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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 30, 1903.

Editor Press:—

The Panama canal treaty, ratified unanimously and without amendment by the Junta and the ministry, has been officially delivered to United States Consul General Gudge. He will forward it to Washington, probably in an American war ship, and President Roosevelt will lose no time in sending it to the Senate. It is expected here in about ten days, so the Senate will be able to consider it immediately after a vote is taken on the Cuban bill. Senator Cullom, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations expects opposition to the treaty, but he feels certain that it will be ratified by the required two-thirds majority. Its provisions are so advantageous to the United States and the sentiment throughout the country is so strong for a canal, that few of the democratic Senators will care to delay its ratification.

George Reyes, the Columbian commissioner, and Dr. Herran, the charge de affairs took luncheon with Secretary Hay, and discussed affairs in Colombia and on the Isthmus. General Reyes outlined in general the position of his government, but as he is waiting for explicit instructions, he can not submit any definite proposals. It is thought that he will be permitted to recognize the definite separation of Colombia and Panama and negotiate for some kind of compensation for Colombia. This is of course the only way in which he can accomplish anything by his mission. Panama is now an independent state and the day that the present treaty is ratified by the Senate, this government guarantees this independence, even against Colombia.

Senator Foraker, who is chairman of the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico and one of the firmest supporters of President Roosevelt, declares that he does not intend to abandon the Lodge bill reducing the tariff on imports from the Philippines. This bill is favored by many republicans who do not wish to start a tariff discussion before the presidential election. Senator Foraker says, "Why should the republican party be afraid to discuss the tariff at any time? If there is any policy of legislation with which the republican party is identified, and identified, too, to the satisfaction of the American people, is election returns can be taken as an indication, it is the tariff."

"Let them talk tariff if they want to. What have we to be concerned about? We admit that some schedules in the Dingley tariff act, framed in 1897, may not be altogether satisfactory for the conditions of 1904; but we shall use our own discretion as to the time and method of changing them and take the responsibility before the country for preventing the unsettling of industrial and trade conditions."

"I believe there ought to be free trade with the Philippines as there is with Porto Rico. I believe the Senate will at least pass a bill reducing the rate of tariff on the products of the Philippine Islands entering this country." He adds his belief that such a bill will be passed this winter.

Although Senator Foraker's proposition has not yet been much discussed, it is regarded as the statement of one high in party councils, and makes it probable that the Philippine tariff will be the subject of much debate during the winter.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

BINGEMAN.

"MRS. SUSANNAH BINGEMAN, widow of the late John Bingeman, Sr., and the oldest person in this section of the county (Northumberland) died on last Friday night at 10 o'clock, at her home in Georgetown, from the effects of a second stroke of paralysis, at the age of 98 years. Mother Bingeman, as she was familiarly known, was until about six months ago, when she first suffered a stroke of paralysis, in the very best health and spirit, of a jolly disposition, and looked considerably more youthful than many persons of sixty years.

Every person looked upon her as a person who would surely pass the 100 mark, but death has decreed otherwise and called her away from her earthly home, into a higher life.

She was an earnest christian and attended church services until a few years ago, when her advanced age made it almost impossible for her to walk the distance in safety, then she partook of the Holy Supper at her home. But a short time ago her 98th birthday anniversary was celebrated by a party into which she entered with remarkable spirit.

Susannah, daughter of John G. and Mary Smith, was born October 10, 1805, which brought her age to 98 years one month and 18 days. Ten children, five sons and five daughters, blessed her union with John Bingeman, the five sons surviving, while the five daughters have passed to the great beyond. She is survived by five sons, 36 grandchildren, 35 great-grand-children and 32 great-great-grand-children.

Her husband preceded her in death some twenty years. She was highly respected by all who were fortunate enough to know this dear lady."

D. B.

DAVISON.

