



WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE CUBAN FRAUDS MUST BE INVESTIGATED.

The Democrats Must be Allowed in the Search of the Frauds.—The Republicans want Congress to Adjourn.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Republican Senators consented to a Congressional investigation of all Cuban accounts, as proposed by Senator Bacon's resolution, not because they wanted an investigation, but because they feared to defy a practically universal public demand for one. They are now trying to devise schemes that will enable them to keep the investigation in their own hands, but Democratic Senators are wide-awake and intend to participate in that investigation, and if possible, they are going to have another Porto Rico, where there has been great extravagance in the payment of double and in some cases triple salaries to postal employees, if no actual stealing. It is also generally believed that affairs are quite as bad, if not worse, in the civil branch of our government in the Philippines, and there are scandals even in the Washington City post-office.

The anxiety of Republican leaders to hurry adjournment is amusing. Although they have a good big majority in both branches, they act as though they were afraid that Congress would do something they didn't want it to do, if adjournment was not rushed. It is hardly likely that adjournment will take place June 6, the date set by the House resolution, but it will as soon thereafter as the Republican leaders in the Senate can get the appropriation bills out of the way. To appeal from Caesar McKinley to the American people is now the program of the Boer envoys. They have not abandoned their idea of making a tour of the country, and arousing public sentiment. They will begin this week in Baltimore, and from there will go to other cities where they have accepted invitations to attend public meetings.

Representative Talbert, of S. C., has been making another warm speech on the Pension question, his text being the case of the Michigan man who draws \$1800 a year as a clerk in the Interior Department, and \$1200 a year as private secretary to Representative S. W. Smith, of Michigan, and who has been voted by Congress a pension of \$72 a month for total disability. Representative H. C. Smith, cited the case of Justice Long, of the Supreme Court of Michigan, who draws a pension of \$140 a month as an excuse for this case, and Mr. Talbert said in reply: "Two wrongs do not make one right. The gentleman asks now because one man is robbing and plundering the government unjustly and unmeritoriously, that another man may be placed on the pension roll and receive a high pension. That is the trouble about this indiscriminate grabbing of pensions. One man gets in and another man wants to get in. Members have their friends and they will not vote against each other. They will not have the reports read because they sit here like dummies saying, 'Oh, they will reach my case next.' That is what is the matter. You want to do a dozen wrongs to make one right and you want to continue to do wrong in order that your own cases may be favorably acted upon. I want to see justice done by the old soldiers and I will help to do it every time if I can, but I do not want to give any soldier what he does not deserve."

Senator Morgan jumped on the opposition to the Nicaragua Canal, which has apparently succeeded in hanging up the bill, in a speech in which he did not mince words. He began with the six syndicates, organized under New Jersey laws for the purpose of controlling Canal routes on the Isthmus of Darien of which he said: "I think the assumption, arrogance, and brazen faced audacity of these people have reached a climax." He charged that this government was submitting to the clogging and badgering of the new Panama Canal Company, which in conjunction with the trans-continental railroad, inspired the opposition to the Canal bill, because a Presidential election is pending and that it is afraid to tackle any corporation that has or professes to have some great power, and he asked: "Is it to be said here that the President is a party to this ambidexterous and cross-eyed political rascality?" Mr. Morgan concluded with these plain words: "The President, who is a candidate for re-election, is in the hands of his friends, and his friends are the enemies of the Nicaragua Canal. I hardly know whether to say I hope for the passage of the Canal bill at this session or not. That depends upon two men upon this floor. If they are controlled by a determination that the revenues for Republican campaign purposes shall not be cut off from the great rail-

road and canal syndicates, then the bill cannot pass at this session. The responsibility, however, must rest on them."

The Spooner bill, making Mr. McKinley Czar of the Philippines, is dead for this session and probably for all time, as in addition to some Republican opposition to it, the Democrats in the Senate have served notice that the bill would not be allowed to pass at this session and they have the power to make that notice good by simply refusing to allow the bill to reach a vote.

Mr. McKinley who witnessed the eclipse today from Fort Monroe, where it was total, ought to have got there from a good advance idea of his own total eclipse next November. Of course he used a government vessel to make the trip to and from Fort Monroe; Republican officials seldom pay for anything they can get for nothing by making use of their official.

