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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### DANGER IN SENDING TROOPS FROM MANILA TO CHINA.

A Strong Army Necessary in the Philippines to Keep Down the Revolt.—Popularity of Stevenson.

WASHINGTON, July 9.—Imperialism has received a blow from an unexpected quarter. When the administration began to order troops sent from the Philippines to China, Gen. MacArthur promptly filed a protest, saying that if the troops were taken away from the Philippines, the Filipino revolt would at once be renewed. Secretary Root telegraphed to Gen. Ots to come to Washington at once. He came and declared that MacArthur was right, and after a two days' conference, Secretary Root announced that no more troops would be sent from the Philippines to China. The plain meaning of this is that it is necessary to keep the big army we now have in the Philippines permanently there in order to maintain our authority over the Filipinos. That is a little more than the most rabid imperialist bargained for, and is certainly more than the people of this country will stand for. What possible benefit can we derive from the Philippines that will compensate us for the expense in money and American lives that will be necessary to keep an army of 50,000 soldiers over there. It seems the world is about to witness the revival of the era of that mercenary invading army, which was familiar to Europe a few centuries ago. The other great civilized governments, including our own, have hired an army of Japan, to go to China and fight the Chinese, and after the Chinese are licked into humbleness, they are to be made to pay back the money it cost to lick them, with usurious interest. It is not considered honorable for an individual to hire professional thugs to obtain vicarious revenge upon his personal enemies. What then makes such a thing honorable on the part of a nation.

Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson is the only man ever nominated for Vice President who had previously demonstrated his fitness for the office by serving one term therein, and it can be truthfully said that no vice president was ever more popular than he was. True, Mr. Stevenson didn't have much influence with the President under whom he served, but nobody else had either. Mr. Cleveland was not a President to recognize influence, and he seemed to make a specialty of getting at outs with leaders of the Democratic party. But during those four years, Mr. Stevenson had and deserved the confidence of the Democrats in Congress, and lost no opportunity to push party interests that he could with propriety have taken advantage of. Adlai Stevenson is a whole-souled good fellow, a good Democrat, and in every respect a worthy running mate to Col. Bryan, and Bryan and Stevenson is a ticket to win with.

If the Civil Service Commission had said enough it could make a whole lot of trouble for the administration on account of numerous and glaring violations of the Civil Service law in the interests of Republican political workers. A case in point is that of H. K. Chenoweth, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. While he was internal revenue collector in Arizona, he opened sealed envelopes containing questions for a Civil Service Examination, in advance of the examination in order that his wife, his brother-in-law and his cousin, were to take the examination, might put themselves and pass, which they subsequently did. The case was so clear, that Chenoweth was removed from the position of internal revenue collector, and a prosecution instituted against him by the Department of Justice. Although that prosecution is supposed to be still pending, —pigeon-holed in reality,—Chenoweth was put back on the government pay rolls as a special agent of the Treasury Department, and he is still there, and the Civil Service Commission is afraid to do more than mildly protest and ask what is to be done about the prosecution of Chenoweth for violating the law.

If getting the other fellows half scared to death, be good politics, then the Kansas City Convention must be credited with much good politics, for the Republicans are a badly frightened lot. They figured on a big Democratic fuss at Kansas City, but found that instead of a row, the regular Democrats, those who called themselves gold Democrats in 1896, the silver Republicans and the Populists are all enthusiastically supporting Bryan and Stevenson, and the Kansas City platform. These elements working harmoniously together are believed, even by Republicans, to be strong enough to carry the country.

### Died at Bellefonte.

Mary E., the wife of Matthew Dooley, died at her home at Bellefonte on July 4th, after a long illness from a complication of diseases, at the age of over 47 years. Deceased was a daughter of Nicholas Bauer, of Bellefonte.

