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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, Dec. 14, 1903.

President Roosevelt's nomination as republican candidate in 1904 is certain. During the past week his chances of being the choice of his party was discussed on all sides here and his indorsement was stronger than even his friends has anticipated. A dozen United States Senators and a score of national committeemen, who know the sentiment of their respective states, have given out interviews in which they state positively that the President is the only man to succeed himself. These statements were issued in reply to an editorial from a party paper in Ohio which questioned the advisability of nominating Mr. Roosevelt.

The opinion of the committeemen who are now in session here is especially important. Mr. George R. Sheldon of New York, said that if Mr. Roosevelt could not carry the Empire State he knew of no one who could. Governor Murphy of New Jersey declared his state was on record for the President without doubt. National Committeeman Brooker of Connecticut gave assurance that there was no question about the nomination of Roosevelt in his state. Mr. Van Fleet gave similar assurance for California. Iowa was certain according to Committeeman Hunt. Roosevelt sentiment in the State of Washington was expressed by former Senator Wilson, and Colorado's by Committeeman Stevenson. Of the Southern states, Virginia, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, and Maryland and Missouri will send Roosevelt delegates to the National Convention according to the assurances of their committee representatives attending the present meeting. Politicians from Ohio declared that Senator Hanna had a host of friends but they knew he would not be a candidate. Other committeemen added their names to this list of Roosevelt indorsers, and all who expressed their opinions only two states, Alabama and Mississippi, were opposed to the President. In these states there had been quarrels over the federal patronage. Of course neither of them will count anything for the Republican candidate in the final election.

Senator Frye, Hale, Dolliver, Penrose and Platt of Connecticut were among those who issued statements earlier in the week to the effect that the President's nomination was certain. Opponents of the President's nomination have been crushed and no doubt silenced.

High officials in the War and Navy Departments are watching closely events in Panama and are prepared to meet any emergency in carrying of the Administration's policy of protecting Panama against an attack from Colombia. War ships are patrolling each side of the Isthmus watching for Columbian troops and marines have been landed in several places for the same purpose. Three or four regiments of the Army are ready to be rushed to the Isthmus from New York and Newport News, in case the Navy Department cannot cope with the situation. For several days it has been reported and also denied that 1100 Columbian troops were landed from Cartagena, near the Atrato river on the Gulf of Darien and near Panama's boundary. Their purpose is to march over land to the cities of Panama and Colon. As such a march is extremely difficult, if not impossible, and as it would take at least a month, the War Department will have plenty of time to intercept the invaders.

### Explosion at Carthage.

We publish a brief account of the explosion, which occurred at Carthage, Mo., in which two former Emporium boys, Lester Ridge and Bert Cobb, were killed and several others seriously injured. The Carthage Press says:

"After the terrible explosion several workmen formed a squad and started in search for the remains of Ridge and Cobb, the men employed in the mix house. After searching for more than an hour, the gloomy company of men came together and placed the results of their hunt in one receptacle, which only a little more than filled a three gallon measure. It was impossible to tell which piece belonged to either body and all were buried together."

"About 65 feet from the mix house is a small building called the 'punch house.' In this place Joe Gayney, Elmer Bowers, Henry Sumner and Chas. Newton, four Emporium boys, were at work. The workmen in this building were the only ones hurt. Elmer Bowers received a bad fracture of the frontal bone just above the left eye and several other smaller scalp wounds and a gapping cut on cheek. The flesh on the fore finger of his left hand was also peeled off the bone. From first appearance Charles Newton seemed to be the least hurt, but an investigation showed that a small gash in his right temple had severed an artery and needed immediate medical treatment. He did not consider himself much hurt and had started for his home when he was met by a physician who dressed his injuries. Joe Gayney was standing in front of a window when the explosion occurred and his injuries were chiefly caused by flying glass as well as being struck by boxes. Particles of glass penetrated his body from the waist up. One piece entered his eye but it is not thought he will be totally blind. He also had numerous scalp wounds which required several stitches. Henry Sumner suffered a bad cut back of his ear which severed an artery and the timely arrival of a physician saved his life."