SUPREME COURT SITS ON STONE.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday rendered an opinion that Governor Stone's veto of the resolutions for an amendment to the Constitution providing for an honest registration and fair elections, he did not which he had no right to do, and plainly told the unfaithful Governor that it was clearly out of his province to meddle with the elections at all, and have commended his Secretary of the Commonwealth to at once advertise the amendments for honest elections to be voted for next November. That's business on the first floor, and now the people will have an opportunity to vote a halt on the machine practice of carrying all elections by fraud.

This is the second time Stone has been sat upon. The first was by the unconstitutional appointment of Quay.

Information Wanted.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of the following members of the 131 regiment P. V.:

Amos T. Ball, Huntingdon county, farmer.

John Crawford, Centre county, laborer.

Abram Gunter, Mifflin county, laborer.

Isaac Long, birthplace not known, wheelwright.

Dav. Yarlett, Mifflin county, miller.

Communicate information to C. H. Henderson, Lewistown, Pa.

Fingers Almost Amputated.

A little three-year-old daughter of N. B. Shaffer, a short distance east of Old Fort, nearly had two fingers cut off recently. The child was playing with other children, one of whom had a hatchet. The little girl was struck across the last two fingers of the left hand, nearly severing the fingers. Dr. Alexander placed the fingers in a splint and kept them there for ten days, and upon opening it was found the fingers had grown fast again and are now almost healed.

Warning Against Swindlers.

A warning has been sent out by the Department of State at Washington against the swindling scheme relating to estates in England. There are no great estates and no large deposits unclaimed.

These estate swindles, along with other classes of swindles, have been tried upon Centre county people. Be warned against the honey tongues and stool pigeons.

Side Path Law a Dead Issue.

The bicycle side path law is being laid aside in many counties of this state as a dead letter. In Montgomery the provisions of the statute have been decided to be unworked. The county commissioners have levied no tax on wheels, the assessors made no returns and the side path board is without funds. The present law is said to be defective in construction, if not unconstitutional.

A Church Picnic.

Rev. Kershner announced last Sunday evening that a picnic should be held by the members of the five Reformed churches composing his charge, that the members might become better acquainted with each other. He appointed a committee of three from each charge to confer upon a time and place for holding the picnic.

Eclipse Visible.

The eclipse was on time here Monday morning, and smoked glass called on to observe the darkening of the great luminary, the moon passing between the sun and the earth.

Voted \$10,000.

The Union county grand jury has voted to authorize the county commissioners to spend, not to exceed \$10,000, for a soldiers' monument to be erected in Lewisburg.

The Question of the Census Question.

The blank schedules to be used in the next census are now being distributed by the Census Office to the enumerators, who will start to work on June 1. The schedules contain questions which some persons may think prying, purposeless, or excessive in number. But their number and character have been determined by Congress, not by the Census Office, and all of them have been asked in previous censuses. The only important change since 1890 is that some questions have been abandoned.

People are often offended at the question, "How old are you?" and are apt to wonder what use the Government can make of their replies. Taken as a whole the replies are as important as any class of information the Census Office collects. Age returns penetrate and elucidate every other branch of statistical knowledge. They show where child labor is prevalent, and where the proportion of persons able to support themselves is large or small. They reveal the great number of colored children and the short life of the negroes under present conditions. They make it possible to ascertain whether the average length of life is increasing or decreasing, how many men the nation contains who are capable of voting or of bearing arms, and whether the relative number of children is increasing or decreasing.

The Mohammedan or semi-civilized countries like India householders are often unwilling to answer the question regarding the sex of persons in the house, but in civilized countries where the sexes are regarded as on an equality, such unwillingness does not appear. The answers to the questions show that in nearly all cities the females outnumber the males and that the same is true of most of the states along the Atlantic coast. The belief is widespread that taking the world in general there are more females alive at any given time than males, and that if it were not for immigration there would be more females in the United States than males. But census statistics show that we cannot explain the great excess of masses (over one and a half million) in the United States by immigration alone, for when the foreign-born are left out of account, there are still above 600,000 more males than females.

