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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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

Editor Press:
A joint resolution has been introduced in the Senate inviting Cuba to join the American Union as a State. Senator Newlands of Nevada is the author of the resolution, which provides further that Porto Rico shall become a county of the State of Cuba, and that the president and vice-president of the Republic shall become the governor and lieutenant governor, and that the new loan which Cuba is about to make, shall be raised by issuing state bonds. The advantages to Cuba of joining the Union are evident. She would have free trade with this country, and the receipts from her exports would be nearly doubled. She is now offering \$35,000,000 of bonds at 5 per cent, at 90, and finds difficulty in getting buyers. If they are state bonds, guaranteed by the United States, she could sell them easily at 3 per cent. Mr. Newlands says that the present is a good time to make Cuba the offer, as the condition of the island is being discussed by Congress and that we should make it plain to her that we invite her to join us on absolute equality, as a state. It would be union rather than annexation, and she would be one of us, and not subject to us. He believes that the people of both countries will realize that the argument for union is irresistible. Texas might be cited as a precedent.

The bill enacting the Cuban reciprocity treaty passed the House by a vote of 335 to 21. It is now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and if the democrats do not attempt to filibuster, the treaty ought to be passed in time to adjourn the extra session by Thanksgiving. In the House the democrats voted for the bill although they took advantage of the debate to make many campaign tariff speeches which they will soon be distributing to their constituents. They denounced the "gag rule" which prevented them from introducing a host of amendments and prolonging the debate indefinitely, but after they were reminded that, when in power, they adopted the same tactics, they made threats of what they would do when the House was again Democratic. The bill will of course pass the Senate, as two-thirds of that body voted for the treaty.

According to the terms of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty, just signed by our Secretary of State and the Panama minister, the United States is granted absolute sovereignty over a strip of land five miles wide on each side of the canal, possession of several islands in its vicinity, with the right to fortify these as well as the canal, the right to preserve public peace in the cities of Panama and Colon and to prescribe their sanitary ordinance. When necessary we may use force to accomplish these ends. In return we guarantee the independence of the Republic of Panama, pay her \$10,000,000 at first and \$250,000 annually, beginning nine years from date of treaty. We are to have a perpetual monopoly of all means of transit across the isthmus, either by railroad or canal.

General Reyes the Colombian peace commissioner says he is coming to Washington to arrange affairs amicably, and that unless a satisfactory agreement is made, Colombia will fight, and we shall have a Boer war on our hands. The threat will not have much weight with the administration but it is believed that we will offer Colombia a financial indemnity for her losses through the revolution. The European governments are ready to recognize Panama but say that she should assume a reasonable portion of Colombia's debt which amounts to about \$15,000,000.

Advertise in the Press.

Where are the Hard Times?

New York World.
People who think that because certain inflated trusts are in trouble the business of the country is going to smash may find comfort in contemplating our railroad system. The advance sheets of the new edition of Poor's Manual show that we built last year 4,365 miles of track, carrying our total mileage to 203,132—the first time it has ever passed the 200,000 mark. We have now more miles of railroad than all Europe and two-fifths of the total mileage of the world.

The net earnings of the American railroads last year were the largest in their history. They exceeded \$560,000,000 and just about equalled the net revenues of the United States Government.

The latest reports of railroad earnings show no decline in prosperity—quite the contrary. The Chicago Terminal Transfer, the Iowa Central and the Minneapolis and St. Louis exhibit small declines, but most of the great roads reporting show much larger gains. Northern Pacific declined \$112,297 for the month of October, but gained \$174,063 for the four months beginning with July 1st. Louisville and Nashville has gained \$1,099,955 in four months. Mexican Central \$3,658,516, Norfolk and Western \$1,089,519, Pere Marquette \$837,117 and Southern Railway \$1,137,899.

In all these cases and most of the others the increase has been carried down into the present month. Eighteen roads have reported increased earnings for the first week of this November over the corresponding week last year, and only ten have reported decreases. The net increase for the twenty-eight roads was \$357,000 for the week, or over \$50,000 a day.