"This is the third explosion at the plant since last July, when the nitroglycerine house went up; the mixing house blew up in August and again in November."

### Birthday Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Ensign, residing on West Fourth street and Woodland avenue, gave a surprise party, Monday evening, in honor of the tenth birthday anniversary of their charming little daughter Grace. A large number of her little friends responded to the invitations, and at 4.30 o'clock the young lady was ushered into the presence of a host of bright and smiling faced school mates whose very countenances revealed the fact that they were bursting with anxiety to start the merriment booked for the evening, and in turn the utter astonishment and surprise which veiled the rosy, sweet face of the juvenile hostess was convincing enough that something had been done, and an instant later this surprised little lass was in the hands of the "mob" and severely reminded that she was at least ten, with some "to grow on," as the wee folk say. The little ones pronounce the occasion one of the most delightful it has been their privilege to attend, and will long remember the affability and hospitality of their little friend.

**Notice to Delinquent Tax-Payers.**  
All taxes assessed in Emporium Borough for the year 1903 must be paid in full on or before January 15, 1904. If not paid by that date the same will be placed in the hands of deputy collector, Frank Mundy, with instructions to enforce collection.

C. W. SHAFER,  
Collector Emporium Borough.  
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### Pianos.

E. T. Wells agent for the celebrated Wegman, Steiff and Shaw pianos. Manufacturers guarantee with every instrument. Prices and terms to suit you. Twenty-two Wegman pianos in Emporium owned by some of our best citizens. Write or call, corner Allegheny Ave. and Spring St. 43-1m.

### Tour to all Mexico.

Via the Iron Mountain Route, Special train of Best Pullman Cars to leave Chicago and St. Louis, January 29th, 1904. Thirty days in Republic of Mexico, including the three Circle Tours and a trip to the Ruined City of Mitla. All points of interest visited. Tickets include all expenses. Tour arranged and operated by the American Tourist Association. For full information as to Route, points of interest visited, rates, etc., address Jno. R. James, Central Passenger Agent, 905 Park Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

### Masonic Banquet at Driftwood.

The following Masons from Emporium visited Driftwood Lodge last Friday: I. K. Hockley, Thos. H. Norris, U. A. Palmer, Geo. J. LaBar, James G. Earl, Grant S. Allen, A. C. Blum, E. W. Gaskill, Willis Gaskill and Stowe L. Barton, and partook of the Banquet prepared by the Driftwood ladies at Riley's Hotel. They report an enjoyable time, and that the spread surpassed anything ever given by our Driftwood friends, which however, judging from past experience, seems almost impossible.

They report that the Banquet was simply perfect, in the manner of preparation and service, and that the tables were elegantly decorated with red and white carnations, smilax and maiden hair ferns.

Brother Geo. W. Huntley, Sr., acted as Toast Master, and called on all present for a few remarks. D. D. G. M., Geo. W. Brown, of Lock Haven, congratulated the Fraternity on the bright outlook for the acquisition of a Masonic Home, probably to be situated at Creson Springs, the idea being conveyed, that this is to be a true Home in every sense of the word, intended to accommodate aged Free Masons and their families.

Our Emporium Brethren unanimously congratulated the Driftwood ladies on their fine entertainment, each succeeding year seemingly surpassing previous, occasions, the truth of which is amply vouched for by the fact, that such "Bon-Viveurs" as Hockley, Norris, Blum and Barton and the rest of the boys, could not be prevented from partaking of this annual occasion except by death, or some equally tragic reason.

The party wishing to return on the early Buffalo Flyer, and the time being limited, decided to save the expense of lodging, and passed the remaining few hours with "King Pedro." Brother Barton easily carrying off the honors, by winning the "Boby Prize."

