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Permanent Certificates.

The committee to examine applicants for permanent certificates will meet for that purpose in the high school room, Emporium, May 15, at 8:30 a. m., at which time and place applicants will please present themselves, bringing with them their professional certificates and blanks properly filled and signed by the school boards of the districts in which they have taught. The necessary materials will be furnished by the committee.

E. S. LING, Chairman.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, May 11, 1903.

Editor Press:

The most important and sensational development in the current Postoffice Investigation is the removal, pending the completion of the investigation, of General Superintendent of free delivery Machen which step was taken by the Postmaster General at the request of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow who, in communication to Postmaster General Payne, intimates that the completion of the investigation will be materially facilitated by Mr. Machen's absence. Machen has accordingly been granted indefinite leave of absence pending the completion of the investigation but it is a matter of grave doubt as to whether he will ever again occupy his desk in the Postoffice Department. In addition to recovering Machen, the Postmaster General has transferred the entire division of free delivery to the Bureau presided over by Mr. Bristow and has assigned as acting chief Mr. M. S. Fosnes, the Postoffice Inspector who made so enviable a record in clearing up the tangle into which Rathbone got the Cuban postal service. Fosnes is regarded as one of the most capable detectives in the Postoffice Department and it is believed that hereafter the investigation will go on uninterruptedly and that the entire scandal which hangs about the free delivery division will be probed to the bottom. In view of the strong political backing of Machen, his removal is regarded as an indication that the Postoffice scandals are to be thoroughly sifted regardless of political consideration.

Widely calculated reports concerning the conduct of Russia in Manchuria, that province of China which adjoins the Russian frontier, have given rise to the wildest speculation and in some instances grave apprehension. Subsequent advices from more reliable sources, however discredit the reports first sent out and it is even doubtful if Russia has reoccupied Nim Chwang as was first reported. While accurate information regarding the situation in this somewhat remote part of the globe is unattainable it is the opinion of the State Department that gross exaggerations have gained credence and it is suspected that there is an ulterior motive in the attempt to secure from this country co-operation in a joint protest to be made to Russia by Great Britain and Japan. At all events, no move will be made by this Government until authentic information has been received and even if the alleged intention of Russia should receive confirmation it is doubtful if the United States would feel called upon to protest. Regardless of the sensational cablegrams which are likely to appear in the newspapers from now on, the people of this country have every assurance that the United States will not be made the cat's paw of the subjects of nations interested in commercial exploitation.

The State Department has just made public for the first time its version of the kidnapping of Miss Allen Stone by Bulgarians. According to the State Department officials a grave error was made by the payment of the ransom demanded, this government having received the most positive assurance that Miss Stone and her companion were safe from all actual violence, and it is claimed that a precedent has been set which will constitute a menace to all other foreigners in that section of the country. The report states that despite the protests and better judgment of the Department the entreaties of the missionaries, who contributed no part of the \$66,000 ransom, were permitted to prevail.

Open Letter Relative to Park.

Emporium, Pa., May 11th, 1903.
Messrs. WM. McDONALD, MICHAEL MURPHY, ELEX MCDUGAL, et al, representing subscribers to the Park Fund:

WHEREAS, It was decided at the public meeting last week that the citizens could not afford at the present time to police the public park in sufficient manner to preserve good order, and protect timid persons in the peaceful enjoyment of its privileges, and since it would be equally unjust to expect me to bear all the expense of maintaining order, it is no more than right that I should give you a written statement as to how your money would be expended for the improvement of my private property, before you collect any of the subscriptions now in hand.

First:—It is my intention to temporarily open the Park to the public as fully as the spirit and action of their conduct will permit; under such rules and regulations as are maintained in the public parks of other cities.

Second:—Should your Committee collect and turn over to me the sum of \$750.00 I will agree to spend an equal or larger amount and erect a suitable platform on the grounds and spend my surplus there may be in piping water from the spring and building a road in to the park. All of such expenditure to be made under the approval and with the co-operation of your committee, reserving to myself the right to close the park at any time and restrict all public use of same should drunkenness and roudyism get beyond our reasonable control.

Trusting there will be no misunderstanding by the public of your good intentions, as well as my own in the matter.

Yours truly,
JOSHUA HOWARD.

Crack Ball Player.