MRS. E. E. DAVISON, aged 86 years, passed away last Friday, at Chambersburg, Pa., where she has resided for several years, desiring to be at her old home, where she resided for so many years and reared a large family of children. Deceased has been in feeble health for a long time, although her wonderful vitality kept up to the last. While a resident of Emporium, several years ago, she took an active part in church work, being a devout Presbyterian, and her many friends will sympathize with the family. The funeral took place on Sunday at Chambersburg and her remains were placed in the family lot beside her husband who died many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Davison, Johnsonburg, and Mr. J. M. Davison, Emporium, were in attendance at the funeral of their mother.

Murderous Assault.

Editor Press:—

Last Saturday afternoon, about three miles from Cameron, a quarrel took place between N. H. Prentice and Chas. Pennington, employed on Whiting & Thomas' log job. As near as can be learned, Pennington owns a ferocious dog that jumped at Prentice as he passed by, which frightened him, Prentice, and caused the use of some emphatic language. Pennington took exception to his strong words and, grabbing a double bitted axe, struck at Prentice, inflicting a severe wound on his head, following the assault with a blow on the wounded man's back with the flat of the axe, felling Prentice to the ground. Regaining his feet Prentice attempted to defend his life from the frenzy of the infuriated man, when Pennington struck him another blow in the right breast, breaking three ribs. That he was not killed is a miracle. Pennington made his escape, or concealed himself from the infuriated woodsmen. Dr. H. W. Good was 'phoned for and reached the scene of the melee late at night, being taken from Cameron on one of Cameron Lumber Company's engines. The injured man was placed on the engine and brought to Cameron, where he is being cared for at Van Name's boarding house. We understand warrants have been issued for the arrest of Pennington.

LATER—A warrant was issued yesterday for the arrest of Pennington, who was taken before Justice Gentry at Sterling Run, on charge of "assault with intent to kill." In default of \$2,500 bail the prisoner was confined in Emporium jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Dec. 7th, 1903.

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Seriously Injured.

Miss Minnie Baurgelt, who is employed in one of Buffalo's leading department stores, had the misfortune to fall down a flight of stairs, seriously injuring her right arm. She will be brought to Emporium this evening to be cared for by her sister, Mrs. H. S. Lloyd.

The Masonic Banquet.

The elaborate Banquet given at the opera house last evening by Emporium Chapter and Emporium Lodge was the most enjoyable occasion ever participated in by the fraternity of this county. Covers were laid for 150. Promptly at 9:30 the fraternity met their wives and sweethearts at the Library and conducted them to the opera house, where the ladies of Emmanuel Episcopal Church under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Howard and Mrs. Elizabeth Howard, had in waiting a grand spread, the equal of which has never been witnessed in Emporium, viz:

MENU.
TANGIER OYSTERS,
SALTED ALMONDS AND PECANS,
OLIVES, GHERKINS, CELERY,
CREAM OF TOMATO SOUP,
ROLLED BREAD.

ROAST TURKEY, GIBLET SAUCE,
CRANBERRIES,
MASHED POTATOES, STEWED CORN,
SWEET POTATO CROQUETS.

GOAT (?) PUNCH,
CHICKEN SALAD, WAFERS,
NEUCHÂTEL CHEESE.

PLUM PUDDING, CAKE,
INDIVIDUAL ICES, BON-BONS.

COFFEE, CIGARS.

The tables were beautifully decorated with the best of everything that added to the pleasure of the occasion. Eighteen of Emporium's most handsome young ladies served the elaborate menu in a prompt manner, yet it was mid-night when the Toast Master, Hon. I. K. Hockley, rapped the assembly to order and choked off the big eaters, who were just getting ready for re-attack of the menu. The lateness of the hour and the fact that many were patiently awaiting the clearing of the floor for dancing, only a few were called on to respond to toasts. District Deputy G. M., Geo. A. Brown, of Lock Haven, was the first, responding eloquently and received a round of applause. District Deputy High Priest Jos. J. Lingle, Rev. O. S. Metzler, Mr. Josiah Howard, Mr. B. W. Green, Judge Geo. W. Huntley, Mr. Fred Julian, Mr. A. C. Blum, Chas. T. Logan, C. Jay Goodnough, John D. Logan, and many others made very appropriate remarks, which were highly entertaining. We regret that the hour of going to press will not allow us to make a more elaborate and proper account of the enjoyable occasion.

