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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
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Editor Press:
Preliminary skirmishes in the Presidential campaign thus far have been decided satisfactory. Little is now heard of "Hanna booms," and all discontent in Republican ranks is expected to disappear after the delegates to Chicago are chosen. The President has expressed the wish that good men who are not office-holders may be sent, and there are plenty of such. The troubles of the Democrats are so much greater than those of the Republicans, that attention is now largely concentrated upon that party. The very existence of its principles, says Burke Cochran, depend upon its success in the pending campaign. The "check and check-book" campaign of Mr. Hearst is noticeable but it is not likely to cause the White House to be painted yellow for a generation to come. Senator Gorman's troubles in Maryland, in trying to land a senator of his own choice, may yet relegate him to his sylvan retreat at Laurel, Md., so far as Presidential aspirations are concerned. Gen. Grosvenor, of Ohio, says President Roosevelt has put a star in the crown of his administration brighter than any American President has worn for the past thirty years. Senator Fairbanks is on the slate for Vice President, and if the plan matures it will go far towards solving the problem in Indiana.

Senator Fairbanks, made a long speech on the 2nd inst., vindicating the President's action in the Panama affair. He maintained that the form of government instituted in Panama after the revolution was of no consequence; the essence was did it represent the wishes of the whole people. He would accept the President's and Secretary Hay's word that the United States in no way abetted or aided the revolution, which was in the air, as a result of Colombia's long tyranny. The President has large discretion to do what he thought best, and he acted from his point of view.

Senator Foraker (Ohio) has introduced a bill to so amend the Interstate Commerce and Anti-Trust acts, as to permit contracts or combinations in restraint of trade, if the restraint is reasonable. This would leave the courts to say what is reasonable restraint. The Senator contends that to prohibit contracts in restraint of trade which are reasonable differs from the common law rule which has obtained for centuries in England. It is considered improbable that this bill will pass.

The Supreme Court is taking a three weeks vacation to give the Justices time to write decisions on cases argued, including that of the Northern Securities Company, and it has given leave to Georgia to file a bill against Tennessee on account of "the Ducktown nuisance." It has decided that North Carolina must pay North Dakota the sum of \$27,400 for bonds of the N. C. Railway Company, held by the prosecuting state, or the marshal of the court will sell at public auction all the interest of N. C., in 100 shares of the capital stock of the road. The Atty. Gen. of the Philippines is in Washington to argue before the Court the right of trial by jury in those islands, also whether a person shall be twice placed in jeopardy of punishment for the same offense.

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-st.

Over the Bank.
Sunday afternoon, while some of Will Edward's family were going in a sled from Wm. Ensign's home to Mrs. L. Lucore's house the horse took fright on the approach over the high bridge and precipitated the entire outfit over the bank, about ten feet one girl, Flora, about fourteen years old, had her right shoulder dislocated. Dr. Heilman was called and promptly corrected the dislocation.

A Puzzle Worth Having.
Dr. G. G. Green, of Woodbury, New Jersey, whose advertisement appears in our paper regularly, will mail to any one sending a two-cent stamp to pay postage, one of his new German Syrup and August Flower Puzzles, made of wood and glass. It amuses and perplexes young and old. Although very difficult, it can be mastered. Mention this paper. 51-3t.

Branching Out.
Murry & Coppersmith Co., of this place, proprietors of the largest hardware, plumbing and tinware establishment in this section of the state, have opened a plumbing and heating establishment at Renovo with Mr. A. E. Stahly, a practical plumber, as Manager. The firm are hustlers and fully understand every line of work. Now that Renovo are to have natural gas for light and fuel they should be careful and employ plumbers who have had experience with the "frecks" of natural gas and fully understand the line of work required to give the best and most economical service.

The Huntly Sisters Musical.
The audience that heard the Misses Huntly in their program of music and readings at the Court House, last Thursday night was highly pleased. The vocal solos by Miss Frank Huntley were especially well rendered and enthusiastically received. Her higher notes are almost phenomenal in their purity, giving additional evidence of her wonderful growth, artistically, since her earliest appearances here. The readings of Miss Nellie Huntley were done with ease and naturalness, while her piano solos were performed with the spirit and grace of the true musician. The young ladies were repeatedly recalled, increasing the program of nine numbers to twice its original length.

