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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
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Editor Press:—

"What is the President going to say about the tariff?" Is the question each new congressional arrival asks when he reaches Washington, and they are coming in crowds. The answer no man can give and it is probably safe to say that Mr. Roosevelt himself does not know. At the Oyster Bay conference it was determined that it would be unwise to disturb the extraordinary prosperity the country is now enjoying by tampering with the tariff schedules. When the President got ready to write his message he called another conference of Republican leaders and it was determined that if proper trust legislation were enacted at the short session that would be all it would be reasonable to expect, that a tariff commission could be established to investigate the situation and report to the first session of the Fifty-eight Congress and that it would then be time enough to decide if those tariff schedules which would be better for amendment were of sufficient importance to warrant the attempt. Now, however, the western members are urging the President to expedite the work and chairman Babcock and others say that there must be an extra session to deal exclusively with tariff revision.

The object of tariff revision was exhaustively discussed at the Cabinet meeting held immediately after the President's return from the Mississippi cane-brakes and it was determined to hold several conferences with the leaders of the party to discuss the question. A conference will be held to-day and will probably be followed by others, as the President wishes to give all an opportunity to be heard. A striking instance of the local sentiment in regard to the tariff was furnished recently when the President sat in his office with Senator Lodge on one side and Senator Burrows on the other. "I am heartily in favor of your Cuban treaty but I cannot stand by you on that New Foundland convention; it would interfere with our local interests," said Mr. Lodge. "On the other hand I think your New Foundland treaty is all right and I shall vote to ratify it," said Mr. Burrows. "But I am very dubious about the Cuban treaty."

Much interest attaches to the tariff position of Representative Cannon, who it is generally conceded will be the next speaker. In this connection it is recalled that last summer, after the trip he made on the Dolphin with Secretary Moody, Mr. Cannon was interviewed in Washington and said, "The tariff will be revised sometime but not at the next session of Congress, or by the succeeding Congress, unless there is a check to the present prosperity. The people of Illinois, so far as I have been able to learn, are not anxious to continue their business affairs without interruption caused by a long discussion in Congress as to what changes should be made."

Mr. Cannon, as speaker will have it in his power to make or mar the hopes of the tariff revisionists. There will probably be three vacancies in the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Hopkins and probably Mr. Long, will go to the Senate and Major Steele has not been reelected. Messrs. Babcock and Tawney are strong revisionists and the appointment of three others of the same faith would give the revisionists within one of a majority on the Republican side of the table. The present indications are, too, that the revisionists will make a fight on the retention of Mr. Payne as chairman.

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Big Railroad Work.

The Pittsburg railroads made a supreme effort on Sunday to clear the freight blockade which has hampered their work for weeks past. It was estimated that 80,000 cars were moved east and west on all the roads from Saturday at midnight until Monday morning. As a result the roads are in better shape to take care of the new business Monday than they have been in three months. The movement of the enormous accumulation of loaded cars began on Saturday night as soon as the main tracks were clear of accommodation trains and was kept up without a single lull until morning, when the tracks had to be again given over to the use of the passenger trains. Engines and crews were hurried over the roads at the highest possible speed, and as soon as a terminal point was reached the engines were turned, the fires cleaned and the same engines and crews started back with another train of freight. All the local crews were pressed into service on through freight and many of the passenger crews who did not work on their regular runs were sent out with trains of freight.

The passenger engines, which were of light type were in most cases run as double-headers, and in this way were enabled to haul a train as large as would ordinarily be hauled by the most powerful locomotive used in freight service. The majority of these engines were given trains of perishable freight, and on the four-track roads were put on the passenger tracks and hurried through to their destination with the speed of a passenger train. When they reached the terminals they were given trains of a like character and sent back to the point from which they had started as sections of passenger trains.

Death of Dr. Dodson.

