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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Feb. 20, 1904.

Those who for some months past have been using the name of the late Senator Hanna to congregate with, as a weapon for the discomfort of possible defeat of the nomination of President Roosevelt for the Presidency, now declare that the Senator's death was "inopportune," which is virtually a confession of their intentions and wishes. It is now known that Senator Hanna was loyal to President Roosevelt, as he was to all of his friends, although he may have adopted the wisdom of some of the President's policies, just as Senator Hoar did not always agree with President McKinley. The death of the great Ohio Senator, so widely lamented, has hushed all opposition to the President, at least within his own party, and he has little to apprehend from Democratic opposition since that party is all at sea for issues, rent by many fissures, with no policy and no candidate. Thus far, out of some forty delegates chosen for the convention at Chicago, thirty-six have been instructed to vote for President Roosevelt. The suggestion that Robert Todd Lincoln may be a candidate for the Vice Presidency is merely the afterglow of admiration for the great Lincoln. Nor is it at all likely that any member of President Roosevelt's cabinet will be put upon the ticket, notwithstanding it contains such popular men as Hay and Taft.

The past week in Washington has been given up to mourning, with an almost complete cessation of legislation and very little political agitation. As the day draws near for the ratification of the Panama treaty, it becomes evident that it will command a very large majority and cease at once to be a political issue. As soon as the legal machinery can be set in motion preparations for beginning work on the canal will be made. Before men can be sent to the Isthmus for hard labor in the trenches it is but humane, and of the highest economical importance, that their health should be protected and conserved. To this end it is proposed to spend a million of dollars to provide the city of Panama with pure water; there must be a drainage system put in operation; hospitals will have to be built, and a code of laws provided for the government of the canal zone.

There is a rumor that Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador, may be recalled, the reason given being that he has failed to establish such relations with the Executive as to secure cordial sympathy for Russia in connection with the war in the East. At present the Count has an attack of lumbago. He was unable to attend the funeral of Senator Hanna.

All the naval officers in Washington are pleased with the results obtained by the use of torpedoes on the part of the Japanese. "We told you so," they exclaim with one voice. They also maintain that our warships should be kept in commission all the time. The General Staff of the Army has vetoed the proposal to promote officers below the rank of general by "selection." In his last message to Congress the President was in favor of such promotion, maintaining that in this way only could the best men be put in the most important places. But the General Staff is of the opinion that such a system would create too much discontent among officers who are in line of promotion.

Hal Reid's "At Cripple Creek" will be presented at the Emporium Opera House to night.

A GREAT BUFFALO STORE.

THE WILLIAM HENGERER COMPANY
WILL DEVOTE ALL ITS TIME IN
THE FUTURE TO RETAIL MER-
CHANDISING—A NEW
ADVERTISER.

In 1865 William Hengerer, in connection with the late William G. Bancroft, established a wholesale business for the dry goods store of Buffalo that was then known as Barnes & Bancroft. Later, Barnes, Hengerer & Company, which succeeded the firm of Barnes and Bancroft, continued the wholesale business, as did The William Hengerer Company, which in turn succeeded Barnes & Hengerer. From a small beginning, the wholesale business increased until it reached very nearly three million dollars a year, and The William Hengerer Company sold merchandise in all the Atlantic, Middle and Western States, and had twenty-five traveling men constantly upon the road showing their samples to the retail merchants.

Within the last few months The William Hengerer Company has decided upon a radical change in its business and will devote all of its time and energy to its retail business, both in its present store and in the new Hengerer store, which is now fast nearing completion on the site formerly occupied by the old Tiff House, in the city of Buffalo.

The William Hengerer Company will close out through its retail departments, the entire wholesale stocks, worth close on to three quarters of a million dollars.

This is without question the greatest clearing sale that has ever taken place in this part of the country, and when one stops to consider that the Hengerer store sells everything for wear and everything for the home, it is easily to realize that every want can be supplied at economy prices.

The Hengerer store is conceded by all to be the largest mercantile establishment between New York and Chicago—it is practically fifty stores in one.

Beginning this week, The Hengerer Company will be frequent advertisers in this paper, and special attention is called to their display advertisement in another column.

The Star Course Closes.

The Jansen Carnival Company in closing the Citizen Star Course last Saturday evening gave a clever exhibition of magic, supplemented with miscellaneous musical specialties by the Peet Brothers that were well received. Mr. Jansen, though young in years and in his chosen work is skillful in a high degree and demonstrated his absolute mastery of the art of magic.

The baritone singing of Mr. J. O. Peet was most pleasing and was heartily applauded—a double encore was demanded—the sweet and powerful quality of his voice seemingly increasing with each added rendition.