The Byron Troubadours.
Each of the seven persons composing the above company has proven his right to supremacy. Each excels, not in the same way, but practically in the same degree in the part he essays, whether it be as vocalist or instrumentalist. The program was so varied as to meet the most diversified tastes. Their repertoire included modern and standard productions. There were vocal solos, duets, and quartets, solos for the violin, mandolin and cornet, not overlooking the organ chimes—no longer a novelty with our people—but in the hands of these capable performers (there were six of them) yielding a richness and roundness, a depth and majesty of tone, strongly resembling that of a pipe organ; some might naturally prefer one style of music to another, but no one could fail to find something in the varied program to his taste and fancy. However, their ensemble work was easily the feature of the evening. There was a rare charm of rhythm, a beautiful quality of tone, a breadth of volume and a vivacity and sparkle to it that won the instant and enthusiastic approval of the audience. This was particularly noticeable in the "American Patrol" and the "Bridal Rose." Mr. Charles S. Byron, the piano accompanist, is by general consensus an ideal artist.

The thanks of the community is due our public schools for giving us the opportunity of hearing talent of this high order.

The Jansen Carnival Company will close the course, Feb. 20th.

Local Bowlers Win.

Wednesday evening at St. Clair's Bowling alley, Emporium's crack team met defeat at the hands of the local team. Three games were bowled, six men on a side, the total score being as follows: Emporium 2309; Port Allegany 2604. A return game will be bowled at Emporium on Friday of next week. The visitors speak highly of their treatment here and of the excellent management of the alleys.—Port Allegany Argus. A return game was played in Emporium last Friday evening our boys being in fine trim cleaned out the visitors to the tune of 196 pins to the good.

ALMOST A CENTURY.

J. L. COOK, OF WATERFORD, HALE AND HEARTY AT THE AGE OF 93.

Brief Sketch of His Long and Useful Life. Was a Noted Figure in the Early History of Erie County.

(Erie Daily Times)

Joseph Lewis Cook, of Waterford, who was 93 years old on Jan. 28, was visited by many of his friends on his birthday. Mr. Cook is lively, likes a joke and is especially pleased when he can get one on Charles Noble, the genial ticket agent of Waterford, which he often does. And by the way, Mr. Cook is not one-sided, for he takes jokes in as good nature as he gives them, and is yet "one of the boys." He is bright mentally and attends to his business affairs with considerable vim. Keeps track of time and collects what is coming to him. As Mr. Cook is an Erie county landmark, it is thought that a sketch of some of the events of his long life may be of interest.

J. L. Cook was born at Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1811, and is the son of Robbins in front of the hotel, and changed its name to The Eagle. The cost of the gold leaf with which it was at first gilded and the carving was about \$100.

Mr. Cook was a member of the board at the first election held in Waterford borough, was constable, member of the borough council at various times, and a trustee of Waterford academy for four years. In 1841 he was appointed postmaster of Waterford, the salary then being about \$175 a year.

Mr. Cook had the contract for building part of the Lake Shore railway from the state line to North East, which included the bridge over Twenty-mile creek, which bridge was 580 feet long and 300 feet above the water, built three miles of the Waterford and Marvin's Mills plank road, graded 12 miles of the O. & M. railway, and about 20 miles on the N. M. railway in Maryland and erected the piers and abutments across the Wabash at Vincennes, Ind.

While engaged in hotel keeping Mr. Cook erected several houses in Waterford and Lodina Thayer Cook, natives of Connecticut. Her husband having been accidentally shot, Mrs. Cook moved to Chautauque county, N. Y., bought a farm and married Samuel Trusdel for her second husband. She died in 1827.

In 1823 J. L. came to Waterford and lived for a year with Captain John Tracy, the father of John A. Tracy. Captain Tracy had been acquainted with the Cooks in Connecticut. Young Cook worked three years in the G. W. Reed Hotel, kept by H. G. Davice, and then served an apprenticeship of five years at the cabinetmaking trade with Johnson Boyd, with whom he engaged in the furniture business under the firm name of Cook & Boyd. They advertised in the Erie papers and had a large trade. They employed several workmen and manufactured chairs, tables, etc.

Mr. Cook married Miss Belinda, a sister of his partner, and also of the late C. C. Boyd. In 1837 Thomas King, who for nearly a life time had kept a public house in Waterford, rented Mr. Cook the Stone hotel and he commenced his long career as a hotel keeper. He was of a friendly, lively disposition and always popular with the traveling public. A traveling genius came along and Mr. Cook employed him to carve the eagle which, for more than 60 years, has spread its ford, which he sold and built a block on the corner of main street and the park, which contained Washington hall and Keystone hall. The block was about 80x100 feet, and was made over into Cook's Union hotel, which was the center of attraction in Waterford during war times.

In the Union hotel was the United States recruiting station and in front of it were the names of the men drafted in Northwestern Pennsylvania. While the office was in Waterford thousands of men surged through and about it in those exciting times.

Mr. Cook held several celebrations of Washington's visit to Fort Le Beuf in this house, which compare favorably with any society events ever held in Waterford.