Dr. M. D. L. Dodson, of Titusville, died at his residence here at six o'clock on Monday evening, Nov. 10, 1902. The Doctor received a stroke of paralysis in August, from which he had been suffering since, and a few days before his demise the paralysis extended to his brain. His remains were interred in the Titusville cemetery on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, after a very impressive service at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. Henry Keigwin and Archdeacon B. F. Brown, which was attended by a large number of the residents of Titusville, among whom the Doctor, with his family, have resided for the past fourteen years. Messrs. John M. Dixon, John R. Walker, S. N. Gladwin, A. K. Wilson, G. F. Duren and C. A. Gardner acted as pallbearers. Mr. Dodson was at the time of his death an elder in the Titusville Presbyterian church, which position he has held for years. He was a dentist by occupation, and was one of Titusville's most highly respected citizens.

Dr. Dodson was in his 76th year, having been born in Burlington, Bradford county, Pa., April 25th, 1827. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss, as well as three daughters and four sons, as follows: Mrs. F. S. Thomas, of Hendersonville, N. C. (who arrived in Titusville on Tuesday); Miss Jessie F. Dodson and Miss Ida M. Dodson, of this place; Chas. W. Dodson of Bay Mills, Mich.; Robert C. Dodson, of Emporium, Pa.; Frank J. Dodson and Wm. K. Dodson, of Jennings, Kan.

The Advocate joins the many friends of the bereaved family in extending sympathy in this their great sorrow.—Titusville, (Fla.) Advocate.

A Caes for Investigation.

The unfortunate girl being taken care of by Mrs. J. D. Swope at the jail, does not improve and the Sheriff informs the PRESS that her condition is alarming. The proper authorities, whoever they are, should take this case in hand and place the unfortunate girl in a hospital. No matter what the circumstances are, she is entitled to attention, and proper care. Let the expenses go where they rightfully belong. Mr. and Mrs. Swope have kindly allowed the girl taken there until some other arrangements could be made.

Bad Italian.

A bad Italian was arrested at Driftwood last Thursday and committed to jail at Emporium, being brought here by Constable Mutersbough. The prisoner shot a fellow Italian in the arm. There will be plenty of trouble in that section during the coming winter, so many men being employed as graders.

The Newspaper Trust.

The biggest trust on earth is the newspaper trust. It trusts everybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for cussing, and if it busts for trusting gets cussed for busting. So there you have it.

Judge Incapacitated.

Superior Court Judge, John S. Mitchell has been declared incapable by the commission appointed by Gov. Stone. Judge Mitchell will retire on salary, which will give the Governor an opportunity of appointing another Judge. Who will be the lucky man?

Fell Down Cellar Steps.

Mrs. E. M. Stevens, formerly of Emporium, wife of Rev. Stevens, pastor of Pine street, Williamsport M. E. church, fell down their cellar steps, one night recently, while carrying a lighted lamp. The light was extinguished but the lady was severely injured.

L. O. T. M. Quilting.

The members of Silver Star Hive No. 27 and all ladies who are interested in the L. O. T. M. quilt, which is to be chanced off soon, are requested to come and bring their baskets to K. O. T. M. Hall, Sterling, Pa., on Friday, Nov. 28th, for the purpose of having a good time at an old fashioned quilting.

A Center county woman, who seems to have found that marriage is a failure, has had the following pathetic verse carved upon the tombstone of the fifth and last husband: "Five husbands have I buried with many a sigh and prayer; there'll be trouble up in heaven if we know each other there."

Verbeck-Clontz.

Mr. James Franklin Verbeck, of Driftwood, and Miss Lavina Clontz, of Sinnemahoning were joined in marriage by the Rev. O. S. Metzler at the parsonage of the First Methodist Episcopal Church last Tuesday afternoon. Both young people are well and favorably known in their respective towns and the best wishes of their friends are with them.

New Postal Orders.

First Assistant Postmaster General has posted notices in Emporium office prohibiting the postmaster delivering mail matter to school children, except upon written order. This has become necessary owing to the fact that mail matter is lost upon the streets, left in stores and school rooms. Parents should endeavor to observe this order when possible.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., Dec. 5th and 6th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground to fit all kinds of sight. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

Jubilee Singers Dec. 5th.