P. J. Morrissey, formerly of Emporium, who has been engaged in business in Sidway, Wis., writes us to change the address of his paper to Dollar Bay, Mich., he having disposed of his business to return to the diamond. Mr. Morrissey, who is one of the best short-stop men in the northwest, is an enthusiastic player. The following from the Daily Gazette, says: "P. J. Morrissey the veteran short stop and one of the best all around baseball players in upper peninsula, expects to leave here next week for Dollar Bay, where he will play with the team at that place. The members of the Sidway club will be sorry to see him leave town, but all will wish him success."

The Tale of a Rooster.

Howard & Co.'s clerks have been very much annoyed for some time by a bigamous old rooster, leading his large family through their warehouses, and in other ways making a nuisance of himself. The boys finally became exasperated and decided to "fix that rooster." They captured him, and when they let him go, he was wearing a pair of duck trousers, a standup collar and a red tie. He was a fancy dressed rooster all right. Jimmie used to be an artist at dressing dolls and knew just how to do the job.

A Grateful Cow.

One of our loveliest girls, a young lady of the west end, has a great love for animals. She was recently pulling grass and feeding it to the cow through a window in the barn, the cow to show her gratitude, reached out with her big soft tongue and kissed her across the face. The young lady tried to keep it dark, but the cow told, and now she does not like "that nasty old cow" any better than she does that little yellow dog that would go to school.

Almost One Hundred.

Joseph Housler, of Lock Haven, formerly a resident of this county, has been visiting his relatives in this section for several days. Mr. Housler celebrated his 90th anniversary on the 8th day of April, being born April 8, 1813. Although well advanced in years he continues to transact business and is as active as he was many years ago.

Goes to Cameron.

Frank Miller who has been located at Mina for the past fifteen years, and for the past nine years section boss for the Lackawanna Company, has accepted a similar position with E. V. Dunlevie at Cameron. Mr. Miller is a first-class railroad man who has many friends.—Coudersport Enterprise.

An exchange in Southwestern Kansas is responsible for the following: An Indian owed one of our merchants and the other day he came to pay and wanted a receipt. In vain the merchant told him a receipt was unnecessary. "Me must have to show me owe white man nothing," said the Indian. "Me go to Heaven, the Lord ask Injun, he pay debts, Injun say yes. Lord ask Injun where is receipt. What Injun do? Can't he go all over hell to look for you." He got the receipt.

High School Commencement.

The Commencement exercises of the Emporium High School at opera house, last Wednesday evening attracted a very large audience, composed of the relatives, friends and auditors of the graduates—three ladies and three gentlemen—Misses Mazie Gallagher, Grace L. Metzger, Olive Maloy; Messrs. Fred B. Lloyd, Clyde McCaslin and Frank E. Felt. The music by the Ridgway orchestra added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The following short synopsis of the addresses and essays we publish:

The theme of Miss Gallagher's salutatory was "Making a Living and Making a Life." First the necessity for each one making for himself an honest living was dwelt upon. Too many are desirous of gaining a livelihood by some easy short cut, forgetting that there "are only two ways of getting money; if you have not earned it, you have stolen it." To counteract this evil tendency, stress must be laid upon the honorableness of making a living. But on the other hand many are too much absorbed in making a living, and hence forget that there is anything nobler or better to strive after. Life is to great to define, too great to make. We can only open our souls to its influence. If we do this we are lifted above the sordid thing of life, and give place in our hearts to noble, generous, loving impulses. The central thought, then, of this admirable essay was that, while we should all see to it that we earn an honest living, we should not become so absorbed in it that we forget the higher purposes of our being. Miss Gallagher's enunciation was deliberate and distinct and her manner quite composed.

Frank E. Felt delivered an excellent oration on "The Wonders of the XIXth Century." He called attention to the marvelous progress in material things; in invention, in modes of travel and transportation; to the development of electricity, and scientific knowledge, to the wonders of manufacture, enriching his thought with numerous illustrations. The development of the United States was cited as the greatest wonder of the century.

Miss Maloy recited in a very pleasing way a selection from Mrs. Wiggs, entitled "Annexation of Cuby" which turns out to be a poor fit-tricken horse upon which the inimitable Mrs. Wiggs conferred the geographical name of "Cuby."

