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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Feb. 23, 1903.

Editor Press:

The most complicated situation since the filibuster on the Lodge bill now exists in the Senate and threatens the defeat of the Panama and Cuban treaties and even an extra session of Congress. Senator Morgan, who is wedded to the idea of constructing the Isthmian Canal by the Nicaraguan route, is determined to defeat the Colombian treaty and is openly filibustering to that end. He has already made a phenomenal record, having used more than 200,000 words in his argument against the convention without showing signs of fatigue. Senator Quay, exasperated by his failure to secure a date for a vote on his Statehood bill, has joined forces with Mr. Morgan, and other disgruntled senators are contributing more or less to the filibuster. The situation is still further emphasized by the unequivocal announcement of the President that in case either of the treaties mentioned fails of ratification he will call the Senate in extra session. Unless a solution of the present difficulty is arrived at an early date an extra session of Congress will be necessitated.

In view of the facts above stated, numerous conferences have been held and at this writing the republican leaders are hopeful of effecting a compromise along the lines of the two Statehood bills with some concessions to the democrats, such as a provision for eventual separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico when they shall have attained a certain prescribed population, etc. The republican advocates of Statehood have agreed to this arrangement, but the democrats are yet to be heard from. The effort is being made to secure an agreement to ratify both the treaties in return for the Statehood compromise.

Aside from appropriation bills passed, the House has effected little legislation during the past week. The Flower currency bill is now under consideration and while Representative Flower believes it will pass the House, it may be safely predicted that it will receive no consideration in the Senate. An earnest effort will be made to enact the Aldrich bill and that will be the internal currency legislation enacted by this Congress. The Senate Philippine coinage bill has not been accepted by the House committee and will probably be enacted. The amendment providing for an international commission to devise means for settling a standard for silver was rejected by the House committee.

The President, whose capacity for details seem to be unlimited, brought to the attention of his Cabinet, at its last meeting, the delay which has attended the construction of naval vessels already authorized and the deterioration in the target practice records recently returned to the Navy Department. Mr. Roosevelt is an urgent advocate of a large navy and is in entire sympathy with the movement to establish a systematic program for its increase. With regard to the delay in construction, he ascertained that it was chiefly due to the strike of the employees of the Steel Trust and to strike in the ship yards of constructors but his insistent questioning revealed the fact that the Navy Department was also partially to blame because of the lack of uniformity in its designs for vessel fittings. This Secretary Moody announced had been remedied.

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Fire at Driftwood.

The home of John McMahon at Driftwood was destroyed by fire on Saturday night together with all its contents. We did not learn whether any insurance was carried or not.

Emmanuel Church.

Celebration of the Holy Communion next Sunday at 11 a. m.
Lenten services Monday and Tuesday at 4:30 p. m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p. m.

Registered Druggist.

Mr. E. S. Rhodes, of Erie, Pa., a registered druggist of many years service, has accepted a position in M. A. Rockwell's drug store at this place. The gentleman comes highly recommended and we hope may find his residence pleasant in mountain city.

"Kernel" Bardwell Caught.

The mangled remains of Dr. Bardwell's pet dog "Kernel" were found on P. & E. track last Friday, having been killed by Erie Flyer Tuesday morning. Both Dr. and his wife grieved greatly over the sad death of poor "Kernel," aged fourteen years.

Don't Sleep in Church.

A Roxborough man, says a Down East paper, rode on the train the other day behind two little school girls, one of them a Methodist and the other an Episcopalian. They appeared to be much interested in church work, for their conversation concerned nothing but guilds, sewing circles, mite societies and aid clubs. They also appeared to regard each other's churches jealously. If one's mite society had 45 members the other's was sure to have 55, and so on. The Methodist little girl said finally to the Episcopalian: "We are holding our midwinter revival now. There has been a great awakening." The other retorted: "We don't need awakenings in our church. We never go to sleep."

Joe Brown Dead.

