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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THE CHINA TROUBLE IS CAUSING MUCH WORRY.

The Administration Endeavoring to Allay Suspicion.—Uncertain Results for Three States.

WASHINGTON, June 11.—The administration is worrying over the news from China. The revolution of the "Boxers" threatens to expose Mr. McKinley's Imperialistic program concerning China in advance of the Presidential election, which is just what he was anxious to avoid. In their anxiety to allay public suspicion at home, members of the administration have been doing some work juggling that would be amusing if the matters involved were not too serious to laugh about. For instance, official statements to the press from the State Department have emphasized the alleged instructions to our Minister at Peking, and to Rear Admiral Kempf, our Naval Commander in Chinese waters, to act in concert with European powers for the protection of foreigners and their property but not to join a combination of the powers for any purpose. Our representatives over there must be clever indeed if they can act in concert with the European powers without combining with them.

A marked feature of the political situation is the genuine scare of the Republican leaders over three states which they have heretofore been claiming as certain to cast their electoral votes for McKinley. These states are New York, Indiana and Illinois. In New York, with Croker to look after greater New York, and Hill to look after the other portions of the state, pulling loyally together, the Republicans realize that the state will be doubtful. In Indiana, the state ticket nominated by the Democrats, headed by Hon. John W. Kern, is so strong that Indiana Republicans have notified the leaders of the party that the state is in danger. In Illinois, the tide has been running anti-Republican for some time, and appeals for help are being received in Washington. This scare is so bad that prominent Republicans are saying that it is useless to consider candidates from other states for the second place on the McKinley ticket; that he must be taken from one of those three states, and must be a man who will add strength to the ticket. Mr. McKinley has gone out of his way to make friends with Senator Mason, of Ill., who was anti-administration during the recent session of Congress, and has succeeded in getting Mason to promise to take the stump for him. As Mason is not the sort of man who can be won over by jollying, it is likely that he has received some definite and iron-clad promises of future patronage.

The Industrial Commission, so-called, has provided itself with a pleasant summer junket, all of the expenses of which will be paid by the "dear people." It has decided that the industrial conditions, principally flirtations and such, along the Northern Atlantic coast, must be investigated during the summer, and has arranged for meetings of the Commission during the next three months, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and the New England states. One of the first duties of a Democratic administration and Congress will be to abolish the Republican Government Commission humbug, which has become so rampant, and so expensive, under the McKinley administration.

Chairman Payne, of the House Ways and Means Committee, has given away the claim of the Republicans that the reason they did not reduce war taxes at the recent session of Congress, was their desire to have that Committee grant hearings and study the question during the recess, so that the right sort of bill providing for the reduction might be reported to the House, by the official announcement that the Committee would not be called together until just before Congress meets. In other words, the question of the reduction of the war taxes is to be left open until after election, in order that all the big interests may be taxed for the Republican campaign fund.

Secretary Long has advertised for bids for furnishing armor plate for battleships, under the cowardly law forced through Congress the last thing before adjournment, making Mr. Long do what the Republicans of Congress were ashamed to do—agree to the prices of armor set by the armor trust, which will necessarily be the only bidder to respond to the advertisement. True, the law gives Mr. Long authority to reject the bids if he considers the price too high, and to use the \$4,000,000 carried by the act, for the establishment of a government plant to make armor plate, but if he acted upon that authority, the Republican leaders who engineered the cowardly make-shift

would throw a few fits; they are figuring on a heavy campaign contribution from the armor trust.

Mr. McKinley and Gen. E. S. Otis have been exchanging taffy. Mr. McKinley has been telling Otis that he was the only real thing in the Military way produced by the Philippine war—many believe that Otis produced that war—and that he would have been glad to have made him, instead of Miles, a Lieutenant General, but Congress fixed it so that promotion had to go to Miles; while Otis, overjoyed at his promotion to be a Major General has been telling Mr. McKinley that he is the greatest of all presidents. Outside of the White House there has been no attempt to lionize Otis because of the prevalence of the opinion that he has already received more than was coming to him for anything he achieved during his blundering career in the Philippines.

The Democratic Resolutions.
The resolutions passed by the Democratic County Convention on Tuesday, 5, re-affirm the platform of 1896.

Bimetallism, gold and silver the money of the constitution, as tending to make the country prosperous, is endorsed, and a resolution of the tariff demanded for revision only as is necessary for an economical administration of the government.

We declare in favor of the prompt enforcement of all anti-trust laws, state or national, and enactment of such additional legislation as may be necessary to drive out of existence all illegal combinations, criminal trusts and monopolies.

Militarism, and making strappings of our newly acquired territories, as is being attempted by the present Republican administration, is soundly denounced.

The platform of the state Democracy is affirmed, and all good citizens irrespective of party affiliation to support our honored fellow citizen, Hon. P. Gray Meek, the nominee for auditor general.