J. L. Cook had been successful, owned a large farm west of town, and some 50 acres in the borough, and was a large taxpayer. He was desirous of adding to the industrial business of the place for the reason that he liked to see progress in the town, and it would

make his property more valuable. His efforts in this direction were mostly frustrated by conservative people who preferred that things should rust rather than wear.

As it was this paralyzing of his efforts for what he considered the improvement of Waterford that influenced Ma. Cook to live elsewhere for 20 of his most energetic years, it is perhaps best to consider it at some length.

Mr. Cook was instrumental in having the trees planted which adorn the public park at Waterford, and he paid most of the cost. The borough had been receiving \$15 a year for the grass which grew in the square and there were long and loud protests at losing all that money by mowing a wood lot, as the anti-park people called it, of Waterford's hay ranch. However, as the borough had to spend all the \$15 each year in repairing the fence, which was necessary to protect the hay crop from the cows, which then pastured in the streets, there was not, in fact, much profit in the hay business. Mr. Cook, after several attempts, succeeded in getting the trees planted. The anti-park war is nearly as celebrated there as was the one which later broke out on upper Main street over the hay industry which, for many years, flourished there.

When the P. & E. railway was building Mr. Cook tried without success, to have it go through the borough, and when it was driven out in the swamp, the company built their depot in about the center of the Brotherton farm and midway between the Colt station road and the State road, which made it a round-about way to reach the trains from Waterford. One of the local wars for which Waterford is noted, raged as to which street a more direct road to the depot should be opened on. Mr. Cook took up the fight in favor of Third street, which is a bee line from the center of the town to the station, and spent about \$500 toward building the depot road, and was charged with being instrumental in bringing three law suits against the road commissioners of the township to compel them to open an improve their end of the road.

Owing to the opposition he had encountered, Mr. Cook listened to the liberal tale of the townsie boomers of the then new town of Emporium, Pa. He sold the Union hotel property for \$10,000 and moved to Cameron county, and for about 15 years kept the principal hotel at that place. He was elected county commissioner and was worth probably more than \$100,000 at the time of the Emporium fire in which he lost a large amount. In 1878-9 Mr. Cook had a hotel in Rixford, McKean county, which was also destroyed by fire.

When more than 70 years of age Mr. Cook returned to Waterford, bought the residence of the late Lucius Phelps and adding to it from time to time built the Park hotel, which is 155 feet on Main street and 150 on Park row.

When 80 years old Mr. Cook had a birthday party at which some 25 men of about his age were present. They have all passed over to the Beyond, save Major Martin Strong, who visited Mr. Cook on his 93d birthday.

Mr. Cook, in speaking of his experiences, says that he undoubtedly made a financial mistake in selling the Union hotel. That it probably would have paid him better to have remained in Waterford and fought for industrial progress. To the people of Waterford and those who knew him elsewhere, he presents his compliments and in the language of the hero of Sleepy Hollow, wishes that they "May live long and prosper."

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Cook are Julia, widow of Dr. H. A. Spencer; Edwin, Laura M., widow of Dr. John Bryan; Ella, wife of D. V. Minor; Lee died at 19, and Boyd at 2 years of age. Mrs. Cook died Sept. 1, 1877.

Waterford, Pa.

Back Injured.

Michael McGrath, who was working on First Fork, at the McDona'd log job, met with a severe accident several days ago. Mr. McGrath made a desperate effort to get out of way of a log, which struck him in the back. He is able to be about and came to Emporium to rusticate until again able to resume work. "Mike" is one of our best foremen and what he does not know about the woods work is not worth knowing, yet the best will get pinched once in a while.

Real Estate for Sale.

The Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Church will sell the old church site and parsonage property at a bargain. Apply to I. K. HOCKLEY, Chairman of the Board or J. H. DAY, Secretary. 37ft

Letters from the People.

All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expression in this department.—EDITOR.

(Communicated.)

MR. EDITOR—It seems that the article "How to Manage a Husband," read before the Farmers' Institute, a short time ago, by a lady who knows what she is doing, is drawing the fire of the opposite sex, as shown by a communication in the Independent of last week.

Evidently the writer, or writers of the article referred to, took a larger contract than he is aware of, in this day of modernized wives and more than modernized husbands. Things are materialized differently, they are not like those of former years, who hand in hand, over all obstacles, gave us a name and a nationality to be proud of.