Miss Metzger's subject was an "Interpretation of Tennyson's Princess" which was finely developed. The story of the poem was told in a pleasant manner. Tennyson's purpose in writing the poem was to give his idea of the true place of woman in the world. The efforts of the Princess Ida to establish a school for the higher education of woman and devote her life to such work instead of marrying the Prince to whom she had been betrothed from childhood, is the central thought of the poem. In the end, after all her plans had miscarried, she yielded to the solicitations of the Prince, impelled by her woman's nature, but still insisted upon the correctness of her theory that woman is man's intellectual equal, if given equal opportunity. Many beautiful quotations were given, in one of which Tennyson characterizes his motive and thereby gives us an insight into his own character.

Clyde McCaslin delivered the prophecy as to the future of the class. He read a spicy essay in which teachers and class were hit, and predicted great things for the class. According to his prophetic vision the members of the class will bring about the millennium in about a dozen years, settling all vexatious problems Emporium is to profit by being made an industrial and governmental center.

Fred B. Lloyd, by virtue of his rank, delivered the valedictory. In well chosen language he bade farewell to faculty, directors, undergraduates and classmates.

The Class Address by Prof. Francis H. Green, Principal of West Chester Normal, was the best ever listened to by our people and all regretted when he left the platform. It was a scholarly, witty and highly entertaining address, received by frequent applause. We hope the Prof. will again visit us, when he does not have to speak against time.

Taken as a whole the faculty of the Emporium High School may well be proud of 1903 work.

Ice Cream Sale.

An ice cream sale under the auspices of the Epworth League of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, will be held on the lawn of the Metzger home, East Alleghany avenue, next Tuesday evening. Proceeds for Pipe Organ Fund. Public patronage kindly invited.

Fiends Planned to Blow Ocean Liner up at Sea.

A special dispatch to the PRESS, last Saturday evening conveyed the intelligence, below stated, the authorities being anxious to procure information as to the names of parties to whom The Climax Powder Company sold dynamite.

NEW YORK, May 11.—An attempt was made to blow up the Cunard line steamship, with more than 400 passengers and a crew of 300 aboard.

Just before the big ocean liner sailed an infernal machine containing a hundred pounds of dynamite was found on the dock at the foot of the first cabin gangway ready to be taken aboard the ship.

Fuses were already burning, and it is estimated by the police that the spark would have touched the dynamite within five minutes.

A letter written in lead pencil and sent to police headquarters gave warning of the plot to blow up the Umbria. This letter was headed "A Warning From the Mafia," and in it a man whose name is withheld by the police stated that there was a Mafia grievance against the English steamship lines. He described the box and said that the clockwork which he held was set to explode the dynamite thirty-six hours after the time of the delivery of the box at the pier.

Detectives were sent on the run to the pier, and they notified Captain Watson, the superintendent of the Cunard dock, and Mr. Floyd, the agent of the line.

When Captain Thomas Dutton of the Umbria was informed of the plot to blow up the vessel he declined to sail until the box was found. From the description furnished by the writer of the letter the detectives had little difficulty in finding the box.

It was made of plain pine boards and was 40 by 20 inches. The cover was on hinges and was locked with a padlock. There were absolutely no marks on the box.

The detectives heard the clicking of the clockwork inside, and they forced open the bottom of the box. They were astonished to find in it fully a hundred pounds of dynamite.

The detectives extinguished the fuses. Ropes were immediately run around the box, and it was thrown overboard.

It was submerged for at least an hour before the arrival of the men from the bureau of combustibles.

Then it was carefully lifted into a patrol wagon of the Charles street station and driven to the station.

There the contents of the box were taken out and removed to the bureau of combustibles.

In the meantime the Umbria had sailed with probably none of her passengers aware of the attempt that had been made to bring disaster to the ship.

The one hundred dynamite sticks that the box contained were labeled "Climax Powder Company."

A secret service agent arrived in Emporium Sunday in search of information. Of course the Climax people are unable to tell how this powder fell into the hands of the dynamiters. Forty detectives are now at work on the case.

A Pastor for Cameron Circuit.

The Rev. R. J. Knox has been placed in charge at the Cameron Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the coming year. He is a young married man; scholarly and of pleasing appearance. Mr. Knox will faithfully devote his attention to the interests committed to his charge. We bespeak for him a hearty welcome from his people and a year of successful work.

Hard Luck.