The next attraction in the People's Star Course will be the Brockway Jubilee Singers, Friday evening, Dec. 5th. This is regarded as the leading Colored Concert Company in the country, the demand for their services surpassing that of any similar organization. In addition to plantation melodies they render the popular songs of the days and introduce many specialties not given by other companies. Reserved seats can be secured at Lloyd's Book Store, Wednesday morning, Dec. 3d.

Odd Fellows Degree Work.

Driftwood Odd Fellows entertained a large number of their brethren last Thursday evening, the occasion being the visitation of Renovo Degree Team, who conferred the initiatory degree upon two candidates, in the presence of a large gathering. The uniformed team certainly are a credit to Renovo Lodge, their work beautiful and impressive. We hope our Emporium brethren may endeavor to induce this team to visit No. 984 in the near future. Immediately after the work all present were invited to the Commercial Hotel and partake of a bounteous banquet, prepared by the ladies of Driftwood. Everybody is well aware of the elegant spreads prepared by the Driftwood ladies, who were not only complimented upon the good things they prepare, but upon their good looks. Eighty-eight sat around the banquet boards, being presided over by Hon. I. K. Hockley as toast-master. Appropriate remarks were made by Theo. Nichols, John Blair and Geo. W. Meyers, of Renovo; H. H. Mullin, Emporium; S. P. Kreider, Driftwood. The occasion certainly is one to be pleasantly remembered and reflects credit upon Driftwood Lodge.

Big Stock.

Hon. L. Taggart has returned from Philadelphia, where he purchased the largest line of goods he ever ordered in the many years that he has been in business. His big purchase of wall papers have commenced to arrive and holiday good are coming almost daily.

Good Citizenship.

Assuming, then, that good citizenship necessarily implies service of some sort to the State, the country, or the public, it must be understood of course, that such service may vary widely in amount or in degree. The man or woman who have a family of children, educate them, bring them up honorably and well, teaching them to love their country, are good citizens, and deserve well of the Republic. The man who, in order to care for his family and give his children a fair start in life, labors honestly and diligently at his trade, profession or business, and who casts his vote at all elections, adds to the strength as well as to the material prosperity of the country, and thus fulfills some of the primary and most important duties of good citizenship. Indeed, it may be said, in passing, that he who labors in any way, who has any intellectual interest, who employs his leisure for any public end,—even the man who works purely for selfish objects,—has one great element of good citizenship to his credit for there is nobody else so detrimental in a country like ours as the mere idler, the mere seeker for self-amusement, who passes his time in constant uncertainty as to how he shall get rid of the next day or the hour of that brief life which however short in some cases is, from every point of view, too long for him.

Rearing a family, casting a vote, leading a decent life and working honestly for a livelihood are, however, primary and simple qualities in meritorious citizenship. They are the foundation stones, no doubt, but good citizenship, in its true sense, rises much higher, and demands much more than these. Here, again, it becomes necessary to define one's meaning and get rid of generalities. All men who do good work have ideals at which they aim, dreams of what they hope to accomplish, and all, especially those who succeed most fully, fall far short of their ideals, for self-satisfaction usually halts the advance, and puts an end to achievement. But to come short of one's ideals is not defeat. "Not failure, but low aim, is crime." The ideal cannot be set too high, and then any progress toward it is a victory, and the life-work is not barren of results. This is as true of citizenship as of any other great field of human effort. The ideal cannot be set too high, provided it is compassed by common sense and clear reason and does not topple over into eccentricity. But in order to possess, an ideal which must be at once sane and lofty, it is essential to have a standard, and that standard, must be clear and sharply defined, not misty or confused. For example, if we wish to teach our children that loyalty to the Nation and to the States is a fundamental quality of any American citizenship worthy to be called good, we must not set up a monument to a man, no matter how eminent, who won all his fame in an unsuccessful effort to wreck liberty.—Success.

Death of Burt Olson.