Artistically the Course has been a gratifying success and while the margin of financial profit has not been large, the teachers feel that they have their reward in providing for the community entertainments of so meritorious a nature. Emporium has been favored in its Institute and Star Courses, with the very cream of the Lyceum field and has developed an appreciation of the best and with anything short of the highest excellence in music, monologue or lecture will not be satisfied. The continuation of these courses, as we believe, demanded by their delighted patrons.

Baptist Church.

Pastor and people are so perfectly united that work becomes easy and much is being accomplished. Many are soon to be united with the church and more are coming.

Pastor Twitchell takes for his subject for the coming Sunday night, "Parental Practices or the Seed of Word and Deed About the Hearth of Home." Fathers and mothers especially invited. Good singing, seats free and service a single hour.

Struck it Rich.

L. M. Ginter, of Emporium, representing Story Cotton Company, of New York City, in this county, returned last Monday from New York. Mr. Ginter's friends will be pleased to learn that he made a good "speck" by investing in cotton and knowing when to sell.

A Special Sale at the Fair Store.
For the next ten days we will give special low prices on ladies skirts and tailor made suits.

H. A. ZARFS & Co.

For Sale.

One bay work horse. Weight 1300.
F. G. JUDD.

A Patriotic Sermon.

It is seldom that the people of any community, and we include all of the large cities, have the privilege of listening to as fine and broad-minded sermon as was delivered by the Rev. O. S. Metzler in the First Methodist Church last Sunday morning on the text "Seek ye First the Kingdom of God and his Righteousness and all things shall be added unto you." Matthew sixth chapter and 33 verse.

It was one of those sermons that to be fully appreciated must be heard; or if read, should be reported verbatim. No synopsis can even approach doing it justice. It was a national sermon suitable for the occasion of Washington's birthday anniversary, and treated largely of our national life and prosperity and the causes contributory thereto. The great underlying thought was that our nation was founded as a Christian nation. It was born, matured and reared in Christianity. Its founders were God living and God fearing men. Its great father and leader, the anniversary of whose birth we to-day commemorate, was a praying man. He entered battle with prayer upon his lips, and had written in his diary as a guiding motto of his life "strive to keep alive in your heart that little spark of celestial fire called conscience." The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of our mighty commonwealth both recognize the value of religion in national life. He forcibly showed that the "religious spirit" was largely responsible for our phenomenal prosperity and development; that we should guard well this spirit; that we should reject from our shores all those who come and deny the religion of Christ or who would advance any other doctrine not in harmony with it, and over and above all that the Bible was the only true guide in all religious matters; that for a nation to disregard its teachings would prove a menace to its very life; that every true American should stand for it in all public places; that it was the cornerstone of education and should be accorded a prominent place in our public schools; that countries where education most prevails are the most religious and the most prosperous; that education and a conscience begotten of the "religious spirit" were marked characteristics of many of our greatest Americans and leaders and the enviable place they hold in the love and esteem of the nation's people was due largely to the fidelity with which they adhered to these ennobling qualities. They sought first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, the other things followed as a natural sequence.

The best qualities of humanity from all the great nations commingled in the blood of the American and these dominated by the religious spirit constituted the truest type of American citizenship.

It was delivered with a remarkable earnestness in an eloquent and masterful manner. The language was choice, the illustrations were apt, the sequence and conclusions were natural, the argument convincing, the utterance clear and distinct, and the periods beautifully rounded. It was in short, a remarkably patriotic sermon.

The PRESS would have been delighted to have given the sermon in full as delivered by the Reverend gentleman, but the fact that it was largely extemporaneous, and no stenographer present to take it as delivered, rendered this impossible.

A Course of Three Lectures.

The first of a series of three lectures for the benefit of the Sunday school workers of Cameron County will be given in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Wednesday evening, March second at 8 o'clock by the Rev. W. Q. Bennett, Ph. D., of Mauch Chunk. The subject of Dr. Bennett's lecture will be "The Secret of Soul Winning" and from the reputation of the speaker, a highly instructive and entertaining address may be expected. All the churches of the town and county will unite to make these occasions notable events, in the interest of Sunday school work and much enthusiasm it is anticipated will be aroused as a result.

The subsequent lectures will be given in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church chapel and the First Baptist Church respectively, the names of the speakers to be announced later. No admission will be charged but a silver offering will be taken.

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.

Everybody reads the PRESS.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

PANTING.

RICHARD H. PANTING, aged 34 years, a former well known woodsman and citizen of Emporium died at Richmond, W. Va., last Friday. His remains accompanied by his mourning wife and children arrived in Emporium on Sunday afternoon on P. & E. Flyer. The funeral services were held on Monday at two p. m., Rev. O. S. Metzler, Pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church officiating.