The article of the Farmers' Institute is an article that shows we have at least one woman of common sense in Cameron county, who is not afraid to speak her little piece in the pure English language; that she was taught and brought up into a farmer's wife. I admire her courage and man, that I am, say God speed to her, for like another Ruth, she is gleaming where tares and thistles are rank and modern critics, hair brained and self conceited, stand ready with all the polish that education can give them in an outward way to condemn what they cannot do themselves. For surely our critic, or critics, of the Independent, of last week, if a young man, is rattled and forgotten he ever had a mother's care. One of the spontaneous productions of the world adapted to high-ways and by-ways, picking up what the sparrows would leave. If a married man, just imagine how things are in that vicinity, nee is no illustration—the facts are already illustrated in his article and we are sure such modern critics die young, or get grey headed before their time comes.

Satan always, when caught in a tight place, quoted phrases from the Scriptures. So has this modernized smartness and purporting to belong to certain chapters of the Books of Job and Haggai. They contain no such chapters. Oh! shame. The servant has out done his master and used phraseology to suit his purpose that never existed.

The Institute article had lots of good in it and perhaps at some future time the writer will tell you how to choose a wife, for both sides needs critical looking over. When out of ten young wifely aspirants none can tell how a loaf of bread is raised or what ingredients are in a pound of soap, ("ma always done the work" "I am a teacher," "I am a nurse," "I don't do no work") Young man, look these over, will they suit you. There are no working girls now—they are all looking for something higher without work and the end is there are eight divorces out of every ten marriages that takes place under such circumstances.

The young men are fast. Where there fathers carried a watch, they carry a bottle, with cigarettes for a finish. The present generation stands so to day, and as the Bible says: "choose ye among them whom ye shall serve" my dear critic. But above all, when you find you cannot better what others have done, before attempting to do so, you had better let the job out or get Faraway's calf to tickle into your neck some sense with the rough side of his tongue.

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DEATH'S DOINGS.

CRAVEN.

ALVA CRAVEN, aged 16 years, son of Mr. Frank Craven, died last Sunday evening, of heart failure, after an illness of three weeks. Deceased was for some time confined to his bed with diphtheria but recovered, when he was taken down with pneumonia. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence at month of North Creek, interment being made in Newton Cemetery.

Rev. O. S. Metzler officiated at the services at the residence. The funeral was very largely attended.

LOYD.

Mrs. Robert Lloyd, died at her son's home, 1545 Erie avenue, Thursday afternoon, aged 74 years. She leaves three sons, Thomas, Samuel and James, and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Kaye, of Westboro, Wis. Funeral Saturday at 2 p. m. Services at the Erie avenue Evangelical church. Interment in Evawood.—Williamsport Bulletin.

Mrs. Joseph Kaye was at the bedside of her mother at the time of death and remained for the funeral. The following relatives from Emporium attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Norie, Miss Jane Kaye, and Mrs. R. W. Robinson. 44-ft.

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

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Latest Star Course Number.

The Jansen Carnival Company will give the last Star Course entertainment for the year, Saturday evening, Feb. 20. Let all keep the date in mind.

A Good Paper.

The Press notes with pleasure the marked improvement in the Coudersport Journal, both typographically and editorially. Friends Haskell & Colcord are to be congratulated. It is a good, clean family journal.

New Hardware.

Jos. A. Friende and Geo. E. Hurteau have leased the store room, corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets and will open a hardware, stove and plumbing establishment within a few days. Particulars later.

Washington's Birthday.

The Star and Crescent Literary Societies of the High School will give an entertainment on the afternoon of the above named day, in the high school room, in celebration of the birthday of the Father of His Country. The Grand Army Post will attend the entertainment as guests of the school. All citizens are invited to attend. A small admission fee will be charged for the benefit of the library fund.

Pleasant Reception.

The Business Men's Club of Emporium gave their first reception last evening at their handsome rooms, on second floor of Waiker's block. About one hundred and twenty ladies and gents responded to the invitation issued by the Trustees and from 8 o'clock until after mid-night all were pleasantly entertained. A light lunch was served by experienced caterers, tables being arranged in the billiard parlor.

An orchestra was engaged especially for the occasion, composed of Messrs. Vallee and Sorensen, who recently came from Chicago, where they were employed in the Iriquois theatre. The music was superb and delighted the large assemblage. The gentlemen were assisted by two of our local talent, Mr. Ericsson and Mr. Witmer, of Ridgway.

The reception was a decided success and greatly pleased all who attended, in fact surprised some who hesitated about attending a club reception, believing that a club was nothing more than a drinking room. Such is not the case. The management are strictly enforcing the iron clad rules and as long as the Business Men's Club is thus conducted it will be a success.

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., February 12th and 13th. 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.

Latest Popular Music.

Miss May Gould, teacher of piano-forte, has received a full line of the latest and most popular sheet music. All the popular airs. Prices reasonable. 44-ft.

For sale.

A good farm containing 72 acres, with necessary buildings and well watered. Part in good cultivation. 51-ft. CHAS. M. SPANGLER.