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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
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It is doubtful if ever except in time of war, the Congress of the United States enacted legislation with such expedition as that displayed in placing the coal bill on the statutes. The bill providing that all duties collected on coal be refunded to the importers for one year was reported to the Ways and Means Committee at a quarter after twelve. Within an hour it had been passed and sent up to the Senate. There it was promptly considered and so amended as to place anthracite coal perpetually on the free list, passed and sent back to the House, where the amendment was accepted and the bill was ready to send to the President by 4 p. m. The President signed it the next day at noon.

Little hope is expressed that the public will be benefited by the removal of the duty on coal. It is feared that the local dealers will buy up coal as fast as it is imported and will so maintain the price. Local dealers in Washington are, according to recent disclosures made before the Senate Committee appointed to investigate the subject, getting their coal for from \$2.75 to \$2.80 per ton, but they are charging the consumers as high as \$9.75 per ton.

Political attention is now riveted on the Cuban treaty which has become almost a party measure. The committee on Foreign Relations reported the convention favorably on Thursday and Senator Cullom gave notice that he would call it up at the first executive session, which it is understood will occur to-day as soon as the Senate convenes. Before reporting the treaty the committee so amended it as to secure 40 per cent discount from the Cuban duties on American cattle and to prevent any further concession being made in the sugar duties charged by the United States, the treaty allowing Cuba 20 per cent discount from the Dingley rates.

The most urgent reasons are set forth by the Administration for the ratification of the treaty which it is estimated will insure to the United States a foreign trade or not less than \$70,000,000 per annum. It is shown that last year Cuba imported textiles to the amount of \$2,538,529 of which amount the United States supplied the insignificant sum of one tenth. It is estimated that the Cuban consumption of this class of goods for the next year will amount to \$3,000,000 and under the terms of the pending arrangement the United States will supply the entire amount. Last year Cuba imported silk goods to the amount of \$494,253, and the United States sold her but \$18,369 worth. Of lines she imported a total value of \$1,781,868, of which amount this country supplied but \$20,281. Under the provisions of the treaty this country will sell to Cuba the entire amount of these and many other classes of goods that she is capable of consuming.

At the present time the only opposition to the treaty comes from the democrats, with the exception of Senators Mason and Simon who are said to oppose it. However, as it requires a two-thirds vote to ratify it will be necessary to secure nine or ten democratic votes. The leaders in the Senate regard the ratification of the treaty as safe although it will be effected only by a narrow margin. The democratic opposition so far as can be ascertained, is based solely upon blind prejudice and a desire to embarrass the administration.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Mr. Robertson, father of the Rev. J. M. Robertson occupied the pulpit of the First Methodist Episcopal Church last Wednesday evening, delivering an able sermon. Mr. F. H. Rossiter who has been assisting the pastor in special services has rendered very effective service, his addresses proving profitable to all classes.

House Burned.

The house of Willard Swesey who resides in Rich Valley was destroyed by fire last Thursday evening together with all its contents. Mr. Swesey informs us that the cause of the fire is a mystery, as there had been no fire in the house since three o'clock. At that time he had went to his brother's house which is just a short distance away and was there at the time his house was discovered to be on fire. He hurried to the scene and in an endeavor to get out his trunk, was overcome by the smoke, and somewhat burned about the head. His brother being with him came to his rescue or his burns would have been more serious. The trunk was about all that was taken out.

Piano Fund Benefit.

It is hoped our citizens will not forget the entertainment in the Court House next Saturday evening in aid of the Piano Fund. The program will be the best and the object to which the proceeds will be applied is altogether worthy. Miss Willis is a very pleasing impersonator and the remainder of the talent is of well known ability. The following is from the Herald—Los Angeles, Cal: Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Miss Willis in her finished and artistic manner of reciting. She has a sweet, sympathetic voice and a most refreshing and unaffected way of captivating her listeners, and this, combined with a charming personality, gave much pleasure to those who had the good fortune to hear her. Chart open at Lloyd's.

Making War Impracticable.

Philadelphia Public Ledger.
It is often said that great naval armaments are a menace to the peace of the world. Many naval officers have reached the conclusion on the contrary, that the present development is making war impracticable, since the great battleships so rapidly grow inoperative when removed from a base of supplies. The opinion has been expressed that the American fleet would be a match for a European fleet of three times its force on this side of the Atlantic, and conversely, that one-third of its nominal force would be effective against the American fleet in an attack upon any European coast. Under these conditions a naval power would be slow to enter upon a war with another even its inferior, when it had to go far from home to attack.