## LOCAL CENTENNIALS.

### When Our Boroughs and Townships Were Erected.

The readers of the Reporter will find the following worthy a place in their scrap books, having compiled it for that especial use: Bellefonte, incorporated 1806, (laid out in 1795); pop. in 1890, 4070. Centre Hall boro. was incorporated Sept. 12, 1855, population about 441. Howard boro., founded by Wm. Tipton, in 1800; incorporated May 3, 1864; pop. in 1890, 554. Milesburg was the site of an Indian village, the home of the Indian Chief, Bald Eagle. Incorporated March 3, 1843; population in 1890, 714. Andrew Boggs first settler, 1769. Millheim laid out in 1798, by Philip Gunkle; incorporated Jan. 1879; pop. in 1890, 700. Phillipsburg, laid out by Henry and James Phillips in 1795; incorporated Nov. 29, 1864; pop. in 1890, 3,245. Unionville boro., laid out in 1843 by Zephaniah Underwood; incorporated Dec. 3, 1839; pop. in 1890, 843. Benner twp., named in honor of General Philip Benner, was erected in April 1863; pop. in 1890, 1222. Boggs twp., came from a division of Spring in Apr. 1814. Named after Andrew Boggs, the first settler; pop. in 1890, 2942. Burnsides twp., taken from Snowshoe in Nov. 1856; named after Thomas Burnsides, distinguished jurist; pop. in 1890, 530. College twp., taken from Harris and Benner, Aug. 1875; pop. in 1890, 1666. Curtin twp., taken from Howard, Nov. 1857; pop. in 1890, 546. The Lucas's were among the first settlers.

Ferguson twp., named in honor of Thomas Ferguson, pioneer settler; erected in Jan. 1801, out of Patton; pop. in 1890, 1748. Gregg twp., erected Nov. 1826, out of parts of Potter, Miles and Haines; named in honor of Hon. Andrew Gregg, congressman and U. S. senator; pop. in 1890, 1688. Early settlers: Geo. Woods 1774, and Geo. McCormick, in 1773. Haines twp., when erected in Feb. 1790, was in Northumberland county; named after Reuben Haines, owner of the land in the township; pop. in 1890, 1490. Early settlers: Adam Harper, Jacob and Adam Stover; John Motz was the first settler at Woodward, 1786. Halfmoon twp., erected Jan. 1802; pop. in 1890, 748. Early settlers: Abr. Elder 1784, others the Ways and Moores. Harris twp., taken from Ferguson, Potter and Spring, April 1835; named after James Harris; pop. in 1890, 869. Early settlers: Jacks, Watson, Irvin, et al. Howard twp., erected Jan. 1810, taken from what was then called Centre twp.; named in honor of the philanthropist, John Howard; pop. in 1890, 940. Early settlers: Delong, Askey and Packers. Huston twp., erected August 1838; taken from Patton, and named in honor of President Judge Charles Huston; pop. in 1890, 766. Earliest settler: Thos. Parsons in 1784, followed by Kilgour and Williams.

Liberty twp., erected Aug. 1845, out of part of Walker; pop. in 1890, 1244. Early settlers: Marsden, Beechdel, Kunes, Gardner, et al. back in 1769. Marion twp., erected Aug. 1840; pop. in 1890, 611. Early settlers: Thos. Wilson, 1785; followed by McCalmonts, McEwens, Lamb, et al. Miles twp., named after Col. Samuel Miles; organized in 1797, then belonging to Northumberland county; pop. in 1890, 1438. Early settlers: Pickle, Walter, Patton twp., named after Col. John Patton, an officer in the Revolutionary army; erected in 1794, was then a part of Mifflin county; pop. in 1890, 1045. Early settlers: Grays and Hartsocks in 1788. Penn twp., erected in 1844; taken principally from Haines and part of Gregg; pop. in 1890, 978. Early settlers: Hoy, Hall, Livingstone, later the Millers, Daniel Kreamer, and others. Potter was one of the original townships of the county when a part of Northumberland, and was named in honor of General James Potter, a distinguished officer in the Revolutionary war, and also one of the earliest settlers; erected in 1774; pop. in 1890, 1764. Early settlers: John Wilcott 1772, McKim 1777, King 1778, later Kerr, Henney, et al. Rush twp., the largest in territory, erected April 1814, taken from Halfmoon, and named after Benj. Rush; pop. in 1890, 1829. Snowshoe twp., was part of Boggs, and erected Jan. 1840; named thus from the fact that an Indian camp were found snowshoes left there by the Indians; pop. in 1890, 2397.

First settler was John Bechtel, of Nittany valley, in 1818. Spring twp., originally called Upper Bald Eagle, was changed to Spring in 1801, on account of the many springs in its territory; pop. in 1890, 3190. Early settlers: John Dunlop about 1794; later Waddle, Benner, Williams and Drimney. Taylor twp., organized Jan. 1847, out of Halfmoon; pop. in 1890, 577. Early settlers: Birge and the Vaughans, about 1792. Named after General Taylor. Union twp., erected Nov. 1850, out of Boggs; pop. in 1890, 820. Early settlers: Irvin, Peters, Blair. Walker twp., erected Jan. 1810, and named after the then President Judge Jonathan Walker; pop. in 1890, 1333. Early settlers: McEwens, McKee, Harbeson, McKean, et al. Worth twp., erected July 1848, from part of Taylor, and named after General Worth of Mexican war fame; pop. in 1890, 840. Early settlers: Records, Ardry and Kelly.

