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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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For Governor, WM. A. STONE, Of Allegheny County.

For Lieutenant Governor, J. P. S. GOBIN, Of Lebanon County.

For Judge of Superior Court, W. W. PORTER, Of Philadelphia.

WM. D. PORTER, Of Philadelphia.

For Secretary of Internal Affairs, JAMES W. LATTA, Of Philadelphia.

For Congressmen-at-Large, GALUSHA A. GPOW, Of Susquehanna County.

S. A. DAVENPORT, Of Erie County.

COUNTY

For State Senator, J. J. HOBLITZEL, Of Meyersdale Borough.

For Congress, F. J. KOOSER, Of Somerset Borough.

For Assembly, W. H. KOONTZ, Of Somerset Borough.

S. A. KENDALL, Of Meyersdale Borough.

For Associate Judge, A. F. DICKEY, Of Somerset Township.

For District Attorney, RUFUS E. MEYERS, Of Somerset Borough.

For Poor Director, ADAM S. MILLER, Of Lincoln Township.

Are We Becoming a Race of Physical Degenerates?

Are we becoming a race of physical degenerates? That's about all we can make of the howl raised on the management of the war.

The above clipping from the Commercial was enclosed with a letter written to the editor of THE STAR, Sept. 2nd, by one of the soldier boys of the 5th Pa. regiment.

Enclosed find clipping from the Meyersdale Commercial. A great many of the boys of this regiment have asked me to write to you and have you give your opinion on it through THE STAR.

Knowing that you are a true friend of the soldier boys. Would-be Editor Smith has insulted our boys. He almost calls us liars in trying to uphold the criminal negligence of some of the officers of the War department.

What does he know about it, the old double-dealer? We who have witnessed the scenes and have suffered know what we are talking about. Tongue cannot tell all that the public ought to know.

It may hurt us as a nation, but it is time things are exposed, and the ones who are guilty should suffer. Smith can get testimony from 75,000 men who have seen Chickamauga, the old swamp erroneously called a park.

What does all the unnecessary amount of sickness and death signify? Good management? No. Answer Smith's item, and if the answer is what we have reason to believe it will be, THE STAR will be sent through the different regiments and read with approval.

We like our new camp, but we want no more of Chickamauga. Had we been sent here sooner, the life and health of many a brave boy would have been saved.

Since THE STAR has been requested to give its opinion on the topic at issue, we will endeavor to make a statement in accordance with what we honestly believe, and according to the way that matters look to THE STAR.

In the first place, THE STAR is entirely in sympathy with the soldiers. That they have been subjected to outrage and great wrong, there is not the least doubt, and it is our opinion that either Secretary Alger or some person or persons closely in touch with him are to blame for it all.

We do not believe that we are a nation of physical degenerates, and the fact that there is much complaint from the soldier boys does not necessarily indicate that we are.

The boys who enlisted in the army represent the best manhood of the nation, and when they enlisted they ex-

pected to see some dire hardships and privation if thrown into a position where such things were to be expected. There are times when soldiers must necessarily suffer hunger, thirst, the ravages of disease and all the horrors of war.

When an army is hard pressed by the enemy, when it is unavoidably cut off from its supplies, when hard fighting is the program day after day, then sickness, suffering, thirst and hunger cannot be prevented.

And when such is the case and the situation cannot be helped, no true soldier will complain, no matter how great the suffering. Had our brave boys at Chickamauga been so situated that their condition could not have been bettered, there would have been little or no complaint.

But such was not the case. Instead of suffering while doing battle in an enemy's country, where suffering cannot be avoided, what do we see? We see an army of from 60,000 to 75,000 men thrown together at an old disease-breeding, seum-covered swamp that for some strange reason is called a park.

Here they are compelled to remain for several months under a scorching Georgia sun, inhaling the poisonous swamp air and drinking water that is unfit for even a wild beast to drink.

Fever rages and many a brave boy is called from the fitful scenes of life forever. Others, poor, emaciated and wan are sent to their homes while yet so weak as to be unfit to travel alone.

And all this is transpiring right here in our own civilized country, hundreds of miles away from the enemy and the fields of battle—here at home where these men should want for nothing that the soldiers stand in need of.

But let us turn away from this dismal picture, for it beggars description, and the boys are now more comfortably located, for which we feel glad.

But was there mismanagement? Well, THE STAR does not know what else to call it, unless we term it criminal negligence and the lack of a proper regard for the defenders of our country.