1903 Banquet is a pleasant memory, and all are anxiously looking forward to a similar occasion in 1904.

### Star Course.

The second number of the Star Course, a lecture by Dr. Haver Graeme Furbay, on the theme "Christ and My Country," will be given in the Court House, Friday evening, Dec. 18, at 8 o'clock. We confidently advise our people to attend this lecture. If you delight in stirring eloquence and beautiful diction you will not be disappointed. Tickets are on sale at Lloyd's. Read the comments below and you will be convinced that this lecture will be exceptionally good.

Dr. Furbay speaks with logic, eloquence, and pathos. By his rare descriptive powers, enriched by the treasures of poetry, history and the tragedy of life, carries his hearers to the goal of conviction.—Evansville, (Ind.) Courier.

The lecture last evening by Dr. Farbay was a masterpiece. His word-pictures are an artist's production. He is a forceful speaker and must be heard to be appreciated.—Battle Creek, (Mich.) Daily.

Dr. Furbay is an orator of unusual powers. He is forceful, original and effective.—Barnesville, (O.) Republican.

Dr. Furbay is as keen as a Damascus blade. His delivery appeals to the emotions, but that is not all. His lectures are packed with facts. Terse, vigorous, acute, he reaches the reason and moves the will.—Rev. Edward F. Swiggert, Morrow, O.

### Baptist Church.

Rev. L. B. Twichell has accepted the call to the Baptist Church here, and in his sermon next Sunday morning, will sound the "watchwords" that are to characterize his preaching and practice while he remains in our midst. He sees a great work to be accomplished if his people will join hands and help. He hopes to be given a hearing by all those who are not regular attendants at other churches. The sermon on Sunday evening will be one of his most pleasing, practical ones and his subject is in the form of a question. "Is it a day dream, a night vision or a living reality?" Public cordially invited.

### Returns to Emporium.

Jos. Burnett, who left here some time ago for Carthage, Mo., where the recent explosion took place, killing two Emporium men and injuring several others, returned to Emporium on Wednesday, to resume his old position as glycerine maker at Keystone powder Works. He will reside on Sixth street, in Mr. B. W. Green's house, next to Columbian school.

### DEATH'S DOINGS.

#### KIRK.

The funeral of William Howard Kirk will occur from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Kirk, DuBoistown, Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. It will be private. Friends will be afforded the privilege of viewing the remains on Saturday and until noon on Sunday. Interment will be made of Wildwood.

The funeral of William Howard Kirk occurred yesterday afternoon (Sunday) from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Kirk, in DuBoistown. Services were conducted by the Rev. S. G. Reading, pastor of the memorial Baptist church at Newberry, and who few years ago officiated at the wedding of the deceased. There was an elaborate flower offering. Among the relatives and friends present from out of town were the Misses Moyer, of Danville—one of whom served as bridesmaid on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk's marriage—Mr. Voris, father-in-law of the deceased, of Pittsburgh, and Matt Kirk and wife, of West Virginia. The pall bearers, were Henry Sanders, Charles Pool, Charles Otto, Edward Harrison, Charles Ardell and Thomas Cook.—Williamsport News.

#### SCHOUTEN.

Mrs. Phoebe Carpenter-Schouten, aged 70 years, passed away on Wednesday, at her residence on Spring street. Mrs. Schouten had been in poor health for several years but the immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She came to Emporium 36 years ago and for 20 years was a member of the M. E. Church. The funeral services will take place on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, to be conducted by her pastor, Rev. O. S. Metzler and Rev. J. M. Johnston, her former pastor.

#### SPANGLER.

W. A. Spangler, aged 58 years, died last night at the family residence, West Creek. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, at West Creek school house, at two o'clock. He was unmarried.

### Unlucky Troupe.

The Bennett-Moulton theatrical troupe that visited Emporium some weeks ago, are having bad luck. Before coming to this place one or two of their leading actors died, supposed of small-pox. Since leaving here their ill-luck seems to have followed them. Last Sunday the entire company were quarantined in the Reading railroad depot at Milton, one of the actors being taken down with small-pox. The unfortunate man was placed in an empty coach and the car pushed on a side track below the town. The remaining members and their belongings were fumigated when they departed for Danville.