Sons of Temperance Organized.

Wm. McKinley Division No. 249 Sons of Temperance was organized at Cameron, Dec. 27, and the following officers were elected: Worthy Patriarch, John Schwab; Worthy Associate, D. C. Linsinger; Worthy Patron, Mrs. Alice Stewart; Recording Scribe, Esther Stewart; Assistant Recording Scribe, Murt Scott; Financial Secretary, W. L. Dixon; Treasurer, Edmund Stewart; Chaplain, Frank Carter; Conductor, Mrs. Bland Scott; Assistant Conductor, Jesse Lord; Inside Sentinel, Clarence Frable; Outside Sentinel, Daniel Sullivan.

Although the Division started with a small membership it is steadily growing and new members are initiated at every meeting. Lodge is held every Thursday evening in the K. G. E. Hall.

Over Pressure of Gas Causes a Fire.

The residence of John Eckert, of this place was destroyed by fire about 6:30 this morning. A piano, a sideboard and a few other articles were saved. Mr. Eckert carried about \$1,400 insurance, which will not cover his loss. The fire was caused by an overpressure of gas. Last night about 5 o'clock the gas pressure began to decrease, and this morning shortly before the fire was discovered, Mr. Eckert, whose family was absent, left his house and started for the mill where he has a responsible position, leaving a gas jet burning low. The gas suddenly came on with great force, driving the flame from the jet to the wall, igniting it. In this way fires were started in other residences, and in the postoffice, but were discovered before much damage was done.—Patterson Enterprise.

Seign Ride.

The children of the east ward school building were treated to a sleigh ride yesterday and judging from the noise they made. They enjoyed themselves most royally.

Report of Health Officer for 1902.

Twenty-nine deaths occurred in the borough during the past year, from the following causes: Accidental—explosion, 1; fall, 1; scalding, 1; alcoholism 1; apoplexy, 1; abscess of the liver, 1; cancer, 2; cholera infantum, 1; gastritis, 1; gastro-enteritis, 1; heart disease, 1; lagrippe, 1; meningitis, 1; membranous croup, 1; edema of the lungs, 1; old age, 2; paralysis, 1; pneumonia, 7; pulmonary tuberculosis, 1; scarlet fever, 1; typhoid fever, 1. This is a very low death-rate and speaks well for the healthful climate and good sanitary condition of Emporium. Estimating the population at 3,000, this is only 9.6 per thousand. While there were a large number of deaths from pneumonia, that is accounted for by the fact that several of them were very old people or young children, and pneumonia is a very fatal disease in either extreme of life. Very few cases of contagious disease were reported to the board of health during the year. The board has been enforcing thorough fumigation of premises where contagious diseases have existed, which accounts, in part at least, for the small number of such diseases in the borough. Several nuisances were reported to the board, which, upon investigation and notification, were in most cases promptly abated.

ALBRA W. BAKER,
Health Officer.

New Honors for Schriever.

J. B. Schriever, the photographer of this city, has won new honors in a competition of photographs. The latest recognition came from Germany. Mr. Schriever entered some of his pictures in the International Exhibit held at Dusseldorf. He recently received a diploma from the judges setting forth the excellence of his work.

The two bridal photographs, which called forth special praise from the jury or award, were posed for by Mrs. David J. Reedy and Mrs. Taft, of this city. The pictures of the former was commended for its simplicity of pose and the exquisite drapery effects, while the latter was selected for artistic pose and life quality; that is, the folds of the gown appearing as though the negative had been while the subject was in motion. The picture entitled "Gesundbeit" is familiar to most all Scrantonians, as in addition to being a capital life study, it shows the most characteristic likeness of Henry Diller extant. The fourth picture of the exhibit is "The Watchman."—Scranton Daily Times.

A Fine Attraction.

