



WASHINGTON LETTER.

LEGAL OPINIONS MADE TO ORDER BY LAW OFFICERS.

They Write One Way and Again Express Themselves Otherwise.—The Tariff Goes Through this Week.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Are legal opinions made to order by U. S. officials? It is charged that Charles E. Magoon, law officer of the War Department, first wrote an opinion that the U. S. Constitution was, by force of the Paris treaty extended over Porto Rico and the Philippines, which he was compelled to suppress and then to write another taking exactly the opposite stand. This last opinion has been made the foundation of the whole Republican imperialistic program and the Senate has just ordered three thousand additional copies of it to be printed. Representative Richardson, the Democratic leader of the House, desiring to get at the truth, has offered a resolution calling for copies of all of the opinions written by Mr. Magoon.

The administration program is to jam the Porto Rican bill, tariff and all, through both Senate and House this week. It is certain that the Senate will pass it tomorrow, and probable that the House will do likewise later, notwithstanding the talk of Republican members that they would vote for free trade if given another opportunity.

The Senate and all Washington are still laughing and are likely to be for days to come, at the humorous speech of Senator Pettus, in which he held Senator Beveridge, a would-be Demagogue, up to ridicule, for his speech declaring his opposition to the Porto Rican bill and his intention to vote for it. The Senate and galleries were in a continuous roar of laughter from the beginning to the end of the remarks of Senator Pettus. After rubbing it in on Beveridge for charging all those who did not agree with him, with enmity towards the government, Mr. Pettus said: "The government in his mind is—

Me and my wife,
My son John and his wife,
Us four
And no more."

Mr. Pettus told this Biblical story at the close of his speech: "The Master once had to select a man to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness to Canaan. He did not select an orator. No, he selected one of those wise men, and his name was Moses. And he was a stuttering man, too. But Moses told his master to his face that he could not do it, because he could not speak to the people, and what was the reply? 'There is Aaron, he speaks well.' And they took Aaron along, not in command, that was not allowed; but they took him along as a kind of deputy. And when Moses, on his Master's order, went up into the mountains for the tables, the orator left in charge had a golden calf framed and he put all the people to worshipping the golden calf. More people worship the golden calf now than did in those days. But while Aaron and his people were all down worshipping the golden calf, the man of God appeared, and he pulled out his sword and demanded to know who is on the Lord's side? Then the orator jumped up from his knees, drew his sword and got on Moses' side and went to killing the Israelites along with Moses. All these orators will do the same thing—the last one of them."

Representative Rhea, of Ky., made a rattling good speech at a mass meeting of Washington Democrats, in which he referred to Chairman Payne, the Republican House leader as "the statesman with the one-night-stand state of mind," and to Representative Grosvenor, as the "garrulous gabbler, from Ohio, who acts as a mouth-piece for the White House Sphinx." After picturing various phases of administration wabbling, which he likened to the track of a snake, Mr. Rhea said: "Oh, manhood, where is thy shame? Oh, McKinley, where is thy blush? Oh, McKinley, you are the saddest spectacle that ever rattled helplessly around in the seat filled by Washington, Jefferson and Jackson, and which will be filled by Bryan. You are the pitiful creature of the trusts, the combines and the monopolies, which have made you, maintained you, and still feed you."

The Democrats of the House will antagonize the Naval Appropriation bill, as reported on three grounds—armor-plate, construction of ships in government yards and the general extravagance of the bill, which carries \$61,000,000, against \$35,000,000 for the current fiscal year. The minority report favors the establishment of a government armor-plate plant.

It is suspected that a desire to increase the Republican campaign fund for this year is behind the announcement that the Cabinet is considering

the feasibility of recommending to Congress, a reduction of the war taxes, which are piling up a surplus in the Treasury, in spite of the fact that the receipts from the Dingley tariff are many millions below the advance estimate of the Republicans. Without the war taxes there would have been a deficit of more than \$50,000,000, instead of a surplus considerably in excess of that amount. It is said that the brewers are being sounded as to their willingness to contribute a proportionate amount to the Hanna corruption fund, if the administration will recommend a reduction of the beer tax to Congress.

Next State Encampment at Lewistown.
It has been decided by the State military authorities to hold a division encampment this year from August 4 to 11 inclusive, and orders to that effect were issued with the information.