The festivities continued until about four o'clock this morning when all departed for their homes, declaring the Masonic fraternity the royal entertainers.

The music on the occasion, during the Banquet and for the ball, was furnished by Fisk & Stopper's orchestra, of Williamsport. To say that the music was grand would be putting it mild.

Too much credit cannot be given the retiring officers of Emporium Lodges for the success of this entertainment—especially Mr. Joseph Kaye, the retiring Worshipful Master, who, personally, made the effort a great success.

Advertisers.

Our advertising patrons will confer a great favor if they will hand in their copy for Holiday Advertisements early, that all may be given due attention, as well as good positions. We shall strive to give our patrons the usual satisfaction. Hand in your advs.—the earlier the better.

Harlem Music Co.

The above firm, doing business at No. 50, West 125th street, New York City, have succeeded their sub-tenants in the piano business and have added several well known makes of pianos to their stock, among which are a few of the following well known firms, Becher Bros., Steinway, Sohmer, Haynes, etc., etc. Great bargains in pianos and musical instruments. The firm is composed of W. T. Seger and Ed. C. Seger, formerly of Emporium, and orders from PRESS readers will receive prompt attention.

Change in Positions.

Fred Tompkins, who for twelve years has been located at the Warner House, in charge of the sample rooms, has accepted and entered upon his duties as Steward at the Business Mens' Club. Geo. Hurteb, who has been Steward at the Club since the organization of that well conducted enterprise, has become day clerk at Warner House. Geo. Baxter takes the position in sample room, formerly so acceptably filled by Mr. Tompkins. Albert Murry is night clerk at Warner House. Quite a change all around. All hands seem pleased.

The Panama Question.

Editor Press:—

Will you kindly suffer a word or two of comment and query suggested by the recent developments in the situation at Panama?

One point that ought to be clearly understood is that the questions relating to the Panama Canal are not party questions; at least they cannot consistently be made party questions. So far as the desirableness of having a canal between the two oceans is concerned the two parties are united in recognizing it. For a century such a water way has been a cherished dream of the South and of farsighted leaders in the Democratic party.

So far as the recent course of the Administration in relation to Colombia and Panama is concerned, criticism upon it comes with poor grace from the party that inaugurated the course that resulted in Mexico being ultimately stripped of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and parts of Colorado and Wyoming. It is true that Mexico was paid \$25,000,000 for the territory mentioned (outside of Texas,) and was relieved of claims amounting to \$3,500,000 more, but the fact remains that she was forced to sell at the point of our guns.

Before the Civil War the Democratic party took the lead in movements for national aggrandizement; now the leading part in such movement is taken by the Republican party. Really, therefore, in regard to all such matters there is no principle at issue between the two parties. The Democrats cannot criticize any of the acts of the late and present Republican administration in relation to foreign affairs, without thereby casting the gravest reflection upon the record of their own party during the thirties, forties and fifties. Indeed, the United States was responsible for the revolt of Texas in a way in which it does not appear that it has been responsible for the revolt of Panama and it profited by the revolt of Texas in a way in which it is not profiting, and will not profit, by the revolt of Panama. It has reaped no substantial benefit from the Panama revolution that it had not previously hoped to secure through negotiation from Colombia.