Some of the boys who have returned home look like men taken from their graves or from a Spanish prison pen, instead of from a camping ground in a civilized country.

We do not believe in suppressing facts and covering up rottenness. If other nations think we are a nation of physical degenerates, let them tread upon "Uncle Sam's" coat-tail and learn otherwise.

The great trouble is with the mental degenerates that for personal gain, political reasons and the like are always ready to cover up the rottenness that too frequently exists in official circles.

Some of these mental degenerates are publishing newspapers, and they are always pretending not to believe things that they in their own hearts know to be only too true.

They are fakirs, hirelings and humbugs. They always take up for those in power, no matter how corrupt they are, while the manhood of the common soldier, the plain citizen, the honest laborer—the brain and the brawn of the nation go for naught with them.

This is not right, and we say, turn on the light. "How to line, let the chips fall where they may."

All the boys of the 5th regiment from whom we have yet heard, speak highly of their officers. No blame has been laid to them that we know of.

The horrors of Chickamauga are charged up to the War department, and we trust that a full investigation will be made and punishment meted out to those who deserve it.

The boys who were made to suffer and die without cause at Chickamauga, are as great heroes as those who suffered from necessity at Santiago.

There is not a physical degenerate among them, else they would not have been admitted to the army. But they are not dogs, and there was no necessity for them to be allowed to suffer as they did at Chickamauga.

This is our opinion and by it we will stand. We do not share this opinion alone. Read the article from the Scientific American on this same page, also a clipping from the Connellsville Courier on local page.

Peace Commission Appointed.

The peace commission representing the United States to arrange terms of peace between the United States and Spain, has been appointed. It consists of Secretary of State William R. Day, of Ohio; Senator Cushman K. Davis, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Minnesota; Senator William E. Frye, of Maine; Whitelaw Reid, of New York, and Justice E. D. White, of the Supreme Court, Louisiana.

Justice White, the last appointed, is the only democrat on the commission and is a Roman Catholic. The commission it is expected will sail for Paris the 17th of September.

TURN ON THE LIGHT.

If Secretary of War Alger is guilty of one-half of the criminal mismanagement charged up against him, he should be bounced from his office at once and imprisoned besides. Under the above heading the Scientific American, which has a reputation for reliability at all times, last week had the following to say:

"Three weeks ago we felt it incumbent upon us to protest against the wanton waste of life which was taking place as the result of the criminal incompetency of the War Department.

Events that have transpired in the interim have merely served to strengthen our conviction that a shameful wrong has been done in the wholesale and altogether unnecessary sacrifice of the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of our soldiers.

The disgraceful inefficiency of Siboney and Santiago has now been repeated at Montauk; and the men who fought so bravely, even if unfed and unattended at the front, are now coming home, many of them to die—to die, not of disease, but as the attendant physician of poor young Tiffany said, of "starvation," "due to the fact that" they "did not have food that was suitable to the condition of a convalescent."

One of the most heartless and inexcusable blunders of the department has been that of permitting so-called convalescents to set out alone for their far distant homes, when the veriest tyro in nursing might know that they should have been the subjects of careful nourishment in a sick ward.

That this has been done and is being done the people of the United States have painful evidence before their eyes in the emaciated and pallid forms, that may too easily and too often be seen dragging their way to the terminal stations of this and other great cities.

Many a young life that Spanish bullets and Cuban fevers could not quench has succumbed to neglect, due to the shameful mismanagement of certain branches of the department over which Secretary Alger presides.

And the pity of it all is that the people of the United States, who are only too eager to assist the returning troops, are helpless in the matter.

Where anxious relatives and friends are only able to find the particular objects of their search after disease or neglect has done its fatal work, the public stands in helpless indignation, and asks itself how much longer such ghastly comedies as that which recently prevailed at Montauk Point are going to last.

One thing is certain—there is a growing feeling throughout the country that the time is ripe for an official investigation. A great wrong has been done, the responsibility for which rests directly upon the shoulders of Secretary Alger, or upon one or more of the heads of departments that serve under him.

If at the first, instead of showing such feverish haste to whitewash his department, the Secretary had instituted a bona fide investigation, he would have perhaps escaped the public resentment which is now unmistakably aroused.

The time is certainly ripe for our President to order an investigation of the whole conduct of the war as far as it came under Mr. Alger's administration. Nothing short of this will satisfy the country or serve to vindicate those officials in the War Department who have performed their duties with zeal and efficiency.