The account of the death of this popular gentleman, we take from the Fairmount, W. Va., paper, viz:

Mr. Richard M. Panting died at Cook Hospital Friday evening at 5 o'clock at the age of 34 years. About two weeks ago Mr. Panting was severely injured by a fall, and when brought to the hospital was too far gone for medical skill to have any effect upon his condition, and he died at the time mentioned. He was injured through the abdomen and his injuries caused him much suffering.

Deceased was foreman for a lumber company at Richwood, and it was there that the accident occurred.

Mr. Panting was born in Canada. He was a resident of Emporium, Pa., before moving to Richwood. He is survived by his wife and five children. The family had been at the bedside for several days as was also a brother, Mr. Frank Panting, of Prince Edward Islands. Mr. Panting was a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and this order looked after the funeral arrangements. The lodge was very attentive to the bereaved wife and family of the deceased.

The remains were prepared for burial at the Maccabees undertaking establishment and this afternoon taken to Emporium, Pa., for interment. The funeral party will not reach there before Sunday night, and the burial will take place on Monday, probably. Mr. Panting was a good citizen, honest and industrious, and his death is much deplored.—Fairmount, (W. Va.) News.

The Panting boys, all industrious good citizens, have resided in Emporium for several years and were greatly attached one to the other—coming here from Prince Edward Island. The deceased was called to Emporium five weeks ago to follow the remains of his brother John to his last resting place.

After coming to Emporium he married Miss Annie Freeman, daughter of E. B. Freeman, of North Creek. In addition to his wife and five children, the youngest only eleven months old, he leaves three brothers and four sisters to mourn his untimely death, A. H. Panting, of Emporium, and F. W. Panting, of Prince Edward Island, who was visiting the deceased when the accident took place, were present at the funeral, in addition to a large concourse of other relatives and friends. The sympathy of our people goes out to the bereaved wife and children, as well as the brothers and sisters in the far away home. Mr. Panting carried \$3,000 life insurance—\$2,000 in the Maccabees and \$1,000 Prudential.

MILLER.

ADAM MILLER, aged 76 years, four months and 25 days, died at the family residence, First Fork, Wednesday, Feb. 17th, the funeral taking place at Miller School House, last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Miller has resided on the old homestead all his life, in fact was born but a short distance from his home. He was one of Grove township's best citizens. Deceased leaves a wife and one son, F. L. Miller to mourn his death. During his life he always took a lively interest in town affairs and held many offices of trust.

The family desires the PRESS to extend their thanks to all kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during their affliction and sickness.

CONNORS.

MRS. JANE CONNORS, aged 63 years, for many years a resident of Emporium, died at Ashtabula, O., last Saturday. Her remains arrived in Emporium last Monday, and were met at the depot by undertaker Egan and taken to the residence of her brother, Thos. Cleary, on Second street. Mass was said at St. Mark's Church Tuesday morning and the remains placed in St. Mark's Cemetery. The children of the deceased accompanied the remains.

MAY.

LAWRENCE MAY, aged 25 years, died at the home of his parents West Ward last Saturday, after an illness of only one week. The funeral was held from St. Mark's Church, on Tuesday morning. Deceased was in poor health for a long time.

"At Cripple Creek" a new play by a prominent American writer, dealing with a distinctly American subject will be presented at the Emporium Opera House to-night.

Volume Thirty-Nine.

The PRESS this week commences its 39th year. The present management cannot refrain from looking back and remembering many incidents of both pleasure and sadness. The PRESS has kept up with the times and no matter how depressed were those times not one dollar's worth of expense has been spared to give our readers one of the best strictly family papers. That our labors have been appreciated is manifest from the fact that 1902 and 1903 were the most prosperous in business, in both newspaper and jobbing departments. Our circulation continues to increase, without the least soliciting upon our part. Since Jan. 1st we have added a large number of new names to our subscription, the largest record in any year since our connection with the establishment, thirty-eight years ago. Thanks, friends, we shall endeavor to merit your patronage in the future, promising to use our best energy towards building up a larger business than ever before. We thank our friends throughout the county for the many courtesies extended, and wish all readers many happy returns of the day.

H. H. MULLIN.

Local Institute.

The following is the program for the Local Institute to be held at Sterling Run, Saturday, Feb. 27th:

PROGRAM—10:00 A. M.
Devotional Exercises.
Singing by the Institute.
"Language".....Miss Nettie More
"Language".....Miss Stella Orner
Recitation.....Miss Mildred Strawbridge
"Arithmetic".....Mr. George W. Leavitt
"Arithmetic".....Prof. R. T. Booda
"The Recitation".....Miss Mattie M. Collins
AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 P. M.
Singing by the Institute.
Recitation.....Miss Teoka Whiting
"What Pupils Should Read"
Prof. J. C. Rockwell
"School Government"
Prof. R. M. Steele
Recitation.....Miss Neva Summerson
"The Aim of Our Schools"
Prof. E. S. Ling
"The Influence of Our Schools"
Rev. R. J. Knox

Excell's Song book.
All teachers and friends of education are cordially invited to be present.
W. J. LEAVITT, Chairman.