Wall Street is blue, with reason. But the rest of the country should cheer up.

Narrow Escape.

On Tuesday of last week, Mrs. D. C. Kirkpatrick, of Beechwood, had a narrow escape with her life, and the circumstances surrounding the accident are remarkably peculiar. The lady was busily engaged with her household duties when her little son Charlie came into the kitchen and seated himself in front of the stove. Between the boy and the stove their dog, a very useful and favored animal, was lying. The boy was asking his mamma numerous pointed questions, as boys are apt to ask, in reference to the power of God; "could He hold any of them immovable," etc. The mamma having answered in the affirmative stooped and reached over the dog for a stick of wood and had just raised herself and taken a step back when a shot gun, standing in a corner beside the boy, fell, the boy catching it over his knees, the hammer of which caught on a strip on the wall, discharging the weapon, the contents of which entered the dog's body near the shoulder, killing him instantly, not a muscle moving after the shot struck him. The boy was so stunned that he sat motionless until a neighbor raised him and gave him a severe shaking. Thus was the boy thoroughly convinced that the power of the Almighty is up to his expectation.

Emporium Bowlers Try it.

It is generally understood among bowlers that a "Brooklyn"—or in plain English a "split"—with a pin standing on each corner of the alley—is next to impossible to make, but that "split" was converted into a "spare" on J. C. Backus' alleys the other evening.

Conductor Dan Sheehan was the man who made this phenomenal play. He drove one of the pins so hard against the cushions back of the alleys that it rebounded and knocked the other pin down. We have heard of this shot being made before, but this is the first time it was ever made in Smethport.—Smethport Miner.

Italian Killed.

Pietro Giralardi, a section hand employed by Jas. Farrell in Emporium yard, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon. He stepped in front of a freight train, not noticing it, in an effort to get out of the way of another train. Deceased was taken to B. Egan's undertaking rooms and prepared for burial. The poor man, who is a brother-in-law of Frank Ruberto, leaves a wife and two children in Italy.

Cameron County Honored.

Miss Susan L. Chadwick, of Shippen township, a lineal descendant of revolutionary patriots, and an excellent lady herself, was recently admitted as a member of The Daughters of the Revolution, an honor highly appreciated by her friends.

A Terrible Glycerine Explosion!

The Keystone Powder Plant Meets Another Mishap—Two Men Killed and Another Loses a Leg—Factory to Resume as Soon as Repairs can be Made

Last Monday morning, about five minutes of nine o'clock, the Keystone Powder Company's Nitro Glycerine factory exploded with a terrific report, shaking Emporium similar to an earthquake. It was very evident that the explosion was serious and hundreds rushed over the hill to the scene, about one mile from town. All kinds of reports were in circulation but the facts were soon made known. Mr. O. B. Barnes, the glycerine maker, together with his assistants were working in the glycerine house, when the fluid "fired." Mr. Barnes yelled to his men to run and made for the breastworks, located a short distance from the factory. Mr. Barnes was just in the act of jumping over the breastworks when the explosion occurred and escaped death, although he was terribly shaken up and covered with dirt and discolored with fumes. His poor helpers, who in the excitement failed to reach the place of safety, were killed. Their names were C. J. Cruickshank, who with his wife and two children resided in Bosworth Row, and Melvin Morris, living with his wife and two children in Dynamite Hollow. Morris when found was still alive and tried to speak. His crushed remains were at once carried to the packing house, but he died on the road. Cruickshank was instantly killed. Both men were hurled quite a distance.

Geo. Nickerson, the teamster, was nearing the factory with a two horse wagon load of acid in carboys, when the explosion took place. He jumped under the wagon and did not discover until after the excitement had somewhat subsided, that his right leg was crushed below the knee. He was carried to his home, at the mouth of the Run, when Drs. Smith and Hellman amputated the leg seven inches above the ankle. It was feared the nervous shock would cause his death, but he is now doing nicely.