When the company arrived at Danville Monday, officers sprang aboard each platform of their car and commanded them to keep their seats. The car was then placed on a siding, and the train bore it back to Milton. The engagement was cancelled and the manager, who was to meet them at Danville, did not appear. There was not money enough in the party to support them, and since their return to Milton they have been wiring far and near for help from their friends.

Meanwhile meals are being sent in to them, but they continue to live in the car. In the party are a number of women and several children, who are suffering severely from their misfortune. The small-pox patient is Herbert Lindholm.

### A Welcome Visitor.

Hon. L. Rogers, of Kane, was a very welcome caller at the Press office on Monday. Mr. Rogers, who is the very efficient postmaster at Kane, was on his return from Washington to further aid the facilities of his office, which is now one of the most important offices in western Pennsylvania. Col. Rogers has hosts of friends in Cameron county who know and fully realize his worth as a citizen and loyal Republican—in fact he used to be one of us, for it was he who first established a paper in Emporium, (then Shippen), but closed the shop to enter the army. The grand old gentleman, we are pleased to note, looks "just as young as he used to be" and is full of energy and vigor. May he live to fight many battles for right.

The editor of the Press acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the 1904 Kodol Almanac and 200 Year Calendar sent to him with the compliments of the publishers of this most interesting, unique and useful booklet.

### Large Tract of Timber.

The largest tract of virgin timber in the state, is said to be that located in McKean, Elk and Cameron counties, mainly in McKean county, along Potato Creek, south of Smethport. The tract is composed of thirty thousand acres. The bark is owned by the PennTanning Company and the logs by the Goodyear Lumber Company, says the Coudersport Enterprise. The timber of this tract will be manufactured at the Austin mills, and it is considered there is sufficient amount to keep the mill running for at least six years, but it is hardly probable that the work of delivering at Austin will begin in less than three or four years. Some days ago A. C. Palmatier, of this place' bark inspector for the Penn Tanning Company; John W. Dennis, of Austin, Timber Superintendent of the Goodyear Lumber Company, with Wm. Dickenson, of Norwich Corners traveled on foot entirely round the tract, the trip requiring six days of active walking.

### Orchestra Organized.

Emporium at last will have an orchestra, which has been greatly needed in this county. The following musicians are members of the organization: A. D. Ericsson, instructor and 1st violin; Fred Husted, 2d violin; J. W. Clarke, clarinet; Gordon Baker, drum; Fred Huntington, piano; Jas. Quinn, trombone. The company are hard at work and hope to be ready for engagements in the near future.

### BRIEF MENTION.

A line of very fine perfumes just received.—R. C. Dodson.

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

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

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

Pipes, briar and merschaum, suitable for Holiday presents at John Cruice's Cigar Store.

Some fine amber and briar pipes, also merschaum cigar holders just received.—R. C. Dodson.

Mrs. H. H. Cloyes and children leave to-morrow for New York city to visit relatives until after the Holidays. Mr. Cloyes will join her in New York on Christmas.

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

### JOHN CRUICE.

Miss Marion Larrabee will spend the Holidays in Philadelphia, guest of her brothers and sister, Don M. Larrabee and wife and Clifton Larrabee. She goes on Friday.

Thomas W. Joyce, who resides on the M. Housler farm, Rich Valley, which he recently purchased, is recovering from a recent injury to one of his feet, while working at Climax Powder works.

Mrs. Anna Kempher, of East Emporium, was a Press caller this morning to renew her Press for 1904. This excellent lady is always on hand promptly to encourage the printer. Twenty years ago Mrs. Kempher was left with a large family of children, her husband having met with a fatal accident in Buffalo yard. By hard work and honest endeavor to do right she reared her family and to day enjoys the love and respect of her family and the public.