Farmers Swindled Again. Farmers at Muncy have been victimized by a party of men representing themselves to be of the "Ball Bearing Churn Company," selling a churn that would make butter inside of two minutes. The men gave demonstrations and sold their churns at \$7 each and also disposed of territorial rights at a price as high as \$200. The farmers tried to make butter with the churns and found that they could not do so under an hour's time. They have come to the conclusion that the men who victimized them used chemicals to make the butter gather. They now find that the paper they gave the men has been negotiated, and the sharpeners cleared up about \$2500 in that section. A citizen of that section writes the following: "These scamps intimidated they intended visiting Centre county, and knowing how faithfully the Reporter has labored to caution farmers against swindlers, think it would be advisable to have their shot guns ready." Yes, drive them out, the farmers of our county have been heavy sufferers by patent right swindlers, hay-fork and bohemian oats notes swindlers, in the past.

**LATE NEWS ITEMS.** Bryan opened the ball at his home in Lincoln, on Tuesday, at two ratification meetings, one in the afternoon conducted by the silver Republicans and Populists of Nebraska, and the other in the evening by the Democrats. Mr. Bryan said the party enters this campaign under much more auspicious conditions than existed four years ago. The platform adopted is the greatest of all, in addition to that of 1896, it outlines the party's position on new issues without evasion. Four-year-old Jennie Burke, strayed from home near Liverpool, and entered a boat at the shore of the river in which the mother and child set off for pasture. The boat got loose and drifted down the river. After an all-night fruitless search the mother thought of the boat and not finding it in its place search was made down the stream and 20 miles south of her home, the child was found well and unscathed. McKinley, joining the European powers, ordered several war vessels and 11,000 soldiers to China to assist the Powers in dividing up China, in violation of our sacred Monroe doctrine and in the face of the warning in Washington's Farewell Address to "beware of entangling alliances with foreign nations."

**Foster's Weather Forecast.** Last bulletin gave forecasts of storm wave to cross continent 2 to 6 and 5 to 9, with cool wave 3 to 7 and 7 to 11. Third storm wave of July will reach Pacific coast about 9, cross west of Rockies by close of 10, great central valleys 11 to 13, Eastern States 14. Hot wave will cross west of Rockies about 9, great central valleys 11, eastern states 13. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies about 15, great central valleys 17, eastern states 19. Fourth storm wave of July will reach Pacific coast about 15, cross the west of Rockies by close of 16, great central valleys 17 to 19, eastern states 20. About date of this bulletin a great hot wave will be afflicting the continent, particularly the northern states, accompanied by drought in large portions of northern great central valleys.

**Married.** At the Reformed parsonage, Centre Hall, June 17, 1900, by Rev. Geo. W. Kershner, Noah A. Brungart and Blanche F. Grove. At the Reformed parsonage, Centre Hall, June 25, 1900, by Rev. Geo. W. Kershner, Arthur M. Grove and Eveline B. Haugh.

At the home of the bride's parents, Spring Mills, Pa., on July 8, 1900, Geo. C. Rachau, Jr., and Annie M. Wolf, by Geo. W. Kershner.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

### HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Arrangements for the County Centennial — Work Being Rushed.—Money Voted for the Military Pageant.

The different committees for the Centennial work, have made excellent progress, all tending to a grand success July 25 and 26. Captain Hugh S. Taylor will have a splendid military parade, one of the finest yet had in the state, with several thousand troops.

Will Conly, with his decoration committee, will lend elegance and beauty to the streets of Bellefonte. Mrs. Isaac Mitchell is having good success in gathering historical. The Historian, Mr. Fred. Kurtz, has his work completed. Geo. T. Bush, on Transportation, has obtained low rates over all railroads. Mr. Edmund Blanchard, Jr., has succeeded in obtaining distinguished gentlemen as orators.

Prof. Meyer has completed a fine and elaborate scheme for vocal and instrumental music. Promotion and Publicity has been given every attention by Mr. P. G. Meek. J. D. Sourbeck has an attractive program on amusements. Robt. F. Hunter has his plans perfected as to printing and souvenirs, first class in style. Thus, it will be seen, our county's Centennial will be an assured success.