It now being evident there were no other injured, President Geo. J. LaBar, Vice President Jos. Lingle, Manager E. W. Gaskill and Supt. Geo. W. Van Wert turned their attention to the dead and caused acting Coroner M. M. Larrabee to visit the scene, after which the dead were removed to LaBar's undertaking rooms and prepared for burial and then taken to the home of deceased.

The funerals of the dead men were held on Tuesday and Wednesday. The services over the remains of C. J. Cruickshank was held at the home on Chestnut street, Tuesday afternoon, Rev. O. S. Metzler officiating. His body was taken to DuBois for burial yesterday morning, where the family resided before moving to Emporium. He was aged 23 years. Little is known here of the deceased.

The funeral of the other unfortunate, Melvin Morris, aged 37 years, was held yesterday afternoon from the home, Revs. R. McCaslin and O. S. Metzler officiating, after which the remains were placed in the family plot in Newton Cemetery.

Mr. Morris came to Emporium about four years ago from Kane, where he had been employed for a number of years as a blacksmith. We were personally acquainted with the deceased and knew him as a quiet, industrious

citizen. The large attendance at his funeral attests the respect in which he was held by our citizens.

The cause of the explosion will never be known, not even Mr. Barnes, who fortunately escaped, can give a reliable cause.

In the glycerine house were 3,500 pounds of nitro-glycerine and 6,000 pounds of acid—the largest quantity of explosive ever on hand at one time and may not again happen. In addition to the destruction of the glycerine plant several of the other buildings are more or less wrecked. The total loss to the Company will not exceed \$3,000 of course not taking into account loss of business, etc., while rebuilding, which is being pushed with all vigor.

NOTES AND INCIDENTS.

Every pound of powder had been shipped, hence the necessity rushing the new building.

The workmen, girls as well as men, will resume their former places next week and soon the works will be in full blast.

While all deeply deplore the death of the two unfortunate men, and sympathize with the widows and fatherless children, and hope for the speedy recovery of Mr. Nickerson who had such a miraculous escape, yet all congratulate the escape of Mr. O. B. Barnes, who is known as the manufacturer of this death-dealing fluid. He had a close call and jumped for his life, the explosion coming before his body had entirely disappeared behind the cribbing. None will sympathize more keenly than kind hearted Ora Barnes. We hope his shock may not be serious.

Emporium never had such a shaking up, breaking windows, including large plate fronts, twisting doors, crumbling chimneys, in fact doing hundreds of dollars damage.

Where Mr. Nickerson and his team were at the time of the accident was only two rods from the spot where the body of Cruickshank was found. The poor horses were bleeding at the nose and seemed stone deaf.

August Morrell was grading for the new railroad to the works and had seventeen Italians with him at the time. They were frightened as well as some other people we know of, near where we eat.

Will Bair thought he lived in a quiet neighborhood until the blow up, when brick bats were hurled at him by the cart load.

The Keystone Co., have notified those persons whose windows were broken by the explosion, to repair the damage and bring bills of same to them. Nothing small about the Keystone.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Esquire Larrabee, acting Coroner, impaneled a jury composed of the following: Chas. T. Logan, foreman, C. C. Ritchie, Stephen VanWert, Matthew Leadbetter, John Harbot, Chas. Wiley. After viewing the remains the jury rendered a verdict that J. M. Morris and C. J. Cruickshank came to their death by an accidental explosion of nitro-glycerine, occurring on the works of the Keystone Powder Company, at nine o'clock, a. m., Nov. 23d, 1903.

Chapter of Accidents.

NOSE BROKEN.
Last Friday, Ben Hackett, who drives one of the Climax teams, a new and high strung pair, saw Mr. A. Brady coming up the road in his auto and motioned him to "come on". When the auto approached the horses made an effort to get away and the teamster, who is a good one, pulled his horses up the cemetery road, but unfortunately the wagon struck a post, throwing Mr. Hackett to the ground, breaking his nose and otherwise severely injuring him. Mr. Brady immediately made haste for a doctor and returned within a very few moments with Dr. Good, who dressed his injuries and reports him now almost ready for another. Dr. Good says he does not care to have another such rapid ride.