Joe Brown better known as Hemlock Joe, died after a brief illness at the residence of Henry Nolan, a mile north of this borough, Tuesday. He has been a well-known character about Port Allegany for many years. During the past several years he has worked for F. E. Rowley and it was through Mr. Rowley's well known charity that he had excellent medical attendance and good care and attention during his illness and demise. He was about sixty years of age. The funeral was held from the Nolan residence yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Dudley being in attendance. The remains were interred at Fairview. Nothing is known of relatives.—Port Allegany Reporter. Joe will be remembered by many at this place, having worked here some years ago.

Wedding Bells.

A pleasant wedding took place at St. Mark's Catholic Church, at six o'clock, last Wednesday morning, uniting Mr. John S. Vail, of Jersey Shore, and Miss Amanda E. Boutain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Boutain, of this place. Rev. Father Downey officiating. Miss Sylvia Boutain, sister of bride, and Mr. Wm. Vail, of Snow Shoe, brother of groom, served as bride's maid and best man. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Vail took Buffalo Express for Niagara Falls and Buffalo. They will reside at Jersey Shore after April 1st. Mr. Vail and the bride of his choice, have a host of friends who wish them many happy days.

Strange Case of a Jersey Shore Girl.

One of the most peculiar cases that was ever reported in this section of the country, and one that has been baffling the physicians around here for over two years terminated Thursday evening in the death of Louise Peifer, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peifer, Allegheny street. For nearly three years she has lain in a semi-conscious state, not recognizing one of those around her.

About two years and eight months ago, the child, while eating supper, suddenly became unconscious. From that time up to the time of her death last evening she had never spoken a word. For the last year her only nourishment consisted of a little milk taken each day. During all that time she has never once regained consciousness enough to recognize any of her relatives. She has lain like one dead, never even being able to raise herself to a sitting position. Every doctor in the neighborhood had been called in on the strange case, but not one was able to help her. Her disease was pronounced spinal meningitis.—Clinton Rep.

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A Desperate Chance.

In connection with the engagement of Theodore Kremer's latest play, "A Desperate Chance," in four acts, founded on the notorious Biddle brothers' case to be seen here March 2d. It is hardly necessary to more than announce its production, as the story of the play has attracted wide reputation. The first act opens with the murder of the Pittsburg grocer by the Biddle boys, their sentence and conviction. The second act shows the boys in jail, where they use their hypnotic power over the warden's wife, their sensational escape from jail, their thrilling fight in the snow with the detectives, their capture and finally their pathetic death in the Butler county jail. Mr. Kremer considers this his greatest effort, which is saying a great deal, when one considers his recent successes, "The Fatal Wedding," "The Road to Ruin" and others too numerous to mention. While the play abounds with many thrilling situations, the author has not forgotten to put plenty of heart interest in the piece. The child's love for the mother, who has unintentionally sinned, will send many away with tear-dimmed eyes. The comedy situations are also very strong.

A big scenic production is promised, with many new and startling mechanical effects, and with a cast of unusual excellence, a performance is promised to satisfy the most exacting critic. Prices for this big production, gallery 25 cents. Down stairs, 35, 50, and 75c. Seats on sale at Lloyd's, in advance.

Frail Titles to Valuable Lands.

Major Isaac B. Brown, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs, in his report for the past year which has just been sent to the printer, asserts that the removal of his department to the old shoe factory was a very dangerous proceeding so far as regards the valuable State documents stored in the department, because the shoes building is surrounded by inflammable structures. Regarding the business of the department, Major Brown says that there are thousands of land warrants that have been granted in former years upon which no returns or surveys have been made, and probably in many cases valuable properties are held by very frail titles. He thinks these surveys should be made at once in order to perfect title. A recommendation is made that the act of 1897 to collect the amounts due upon unpatented lands be repealed, as it is almost impossible to ascertain where these lands are located. The department has made fair progress in the copying of surveys, a work that should have been completed years ago for the mutilation and decay of these ancient records has been going on for so many years that in many cases the data contained in them cannot be reproduced. This is all the more necessary when it is remembered that the records are now stored in the building which is a little better than "a fire trap," according to the report.

To Amend an Obnoxious Act.