A special from Chattanooga, Tenn., to the Associated Press says: "Burt Olson of Smethport, Pa., died to-night as the result of an overdose of morphine. He was found in a dying condition in a bath tub in a leading hotel. Papers found indicate that he was a prominent man." Mr. Olson's death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends in this section of the country. He formerly edited the McKean Miner, coming there from Potter county where he was closely identified with the politics of that county and being a Norwegian welder considerable influence. His parents came to Potter county with Ole Bull's colony.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

MRS. CHARLES KREBBS, aged 27 years, died at Williamsport Hospital last Friday, after a long and painful illness. Her remains were brought to the family residence, Third street, last Saturday, accompanied by the bereaved husband and two sisters, who were at her bedside when her spirit took flight to a better world. Funeral services were at First Methodist Episcopal Church, at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. O. S. Metzler, the pastor, officiating, and spoke kind words of consolation to the bereaved husband, two little children and relatives. Deceased was a daughter of William Frane, deceased, who formerly conducted a hotel at this place. She was a member of Methodist Church.

The Catholic Fair.

The Fair being conducted by the ladies of St. Mark's church is largely attended and enjoyable. Elegant suppers are served each evening. Have you attended?

A Pleasant Gentleman.

F. L. Mordant, of New York city, who has recently accepted a responsible position with Emporium Iron Company, as Supt. of construction in connection with the coal and coke operations at Canoe Run, was an agreeable Press caller. We found the gentleman a man of fine education, pleasing manners and evidently a valuable person for Mr. Brady's new work. He expects to move his family to Emporium in the near future.

Desirable Purchase.

It will be pleasant news to our citizens to learn that the property on Sixth street owned by the Sinnemahoning Iron Company upon which has stood a large house, partly completed, has been sold and will be completed, according to the elaborate plans prepared by the late Jos. Hunt, who was general manager when the Cameron Iron and Coal Company failed. Mr. W. H. Cramer has closed a contract for the property and expects to have it completed by next spring, ready for occupancy. This incomplete building has long been an "eye-sore" to our people, who will be pleased to see the handsome building completed.

Magnificent Vote.

It must be gratifying to the many friends of Major Isaac B. Brown in this section of the state to see the large vote given to that excellent gentleman for Secretary of Internal Affairs. He received 204,237 plurality, as against 142,340 for the head of the ticket, leading in every county except Berks. The lowdown personal attacks made by some of the off-color sheets in this section of the state were beautifully refuted by the Major's former comrades and neighbors. The Harrisburg Telegraph attributes Major Brown's handsome vote to his fine record as Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, supplemented by his popularity throughout the State.

Uses of Salt.

A physician, a native of Jerusalem giving one of the free lectures in Brooklyn schools this autumn, referred to the Oriental use of salt and digressed for an instance to speak of its medicinal values.

For example, the following he said he had found to be an infallible cure for catarrh of the head. Heat common table salt and while it is warm take a pinch morning and night and snuff it up the nostrils.

One who has been trying the painful but simple remedy claims to have been greatly helped already. A gargle of salt solution is highly recommended by one of this borough's most noted physicians, who also advocated the use of sea salt in the bath for some cases of rheumatism.

For neuralgia, fill a muslin or flannel bag with salt, heat and apply it to the affected part.

The salt water gargle taken in time and very frequently is claimed to prevent many cases of so-called diphtheria. Its value for indigestion is observed in its use in a glass of milk or cream, while a teaspoonful of it in warm water, once a day will relieve some stomach troubles.

Brine is known to be an antiseptic wash for wounds or cuts, though the element of pain is at hand.

Warm water with salt dissolved in it is good for inflamed eyes.

Still another authority declares that an occasional salt water wash for the hair will keep it from falling out.

A Smallpox Remedy.

A correspondent of the Stockton (Cal.) Herald writes as follows: "I herewith append a recipe which has been used to my knowledge in hundreds of cases. It will prevent or cure the smallpox though the pittings are filling. When Jenner discovered cowpox in England the world of science hurred an avalanche of fame upon his head, but when the most scientific school of medicine in the world, that of Paris, published this recipe as a panacea for smallpox it passed unheeded. It is as unfailing as fate and conquers in every instance. It is harmless when taken by a well person. It will also cure scarlet fever. Here is the recipe as I have used it and cured my children of scarlet fever, here it is as I have used it to cure smallpox when learned physicians said the patient must die: Sulphate of zinc, one grain; foxglove (digitalis), one grain; half a teaspoonful of sugar; mix with two tablespoonfuls of water. When thoroughly mixed add four ounces of water. Take a spoonful every hour. Either Disease will disappear in twelve hours. For a child smaller doses, according to age. If counties would compel their physicians to use this there would be no need of pest houses. If you value advice and science use this for that terrible disease."