Emmanuel Church.

November 28th, Advent Sunday. Celebration of the Holy Communion, at the half-past ten o'clock service.

Held Up.

Yesterday morning while a P. & E. freight was passing Wilcox, a daring piece of hold-up took place. While one of the brakemen was standing between two cars, a man came over the top of a car, and swinging an arm through a brake wheel, at the same time pointing a revolver, demanding that the lantern be thrown down. The high-toned chap then proceeded to take the brakeman's watch and rifle his pockets, after which he again mounted the top of the train and disappeared. Detectives are hunting all along the line. All trainmen should be armed as well as operators.

Oyster Supper.

The ladies of M. E. Sunday School will serve oysters at M. E. parsonage, Thursday evening, Dec. 3rd, from five o'clock until all are served. The public cordially invited.

AROUND THE WORLD.

Mr. Fred Julian Returns to Emporium From a Six Months' Trip—Full of Valuable Information and Gives Interesting Description.

Mr. Fred Julian returned to Emporium on Tuesday's Buffalo Flyer, after six months' spent on an important business trip to England, Scotland, France, Phillipine Island, Japan, China and other points, returning to the United States via Pacific Ocean, landing at San Francisco, Nov. 10th, and stopping at principal points en route for Emporium. On Tuesday evening Mrs. Julian invited a few personal friends, to spend the evening and enjoy a description of his travels. In the party present were Rev. Mr. O. S. Metzler, Rev. Mr. J. M. Robertson, Mr. E. G. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Larrabee, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Strayer, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Mullin, Mr. J. F. Parsons, Mrs. Laura Bryan, Miss Nina Bryan, Miss Mame Logan, Misses Ora and Iva Cole, Keokuk, Iowa, Mrs. Mary Dougherty, Howard, Pa., and Chas. T. Logan.

The invited guests were elegantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Julian in their very handsome home until a late hour. Mr. Julian's very large and handsome collection of artistic work, were indeed interesting and very wonderful, especially to the ladies present. At mid-night a sumptuous repast was served in the beautiful dining room. The entire party enjoyed Mr. Julian's very interesting description of the countries in which he visited and regretted the subject had to be continued to some future date.

Mr. Julian is a close observer, with a wonderful memory and his information would make an interesting evening lecture, which we hope he will consent to give our citizens.

At the Opera House.

BENNETT & MOULTON CO., 3 NIGHTS, COMMENCING MONDAY, NOV. 30.

The public demands good plays, properly produced with appropriate scenery. They demand intelligent acting, accurate costuming and the introduction of attractive singing and dancing. In short, they demand a stage production that appeals both to the eye and ear, and that has the worth of artistic merit. This is just what Bennett and Moulton is said to be giving to the public this season. This company for the past 25 years has won an enviable record, especially throughout New England, where they have a large clientele. The company is numerically and artistically strong and it also presents some of the best artists on the vaudeville stage, the repertoire will be found in the advertising columns of this paper. Specialties will be produced by a host of artists, including Cushman and St. Clair, W. J. Murray, Reed's Komograph, introducing worlds greatest moving picture, A Trip to the Moon. The opening bill on Monday will be Justin Adam's new comedy drama, "A Daughter of the People." Prices, 15, 25, 35, and 50.

Our Bachelor Girls.

Emporium proudly boasts of its Bachelor Girls' Club, composed of a number of our bright as well as handsome young ladies. Last Saturday the Club visited Mrs. D. R. Branson—a former member—at DuBois and remained until Monday. In the party were a few of the "buds," yet we have some more in reserve, so those DuBois young men may imagine how they average. Upon this occasion the party consisted of Misses Byrdie Taggart, Mayme Logan, Nina Bryan, Nellie Hogan, Nellie Lingle, Ada Garrity, Alice Montgomery and Maud Steck. The young ladies enjoyed the visit immensely, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Branson.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Last Sunday, our citizens were pained to learn that Mrs. Geo. A. Walker, (who, with her husband, had been visiting W. L. Sykes and family at Galeton), had been suddenly stricken with paralysis and is now in a very critical condition. At this writing (Wednesday) Mrs. Walker is a little improved. Dr. Stockton, of Buffalo, has been sent for. Of course her family are very greatly concerned as to her condition. We sincerely hope she may recover.