A bill designed to correct the act of assembly which governs the distribution of the bodies of the pauper dead and the operation of which has caused considerable anguish to relatives of deceased persons and righteous indignation on the part of others in every part of the state, was introduced in the House at Harrisburg Thursday night by Representative H. G. Troxell. The amendment is in effect as follows: If such deceased person is claimed on the petition of not less than ten taxpayers of the poor district in which said deceased person died or had a residence said petition to be directed to the overseers or directors of the poor of said district, notice in writing of such claim to be served upon the persons or institution having such dead body in charge; or, if such deceased person was a traveler who died suddenly, in either case the said body shall be buried by the overseers or directors of the poor of said poor district.

Epworth League Entertainment

At M. E. Church, March 2, 8 p. m.
PROGRAM.
"History of the Epworth League."
Mr. John Johnson.
Solo.....Mable McSwan.
Recitation.....Mrs. Scaver.
Solo.....Miss Grace Lloyd.
Recitation.....Edith DeArmit.
Piano Solo.....Miss Anna Welsh.
Recitation.....Miss Larrabee.
Solo.....Mr. George Walker.
Recitation.....Mark Ellis.
Recitation.....Miss A. H. Swab.
Solo.....Helen Welsh.
Recitation.....Miss Emma Ellis.
Recitation.....Louisa Welsh.
Quartette, Mrs. Overturf, Miss Beach.
Prof. Ling, Fred Heilman.

Must Notify Prothonotary.

Justices of the peace elected at the recent election must give notice to the prothonotary within 30 days of their election or intention to lift their commission.

Broke Jail.

Claud French, aged 16 years and William Pilger, two prisoners awaiting trial at Coudersport, French for horse stealing and Pilger for forgery, broke jail on Monday night. The Sheriff's wife was roughly handled while trying to prevent their exit.

A Successful Farmer.

John Bauer, who owns the old and well known "Sage farm," of 400 acres, near Emporium, was a welcome Press caller on Wednesday and carried away a receipt for another year's paper. Mr. Bauer, in addition to conducting a milk route, is one of the most industrious farmers in the county.

Baptist Church Notes.

Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Morning subject "Redemption." Evening topic, "A Hen-pecked Husband." Bible school at the close of morning worship, C. E. Crandell, Supt. Y. P. S. C. E. 6:00 p. m., B. Olmsted, president. Prayer-meeting Wednesday evening 7:45. All welcome.

Another Appeal.

Daniel Britton called at this office on Tuesday and informed us that he had been sick in bed about two weeks, most of the time with anybody to care for him. He thinks he has been sorely neglected and appeals to the authorities to try and alleviate his suffering. Mr. Britton is in a very bad condition and we think the authorities should take the case in hand and if anything can be done, to relieve the man of his suffering, do it at once.

To Our Horsemen.

We always like to see a horseman drive up to a hitching post these winter days, jump out of the rig, unfold a big, warm blanket and cover his faithful horse. There is a big heart in that man. He is thinking of something else besides himself, and he takes as much pleasure in caring for his horse's comfort as for himself. On the other hand it makes us sad to see a great big man, warmly clad from head to foot, drive a steaming horse up to the rack, hastily tie him fast, leave him shivering, and make for the nearest hot stove. There is something wrong about that fellow. Western Press.

Large Shipments of Coal From Dents Run.

Large shipments of coal are being made daily from Dents Run by the Dents Run Coal Mining company. The company only began sending out coal in December and is now shipping at the rate of 250 tons a day. Last fall the corporation erected houses for 40 families of its employees and this spring will build several more. The company owns an extensive body of coal land in that vicinity and it is expected that the near future will see the operation largely increased.—Clinton Republican.

Prof. Suhrie Winning Laurels.

We notice by a Pittsburg paper of recent date that Prof. A. Leo L. Suhrie is winning merited notice at recitals and educational meetings in the Smokey City. In a literary recital given by Byron W. King in Carnegie Music Hall last week Prof. Suhrie was the leading performer in a most difficult program. The papers were loud in praise of the excellency of his work and predict a brilliant future for Prof. Suhrie. We understand that he will deliver several addresses before an educational meeting to be held at DuBois February 20 and 21. His time is well taken up in giving instruction before different teachers' meetings in the western part of the state.—St. Marys Gazette.