The LaDell Comedy company opened a three nights engagement at Kane's theatre last night and a packed house greeted the first performance. To say the attraction is a good one would be letting it down light. The company is made up of all artists and the many acts—vaudeville—won the approval of all as was attested by the frequent and hearty applause. The balancing acts, daring acrobatic feats, tumbling, rag-time singing, sand dancing and other specialties too numerous to mention, were all given in a skillful manner, while the illustrated songs and moving pictures were the best ever given a Renovo audience. As a whole the attraction is an up to date one and has everything that goes to make a first-class vaudeville show, and is well worth the prices of admission, 10, 20 and 30 cents. An entire change of program will take place tonight and anyone suffering with the blues will surely forget their troubles for at least two hours, if they attend.—Renovo News.

State Printing.

The report of Thomas G. Sample, state superintendent of public printing and binding, shows that the cost of the state printing for the year ending June 30, last was \$239,153.22, and that the cost of paper and supplies used was \$35,228.55. The total cost of printing for the four years ending June 30, 1902, was \$986,791.92, as against \$1,204,570.27, for the four years preceding. Mr. Sample commends the work of State Printer W. S. Day, but recommends a revision of the laws governing state printing and in the interest of economy, the establishment of a state printing office.

Baptist Church Notes.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Morning subject, "Law and Grace;" evening topic, "God's Finger." Bible school at the close of morning worship, C. E. Crandell Supt. Y. P. S. C. E., 6 p. m., B. Olmsted Pres. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:45. All welcome. Don't miss the people's popular benedictory song service Sunday evening in the lecture room at the close of the service in the auditorium.

Lost

A gold watch, this morning between Ludlam's millinery store and post office. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at millinery store.

Killed by Flyer.

Moses S. Thierault who resides near Westport was struck and instantly killed by the Buffalo Flyer one day last week. He was thrown against a mail catcher crushing his skull and breaking nearly every bone in his body. He is survived by a wife and four children.

Fourth Number in Star Course.

The Fourth Number in the Peoples Star Course will be given Saturday evening January 31st, when the far famed Chicago Glee Club will make their first appearance before an Emporium audience. They have visited nearly every state in the union in their extensive itinerary, everywhere creating the greatest enthusiasm. This will be a notable event in entertainment circles.

Hamilton Hose Co. Ball.

The Hamilton Hose Co., will hold their annual Ball and Supper at the opera house, Monday evening, Feb. 23, 1903. The Germania orchestra of Lock Haven has been secured to furnish music for the occasion. This company has gained a reputation in the past for furnishing a royal good time for those who attend, and this year will be no exception to the past. Don't fail to be present.

Horrible Mutilation.

Word just received from the Philippines tells of the horrible mutilation of a Tayabas constable by Ladrones. The unfortunate was one of Senior Inspector Smith's men, who accompanied him to Bane. Of the company four others were captured. But this constable was allowed to go after his tongue had been cut out and his sight destroyed. The fate of the other four is unknown, but they are supposed to have been slaughtered.

Editor Gonzales Dead.

Editor Gonzales whom was shot last Thursday by Lieut.-Gov. Tillman, of South Carolina died on Monday. By that dastardly attack Tillman stated to the world that he was even worse than the editor, had ever painted him, and deserves punishment to the full extent of the law. His act was premeditated and the verdict cannot be otherwise than murder in the first degree. This cowardly act will no doubt end Tillmanism in South Carolina.

Box Social at Cameron.

The Box Social held in the K. G. E. Hall for the benefit of the Sons of Temperance Friday evening was a decided success. Several sleigh loads of young people from Sterling Run, members of the Sons of Temperance there, came up to swell the merry throng. Various games were played by the young people. The merriment of the evening reached its climax upon the entrance of a couple in masquerade costume. The bidding on the boxes was spirited, and upwards of \$25 was made on the boxes.

Badly Scalded.

On Saturday afternoon while James Gleason, junior member of the firm of L. R. Gleason and Sons, Gleasonton, was trying to open a clogged leech throttle in the leech house of the Gleason tannery he lost his balance and fell into the vat of liquor, which was almost at the boiling point. As he fell he caught the edge of the vat and thus saved himself from being entirely homerged in the scalding liquor. As it was, he was badly scalded from his ankles to above his knees, his gum boots, which fit close about his ankles, saving his feet. Dr. Fullmer of Renovo was called as speedily as possible and he gave the sufferer attention. Mr. Gleason is reported as getting along well.—Renovo News.

Local Institute.

All teachers, directors, and patrons of education are cordially invited to attend the local institute, to be held in the Methodist Church, at Sterling Run, Saturday, January 31, 1903.