Plank Road Institute.

The Local Institute held at the Plank Road Hollow School House, last Saturday was well attended, the "papers" were all very instructive and were rendered in a pleasing easy manner.
Hon. F. X. Blumle's address, "The Progress of Time," was both instructive and interesting.

The recitations and songs by the school children were given exceedingly well and showed that they were well drilled in their different parts.

Much credit is due to the Misses Moon and Miss Nettie Moore for their work in making this Institute a success. This is the first Local Institute held by the teachers of Shippen for a number of years and it is hoped, for the benefit of the teachers and pupils, that they will continue.

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.

Odd Fellows.

Emporium Odd Fellows will this evening enjoy a visit from Renovo Degree Team and exemplify the work. After properly exercising the goat, a banquet, to be served by the ladies of the Presbyterian church in City Hotel dining room, will be enjoyed.

Emmanuel Church.

The Rev. Percy L. Donaghy, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, DuBois, will officiate at the services in Emmanuel Church, Friday evening, Feb. 26. The service will be at 7:30 o'clock.

For sale.

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

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

BRIEF MENTION.

Go to N. Seger's if you want reliable goods at low prices. Wonderful savings in clothing of all kinds.

If want a neat fit and a reliable make of clothes, go to N. Seger and you will make no mistake.

"At Cripple Creek" will be the attraction at the Emporium Opera House to-night.

Buy your clothing now at N. Seger's if you want to save money. Big reductions in all clothing in order to make room for the spring line.

"At Cripple Creek", a drama based on Rocky Mountain life in the early eighties, will be presented at the Emporium Opera House to-night.

On Monday, the United States Senate ratified, without amendment, the Panama Canal Treaty by a vote of 66 to 14, fourteen Democrats voting with the Republicans.

WANTED:—Men or women, local representatives for a high class magazine. Large commissions. Cash prizes. Write J. N. Trainer, 80 East Washington Square, New York, N. Y. 1-t.

John R. Robertson, of Franklin, was elected Mayor by 211 majority, over the combined Democrat—Prohibition—Populist—Socialist fusion. Mr. Robertson, who is a brother of Rev. Robertson of Emporium, is well and favorably known here, where he has many warm friends.

The Woman's Home Companion is especially notable for the timeliness and general interest of its articles. The March number contains as its chief feature a double page of photographs of "Flying Machines," and an account of the coming contest at St. Louis. Other timely features are "Conquest of America," "Wireless," "The Wonder of the Twentieth Century," and "The Coming War," by Hudson Maxim. Ernest Harold Baynes writes about "Owls." Mrs. Will H. Low tells housewives how the French cook meats, Miss Gould, the fashion expert, gives hints of spring fashions. Published by The Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio; one dollar a year; ten cents a copy.

The Catholic Home Bureau wishes to find homes in good Catholic families where orphan children may be adopted, and brought up under the influence of a happy, moral home.

Families wishing to adopt or receive a child of any age, under 12 years, are invited to correspond with the Catholic Home Bureau, 105 E. 22d St., New York City.

A strong and brilliant Company will exploit Hal Reid's latest drama, "At Cripple Creek," at the Emporium Opera House to night.

Fine Attraction.

"At Cripple Creek" a play of the most intense human interest and replete with comedy and novel effects will be presented at the Emporium Opera House to-night with the strongest company of actors ever engaged for a melodrama. Hal Reid, the well known American play-wright, is the author of the piece and in "At Cripple Creek" is judged by competent critics to have eclipsed all his former efforts. A wealth of magnificent scenery has been provided and every act is a marvel of ingenuity and beauty. The setting of the third act is particularly effective and disloses a mine scene of the most striking and weird grandeur.

Large Attendance at Court.

The largest attended court in many years convened at this place on Monday, with Hons. C. A. Mayer and Associates Geo. A. Walker and John McDonald presiding. A large amount of important business was transacted and many cases disposed of. Court adjourned on Wednesday afternoon. A special two weeks term has been called for May 31st, when eight railroad cases will be tried, Johnson & McNamee and Green & Shaffer are retained by the litigants.

Fine Bowling Contest.

Port Allegany will meet Emporium in fourth bowling game Friday, Feb. 26th, 1904. Port Allegany won the first game on the St. Clair beds Tuesday, January 29th. The Port Allegany team lost on the Emporium beds Friday evening, Feb. 5th. Emporium lost on Port Allegany beds Feb. 18th. Game called at 8:00 o'clock, p. m., admission fifteen cents. Everybody invited. Seats reserved for ladies.

Slight Stroke.

Last Friday, Geo. Webber, one of the efficient engineers on Buffalo Division, was stricken with paralysis. At this writing he is improving.