There are several campsites in the eastern and central part of the State, but none will be selected unless it thoroughly answers the requirements. It is probable that in the end Lewistown will be selected, with Mount Gettys a close second. The last division encampment was held at Lewistown in 1897, and so beneficial were the results of the camp that general attention was afterward called to the efficiency of the guard when it was called out for the Spanish-American war service.

Readable Clippings.

The drawbacks of a town are those persons who are devoid of public spirit and block the way of such as are progressive and full of enterprise; jealousy governs such.—President Harrison.

Some men are so lost to honor that they will prostitute their church, as well as their party, to accomplish a selfish end, and those persons whom they can't use they will abuse.—Rev. Dr. Storrs.

The dum-dum bullet is shaped very much like other ammunition, but has the peculiarity of flattening out or expanding on leaving the rifle barrel, and thus makes a jagged torn wound.

Beech Creek Railroad Can't Get into Altoona.

In the noted suit in equity of the Altoona and Beech Creek Railroad Company vs. Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Ebensburg and Eastern Railroad Judge Love annulled the lease of the latter corporation to the Altoona and Beech Creek and directed the delivery of the line within twenty days.

The action of the court minimizes the chances of a new railroad for Altoona for the present at least.

THE BOERS WHACK THE BRITISH.

The British were repulsed in the Free State, a few days ago, by a severe blow, from a fierce attack of the Boers. Broadwood's troops were hotly shelled from three sides. Men and horses were shot down in masses. The British lost five guns and 270 killed, wounded and missing.

There was heavy fighting around Mafeking and Colonel Plummer's relief column was compelled to retire with loss.

Granted a License.

David Chambers, of Clarence, this county, was granted a tavern license last Saturday, by Judge Love. This application was held under consideration by the judge since the recent term of license court. Clarence now has two licenses. Chambers is the constable in his township.

Interred in Altoona.

The body of George Stiver, who died about 11 years ago, and was buried in the graveyard at Sprucetown, was raised and expressed to Altoona on Friday morning last for re-interment, the family residing there since. The casket was found well preserved.

U. E. Church Notice.

Rev. S. P. Reemer, P. E., will preach in the U. E. church, Centre Hall, Saturday, 7th, at 7:30 p. m.; Tusseyville, April 8th, 10 a. m.; Egghill, 8th, at 2:30 p. m.; Centre Hall, 8th, at 7:30 p. m.

Recent Union County Deaths.

Lewisburg, Mrs. Catherine Walter, age 83 years, 6 m.
Lewis twp., Fr. P. Frederick, age 52.
Lewis twp., Isaac P. Burd, age 80.
Lewisburg, Martin Hann, age 86.
In Ohio, Miss Sarah Musser, age 60.

The Best in the World.

We believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best in the world. A few weeks ago we suffered with a severe cold and a troublesome cough, and having read their advertisements in our own and other papers we purchased a bottle to see if it would effect us. It cured us before the bottle was more than half used. It is the best medicine out for colds and coughs.—The Herald, Andersonville, Ind. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Pottery Mills; H. F. Rossmar, Spring Mills; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

A Superb Picture.

Le Roy, the great painter, has painted nothing better than his celebrated "Cluster of Poppies," which the Philadelphia Times has had lithographed in twelve colors, and will present to its readers free with its great Easter number, Sunday, April 8. The Times will present its readers on the same Sunday with an Easter Carol, printed in regular sheet music form.

The Story of Easter will be told in handsome half-tones, printed in color on heavy paper, reproducing the best works of the masters in Sacred History. The Great Easter number of The Times will be the handsomest Easter Edition of a Sunday paper ever published in Philadelphia. None of the regular features will be dropped. The Magazine Section will combine the latest things in science, romance, fiction and humor. The Forum Section will present the views of the world's greatest thinkers on topics of present moment and popular interest. The News Section will be, as always, complete and thorough. See your news agent and order in advance.

Remember
An Art Supplement.
Sheet Music.
The Story of Easter in Half-Tones.
A Magazine Section.
A Forum Section.
A Newspaper.
All for 5 cents.

A Good Showing.

The Pennsylvania Railroad statement for February makes a really remarkable revelation of the business of the company. The increase in gross earnings over the same month last year was, on the whole system, and the auxiliary lines, \$2,800,000, and the net increase was about \$1,400,000. During two months the whole system has made augmented gross earnings of nearly \$5,000,000, and of net earnings of about half that amount. The operations last year with which these figures compare were very favorable and the result indicates that the Pennsylvania's earnings in the present year will far exceed the most liberal predictions.