Popular Plan Promoted.

At a recent meeting of the United States Leather Co., held in New York, Mr. T. A. Flynn of Allegheny, N. Y., well known in Emporium, has been promoted to general superintendency by that company. The position is a very responsible one and requires a man of extraordinary tact and ability. These qualities Mr. Flynn possesses. He is a man of deep thought, conservative in manner, energetic and loyal. He takes the deepest interest in his work and strives most faithfully to promote the interests of the company. Besides, he has a very extensive knowledge of the tannery business and is one of the most successful tanners in the business to-day.

The One Package Dye.

In red printed wrappers, colors cotton, wool or silk in same bath. Sample 10c, any color. New Peerless, Elmira, N. Y. 50-267.

BRIEF MENTION.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.
Big bargains in clothing at N. Seger's. Don't fail to call on N. Seger if you want an up-to-date suit or overcoat.

Thomas Dixon, Jr., author of the "Leopard Spots" will lecture at Kane on Friday evening.

Mr. John Kelley will build several new houses this spring in different parts of the borough.

All Smokers smoke the "W. H. Mayer" hand made cigar, the best five cent cigar on the market. Be sure you ask for it 24-1f.

The old reliable clothier N. Seger is offering some big bargains in gent's furnishings. Give him a call. You will receive cordial treatment and honest values.

W. L. Thomas has the contract to deliver two eight ton engine boilers to the mines of Emporium Iron Co., hauling the heavy infants from Emporium. The boilers will be used at the mines.

The C. S. C. wish to publicly thank all who so kindly assisted with the Colonial dinner by their services or otherwise. Through the liberal patronage of the people they cleared one hundred dollars.

The McKean County Humane society has engaged Mullin & Mullin to assist District Attorney Melvin in prosecuting J. M. White, who is accused of enticing little girls to his room for immoral purposes.—Bradford Star.

The scenic production in Desperate Chance Co., will not be surpassed it is said, by any attraction appearing in this city at popular prices. A special carried in order to give the full production in a correct manner.

King Alfonso has taken advantage of the absence of the queen mother in Vienna to exile from Madrid Count Eacosura, master-of-horse, to whom the queen was recently morganatically married. The count has been ordered to Seville to look after the royal stables there.

Barnum's circus, which recently arrived in this country after a long stay in Europe, will be at Harrisburg in June. Agents have been looking up grounds and other matters the past few days. The circus will have 85 cars, the largest number ever used by a traveling show.

Managers Clarke & Howard have secured Theodore Kremer's greatest success, "A Desperate Chance," the play founded on the notorious Biddle Bros' case, which will be seen here March 2nd. It will be presented by one of the strongest companies ever playing the popular priced houses.

A scientist says that if the earth were flattened the sea would be two miles deep all over the world. After due meditation a Kansas editor says, "If any man be flattening out the earth, shoot him on the spot, and don't be too blamed particular what spot. There are a whole lot of us here in Kansas that can't swim."

A contemporary suggests that the country roads be named just as the city streets and avenues are. If every main road and cross road had its official title, it would be as easy to address a farmer as a city resident. There are specific advantages in such a plan in these days when the mails are so universally used. The roads might be fittingly called after prominent citizens of the present or past generations.

How many parents in the borough and townships visit the school occasionally? A good many fathers go to circuses, county fairs, shooting matches, raffles, horse races, and ball games who never see the inside of a school building where their children are being educated, and it is possible that some mothers, who never miss a millinery opening, a sewing bee or a dance have yet to make the acquaintance of the teachers who instruct their children and to make their first visit to the schools that their young hopefuls attend.—Exchange.