At a meeting of the executive committee at Bellefonte on Monday evening, \$450 was voted to secure the Sheridan Troop of cavalry of Tyrone, the companies of National Guards from Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Huntingdon, Lewistown, Lock Haven, Williamsport and Clearfield for two days at Bellefonte. Major General Miles, Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Army, and Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, have both positively accepted the invitation to be present during Military Day of the County Centennial.

**Impaled by a Hay Fork.** Charles Miller, aged 20 years, of near Seven Stars, Huntingdon county, was killed a few days ago while unloading hay in the barn. The harpoon fork had been drawn up and emptied, when in some way it fouled on the rope and a vigorous pull in some unaccountable manner disconnected the fork, which fell to the wagon, striking young Miller in the abdomen, one prong penetrating to the pelvis. By a superhuman effort he drew the fork from the wound, climbed from the wagon and walked a few steps across the barn floor, then sat down, and by the time his mother had been called from the house near by was dead.

**Over \$33,000 for Tuberculosis.** Dr. Leonard Pearson, the state veterinarian, under whose direction cattle affected by tuberculosis are killed, announces that the following sums were paid in the counties named for cattle killed to prevent the spread of tuberculosis for the year ending May 30, 1900: Bradford, \$1242.50; Bucks, \$2963.50; Chester, \$4665.50; Dauphin, \$737; Erie, \$1,412; Lancaster, \$1802.50; Montgomery, \$3737.50; Washington, \$1,215. These are only the large amounts paid in counties. The total for the state was \$33,997, and an appropriation is made every quarter for this purpose.

**Church Appointments.** Rev. Rearick's appointments, Sunday July 16: Centrehall 7 p. m.; St. Johns, 10 a. m.; Georges valley 2 p. m. Presbyterian church.—At Centre Hall, Sunday school at 9 a. m., preaching at 10 a. m., Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m., prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening. Preaching at Spring Mills Sunday, at 2:30 p. m. Reformed church.—Appointments for Sabbath, July 15—Preaching at Tusseyville, 10:30 a. m.; Centre Hall at 2:30 p. m.

**Performance Cut Short.** An Uncle Tom's Cabin show played under canvas last night in Centre Hall. The show had a creditable street parade at noon. Nearly three hundred people were at the performance last night and when the show was half over, a high wind storm coming up caused a hurried exit from the tent. The management advised the people to leave as it was safer outside during a storm.

**A Cow Affected With Rabies.** Wednesday morning Peter Breen, who farms the old Col. Royer place, near Rebersburg, shot his fifth head of cattle, a fine Alderney cow, on the suspicion of having rabies. It will be remembered that January 4th last, a mad dog chased his boy into the yard and bit Breen's dog, and at least four head of cattle. The dog was killed and subsequently another dog, which slept in the same kennel. One cow after another had symptoms and was killed. This loss is a severe one for Mr. Breen.

**Death of Andrew Reed.** Andrew Reed, a prominent member of the Mifflin county bar, and a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1874, died in Kishacoquillas valley last Friday night. Mr. Reed was widely known, also in our county.

**Centre County Pensions.** The following pensions were granted within the past few days: A. V. Smith, Bellefonte, \$6. C. A. Olds, State College, \$8. Thos. Young, Phillipsburg, \$12. Wilson Slack, Bellefonte, \$12.

## THEIR OWN INSIGNIAS.

### Flags for Pomona and Subordinate Granges of the County.

At the recent meeting of the Centre County Pomona Grange the report of the committee appointed at a former meeting to prepare suitable designs for flags to represent Pomona and Subordinate Granges, submitted their report which was unanimously adopted. The committee was continued and directed to ascertain the cost of bunting flags of the required size with the designs indelibly impressed upon it.

The regulation flag for Pomona, as adopted, is 46x62 inches with a green field or centre 26x46 inches with a red border 10 inches in width. In the centre field is a double Cornucopia, representing plenty, surrounded by five stars emitting rays of light and symbolizing the five degrees with which the members of Pomona are invested. The Subordinate flag is of the same dimensions. In the center of the white field is a shock of wheat, emblematical of the fraternity which binds the members together. On either side of the shock are flowering plants and rural scenery and a star in each corner representing the four degrees which her members are entitled to.

The designs are beautiful and original and must have cost the designers considerable thought. So far as we are aware this is the first step taken in the direction of securing a suitable flag or banner symbolizing the noble principles of the order and designating the Subordinate and Pomona Granges.