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

BRIEF MENTION.

Money can be saved by calling on N. Seger when in need of anything in the clothing line.

FOR SALE.—One milch cow, four year old. Will be fresh in a few weeks. 2t. J. J. SCHWAB, Cameron, Pa.

Why pay more when you can buy clothing at wholesale prices from N. Seger's, the popular Allegheny Ave., merchant.

FOR SALE.—A small lot, with building, corner of Sixth and Cherry. For terms apply to.

MRS. J. G. BRYAN.

You should prepare now for the cold weather by securing a nice overcoat of N. Seger. The price is moderate and the goods the best. Come in and see us.

Give us a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress at the election of 1904 and turn them loose on the tariff and there will be no more complaints about a blockade of freight trains, says Philadelphia Inquirer.

H. W. Goodman, of Trout Run, Lycoming county, has prepared a ginseng bed for 12,000 plants. The little plantation is covered with a framework seven feet high, similar to an arbor. Its roof is made of four-inch pieces laid two inches apart, thus furnishing shelter for the shade-loving plants.

The Democrat understands that the Pennsylvania railroad has entered into a contract with the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railroad, to run a Buffalo and Pittsburg flyer over the latter road from Larabee to St. Marys just as soon as work on that road between Marvinvale and Clermont is completed.—Smethport Democrat

A subscriber once got a dnn through the postoffice and it made him mad. He went to see the editor about it and the editor showed him a few duns of his own; he for paper, one for type, one for fuel and several others. "Now," said the editor, "I didn't get mad when these came because I knew that all I had to do was to ask several reliable men like you to come in and help me out then I could settle all of them." When the subscriber saw how it was he relented and renewed.—Ex.

The New York state railroad commission on Friday granted the application of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company to build an extension of its present line from Wellsville, Allegany county, to Buffalo, a distance of 84 miles. The application was granted within five minutes after the necessity for the road was explained, an unusual proceeding for the railroad commission to take.—Buffalo Com.

State Forestry Commissioner Rothrock and Squire Liggett have returned from a ten days' trip through the Hopkins forestry reservation in the western end of this county. While there they planted about four bushels of walnuts which were spread over about three acres. The walnuts were planted as an experiment for tree growing purposes. They are expected to send their shoots through the surface by next spring. If they prove satisfactory, other experiment, of a similar nature will be tried.—Lock Haven Dem.

The brewers of beer in Pennsylvania who adulterate it with deleterious substances will be prosecuted by the Pure Food Department. Commissioner Cope has instructed agents in all parts of the State to collect samples of beer offered for sale, and send them to the department for analysis. There is a fine of \$50 for selling any food or drink injurious to health. It is said that the adulterants most frequently used are glucose, decayed rice, mouldy corn, Irish moss and brewin. It is the intention to compel all brewers in the State to manufacture pure beer.

Tuesday was the anniversary of an event Brick Pomeroy's family, the most notable, with the exception of the sad event when the father was called away forever. That other event was when the only boy was born eighteen years ago. The boy is bookkeeper in the Citizens' National Bank and his employ's speak in terms of praise of him and well they may, for he is a good and upright young man. At his birthday Tuesday the bank officers made him a present of a purse of gold as an appreciation of his earnest services and Mark was nearly overcome. The presentation was made by Mr. Page. Mr. Pomeroy has had charge of the books now for nearly a year and frequently acts as assistant cashier.—Port Allegany Reporter.

All smokers smoke the "W. H. Mayer" hand made cigar, the best 5 cent cigar on the market. Be sure you ask for it. 24-4t.