The March number of the Woman's Home Companion will be especially interesting to the housewife. There are five pages dealing with the newest fashions; there are many suggestions about spring cleaning, making new furniture, gardening, etc. In features, "How Modern Science Proves the Bible True," "What the Baptists Are Doing to Better Mankind," "How a Great City is Kept Clean," "Early Wild Flowers," and "Della, Daughter of Mary," are especially valuable. The serial "The Flight of Fenuella" comes to its startling end. "The Farm of the Dagger" is the title of the new serial by Eden Phillpotts. There are short stories by Frederick M. Smith and John H. Jewett. Altogether the number is a delightful beginning for the springtime of the year. Published by The Crowell Publishing Co., Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

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WEATHER REPORT.

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

Eggs for Sale.

Full blooded Wyandotte and Plymouth Rock eggs for hatching—\$1.50 for 13. J. T. HEALY, Emporium, Pa. 1-1f.

Hame Lost.

John Bauer, the milk man, lost a hame cover from one of his horses, last week, while serving his customers. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning it to Mr. Bauer.

Hamilton Hose Dance.

The twelfth annual ball given by this popular organization last Monday night was very largely attended and the boys just spread themselves. Everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion.

New Telephone Line.

The Emporium Telephone Exchange beg to announce the establishment of telephone communication, with Cameron, Pa., and the Emporium Iron Companies Coke ovens. A toll of 25 cents is charged for five minutes conversation with either point.

Improving.

Miss Eugenia McNamee, the bright little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McNamee, who has been confined to her bed for three weeks, the result of injuries received by being run over by Emporium Milling Company's delivery wagon, is improving under Dr. Baker's careful attention. He hopes to have her on both feet again within a few days.

Teachers' Local Institute.

High School Room, Emporium, Pa., February 28th, 1903.

PROGRAM.

Forenoon Session, 10 o'clock.
Opening Exercises—
"First Lessons in Geography" William J. Leavitt
Music by the Institute, John Steele
"Correlation of Geography and History" Prof. R. M. Steele
Recitation, Charlotte Hill
"Relation of Literature to History" Miss Himmna Brooks
Piano Solo, Miss Ida Seger
"Advantages and Disadvantages of the Topical Method of Reciting," Arling Baker
Music by Institute.
"How to Teach Patriotism with History," John Schwab
Afternoon Session, 2:30 o'clock.
Overture by the Orchestra.
Recitation, Mildred Lloyd
"The Mission of the Schools," Miss Mattie Collins
Piano Solo, Miss Christie McDonald
"Characteristics of Good Teaching," Prof. J. J. Lynch, of St. Marys
Recitation, Miss Minnie McCracken
"The Training Our Schools Should Give," Mr. Josiah Howard.
Vocal Solo, Miss Grace Lloyd
"What Makes a Teacher Valuable," Prof. O. C. Gortner, of Renovo Public Schools.
Finals, Orchestra.

Close Call.

Last Friday morning a terrible explosion occurred at T. B. Lee's house that completely wrecked the cooking range and caused sad havoc to everything in the kitchen. Mrs. Lee and lighted the kitchen fire and proceeded to prepare breakfast when the explosion took place, blowing the stove into a thousand pieces, and sitting fire to the floor. The strangest thing about the whole affair is that Mrs. Lee escaped injury, although standing near the stove, yet the shock completely prostrated that excellent lady, who was immediately confined to her bed. The cause of the explosion was due to the freezing of the hot water pipes and water front of the stove—the gas having been so low that it was shut off the previous night. At this writing Mrs. Lee has recovered from the shock.

Fatal Accident.

James P. Gunn, aged about 35, single man, came to Emporium several weeks ago, from Rome, Ga., to assist in erecting the bucket cable line from the mountain to coal crusher, for Emporium Iron Co. Yesterday evening, about 5:30 o'clock Gunn was standing on the top of the tower when a chain broke, letting him fall to the ground, a distance of seventy feet, death resulting almost instantly. Dr. A. W. Baker, Coroner, was summoned to view the remains. No blame is attached to the company, the death of the gentleman being unexplained unless it was purely thoughtlessness carelessness on the part of the unfortunate man.
Supt. Chas. Roy, who has known, intimately, for many years, Mr. Gunn speaks of him as a very careful and experienced man in that line of work and that he was to amount for his death. His remains will be shipped to Georgia as soon as Mr. Brady can hear from his friends, who have been communicated with.

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