Coin Collection.

Cashier T. B. Lloyd, who has a large and valuable coin collection, has added many new pieces, the same having been presented by Mr. Fred Julian, who gathered them while on his trip around the world.

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

OPERA HOUSE,
3 NIGHTS, COMMENCING
Nov. 30
MONDAY,
25TH YEAR.

Will positively appear
BENNETT-MOULTON
COMPANY.

REPERTOIRE:
MONDAY EVENING,
A DAUGHTER OF THE PEOPLE.
TUESDAY,
OUT CASTS OF SOCIETY.
WEDNESDAY,
SHIPWRECKED.
PRICES, Evenings, 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.
Seats on sale at the usual place.

The Star Course.
Keep in mind the opening date Dec. 2, and the opening of the board for season tickets at Lloyd's, Saturday morning, Nov. 28, at 8 o'clock. Buy your season tickets of one of the teachers now, and be ready.

The Lulu Tyler Gates Company which appears as the opening attraction is absolutely one of the best popular concert companies before the public. It is made up of Mrs. Gates, reader; Helen Carper McConnell, contralto; Marie Ludwig, harpist, and H. Benne Henton, clarinet and saxophone.

Mrs. Gates is a reciter of remarkable charm of personality and of strength and richness of voice.

Mrs. McConnell is a thoroughly artistic singer, with a voice of great strength and rare beauty, a voice which appeals to you, that thrills and delights you. She was selected from over one hundred applicants, all critics, pronouncing her the best.

Marie Ludwig is master of that exquisite instrument, the harp, and carries one of the finest makes.

H. Benne Henton, both as clarinet and saxophone soloist, has given perfect satisfaction.

Lulu Tyler Gates gave a number of readings and held her audiences spell-bound. Her combination of humor and pathos was most noticeable, and her admiring audience hope that in the near future they will again have the pleasure of hearing her.—Society Times, Chicago.

Mrs. McConnell has a voice of great range, power and exquisite quality. Her stage presence is always charming, her singing a triumph.—Galesburg Mail.

Miss Marie Ludwig's numbers were faultlessly played. Her instrumentation is singularly sweet, the softer passages charmingly rendered. In execution graceful and elegant, in interpretation artistic in the extreme.—Chicago Tribune.

Season tickets can be secured at Lloyd's.

Returns West.
Mrs. Pearson Fry, who has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, in town, leaves on Friday for Raton, N. M., to rejoin her husband, stopping at Port Allegany to visit her husband's parents. Mrs. Fry likes the west very much and meets many former Keystone state people there.

We Deeply Regret.
The Press regrets that it is unable to extend the courtesy to widows residing outside of the Borough limits, the committee having the matter in charge confining us to actual residents of the Borough. We regret exceedingly our inability to send turkeys to those respected ladies, much as we should like to.

Millionaires' Poor Stomachs.
The worn-out stomach of the over-fed millionaire is often paraded in the public prints as a horrible example of great wealth. But millionaires are not the only ones who are afflicted with bad stomachs. The proportion is far greater among the toilers. Dyspepsia and indigestion are rampant among these people, and they suffer far worse tortures than the millionaire unless they avail themselves of a standard medicine like Green's August Flower, which has been a favorite household remedy for all stomach troubles for over thirty-five years. August Flower rouses the torpid liver, thus creating appetite and insuring perfect digestion. It tones and vitalizes the entire system and makes life worth living, no matter what your station. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c, at L. Taggart. 33-ly-1.

Smoke the "W. H. Mayer" five cent Cigar. Union made. Sold by all dealers. 24-4f.