**Boy Blinded at Bellefonte.** A few days ago while a number of small boys were at play at Bellefonte, James Derr, aged 14 years, filled a quart bottle with hot lime and water, then corked it up tightly and proceeded to bury it in the hot sand to see it pop. The bottle popped before the lad could get away and the cork and a stream of hot lime hit him in the face, burning him so badly that even should he recover he will be badly disfigured for life. Both eyes are blinded, while the flesh on the cheeks and lips is burned away in places.

**Ex-Commissioner Henderson Dead.** Former County Commissioner John Henderson died at his home at Julian, this county, on Tuesday afternoon from dropsy and heart trouble, aged about 68 years. He had been ill for some time. Mr. Henderson was identified with mercantile, lumber and agricultural interests in his section, but during the last few years has lived a retired life. He served six years as one of the Commissioners of Centre county, being elected on the Republican ticket. He leaves seven children to survive him. His wife died in 1893.

**Change of Water.**—Change of water often brings on summer complaint. Dr. Humphreys' Summer will cure it; 25c each at all druggists. Manual free; Humphreys' Co., New York. William Flory has erected a commodious and handsome porch about his comfortable home at the other end of town. Will takes great pride in having his home in first-class shape.

The three-year-old son of O. B. Krebs, of Pine Grove Mills, was running with his thumb in his mouth, when he tripped and fell on the boardwalk, and bit his thumb almost off. A half dozen thunder gusts passed within sight, in the past eight days, distributing rain to parts that welcomed every drop in this and other counties, favoring some localities and missing others.

The coming attractions are the County Centennial, the County Fair, in July, to be followed by the ten days' Grange picnic at Centre Hall in September. That's plenty of excitement for the next couple months. Our new hardware dealer, Mr. Irvin, has his new store opened for business, with a large stock of goods on hand. He has the handsomest store room in the town, and is greatly encouraged by the patronage and encouragement he has received from the public.

Rev. James W. Boal, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, yesterday morning, 1, preached a most eloquent sermon bearing particularly upon the duty of every American citizen—duty to Nation, State, county and town. A good-sized congregation listened to the sermon.—Lawrence Record.

We were pleased to find that Colonel J. L. Spangler, of this county, was honored in Kansas City by being chosen to marshal the Pennsylvanians in the Fourth of July parade, and appointed a number of aids from among distinguished state Democrats on condition that they shall be on horseback.

High constable Lew Sunday was serving official notice from the town council on property owners, to repair defective walks in accordance with the boro ordinances, or they will be built by the boro at the owner's expense. This ordinance should be fully enforced; there are a number of walks right in the heart of the town not up to the full requirements, and these should be included also in the number notified. Also where there is no walk in front of a councilman's premises and pedestrians have to wade mud, he too should be compelled to build.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

### Callings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

#### Porto Rican Anthem.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
That set Hawaii free,  
Of thee I sing!  
I am a slave no more,  
I've dumped the load I bore  
And ceased to kneel before  
A queen or king.

Land of the brave and just,  
Land of the Sugar Trust,  
How sweet to be  
Held up outside the gate  
And made to pay the freight!  
I tell you what, it's great  
And tickles me!

—Said Joan News.

Nice thunder shower last night. Corn, oats and potatoes are doing finely.

Hay is hauled id—crop a little over half. Wheat all cut and mostly hauled in—crop hardly up to half.

Streams are low but occasional rains keep creeks from going dry. Huckleberries and raspberries are offered on the street 5 and 6 cents a qt. Berries are a fair crop.

Under the best apple tree in an orchard will always be found the most ugly clubs and stones.

Potatoes are in promising condition, the early ones safe, but late ones depend upon future rains.

Ex-Gov. Hastings has been elected one of the new board of the National Red Cross association.

Don't fail to attend the De Moss concert tonight in the Evangelical church. They play to crowded houses everywhere.

Prof. C. E. Zeigler, who will open a musical normal in Centre Hall, has already enough subscribed scholars, to make the affair a success.

G. W. Twitmeyer, formerly of this county, many years principal of the schools of Bethlehem, Pa., has been chosen superintendent of schools at Wilmington, Del.

Grain was on shock in parts of Harris township on 27 June. The wheat and hay crop is some better up that way than in sections of the valley east of Harris.

It was cold enough on Monday for the farmers who were making hay to expect a snow storm. A drop of a couple degrees more and overcoats would have been in order.

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