Began Building.

Edward Foreman started work this week on his new house opposite Grange Arcadia. Ed. wants a dwelling, and having erected some of our finest residences, he will be sure to have a cozy and comfortable home for himself. Lyman Smith will start work on his new home also as soon as the weather permits. Alfred Durst, who is a new citizen, is the owner of a lot on Hoffer street. He will build himself a home on it this coming summer. Dr. Lee has also got the fever and expects in the near future to put up a handsome residence such as he is worthy of. With these to go up the building industry will be lively this year.

A Serious Accident.

Thursday afternoon Thomas Wilson, who lives at Pleasant View, along the pike leading to Milesburg, this county, was assisting his son-in-law to move. The old gentleman was on top of a load of furniture when suddenly a cupboard which he was trying to hold on the wagon tilted, and Mr. Wilson lost his grip and was thrown to the ground. He struck on his head and shoulders and as a result his collar bone was broken and a deep gash cut in his head. Mr. Wilson's age makes his accident a very serious one and his recovery is a question. He is 76 years old and a veteran of the civil war.

Death of John H. Frank.

John H. Frank, a highly esteemed and respected citizen of Millheim, died last Saturday morning after a short illness from asthma and an affection of the heart, at the age of nearly sixty-four years. He had been seriously ill but a short time, but for many years was a sufferer from asthma. Mr. Frank was a native of Haines township, and was married to Miss Sarah Stover, who survives him. The funeral took place on Monday morning from his late residence, and was largely attended. Interment was made in the Millheim cemetery.

Republican Primaries.

County Chairman Reeder has issued call for holding the Republican primaries in the county on next Saturday evening. The convention will be held at Bellefonte next Tuesday, in the court house, at eleven o'clock.

A Prominent Farmer Dead.

Peter Bush, one of the most prominent farmers residing in Union township, died on Monday evening. He was aged over 77 years, and is survived by a wife and three children.

Distemper Among Horses.

An epidemic of distemper has made its appearance among horses in this locality, and a great many in the town are affected with this disease.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

A Quiet Campaign in the County Among the Hustlers for Office.—The Republicans Very Timid.

Politics is not absorbing the entire attention of the public at present, and the selection of men for the vacancies which occur this year, is not being given much serious thought at present, although some of the candidates are doing some lively hustling around the county setting up their fences. For Congress Hon. J. K. P. Hall, our present able representative will be renominated without opposition in his district. His services are needed at Washington, and he will be returned with a handsome majority. The Republicans concede this point, and as yet there has not been one of that party bobbing up who cares to be made a chopping block. In the county the only and main fight will be for the legislature. The Republicans are disheartened and there will be piles of fun in the coming fight they will have in the county. Centre will send no Quay man to Harrisburg, and in consequence there is no Republican material in sight for assembly. On the Democratic side there are several candidates already out, and there will be a lively campaign. Hon. R. M. Foster is again in the field for a renomination, as is also Hon. J. H. Wetzel. J. W. Kepler, the young Democrat from Pine Grove Mills, and John W. Conley, of Potter township, are also in the race. As the campaign progresses, there will be other candidates sprung who are awaiting a little quiet coaching. No county offices will be voted for this fall.

Mob Tries to Lynch Assaulter of a Little Girl.

From Tyrone: Toner Hastings, a young man of Homer's Notch, narrowly escaped lynching at Tyrone on Friday night, where officers had taken him after an assault on 11-year-old Lottie Burket, of Glenhope. He dragged her into a clump of bushes and there assaulted her. As soon as she was released the child ran home and informed her grandmother, who telephoned to the Tyrone police.

Three mounted officers chased the fellow three miles before he was captured. At Tyrone station an angry crowd of 300 persons collected, and threats of lynching were made. The prisoner was placed aboard a train, however, before any outbreak occurred and taken to jail. The child is in a critical condition.

Bad Outlook for Wheat.