Rural mail carrier B. L. Spence, met with a serious accident. Last Saturday while coming down the hill near Norragon's some part of the harness on his horse gave away, which caused the animal to turn down a steep embankment, upsetting the rig. The horse in addition to breaking up the carriage, kicked Mr. Spence on right leg, laying him up for a few days. Spence has had only bad luck since he took the position, having lost two horses. Now comes more bad luck. Hope he will soon be on his pins again, serving his patrons in his usual prompt manner.

Large School.

Prof. W. J. Leavitt has opened a summer school in Plank Road building with over seventy pupils enrolled and more expected. The number is largely beyond his expectations and requires an assistant for primary work for which position he has secured Miss Katie Welsh of this place.

WEATHER REPORT.

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

Republican County Convention.

The Republicans of Cameron County will meet in Convention at the Court House, in Emporium, on Tuesday, May 19th, 1903, at 12:30 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of electing one person for Delegate to the Republican State Convention and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said Convention.
A. C. BLUM, Chairman.

ATTEST:—
J. P. McNARNEY, Sec'y.

Republican Primary Election.

The Republican Primary Elections for Cameron county will be held on

SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 1903.
Emporium Borough—West Ward, at City Hall, at 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.—5 delegates; Middle Ward, at Council Room, at 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.—4 delegates; East Ward, at Hose House, at 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.—3 delegates.
Shippin Township, at Court House, at 2:00 to 4:00 p. m.—7 delegates.
Portage Township, at Sizerville Bath House, at 6:00 to 8:00 p. m.—1 delegate.
Lumber Township, at McConnell's Store, Cameron, from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m.—3 delegates.
Gibson Township, at Curtin House, Driftwood, at 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.—3 delegates.
Driftwood Borough, at Curtin House, at 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.—3 delegates.
Grove Township, at Shaffer's Hotel, from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m.—3 delegates.

Saturday, May 8th is the last day for filing nominations for delegates to County Convention.
Monday, May 11th, at 2:00 o'clock, p. m., the vigilance committees will meet and open and announce the nominations for delegates to County Convention, reducing the number of candidates by lot to twice the number to be elected.
By order of County Committee.

ATTEST:—
J. P. McNARNEY, Sec'y.

DESTRUCTIVE FOREST FIRES RAGING.

Forest fires are again raging in this county and heavy losses sustained by lumbermen and other citizens—especially heavy being the damage to C. B. Howard Company, Wilson Bros. Lumber Company at Huntley, Cameron Lumber Company. Large numbers of men have been fighting fire since Sunday, day and night, and if we do not have rain soon the loss will be still heavier. C. B. Howard Co., suffer the heaviest damage. Last Sunday morning about 11 o'clock the fire struck their operations in Cocks Run, destroying five million feet of logs, one steam log loader and two lumber camps. The fires are still raging.

To the Graduating Class of Emporium High School for 1903.

There are turning points in the life of every individual. You have read as one of these. Don't think because you have graduated from the Emporium high school your education is finished. You have taken only the primary step in the ladder of life. Don't drift but determine to place your name high in some of the many walks of life and as soon as maybe, determine what line of life you will follow and industriously, energetically and persistently follow it. A college course is a help but not a necessity—many high positions in this country are held by men and women who had no aid from college diplomas. A college course is but another step in the ladder. I question whether an absolute free college course is a blessing. The lives of the sons and daughters of our wealthy people, who have received such do not show the best results. No one of you is so poor you may not work your way through college if you will. It may require self-denial, it will require hard work. Education is a life work and should cease only when the Master calls us to cross the line which separates time from eternity. It is the poor girls and boys who either with or without the aid of college diplomas, fill the positions of responsibility and influence in our land.

"Act! Act! in the living present
Heart within and God o'er head
The lives of great men all remind us.
We may make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us,
Foot prints on the sands of time,
Let us then be up and doing
With a heart for any fate.

JNO. DAY.

Emporium, Pa., May 8, 1903.

Teacher's Examinations.

The Cameron county teachers' examinations for 1903 will be as follows:
Sinnamahoning..... May 26.
Driftwood..... May 27.
Sterling Run..... May 28.
Emporium..... May 29.
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Teachers examinations in methods will be based on the reading course. Examinations will begin at 8:30 a. m. Directors and patrons are requested to be present at the examinations.

MATTIE M. COLLINS,
County Superintendent.

League Anniversary.

The 14th anniversary of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be observed next Sunday at 7:30 p. m., in the auditorium of the church. An interesting program will be presented.