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## NEWS FROM THE

### U. S. CAPITAL.

#### Activity of National Committee.

It takes a hand in state campaigns.

The President in Washington - Post Office business in the morning - Chamberlain's visit to the Governor - Warning against the Alaska riot - The Squadron in to New York.

Activity at the headquarters of the Republican National Committee is a new thing in connection with state campaigns, but it is expected that the results in several states this fall will show that it is a good thing and that it will hereafter continue right along. It is certain that the documents now being circulated by the National Committee can be handled with more advantage in Washington than anywhere else, and it is needless to say that the machinery of the National Committee makes their distribution easier and more thorough than it would otherwise be. The National Committee is not having anything to do with managing the state campaigns; it is merely looking after the proper distribution of literature bearing upon the national policy of the Republican party, leaving the management exclusively to the state committees.

President McKinley is back in Washington, but will only stay a few days. There are several more or less pressing matters which he wished to discuss by the Cabinet and disposed of, and he also wished to have a talk with Gen. General Lee, who is also in Washington, about matters in Cuba. As soon as these things are done, he will go away again for a short time. While it has not been definitely settled where he will go, it is probable that he will go to New England and that he will stay about two weeks. He is looking very well, but he laughingly remarked that he had not succeeded in getting much rest while away from Washington. He is too good natured to refuse to see people who call on him or to refuse well-meaning courtesies extended to him. These things he finds it difficult to get rest, either in or out of Washington.

The business of the Post Office Department is an infallible indicator of the business of the country. The business of 30 of the largest post offices of the country has been found by long experience to fairly represent the business of the entire department, and the business of those 30 offices was eight per cent greater in August of this year than in August of last year, and five per cent greater than in July. The Post Office officials are all ready to testify that prosperity is right here.

Secretary Wilson having become satisfied from the success of experiments made that the camphor tree will thrive in Florida, and that we can grow enough to supply all the camphor we use, has arranged to have the tree thoroughly introduced in that state, through the department of Agriculture. He also intends to specially encourage the growth of the English walnut tree, which he thinks will do well anywhere south of the Potomac river. There is no longer any doubt about the success of Secretary Wilson in making the Department of Agriculture practically assist the farmers of the country, by pointing out to them feasible means of increasing their incomes.

Secretary Gage has gone as far as he has authority to go in his efforts to save those who are anxiously trying to push into the gold regions of Alaska from the starvation he has become satisfied, from trustworthy reports sent him, awaits them when they reach there. Agents of the Treasury Department have been instructed to stretch every law and regulation to its extreme limit to keep men away from the Klondike until next spring, also to use their powers of persuasion upon the gold hunters and to show them official communications showing the utter inadequacy of the supply of food on hand to feed those who are already in the Klondike regions during the coming long and hard winter.

Although this country has no reason to expect trouble with Spain, or with any other power, it is not unlikely that the unsettled condition of affairs in Cuba had something to do with the decision of the Navy Department to keep the North Atlantic Squadron, which has recently been through a very successful season of sea drill, target practice, etc., together all the winter and to keep the vessels composing the squadron in the best seagoing condition. The squadron will this week rendezvous at Fort Monroe, and will later go to New York. The fact that this government has this strong squadron of fighting ships ready to proceed to sea at a day's notice, will, of itself, have a good effect upon our foreign relations with all countries, and the men and the ships will get better practice together than they could get with each ship going its alone.

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## STATE NEWS.

Two rather startling events in political circles occurred at Harrisburg last week, the resignation of General Frank Reeder as Secretary of the Commonwealth and that of General Elkin Deputy Attorney General, both by request. Various reasons are assigned for this action, and in a lengthy interview General Reeder seems to exonerate himself from any direct blame, and apparently demonstrates that the Governor took action which was not based on the real facts or misapprehended or overlooked them. There will be various opinions formed and it is perhaps best to wait until all parties have been heard before passing conclusive judgment on what now seems to be an unfortunate disagreement between men high in the esteem of the party.

The Philadelphia Press says that Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick in an interview at Washington stated that he was very much interested in the political situation in Pennsylvania just now, and considers the recent developments very important, while not taking sides in the matter he discussed affairs as follows:

"I have been away from home for a few days and the resignations of General Reeder and Mr. Elkin have occurred during my absence and I have not had an opportunity to talk with any one about the situation.

"I cannot really say what the outlook is except that it is very evident to me that a fight on Mr. Quay will be waged with great vigor and there may be a repetition of the contest of 1895. I don't think there is any doubt that the anti-Quay people intend to give the Senator the hardest fight they know how to put up."

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## RAILROAD NOTES.

Three Stroudsburg gentlemen pleaded chivalry and enjoying the scenery by moonlight carelessly of the fact that they were within the Borough limits without lamps on their wheels, were rudely awakened from their reveries last Saturday evening by our lynx-eyed constable, and invited to present themselves in their proper persons before the magistrate. Knowing that such a proceeding might curtail their enjoyment of soda, or necessitate an interview with their Aunt Isaac as to the ad valorem of superfluous raiment, they demurred. Counsel was obtained and finally the officer reflecting on the dire necessities reluctantly admitted that he was occasionally afflicted with strabismus, and that there might have been seventy lights instead of none, reckoning the legal luminaries at only ordinary candle power. They departed Sunday by daylight, and probably Messrs. Staples, Erdman and Wallace are now regaling their friends with blood curdling stories about the snakes, ogres and other pitfalls of Pike.

Disgusted.

A disgusted newspaper man gives the following philosophical reasons for retiring from the business: "A child is born, the doctor in attendance gets \$10, the editor notes it and gets 0; it is christened, the minister gets \$4, the editor writes it up and gets 0; it marries, the minister gets another fee, the editor gets a piece of cake or 600 in course of time it dies, the doctor gets from \$5 to \$10, the minister gets another \$4, the undertaker \$25 to \$40—the editor prints it and receives 0000—and then the privilege of running free of charge a card of thanks."—Tifton Gazette.

A Happy Scheme.

The Stroudsburg Times says: There is a plan now being matured by E. F. Peters, Harry Peters, J. S. Scholover and Dr. Boers, of Bushkill, and Arthur Lederer of the Forest Park House, and Mr. Strass, of the Stevens House in New York, and Harry Herzog, of Philadelphia, to construct a bicycle path and run horseless carriages over the Delaware Valley Electric road bed. This would be an excellent scheme, and wholly practicable. If we cannot have a railway this plan would furnish the next best and easiest means of communication, and it might easily be extended up the valley.

My boy came home from school one day with his hand badly lacerated and bleeding, and suffering great pain," says Mr. E. J. Schall, with Meyer Bros' Drug Co., St. Louis, Mo. "I dressed the wound, and applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely. All pain ceased and in a remarkably short time it healed without leaving a scar. For wounds, sprains, swellings and rheumatism, I know of no medicine or prescription equal to it. I consider it a household necessity." The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by Druggist and General Merchants in Pike County.

From the Union we take the following item found in its Court notes. Laura Ray, a young colored girl who had been indicted for grand larceny in the second degree for stealing \$80 in the town of Deer-park was brought into court Monday. She pleaded guilty and said she was a native of Milford Pa., and had never been arrested before. She has been in jail since last April, and the court having received a letter from the District Attorney of Pike county, in whose household she had worked testifying to her good character, Judge Beattie was inclined to take the commendation into consideration and suspended sentence.

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