From our own observation of the wheat fields of this county and from what we gather from farmers, the prospect for even half a wheat crop in Centre county, is a slim one. The beginning of winter was slightly unfavorable to the fields, and up to the holidays an average crop was not in anticipation. Since the holidays the fields had scarce any snow protection, and severe freezes were frequent up to this time, and here is where the greater injury resulted. A number of farmers have informed us the wheat in some fields is entirely killed, while in many fields there will not be enough to pay for harvesting. In such fields re-plowing and sowing with barley, or some other summer crop is intended. An occasional wheat field is found in fair condition. During last fall the fly did harm to the wheat in some localities.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:
Joseph A. Stover and Julia A. Keatley, of Fleming.
Moses A. Behrer, of Stormstown, and Nellie H. Hartsock, of Matternville.
Wm. A. Hoy and Emeline Harrison, of State College.
George W. Williams and Lizzie Patterson, of Clearfield county.
Franklin L. Jacobs, of Curtin township, and Katie E. Packer, of Yarnell.
R. D. Killian, of White Deer, Union county, and Susie E. Stiffler, of Centre Hall.
Leander Green, of Bellefonte, and Mary Shanklin, of Wilkesbarre.

A Small Fire.

Wednesday morning a disastrous fire was narrowly averted in the large business block in which is located the dry goods store of Katz & Co., Bellefonte. A lot of cotton was ignited by a boy tramping on a match. The blaze quickly spread, but was soon put under control. The loss was about \$500.

A Deer in Town.

A large doe ran into Phillipsburg one morning last week but passed through the place very quickly. The deer it was thought had been chased out of the woods by dogs.

LATE NEWS CONDENSED.

A strike of the coal miners of the Johnstown region for higher wages is agreed upon.

Opposition to McKinley is fast growing among Republicans, especially in the entire west.

The Boers, up to date, are giving the British black eyes from behind their kopjes. John Bull is not going to have a walk-over to capture Pretoria.

Admiral Dewey has consented to be a candidate for President, not laying down any platform. This will make some stir.

An attempt was made to assassinate the Prince of Wales yesterday in Brussels. Two shots were fired at him, by a boy 16 years of age, who was arrested. The Prince was not hurt.

Yesterday again the Quay case got a back set after an angry tilt between the two factions in the senate, ending with a gloomy outlook for the Stone certificate.

In Pittsburg, Monday morning, 20,000 miners went on a strike, objecting to the new wage scale. And a big strike was begun in New York. Laborers east and west are threatening to strike.

Queen Victoria on Monday started on her trip to Ireland, the journey by train, to be made wholly at night, under extraordinary precautions, accompanied by many royal personages and attendants.

The Kansas City Democratic convention hall was destroyed by fire yesterday. Public school building and other buildings were destroyed. Fire started about the boilers. A new building will be erected in time for the convention.

The Democratic state convention is in session at Harrisburg. It will endorse Bryan, and platform denounces trusts, the wrong against Porto Rico, imperialism and favors bimetallism. Colonel Spangler of this county is selected as a delegate to the national convention. An effort will be made to-day to reject the Philadelphia delegates because the element that chooses them has been found to be simply Quay Democrats. Put 'em out!

Local Dots.

Very fine today, only a little cool.
Rob Stover and Cal Eby of near Woodward are attending the Lebanon business college.

The horse bought by Clayton Bower at the Millheim horse sale died of lung fever.

See Dauberman & Krumbine's furniture ad.

The many friends of Joseph Gilliland, who had his hand cut off in the bending works at New Bloomfield, will be pleased to learn of his recovery from the injury. Joe is able to be out again, as he writes.

Millinery Display.

Mrs. Lucy Henney is in Eastern cities this week purchasing her Spring and Summer stock. She will have on hand all the latest shapes in hats and bonnets, also a new line of ribbons and flowers. Her stock of trimmed goods will arrive the first of the week. The opening takes place Friday and Saturday, the 13th and 14th of April. All the ladies are invited on those days to see her fine line of goods. Prices low and material the best.

Waiting for Open Weather.

The farmers in this valley are waiting for this wintry weather to blow over that they may begin their spring work of planting and sowing. For a few days at a time the weather gives promise of being fair and then comes a two or three inch snow storm to head it off. Our prophets say we shall have snow squalls and cold blasts until after Easter.

Arm Hurt.

Thomas Taylor, son of John J. Taylor, had an arm injured last week at Colyer's stove factory. Tom was handling a stove saw and got too close to the machine. The saw struck his arm near the elbow and gave him a severe gash. It was only a slight injury yet a painful one.