But it does seem that the time has come for us to examine anew our ideas with regard to when and when not revolt and secession are justifiable. Has our course in the past been a consistent one? We favored revolt and secession in 1776; we sympathize with the revolt of Mexico and the South American colonies against Spain; we abetted the secession of Texas from Mexico; we broke the integrity of Mexican territory in the forties; in 1898 we stripped Spain of her remaining colonies; and now, while we cannot be held responsible for the revolt of Panama against Colombia, we are not at all shocked by the occurrence, but on the contrary assume that Panama is justified in seceding, and we have lost no time in recognizing her independence and in negotiating a treaty for the furtherance of our cherished canal project. On the other hand we strongly opposed internal secession in the sixties, and dealt that principal a blow from which it will never recover. The right of any of our states to secede can never again come up as a practical question. Still, in the light of our complacent acceptance of the fact of secession in foreign countries, the query arises; On what principle of right did we compel the Southern states to remain in the Union?

Perhaps all that we can say is that circumstances alter cases; that there is no single fixed principle that can be followed in all cases; that beyond the conscious power of men at any particular time, and beyond the wisdom of our wisest statesmen, there presides a destiny, a shaping Providence, that overrules the tortuous and inconsistent ways of men to the working out of some better thing for the humanity of the future. Certain it is that in the light of the present we can not wish the course of events in the past to have been reversed. We cannot wish that the revolt of 1776 had been quelled by the British armies; we cannot wish that our southwestern states and territories were to-day a part of Mexico; we cannot wish that the secession of the Southern states had been successful; we cannot wish that Spain were still in possession of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines. And is it reasonable to suppose that the time will come when, in the light of its practical results, we shall ever regret the outcome of the recent events in the Isthmus of Panama?

J. M. R.

December 8, 1903.

Christmas in blast at Taggart's.

In Full Blast.

The Keystone Powder Company resumed operations on Monday, with a full quota of laborers. It was rapid work to rebuild the plant destroyed, yet the Keystone people were equal to the emergency and are now filling their orders for high explosives.

Where to Trade.

While consulting the advertising columns of the PRESS make a note of the fact and place where you desire to purchase your Holiday presents. Our advertisers are reliable dealers and believe in doing business honestly with their patrons.

Big Gas Well.

The Clinton county gas well at Hyner is reported a big "gasser." The drilling of new wells is reported for the near future and a big gas field is liable to be developed. A line will be laid to Renovo and Lock Haven. Why not up the P. & E. R. R.?

New Checking Station.

Last Saturday a "Hun" walked into the postoffice, lugging one of those beautiful steamer satchels, which he deposited in front of the astonished P. M., at M. O., window, with the exclamation, "Check Pittsburg." It required some of Mr. Seger's best French before the Hun pulled down his sack and made haste for the depot.

Another Gas Proposition.

A party of reliable gas land owners express a willingness to lay a line to Emporium for domestic use, also furnish gas for manufacturing purposes at a low price (ten cents per thousand) provided a sufficient number of consumers be guaranteed and the right to pipe the streets be granted by the Borough authorities. Will the borough grant it?

Mr. Julian's Lecture.

Mr. Fred Julian's talk on "The Orient" was largely attended by our best people, in fact chairs were required to supply seats for the many who desired to hear the graphic description of Mr. Julian's tour of the world. In addition to his interesting description, he displayed many beautiful specimens of handiwork secured in the Orient. Those who failed to hear the lecture missed a treat.

The pipe organ prelude by Miss Grace A. Walker, was a pleasing feature, as was also the introductory remarks by the pastor, Rev. O. S. Metzler.

Guy Bro's. Minstrels.

Year after year these famous minstrel men add new features to their show, this season everything is absolutely new from start to finish. The grand military spectacular first part represents soldiers camping in the Philippines; you can hear the fife and drum in the distance, marching of the troops headed by the band. Choruses by the soldiers thinking of home, etc. The electric effects with colored lights makes it one of the prettiest settings ever introduced in minstrelsy. Don't miss this big show at the Opera House, Saturday night, December 12th. Prices 25, 35, 50 and 75. Reserved seats on sale at H. S. Lloyd's.