A strong demand is made for honest elections, honest counts, and true returns and the Republicans held responsible our odious election foist.

The attempt to again foist upon an unwilling people M. S. Quay, by unconstitutional certificate, as a senator from this state, is sternly rebuked.

Bryan for President, and Hon. J. K. P. Hall for Congress, are strongly endorsed.

The county nominees are commended as worthy the united and hearty support of all conservative citizens.

THE BOER WAR.
The British received a heavy blow, a battalion of infantry was swept away for them at Roodeval.

The Boers have control of the railroad and telegraph for 50 miles and they have torn it up for 20 miles.

The big army of Roberts has been split and he is checked thereby in his movements.

Roberts' force is isolated, and his line of communications has been cut off by Free States.

Over a thousand militia guarding the railway were captured by the Boer raiders.

Disappointment is felt in London.

To Erect a Brick Building.
It is the purpose of B. D. Briabin and D. A. Boozer to erect a large brick structure on a plot of ground out at the station with the material from the Presbyterian church now being torn down at Centre Hill. The building to be erected will be about the same size as the church, and will be utilized as their canning and evaporating plant. Later other industries may be established in the building.

Wedding at Rebersburg.
Miss Lottie Elizabeth, the accomplished daughter of Calvin O. Mallory, of Rebersburg, was united in marriage to William M. Torbert, of Delta, Pa., at the home of the bride. The wedding was witnessed by a number of invited guests. The groom is an employee of the Howard Creamery Company, at Coburn.

Liberally Subscribed.
Bellefonters are endeavoring to raise a fund to keep the scale works from being removed. Col. Fred Reynolds by telegram to Jack Dale, obligated himself for a donation of \$500. The Colonel is not a man of much talk, but of action. Many only talk.

Lewisburg Sawmill Burned.
The Kulp lumbermill and a large barn a half mile west of Lewisburg, took fire on Saturday noon and burned to the ground. A horse and some other animals perished in the flames. The fire was caused by a hot journal.

A Promising Success.
Attorney Jack Dale, one of the promoters of the new county fair, informs us that the society's exhibition next fall, as to exhibits and races, will exceed any fair previously held in this county.

Times When We Pay War Taxes.

Secretary Gage says the war taxes are piling up a surplus that will reach \$70,000,000 at the close of the fiscal year, and in all probability will be greatly in excess of that amount. And still the Government fines the citizen—

When he sends a telegram.
When he draws a check.
When he becomes a member of a corporation.
When he transfers his stock.
When he insures his life or his house.
When he assigns his insurance.
When he makes a note to raise money for the payment of his other taxes.
When he buys a money order.
When he executes a lease.
When he sends a paid telephone message.

When an indemnity bond is given.
When a bill of exchange is given.
When the citizen executes an instrument necessary in the sale of merchandise on 'change.
When he ships goods by freight or express.

When he clears a vessel and files a manifest.
When he buys a ticket to go abroad.
When he executes a power of attorney.

When he buys proprietary medicines.
When he chews gum.

When he uses any perfumes or his wife indulges in cosmetics.
When a note is protested.
When a warehouse receipt is given.
When merchandise is entered at a Custom House.

BOXER WAR IN CHINA.

The insurrection of the Boxers in China, and their war upon Christian missions is serious and the great powers are likely to interfere for the protection of the lives and property of their citizens.

The deposed Emperor appeals to all the powers that peace can only ensue by reinstating him and deposing the empress dowager.

It is proposed by His Majesty and his advisers that the foreign powers should declare a joint protectorate and undertake the task of governing the country through His Majesty.

If it should so be that the foreign powers seriously contemplate the dismemberment of the Chinese Empire, they have before them the huge task of facing dense millions, who, although lacking training, and who make but contemptible soldiers, possess boundless powers of passive resistance and would be able to wear out the patience of any European ruler seeking to govern them without regard to their prejudices.

Legal Status of the Dog.

In the Bucks county court, last week there was developed points on the status of dogs before the law. Emanuel G. Rosenberger was prosecuted by Mrs. Mary Douglas for killing her shepherd dog, which she claimed was a protector of her home. The defense admitted the charge, but alleged that the animal had trespassed upon his premises and proved annoying. In charging the jury the court said there had been much contention over the status of a dog in law, and that this faithful animal had had a hard time to gain his place in relation to man. It has certainly been established that a dog is a domestic animal. The act of May 15, 1899—the sheep law—makes dogs personal property. The supreme court, in a recent decision, held that all dogs are personal property and the subject of larceny, whether registered or not. With a domestic animal as trespasser, however, and the owner permits the trespass, the person aggrieved may kill the animal, but he must do it in such way that is not wanton or malicious. No man has a right, under the law, to inflict cruelty upon any animal. In view of the evidence in the Bucks county case, that Mr. Rosenberger had first shot and then clubbed the animal to death (the use of the club being, as the defendant said, to end the animal's misery) Rosenberger was sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and undergo imprisonment in jail for one day.