Remarkable Cure of Rheumatism.

KENNA, Jackson Co., W. Va.
About three years ago my wife had an attack of rheumatism which confined her to her bed for over a month and rendered her unable to walk a step without assistance, her limbs being swollen to double their normal size. Mr. S. Maddox insisted on my using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and used it according to the directions and the next morning she walked to breakfast without assistance in any manner, and she has not had a similar attack since.
—A. B. PARSONS. For sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Pottery Mills; H. F. Rossmar, Spring Mills; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Domestic Economy.

Said Brown unto his wife one day,
"We've nothing left to eat;
If things go on in this queer way,
We can't make both ends meet."
His wife replied in words discreet,
"Oh, we'll not be badly fed;
If you can make but one end meat,
I'll make the other bread."

The Sure Sign.

O let the robin sit
On the picket fence and sing!
O let the jaybird flit,
Let the lark be on the wing—
Still the shirt-waist is the thing
That's the surest sign of spring.

Shape not your actions
Mean and small,
Better you hadn't lived at all.
Ever strive to do your duty,
And gain a crown of holy beauty.

Our physicians state there is not a great deal of sickness.

Alfred Durst's coming adds another good citizen to our town.

Pennhall has energy and snap sufficient to get up a brass band.

Meyer & Musser have full swing now in the former Wolf store stand.

All will welcome so excellent a citizen as Will Spangler to our town.

D. M. McCool is the new tenant on Mrs. Ross' farm at Farmers Mills.

Mrs. Catherine Houseman, of Pennhall, is improving from her late illness.

Commissioner Heckman has bought a house in Bellefonte and will move in it.

Sales are all over and the flittings have all flitted, leaving the highways their usual quiet.

W. P. Dorman, of Hublersburg, has bought the Freed store in Sigleville, and taken possession.

The Traction railway from Lock Haven to Millhall has been sold to W. B. Given, of Columbia, for \$34,700.

Alfred R. Lee, the new merchant at Centre Hill, has been appointed postmaster, vice Jas. B. Strohm resigned.

The Kishacoquillas railroad is to be extended into Stone valley, and prospecting has been done for a route.

We learn of the death of Ralph Horner, son of Ellis Horner, of Oakhall, buried at Lindenhall cemetery on Sunday.

Mrs. Hemphill, of this place, has been seriously ill at the home of relatives in Philadelphia, whom she has been visiting for several months.

L. G. Burris, of Centrehill, this week becomes tenant on Mrs. Flora Bairfoot's farm, near this town, and his late tenant, Mr. Fye, has moved on the Krape farm near Farmers Mills.

Yesterday morning we had one more snow fall of about three inches, but the snow was soon dissipated by spring sun, and about two inches more mud was the benefit directly derived.

General Joubert's picture, in the Philadelphia Times of March 29, is a good likeness of Esq. J. S. Houseman, of Tusseyville. It isn't a bad thing for our friend to look like one of the greatest of generals.

Chas. P. Long announces himself as a candidate for delegate to the Republican state convention. Charley is deserving all he asks from his party, having been a hewer of wood and carrier of water for it many years.

Mrs. Alfred Hosterman, of Centre Hill, who has been quite ill, has improved some, though not able to be about. Mr. A. S. Kerlin is still confined to his room; hope a balmy spring may bring him new strength.

Be an actual help in the general good of your town and vicinity; avoid the croaker; least of all be a croaker and a stand-in-the-way, such sooner or later fall into disfavor. Strive to attain to the useful and good.—Peter Cooper.

The scholars are undergoing their examinations for promotion this week, and they are all on the anxious bench until the results are known. The schools close tomorrow, Friday, having completed the seven months term, the minimum allowed by law.

Samuel Kresmer, our genial and accommodating merchant, had a cute little experience on Tuesday evening, which caused him to cut a couple pigeon wings in the liveliest manner. Sam went to the coal house to bring in a bucketful of that article. As he stepped into the shed he surprised a couple of rats holding a conference. Of course there was a stampede of rodents. All got away safely but one, and that one dived up Sam's pant leg. Sam went up in the air at the first contact and he started to slash that leg around like a whip lash. The motion was too much for the rat, and it flew against the side of the building with a bang, being projected from his pant leg with force of a modern projectile.