The marvelous industrial development of the United States during the past decade contains no record that can compare with the growth of our great iron and steel industry. The whole fascinating story of the evolution from very small beginnings of the wonderful aggregation of cooking ovens, blast furnaces, and rolling mills which render the valley of the Monongahela the very center of the world's iron and steel industries, has never been told. In a special number devoted to Iron and Steel exclusively, the Scientific American presents an authoritative account of how we have outdistanced all other countries in the production of iron and steel. How wonderful that development has been, is shown by the mere fact that in 1810 there were produced in the United States but 53,908 tons of pig iron, and that in 1902 the total output of pig iron passed far beyond that of our nearest competitor, Great Britain, reaching the huge total of 17,821,307 tons. How this vast output of pig iron is converted in armor plate, gun steel, structural shapes, tubes, rails, and steel and wire, besides a host of other things, it is this special number's purpose to tell.

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

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### Items of Interest.

Everybody reads the PRESS.  
Some small packages of very good cigars for Xmas.—R. C. Dodson.

"The Little Out-Cast" will appear later.  
The best clothing for the least money at N. Seger's.

Clothing that wears well, looks well and fits well at N. Seger's.  
The Borough Schools close Friday, until after the Holidays.

Watch for an invitation to the Poverty Party in Old Presbyterian Church.  
C. S. C.

Guy Bros. minstrels, last Saturday night delighted our citizens. It was a clean, first class entertainment. The first part, especially, was grand.

On Wednesday, a chap named Adams deliberately pulled a revolver and fired a shot on Fourth street, in front of Henry Edgcomb's store. He should have been promptly arrested.

The "Miss Bob White" Opera Company, sixty people, may come to Emporium, third week in January, if our people will aid the opera house management in meeting the guarantee.

What is the use of wasting time looking for a present for your son when he needs a suit and an overcoat so badly. N. Seger has just what he needs and his prices are always satisfactory. His good are of the best quality.

When looking around for Holiday purchases do not forget Uncle Peter Beattie's Cigar Store. He will sell you a box of the best cigars in the land and at reasonable prices, to. He also has a choice line of pipes and smoking tobacco.

It is said that the amount of paper used by a nation is a measure of its attainments toward perfect civilization. At first sight China would seem to be an exception to this rule, but investigations have proved that though the people of the Flowery Kingdom use paper for many things that we do not, the total consumption is much smaller per capita than in any more civilized country. The newspaper is the greatest consumer in this line and wherever it flourishes the arts of life and high ideals are sure to be advancing. To know, to discuss, to think and understand what others think are the first requirements of the civilized man, and books and dailies and magazines are the bearers of ideas that make men strong and progressive.



You will not see any spread eagle ad about Taggart's holiday goods this year, but to be convinced that his stock is very much larger than ever, all that is necessary is for you to call and see for yourself which is the very best ad. possible for you to see.

When you buy a dollar's worth at Taggart's ask for a key to the red box which contains twenty dollars. If your key fits the box you will get ten, four or six of it. No joke about it. It's a fact—key costs nothing.

At Taggart's, baby carriages, sideboards, bureaus, doll beds, cradles, pianos, trunks, dolls, games, writing desks, books, china cups and saucers, bed room sets, blackboards and an endless variety of toys, etc., to make glad the hearts of the little girls. And for boys, sleds, drums, tool boxes, desks, guns, toy pistols, violins, mouth organs, jumping jacks, steam locomotives with beautiful trains, hose carts, fire engine, steam pumps, street cars, books, dominoes, checkers, backgammon boards and everything else to make the boy happy. NOW FOR YOUNG MEN AND THEIR SWEETHEARTS. The most beautiful Buckhorn comb and brush sets, manicure work boxes, shaving sets, cuff and collar boxes, glove and handkerchief boxes. A beautiful variety of fancy mirrors, and fancy goods of every description. Call, little girl, little boy and young men and sweethearts, and make yourselves happy.