Few would dispute the necessity for asking questions regarding race. All arguments regarding the future of any particular race in this country, like the Indian, the negro, or Chinaman, must hinge upon the returns in the census. With the Indians, moreover, it is of the highest importance to learn what success the policy of the Government has met with in establishing them apart from their tribes and reservations, and whether such Indians are increasing or decreasing.

Some mothers may shrink from stating the number of children they have had and the number who are living. But from the answers to these questions, the country will learn whether the native American population is holding its own, or whether, as some have claimed, it is being gradually supplanted and displaced by the children of recent immigration.

In the light of such explanations, and only a few of the most important questions have been touched upon, it may perhaps be clear to the public that no question has been ordered by Congress, or has been asked by the Census Office which, if properly and correctly answered, will not lead to suggestive inferences regarding the American people and their work.

Bicycle Side Path.

The first bicycle side path commissioners' convention at Williamsport last week was attended by representatives from twelve of the sixty-seven counties in the state—Blair, Bradford, McKean, Wyoming, Tioga, Lycoming, Carbon, Lackawanna, Schuylkill, Lehigh, Centre and Northumberland.

Big Shipping Point.

Lindenhall claims to ship more freight than any station on the line of this railroad, owing largely to the lumber shipped by the Lindenhall lumber Co. When the big Kettle lumber operation begins, with Centrehall as its shipping point, it will put this station at the head for shipments.

Fabric Protection.

The Supreme Court has again rendered a decision that dangerous parts of roads must be supplied with guard rails, in the absence of which townships and road companies will be held responsible for damages if accidents happen.

Was a Success.

The festival held on Lohr's lawn last evening by the members of the M. E. church, was liberally patronized by the public, and the supplies were exhausted before nine o'clock. A neat sum was realized from the work, which will be applied to church work.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Fence Law.—When and Where Fences Are Necessary on Land.—A Man Must Fence Against His Own Cattle.

Ex-Judge Furst, of Bellefonte, has given the Gazette of that place an opinion as to the fence law. After quoting that part of the act of 1700 requiring the construction of fences he says:

On the 4th day of April A. D. 1889, this section of the act of 1700 was repealed. The result of this repeal was, to require every man owning stock to take care of the same himself. Prior to that time the law practically required the owner of land to fence the same with good and sufficient fence, for the purpose of preventing his neighbors' cattle from trespassing upon his lands. The reverse of the case now exists. The owner of the cattle must protect them himself from trespassing. It does not matter whether a farmer has his lands fenced or not; his neighbor cannot permit his cattle to run at large and thereby trespass upon another's land. If he so permit his cattle to wander at large, and they commit a trespass upon land whether the same be fenced or unfenced, the owner of the stock is liable to the party owning the land upon which the trespass was committed. Hence, the rights of the parties may be stated as follows: The owner of stock is responsible for any damage committed upon the lands of another, irrespective of the question of fences. This is the general law obtaining on this question.

After quoting decisions with reference to partition fences the Judge concludes:

Therefore, the practical result is that the owner of cattle must protect them from trespassing, and the only fence that the law requires to be built under certain circumstances is a partition fence. There are some cranks in every community who seem to think that they will not join at all in the building or repairing of a partition fence; that they will build a separate fence on their own line, and thus have two fences within a few inches of each other, and parallel along the entire boundary. This not only is unneighborly, but an expensive effort to defeat the act of assembly which, under the circumstances already named, authorizes the construction of a partition fence.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Cyrus R. Gingrich, of Dunbar, Fayette county, and Margaret Ella Dourich, of Lock Haven.

Robert Walker, of Yarnell, and Sarah Elizabeth Swab, of Howard township.

John T. Marshall and Eva Lera Mackley, of Fillmore.

C. C. Kreamer and Alice D. Shaver, of Bellefonte.

M. D. Garman and Maggie Shuey, of Bellefonte.

John Rodolok and Katrina Liptak, of Clarence.

Wm. Laird and Elsie Funk, of Roland.

Harry Nearhoaf, of Fowler, and Stella Reese, of Worth twp.

The Organ Contest.

The Centre Democrat's organ contest closed on Wednesday evening with the following result:

Vote cast this week: Roland M. E. church, 10,957; Pleasant Gap Lutheran church, 4,058.