PROGRAMME.

10:15 A. M.
Opening Institute Devotional Exercises.
Singing By The Institute.
How I Teach Primary Arithmetic Miss Orner.
Intermediate Arithmetic Miss Robinson.
Advanced Arithmetic W. M. Steele.
Essentials of Arithmetic W. J. Leavitt.
General Discussion By Institute.
1:30 P. M.
Singing By Institute.
Question Box.
Evidence of Success J. Irving Snyder.
How to Develop the Reasoning Powers E. S. Ling.
The Schools and Their Mission Miss Collins.
Excel's School Songs No. 4, will be used by the institute. Teachers are requested to bring theirs along.

JOHN SCHWAB, Chairman.

All smokers smoke the 'W. H. Mayer' hand made cigar, the best five cent cigar on the market. Be sure you ask for it. 24-C.

BRIEF MENTION.

Don't forget the big dance at Cameron next Thursday evening.

The National debt was decreased \$10,332,602 in the month of December.

Dennis Donovan is making some noticeable improvements at the Emporium House.

Ten new members joined The First Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday morning.

The Lady Maccabees enjoyed an elaborate banquet in their rooms last Tuesday night.

Some wonderful bargains in clothing at N. Seger's. Must make room for the large spring stock which will soon arrive.

The officers of the B. & S. R. R., have ordered plans for the new Depot at Austin, which will be equipped with all modern improvements.

The C. S. C., are making preparations for one of their pleasant affairs to be given about Washington's birthday. Further particulars next week.

Frank Barbeis, an employe of the B. & S. R. R., at Galeton was instantly killed last week. Barbeis was cleaning the ash pan under a locomotive when the engine started.

The Pennsylvania Railroad contemplates an increase of capital stock to more than \$400,000,000 about double the present amount outstanding, with a proportionate increase of bonds.

You will have cause for regret if you do not attend the Piano benefit entertainment next Saturday night. Choice music and artistic readings from the best authors. Let the court room be filled.

The Pennsylvania Reserve Corps, famous as a fighting organization in Civil War days, will camp 3,000 strong next summer in Capitol Park, Harrisburg. The date will be selected later and will be the final rally of the gallant old veterans who stood shoulder to shoulder in the trying days of '61.

A Grand Army veteran stood listening to a juvenile Spanish war veteran recounting his experiences to an admiring group. Presently the old man remarked, "That young man telling of his experiences makes me think of the hero of the Johnstown flood relating his experience in the presence of Noah."

The cold weather has set people to looking for good warm clothes and that is the very reason so many are visiting the store of N. Seger. They know where the most reliable goods together with lowness in price and durability are to be had.

That a young lady of Lancaster was going twisting along a street the other day to all appearance as if she had a flea on her. A newsboy with a bundle of newspapers ran up and exclaimed: "Examiner, Examiner!" The young woman replied: "No, not till I get home."—EX.

Out in South Bend, Indiana, coal cannot be had at a price. People are burning beans at \$1.50 a bushel, and are satisfied that they are getting the worth of their money, as the beans make a hot fire. And in Marshall, Missouri, people are burning their fruit and shade trees. Wood is selling for \$8 a cord and such fuel is very scarce.

An exchange says: "When a splinter has been driven deeply into the hand it can be extracted without pain by steam. Nearly fill a wide mouth bottle with hot water, place the injured part over the mouth and press it slightly. The suction will draw the flesh down and in a minute or two the steam will extricate the splinter and the inflammation together."

Class No. 3 of the Presbyterian Sabbath School will hold a Dime Social at the residence of Geo. L. Day, corner Woodland and Alleghany Ave., on Friday evening of this week in the interest of the church building fund. Rev. Robertson, of Canada, will assist in entertainment; with the King of Talking Machines, the Victor Monarch. Come everybody and enjoy a pleasant evening.

While the price of about everything else in the land has advanced of late, the country newspapers continue to be published at the old rate—\$1.50 per year. Paper and all kinds of printing material have gone up in price, and must be paid for promptly. With all this in view, subscribers should make it a point to pay in advance, or at as early a date as possible and thus help the printer out.—Marion Center Independent.

Poultry for Sale.

I have a limited number of thoroughbred Buff Plymouth Rock and White Wyandot Cockerels for sale for breeding purposes. J. T. HEALEY.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Snow.
SATURDAY, Rain or snow.
SUNDAY, Fair.