Hotel Cards in Japan.

To the Editor Cameron County Press:—

While traveling through Japan, we were greatly amused at the odd sights we saw and the many curiously printed cards of hotels we read. I enclose you a sample of English, as it is printed on one or two hotel cards. I spent two days at the Uagoya Hotel and found the hotel first class in every respect, even if they did get things mixed some in our language. I thought perhaps your readers might be somewhat interested and pleased to read the ads: "The Gonikai Hotel, (Limited), Yamada, Ise., Japan. This Hotel, situated on the hill proximity to the Shrine of Ise, the commemoration of Imperial ancestry, and surrounded by the most picturesque scenery, it command the whole view of the city and bay of Ise. The travelers informing us their exact arrival before hand will be awaited by our interpreter at the station. Rooms are all furnished with latest appliance the excellent cuisine served at all hours. First-class for every respect."

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., December 11th and 12th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Fair.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

OPERA HOUSE,
SATURDAY, Dec. 12th

Guy Bros.
Minstrels

Everything New. Up-to-Date.

Grand Military Spectacular first part, representing Soldiers camping in the Philippines.

Best of Singers, Dancers, Acrobats and Comedians.

10—Solo Vocalists—10.

6—Funny End Men—6.

10—Big Specialties—10

Concert Orchestra.

Watch for the grand street parade.

Seats on sale at Lloyd's Book Store. Prices, 25, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

BRIEF MENTION.

WANTED:—Position as housekeeper. Box 391, Emporium, Pa.

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

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

Fine line of smoking tobacco as well as popular brands of chewing, at Cruise's Cigar Store.

Save your money for Christmas by purchasing clothing of N. Seger. Good goods much cheaper than many others sell them.

Hunting for a name? for our new neighbors of the baby Republic what is the matter with "Panamax" or "Panamax"?

The old reliable clothier N. Seger will sell you good goods for less money than you can get them elsewhere. Call and see him.

Choice line of five and ten cent Cigars, especially for our Holiday trade. Leave orders early. Union made.

JOHN CRUISE.

The finest wine ever drunk by mortal man was given Pope Leo during his last days. It was 250 years old and worth \$2,000,000 a bottle, \$274,000 a glass or \$200 at drop.—Ex.

Contemplated purchasers of Millinery Goods, Trimmed Hats, Fancy Goods etc., must not fail to call on Ludlum's near the Bank. Read their announcement in this issue.

The members of the Sons of Temperance, are requested to attend an oyster supper, Tuesday evening, Dec. 15th, eight o'clock, sharp. At the residence of Jos. Newton, West Allegheny Ave.

E. D. Klock while killing a hog on Wednesday, had the misfortune to be painfully bitten in one of his fingers by the hog. The Dr. removed the nail and dressed the finger.

If you will examine Taggart's five cent, ten cent and twenty-five cent table you will never go to the racket store or anywhere else for your holiday goods.

If you want something nice for a Christmas present for your husband or son why not purchase something in the clothing line. N. Seger is prepared to show you goods in this line that are a credit to any man.

Anything you may wish in the clothing and furnishing line at N. Seger's. Also some handsome suit cases and in fact anything you could wish for if you intend to make a visit this winter and we know the price he asks for these goods will surely sell them.

Lieut. Frank T. McNarney, (brother of J. P. McNarney of this place) formerly of Pittsburg, now in the United States cavalry service in Dakota, has been notified by the War Department that he will be detailed as military instructor at any college in any State he may select where the post is vacant.

Cameron was aroused from his lethargy at 6:30 Friday morning, when Mrs. J. L. Rockwell noticed smoke and flames issuing from the roof of the house occupied and used as a boarding house by Mrs. H. A. Stewart, but by the presence of mind and prompt action of Mrs. Stewart and the Misses Orner and Summerson, the house was saved with but slight damage to the roof. The fire was caused by a defective chimney.