The firmness, tact, and dignity with which President McKinley has handled the affairs of his high office during the war have won for him the confidence and supreme respect of the whole nation.

Hitherto he has maintained a severe silence regarding an episode of the war which must surely be causing him as much grief and indignation as it does every other well-wisher of his country.

The scandal, however, has now grown too big to be overlooked, and the country is naturally awaiting some action on the part of the President looking to a searching and exhaustive inquiry."

An Extraordinary Record.

The official statement of our losses in the war with Spain is not yet made up, but the approximate figures compiled from the reports to the War and Navy Departments and obtained by the New York World, gives this remarkable showing:

Killed in the army..... 260  
Killed in the navy..... 12  
Killed in the marines..... 7  
Wounded in the army..... 1400  
Wounded in the navy..... 10  
Wounded in marines..... 13

"Here" says the World, "is a total of 279 killed and 1,423 wounded in a war which resulted in the destruction of the Spanish navy, in the freedom of Cuba, cession of Puerto Rico and the capture of Manila.

The losses on the Union side at Get-

tsburg alone were 3,070 killed and 14,497 wounded. In the twelve great battles of the civil war the Union losses were 23,268 killed and 120,849 wounded.

No war has ever produced such important and far reaching results with so small a loss of life as has our war with Spain."

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR DUTY.

Fifth, Tenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, and Sixteenth Regiments Among those Retained in the Service.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Adj. Gen. Corbin has made official announcement of the intention of the War department in the matter of mustering out and retaining in the service the volunteer regiments. Among those designated for muster out are:

Pennsylvania—First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth and Eighteenth infantry; Philadelphia city, Governor's and Sheridan troops of cavalry; batteries A, B and C light artillery.

Ohio—First, Third, Fifth and Seventh infantry; First cavalry and First battalion light artillery.

Among the regiments retained in the service until further orders are the following:

Pennsylvania—Fifth, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth infantry.

Ohio—Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth battalion, Tenth regiment infantry.

West Virginia—First and Second regiments infantry.

SOMERSET JAIL DELIVERY.

Four Prisoners Escape—Deputy Sheriff Baker Badly Beaten.

Last Saturday evening intense excitement was stirred up all over the county when the news was flashed over the wires that four prisoners had escaped from the Somerset jail after assaulting Deputy Sheriff Baker and badly beating him.

The affair took place about as follows: On Saturday evening when the deputy sheriff was locking the prisoners, in their cells, Ben Eddy who was locked in a cell with a young man named Zerfoss, asked the officer for a small table that stood in the corridor.

The deputy sheriff suspecting nothing wrong, picked up the table and unlocked the cell to place the same inside. At this juncture, however, one of the prisoners grabbed him, while the other struck him over the head with a piece of a chair, knocking him down, then pounding him until he was unconscious.

They then dragged the officer into the cell, took his keys and locked him in, after which they went to another cell and liberated the notorious Russell Shroyer and Pat Morgan. This quarter then escaped from the building and started to flee from the town. They were soon discovered, however, and were hotly pursued, which resulted in the capture of Morgan, the same evening, and Zerfoss was nabbed the next day and returned to jail, where a close watch will be kept on both of them.

Shroyer and Eddy are still at large and people should be on the lookout for them everywhere. There is \$25 reward on each, and they are bad men, but somehow people seem to care but little about capturing them, saying they don't keep prisoners when they've got them at Somerset. People are beginning to think that there is entirely too much jail breaking at Somerset, and really it begins to look that way.

The deputy sheriff ought to be more watchful of bad men in his care, and the sheriff is expected to see to it that the deputy does not deal too loosely with such characters. The people are getting all-fired tired of this flourishing jail delivery business.

The deputy sheriff was seriously injured at the hands of the escaping criminals, but at last report he was resting reasonably well. However it was a close call for him, and for a time it was feared that his injuries might prove fatal.

Whatever else may be said of Gov. Hastings, it must be admitted that he is a good military man and has a high regard for the welfare of the volunteer soldiers. To Gov. Hastings belongs the credit for raising the money to equip the hospital train that brought the sick Pennsylvania troops away from Chickamauga. The Governor acted in time to save many lives, for which he has the thanks of a grateful public.

Fall Poetry.

There was a man in our town,  
Who wasn't over wise;  
He started into business,  
And didn't advertise.

Of course there is a moral  
Connected with this tale;  
He runs an advertisement now—  
It's headed: "Sheriff's Sale."