The Nominations.

The following is a list of the nominations for the several Borough and ward offices to be filled at the February election:

BOROUGH.	
Republican.	Democratic.
Josiah Howard.	Riley Warner.
Justice of the Peace.	No opposition.
M. M. Larrabee.	
Tax Collector.	C. W. Shaffer.
C. H. Jessop.	
Auditor.	John Hogan.
C. E. Crandell.	
WEST WARD.	
Councilman.	F. H. Pearsall.
Jos. A. Friendel.	
School Director.	Thos. H. Norris.
J. P. McNarney.	
Judge of Election.	Joseph J. Lingle.
Inspector of Election.	C. C. Richie.
S. J. Kline.	
MIDDLE WARD.	
Councilman.	D. W. Donovan.
C. G. Catlin.	
School Director.	R. H. Hirsch.
F. P. Rentz.	
Judge of Election.	Bennett Leutan.
Inspector of Election.	Henry R. Kleese.
Lee Halderman.	
EAST WARD.	
Councilman.	Robt. Green.
F. P. Strayer.	S. S. Hacker.
G. S. Allen.	
Judge of Election.	T. N. Hacker.
T. N. Hacker.	
Inspector of Election.	A. A. Robinson.
C. A. Van Lew.	
SHERIFF.	
Supervisors.	Mark Goodwin.
Hellman J. Lewis.	J. L. Reed.
Barton Housler.	
School Director.	Owen Dineley.
Cameron Housler.	Chas. King.
Delbert Townner.	
Tax Collector.	Endorsed.
P. S. Culver.	
Poor Master.	Thos. Waddington.
James Hobson.	
Town Clerk.	David Card.
D. N. Chandler.	
Auditor.	N. A. Ostrum.
W. W. Lewis.	
Justice of the Peace.	Henry Lyons.
Judge of Election.	J. C. Skillman.
T. L. Wheaton.	
Inspector of Election.	David Skillman.
Willis Gaskill.	

Another Collision.

A head-on collision occurred on Wednesday morning at Tunnell Hill between trains No. 3rd 85 and 1st 86. This one was more fortunate than the others as no one was hurt.

Bad Scarce.

On Tuesday morning gas was discovered to be escaping at the house occupied by J. R. Fetter on Fourth street. Mr. Fetter took a light and went under the house to investigate, when the gas ignited, singeing his hair and otherwise suffering quite a commotion. The fire companies were called out but their services were not needed, as the fire had been extinguished before any damage was done. Mr. Fetter had a very narrow escape, as he might have been seriously burned.

Editorial Correspondence.

The inauguration of Governor Pennypacker, amid the shouts of thousands from all sections of the Commonwealth. The procession of military and civic organizations which conducted the Governor-elect to and from the capitol, was a sight worth going a long way to see. Twenty-four bands headed the famous marching clubs of the state. There was no hitch in the proceedings. A feature of the parade was the battalion of Indian boys from Carlisle Indian School and two battalions of soldiers orphans—orphans of the brave soldiers of the Union—were roundly applauded.

The bands and marching clubs serenaded Gov. Pennypacker and Senator Penrose, attracting great crowds of enthusiastic admirers.

Cameron county seemed to be well represented at the inaugural ceremonies and witnessed the parade, among the number being Messrs. B. W. Gress, Prothonotary Goodnough, Sheriff Hemphill, Ex-Sheriff Swope, W. H. Howard, F. S. Coppersmith, E. H. Gregory, Lewis Ginter, E. W. Gaskill, Wm. McDonald, the Misses Blumie, Miss Christie McDonald, Hon. F. X. Blumie and ye editor and wife, of Emporium; also S. P. Kridger, P. M. Hanes and Jos. S. Johnson, District Atty. apparently enjoyed the big event.

Senator Boies Penrose was to-day (Wednesday) declared elected United States Senator, he having received the full party vote. Large number of visiting friends called to congratulate the Junior Senator.

This morning (today) confirmed the following Cabinet appointments: Secretary of Commonwealth, F. M. Fuller; Fayette; Attorney General, Hampton L. Carson, Philadelphia; Adjutant General, Thos. J. Stewart; Montgomery; Supt. of Public Buildings and Grounds, James M. Shumaker, Cambria county.