How to Serve Fruit.

Serve all fruits as fresh and cold as possible, and with granulated, rather than powdered sugar. Serve large strawberries with the hulls on, so that they may be dipped in sugar and eaten from the fingers. Serve currants and raspberries together with a little sugar, or, when it is necessary to use the currants alone, mash them slightly with plenty of sugar. Always wipe peaches carefully to remove the fuzz when placed on the table whole. Serve cut fruit and berries in glass dishes and please both eye and palate.

Festivals.

Colyer's Mills Cornet band will hold a festival next Friday and Saturday evenings, on the Colyer school house lawn. The band was recently organized. Ice cream, cake, etc., will be served. Proceeds for the benefit of the band.

On Saturday next the ladies of Progress Grange will hold a festival in Grange aradia. Ice cream, cake, strawberries, and other delicacies will be served. The proceeds are for the benefit of the hall fund. All are invited to attend.

Destroyed by Fire.

Thursday morning of last week after midnight the steam saw mill, grist mill and planing mill of Frank Keesinger at Eagleville, this county, was destroyed by fire. Four men who were in the mill had a narrow escape from being burned and had barely time to escape with a few of their clothes. The origin of the fire is not known. No insurance.

Natural Advantages.

A trolley from Coburn to Millheim and Rebersburg would pay besides being a needed improvement and convenience. Grade scarcely anything and water power to generate electricity all that could be desired. There is capital enough along the route to build it, too.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Bell Telephone Line has Two More Poles Cut Down near the Town.—An Elopement and Wedding.

The Bell telephone company are having troubles of their own in rebuilding their pole line from Centre Hall to Lewistown. Last week a lot of poles were cut down which were erected inside the fence on the farm of Mrs. Smith between the Old Fort and Centre Hill. These were set up again in the same holes and have not been disturbed. On the upper end of town the company set two poles inside the fence on the fields of Xavier Ghrerer. He protested against the encroachment on his property, and on Monday while the linemen were fastening the wire on the new poles, one pole was cut down. A lineman was working on the top of the other pole and was ordered down, but went ahead with his work. The quick strokes of the axe soon had the pole wobbling and the lineman asked for an armistice to get down, which was allowed him, and then the timber came down. There were threats of prosecution, but the matter has since been amicably settled.

Married at Lewistown.

On Monday W. Leslie Jacobs, one of Centre Hall's young men, and son of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Jacobs, was married at the Lutheran parsonage at Lewistown by Rev. M. S. Cressman, to Miss Anna Lizzie Durst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Durst, of Spring Mills. The marriage was a surprise to all but a few of the intimate friends of the contracting couple who were let into the secret of the contemplated nuptials. The bride's parents were not aware of the intended event, and on Monday morning the daughter left Spring Mills with the evident intent of going to Morgantown, Pa. on a visit. She left the train at Centre Hall, and soon after was on her way across the mountains to Lewistown in company with her husband elect. Without any delay a license was secured at Lewistown and the ceremony performed. Leslie and his bride arrived in Centre Hall last evening and will settle down as soon as possible to housekeeping.

Upset the Buggy.

This morning as Perry Breon was tying his horse to a post in front of the bank building, a man driving in a two horse wagon struck the hind wheel of Perry's buggy, upsetting it and throwing out the occupants, Mrs. H. G. Strohmaier and daughter, and Perry's daughter. The buggy landed on its side with the occupants under it. The horse became frightened and began to kick and plunge. The ladies were pinned under the buggy, and how they escaped being struck by the horse's feet seems a miracle. The horse was finally controlled and the buggy righted. The ladies escaped without an injury beyond the shock and being thrown in the mud.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week:

Thos. B. Weaver, Moshannon, Lydia Duck, Rebersburg.

David B. Lucas, Moshannon, and Esther G. Leathers, Mt. Eagle.

Irvin W. Stover, Fiedler, and Lizzie M. Barner, Woodward.

Edward M. Watson and Della Conway, Clarence.

Andrew L. White and Clara Spierly, Bellefonte.

Edward B. Myers and Virginia M. Myers, Boalsburg.

J. S. Mason and Clara Parks, Curwensville.

Homer J. Wagner and Mildred H. Dubbs, Phillipsburg.

W. G. Bullock and Annie St. Clair.

A Serious Accident.

Samuel Sheffer, superintendent of the A. G. Morris stone quarries, near Bellefonte, met with a serious accident June 5th. The men were just preparing for a blast when suddenly a large stone above them became loose and rolled down striking Mr. Sheffer and knocking him down a twenty foot embankment. He was removed to his home in an almost lifeless condition. An examination showed that the unfortunate man had two ribs broken on the left side, left shoulder out of place, left arm broken at the elbow and right leg broken.