Total vote cast during contest: Roland M. E. Church, 19,498.

Pleasant Gap L. Ch. 'h, 11,127.

Majority for Roland, 8371.

Peaches to Be Plenty.

The Reporter has information direct from Delaware that the peach crop is not a failure, but will be plentiful and the fruit cheap unless a Trust handles it for purposes of extortion. The prospect for all kinds of fruit is encouraging. Don't fret—Providence is with us yet.

The Penns valley peach orchards are also promising a fair crop.

Dr. Gerhart Again Called to Lewisburg.

Rev. Dr. Gerhart, late pastor of the Bellefonte Reformed church, has been elected pastor of the Lewisburg Reformed church, which he formerly was pastor of. His recall not only evidences a recognition of his ability but an appreciation of his true christian character.

A Woman Lawyer.

Miss Katharine Pontius Baker, daughter of S. Thompson Baker, attorney-at-law and president of the Union National bank at Lewisburg, has been admitted to practice at the Union county bar. Miss Baker is the first woman admitted to the bar in Union county.

Foster's Weather Forecast.

About date of this bulletin a low or warm wave will be not far from longitude of Dayton, Ohio, moving rapidly eastward and a high or cool wave will then be in longitude of Winnepeg, Fargo and San Antonio.

A low temperature wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 29, great central valleys 31, eastern states June 28, causing showers in many parts of the country.

First week in June will be uneventful in weather matters. Showers of rain will be fairly well distributed up to about June 7, at which time a ten days' drouth will attack the growing crops and give the speculators an opportunity. The drouth will cause a scare but it will be partly broken not far from 17.

Severe storms may be expected at any time from 10 to 20 and during this period hail will probably damage crops in localities most subject to that destructive agent.

A great rise in temperature will reach meridian 90 near June 17 and a great fall near 26; earlier west, later east. The drouth will occur during the rising and showers during the falling temperatures mentioned.

Readable Clippings.

Five million acres of the rolling plains of Kansas are carpeted with waving wheat. For the fourth consecutive year Kansas will harvest one of the greatest wheat crops in her history.

Another newspaper has gone wrong and exposed boro officials. This time it is the Butler Herald. It has shown up crookedness in the poor funds of that town running over a period of several years. The amount of the crookedness is upwards of \$1200. Now let the impudent Herald paper be injured in its business, black-mailed, and by all other dire things—for what business have newspapers to expose dishonest town officials?

Considering that Mexico is on a silver basis it does not make a bad showing in the way of industrial progress. In the past nine years the republic has doubled the number of its factories and multiplied by three its banking capital—and the continuance of this great prosperity is now quite as pronounced as ever during the decade.

In an article in the New England Monthly, the writer has this truthful paragraph: It is a singular fact that those persons who are continually finding fault with the living profits of their neighbor, are invariably found to be far greater extortioners in their own business affairs, yes, even dishonest and will swindle if possible. They want to live and not let live, the lowest stage of meanness and jealousy to which a man can descend.

The Democratic Primaries.

Saturday next the Democratic delegate election will be held in this county and the campaign closes for the aspirants seeking the nomination and honor of being on the tickets. For Congress, Hon. J. K. P. Hall is asking without opposition the endorsement of our people for second term. He will get it. Hon. J. H. Wetzel will also ask for a renomination for Assembly. He has served one term with faithfulness and fidelity to his county. There are also in the field Hon. Robert M. Foster, who has served two terms in the Legislature with a creditable record. Striving for Mr. Foster's seat is Ferguson township's farmer candidate, J. W. Kepler, and John W. Conley, who is also a farmer and wants Potter township represented on the Democratic ticket this year.

Foster, Kepler and Conley are making a hard fight for the honor, and in this contest have been working hard for months past hustling after their Democratic friends.

For Jury Commissioner there are two candidates in the field. The convention will be held on Tuesday at Bellefonte.

End of the War.—Pretoria has Fallen.

The British have marched into Johannesburg, the largest and most important city of the Boers. There was no resistance, the Boer forces retiring without firing a gun. This is looked upon as near the end of the war.

Pretoria also has fallen and this ends the Boer war.

