of the building burned, in which ex-Sheriff John P. Condo was found liable by the decision of Judge Love, will be argued before the Superior Court. The general consensus of opinion in the county is that the county should pay these costs and exonerate Sheriff Condo.

WELL SERVED.

A Candidate Who Has Seen Nine Years of Official Life.

James B. Strohm, the Potter township candidate on the Republican ticket for the office of Register, has been extremely fortunate in being far better served by holding public official positions than the average office seeking citizen. For three years he served as clerk for the County Commissioners under the Henderson-Decker regime drawing an annual salary of \$800, with perquisites of a couple hundred more on the side. Following his clerkship, he was elected Commissioner for two terms, drawing as salary during these six years, \$5,518.90. In these nine years of consecutive office holding, his compensation was about \$9,000.00, a sum which should lead the intelligent voter to consider that James has been exceedingly well favored by the public. He is again before the people asking for their support to elect him to the Registership, displacing Alex. G. Archey, who secured the nomination on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Archey is an intelligent, and pleasing gentleman, who has never been a public office holder and this year comes before the people of the county for the first time asking for their support. He has never drawn a cent of public salary. He is deserving of the support of every Democrat and if elected will perform his official duties in a conscientious manner.

He will receive a magnificent testimonial in Ferguson township, his home, from the voters in November. They are out and out for Archey regardless of party lines, which is most favorable for the Democratic nominee. Strohm has had enough and it is the duty of the voter to support Archey at the polls.

TRUTH, AS PUT BY MR. CREAMY.

"The millions of the people's money have been held as the estate of the party machine, and administered at the behest of the party boss; they have been deposited with political banks and political bankers for private gain; they have been loaned out to the political boss, to the members of his family, to his lieutenants and to his mercenaries and his tools; they have been handed over for stock jobbing and stock gambling to corrupt politicians; their use has been sold by the same agencies for interest paid to the treasurers, to other public officials, and to conspicuous managers of the machine; they have been made to pay annual tribute regularly to furnish the machine itself with funds to debauch the elections and elect machine candidates; they have been in steady and systematic corrupt manipulation by political state treasurers during decades of machine rule."

Die Hund Goutze 'En Noeh.

Mister Reporter: Dere commishner Riddle un Fisher ehre gross Hundtax macht die Bauere un die Hund goutze. We quere es shoft is tzu sehne in dem Brief. Do for en Woch wora de republican Condolore fer Commishner in der unner Valley, un wo ever see on am Hous fer-by sin, sin de Hund en Slick noch un hen ge'goutz dos es g'sound hot wee, "Tox, tox, tox-tox;" un "Tox-tox, dubble-tox." Raal hund Lankwage. Don wor en onner Serkumstans, dos strate is. Ettliche Hund worre dernoeh axidentally tsoemme koome, un es hot sich grod g'wisse ehre g'shoifel noch, dos se der Hundox discussied hen, un sin ol unanimous un dry me'jorly driver zu ehre Mind kumma dos won der doppelt Hundtox net runner g'doo wert, donn data de mensht fun de Hund dote g'shusse were fer fun Hundtox fry tzu kumme. Un sell hot de orche Bow-wows gor mlities sad feele moche. Sell is exactly so.

Oom Paul Kruger.

Fiedler, den 20ten Oct.

The British-Boer War.

Latest advices put the situation as critical for the British, since the victory a few days ago.

General Yule's forces are said to be in a perilous position. He has fallen back from Dundee to Glencoe Junction and is confronted by the main Boer army under Joubert.

The Boers are reported to have entered Zululand and a large column advancing towards Meloth.

Opening a New Region.

Philadelphia capitalists are investigating the mineral resources of the Scootac region in Clinton county which is known to be rich in iron ores, coal and fire brick clay.

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.

Song of Oom Paul Kruger.

Brave Burger, Geh't in den Kampf Fur euren Kruger.

Wir haben Gold, Un' wenn ihr's woll't, Diamanten die Fuelle.

Der Rothekuettel, Mit schlechter Sitte, Tracht uns nach.

Gebt Hab un' Guth, Und edeles Blut, Fur's Krugerland.

An Arab Saying.

Remember? three things come not back—

The arrow sent upon its track! It will not swerve, it will not stay Its speed; it flies to wound or slay.

The spoken word, so soon forgot By thee, but it has perished not; In other hears 'tis living still, And doing work for good or ill.

And the lost opportunity That cometh back no more to thee; In vain to weep, in vain to yearn— These three will nevermore return.

—Abon.

Millheim is rid of diphtheria.

Typhoid fever has broken out at Hastings.

We are enjoying mild and fine days again.

Thanksgiving day this year will fall on Nov. 30th.

Pension granted: M. W. Morrison, Phillipsburg, \$8.

Some farmers are through husking corn. Others are more slow.

Ben. Gentzel shipped a load of Nittany valley horses last week.

The ministers of our town are becoming as outspoken as St. Paul.

The fog, this morning, was almost thick enough to be cut with a knife.

Monday the valley was enshrouded in smoke, indicative of mountain fires.

John Havice, of Treaster valley, killed a 300 pound bear some ten days ago.

Jacob Neese reports much corn to husk yet in the neighborhood of Farmers Mills.

Falling from a ladder while picking apples, Luther Stover, of Fiedler, had several ribs broken.

The coal trust and stove trust have added much to the price of those necessities in every family.

A meteoric display is expected about 1 o'clock on morning of November 15. There will be meteors of all sizes.

Rev. Dorstler is having an interesting protracted meeting going on in the U. Ev. church near Farmers' Mills.

The 17th annual meeting of the 49th Penn'a Regimental association will be held in Tyrone, November 8 and 9, next.

Rev. Christine is due the credit for having managed one of the best yielding gardens hereabouts, on the parsonage lot.

"Foundryman" Will Rearick's big-rambos were so large that he needed a picker with a sack ten inches in diameter to land 'em in.

Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday, Oct. 29: Centre Hall, 2 p. m.; Spring Mills, communion, 10 a. m.; Tusseyville, 7 p. m.

The new Methodist church, at Milroy, will be dedicated Sunday, Nov. 5. The edifice is 50x59½, with vestry and Sabbath school room.

When a woman gets her house cleaned, her teeth fixed and a new gown she feels ready to enjoy the severest kind of a winter.

George Gingerich, living east of this place, of whose illness of typhoid fever we made mention last week, has improved somewhat.

Rev. Rhodes has been holding a village camp in the U. Ev. church at Leomont the past ten days; the religious exercises being very interesting.

Dr. P. A. Boyer, a physician of Selingsrove and its present Chief Burgess, died night of 23, at the age of 43 years, which was his birthday.

An exchange says that September just passed was the coldest of Septembers since 1892 and was colder than any other September since 1888.

The great Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, is one of the lecturers secured for the next session of Centre County Institute.

A Great Falls, Montana, dispatch says, nine men perished in the recent blizzard. Five bodies have been recovered, and it is probable that is not half of the list.

The United States army on 16th reached the 100,000 limits provided for by congress. It is certain that Otis will have under his command not less than 68,000 men by the middle of December. He now has 49,000 and there are 3,000 at San Francisco ready to sail to Manila.