Reformed Reunion.

The committee appointed by Rev. G. W. Kershner to confer upon a time and place for holding a reunion of the members of the five congregations composing the Centre Hall charge, has decided that the affair should be held in the Fort woods near Centre Hall on August 15th.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight sprain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by J. H. Ross, Linden Hall; S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters Mills; H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills; J. F. Smith, Centre Hall.

Readable Clippings.

The official estimate of the mineral wealth of Siberia would indicate that this country is, minerally speaking, one of the richest in the world.

In China it is the rule of good society that widows do not remarry. They are not forbidden to do so, but they are thought more highly of if they don't. In order to encourage them the Government, when they have passed the age of 50, and have not remarried, confers on them a tablet containing a eulogy of their virtues.

In almost every town you find a few persons who busy themselves in envy to injure others that are a benefit and a credit to their community. It is only the depraved of heart whose envy is excited and they seek to bring their betters down to their own level. The man of envy is never a good man if you examine him closely.—Dr. Brown.

Lots of folks who would like to do right think that servin' the Lord means shoutin' themselves hoarse praisin' His name. Now, I'll tell you how I look at that. I'm workin' here for Jim. Now, if I'd sit round the house here, tellin' what a good fellow Jim is, an' singin' songs to him, I'd be doin' just what lots of Christians do; but it wouldn't suit Jim, and I'd get fired mighty quick. But when I bustle among the hills an' see that Jim's herds are all right, and not sufferin' for water an' feed, or bein' off the range branded by cattle thieves, then I'm servin' Jim as he wants to be served.—A Converted Cowboy in the Episcopal Recorder.

The Boxers.

The "Boxers" in China, the great secret political organization that is on the warpath to destroy foreign influence and progress in the empire, if it continues in its lawless and barbarous methods, in all probability will bring about the very result it aims to counteract. The murder of Chinese Christians and the danger to the missionaries and teachers will induce all the foreign governments to send war ships and troops to defend them. The empress dowager is believed to be in sympathy with the "Boxers," although the latter have defeated the government troops and destroyed railway property, and are reported to be marching on Peking. Anarchy is said to prevail in many provinces, and with such effective foreign interference as appears probable the reconstruction and division of the Chinese empire is one of the certainties of the not distant future.

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The Brouse dwelling burned near Pinegrove was not insured in the Centre Hall company. The Rocky barn fire, mentioned in our last, was insured in a cash company, his Centre Hall policy having expired some months ago.

At Lewisburg during Monday evening's storm a crowded trolley car was struck by lightning, while at the end of the bridge opposite town. The wife of Rev. A. B. Collins, of the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. William C. Gretzinger, both of Lewisburg, were struck and badly injured, and a portion of their clothes burned. A sack of candy was blown out of little girl's hand.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Giving Themselves Aids.

"The latest from Washington is a scheme for the diffusion of air of an arctic temperature in the streets."—Daily paper.

Washington, a sultry spot, Heats the fervid patriot, Best invention's subtle craft Offers him a cooling craft

Let the Polar breezes blow Round the doctrine of Monroe, Till 'tis cold enough to freeze On to anything it sees.

Should the Anglo-Saxon race Ever warm to an embrace, Douche it with a sudden chill, Spoil an Arbitration Bill.

Foolish gratitude must not Pass from tepid into hot; Private bothers being o'er, Patronize a brother's craft

So may kin be made to feel Blood, like water, can congeal, Frozen by a climate where Ice-olation 's in the air.

—From Punch.

Garden truck is booming.

Set 'em out: your souerkrout plants.

Laborers are wanted to work on the new Bellefonte fair grounds.

Snake stories are not budding much, mountain fires put in a veto.

Wheat crept up 5 cents a bushel last week, and on Saturday dropped 1 1/2 cts.

Potatoes at present look promising; some have early potatoes for the table.

Strawberries plenty, and selling 3 boxes for 25c at Sunbury and Lewisb'g.

Buffalo valley wheat fields are making a better showing than those of Penns valley.

Captain Hugh Taylor and attorney Harrison Walker, won laurels as Decoration Day orators.

A thunder shower in Haines township did some damaging washouts in the fields, a short time ago.

Andy Wolfkill, 46 years in the service of the Penn's railroad as a conductor, died a few days ago, aged 66 years, and was buried at Lewistown.

Centennial Chairman of Music, P. H. Meyer, informs us that all sections of the county will be represented in the vocal and instrumental parts, July 25 and 26.

The purpose of gills in fishes is to separate the air used by them for breathing. The water is taken through the mouth and expelled through the gills.

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