President Kruger has gone to Waterbaven, 10 miles from Pretoria.

The British officers are now at Johannesburg dictating terms of surrender.

Kruger will probably be sent to St. Helena.

Church Appointments.

The Presbyterian church cordially invites you to the following services next Sabbath: Sunday school at 9 a. m., preaching at 10 a. m., Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Preaching at Spring Mills at 2.30 p. m.

Rev. Rarick's appointments, Sunday June 3: Centrehall, 10 a. m.; Spring Mills, 7 p. m.; Tusseyville, 2 p. m.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

How He Knows.

I've been visitin' my grandpa For about a week or so; He's got a pretty garden, Where all kinds of flowers grow, 'N he's got fields 'n orchards That are full of rows of trees, 'N down behind the house there's lots Of boxes full of bees.

He let me hoe the garden, 'N he let me milk the cow; I learned to do it splendid, Soon as grandpa showed me how; He let me drive the horses, 'N he let me climb the trees, But every day he told me I Must not go near the bees.

One time he wasn't lookin', So I went down behind The house to see the boxes, And now I'm nearly blind, And when I put my shirt on I pull it past my knees— I wonder how dear grandpa knows I monkeyed with the bees? —Chicago Times Herald.

Cool this week.

The fruit crop is still safe.

Still marching on: Caterpillars.

Rowe's road machine works well.

Wheat crop was irreversibly damaged last winter.

Give Centrehall a call if wanting a business location.

John L. Kurtz, Bellefonte, was allowed a pension, \$6.

Favorable weather continuing, there will be a fair hay crop.

Will Stiver was able to be in town, the first time in six months.

Centrehall is an especially favorable location for any kind of enterprise.

The new fair company promise a fine exhibition at Bellefonte next fall.

A new board walk is down in front of Mrs. Hemphill's residence and lots.

A welcome thunder shower, this morning, grazed many sections, more or less.

Andrew Krape, of Nittany valley, died on 23, aged 89 years. He was supervisor of the 'pike for many years.

H. B. Herring now has a force of men on his timber tract on Brush mountain.

The six members of the school board of Mahaffey, Clearfield county, weigh 1314 pounds.

Prof. Frank Meyer, of near Millheim, has been elected principal of the high school, Ardmore, Pa.

The New York World says ice is delivered in Savannah, Ga., and sold at 10 cents per 100 pounds.

Arrangements are being made to have the body of Lieut. G. L. Jackson brought to Bellefonte for burial.

People in all parts of the county are impatiently awaiting the coming of the County Centennial, July 25-26.

There are rumors the Bellefonte scale works will go elsewhere. Don't let 'em, the town and county lose thereby.

Persons who meddle with other people's affairs invariably find it a boomerang to come back on them with bad effect.

Rev. J. H. Keller, of this place, last Sabbath, preached in the Mifflinburg Reformed church, morning and evening.

George Corman of Rebersburg has an attack of pneumonia. Ephraim Erhard is suffering from an attack of apoplexy.

Millheim's knitting factory, through the efforts of its public spirited citizens; is on a fair way to success. We expected that kind of stuff here.

When Hoffer street gets its finishing touches, it will be a delightful drive, a boulevard, for our stylish turnouts and fast steeds. "Glang there, who cares for expense."

Our town is pretty as any little burg in the state; pretty homes, clean yards with lovely flowers, nice hands to take care of 'em, and other conveniences, only the street gets "powerful" dusty until Providence favors us with a welcome sprinkle.

There could be no benefit or pleasure to him who sowed the tares, except the pleasure derived from the reflection that an injury had been done. It is a strange condition of human nature when a man takes delight in annoying another. The spirit is evil in the extreme.—J. E. Gilbert, LL. D.

Five of the Rishell brothers, Howard and John of New York city, Rev. Clel. of Woodland, Ward of Philadelphia, and Willis of Montgomery, were present at their mother's funeral Saturday last. Aaron and Mrs. Kate Baker, of Missouri, were unable to be present.

Can't it be arranged to have the next eclipse of the sun total here as well as other parts of the world, inquired a fellow from down the road. That has been arranged to happen once in every twenty-four hours, and we call it "night." When it happens in daytime we call it "eclipse." That's all the difference.