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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, March 5, 1904.

Editor Press:
The examination of Reed Smoot, Apostle, elected to the Senate from Utah, is proceeding before the Committee on Elections of the Senate, seventeen Mormon witnesses are present, summoned and brought hither by the government. At their head is the venerable President of the Mormon church, Joseph F. Smith, a nephew of the celebrated founder of that religion. Before a committee of Senators he yesterday stated that he had five wives who had borne him eleven children, since the government manifesto; and when asked why he had disobeyed the law proclaimed in that prohibition, he frankly stated that to desert his wives and abandon his innocent children would be unmanly and he preferred to receive any punishment that might be inflicted. He said that he had not married an additional wife since that time and that no Mormon had added to his wives since that prohibition was issued. The purpose of the anti-Smoot crusaders is to prove that Senator Smoot represents the church and not the state, but the President of the church denied this roundly and repeatedly and declared that the church had nothing whatever to do with the election of civil officers.

On the 23rd inst. the Senate indulged in a spirited running debate on the Naval appropriation bill, as presented by Senator Hale of Maine. In round numbers the bill will carry one hundred millions of dollars for the next fiscal year. While this is a very large sum Senator Hale admitted that if the naval program is carried out, in a few years the naval establishment will cost two hundred millions of dollars annually, and there will be 90,000 sailors afloat. This will make the navy of the United States second only to that of England. Expansion, and the retention of the Philippine Island was given as the reason why such a great navy is needed. Senator Depew pictured glowingly the great results that might be expected to flow from our Oriental commerce when each of the four hundred millions of Chinese wears a cotton shirt made in America, and eats Parker House biscuits made of American grown wheat. Already the government has a fleet of twenty-four warships in Asiatic waters to protect American interests. Incidentally, the question arose whether the guns on the new ship should be mounted in revolving turrets, or on platforms, en barbette, as in the English navy. As no one could answer this technical question it was dropped. There was little opposition to the bill, and it will pass.

The President has not decided whether he can go to Jackson, Mich., to attend the birthday celebration of the Republican party. It cost more than \$2,000 a year to watch White House cranks and send them back to the towns whence they came. A host of the advocates of the service pension bill have been laboring with the President to secure his influence for the measure. Thus far he is non-committal. It is now said the bill will take but \$19,000,000 per year, enough to build three large warships. A delegation of foresters has called upon the President, and in a little speech he assured them he was in favor of putting timber lands to their best use. The President has been advised that it should not take more than 30 days to hand over the money and close the Panama deal.

"Side Tracked," a merry, musical comedy, constructed expressly to provoke laughter and dull care, will be the attraction at Opera House, Thursday, March 10. As the name suggests "Side Tracked," is a realist comedy drama, with railroad trains, deep, though polished villain, Irish and Dutch comedians, a tramp that is a wonder, and a lot of pretty girls that can both sing and dance, and a splendid moral tone running through the whole session of four acts.

For sale.

A good farm containing 72 acres, with necessary buildings and well watered. Part in good cultivation.

CHAS. M. SPANGLER.

Severely Injured.

Last Thursday night, John MacLain, employed at Cameron mines, was severely injured by being caught between two cars. His injuries are of such a nature that he will be taken to Williamsport Hospital.

Mark Hanna's Insurance.

The insuring public will naturally be interested in knowing that the late Senator Hanna was a firm believer in modern life insurance, and for the past fourteen years carried two policies aggregating \$50,000 in the New York Life, which amount was promptly paid to his Estate last week.

The Story of the Church of England.
"The story of the Church of England; the Period of the Reformation." A lecture illustrated with fifty lantern views, will be given in the Sunday school room of Emmanuel Church on Thursday evening, March 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

A silver collection will be taken. The amount above expenses will be devoted to the mite box fund of Mr. W. H. Howard's class.

I. H. Leggett's Residence Destroyed by Fire.

Tuesday morning, about two o'clock, the residence of Mr. I. H. Leggett, located west of Emporium, on West Creek, was discovered on fire, evidently from a gas leak. His furniture was partly removed but all the vegetables in his cellar were burned. His loss is very heavy, with only a few hundred dollars insurance. His kind neighbors rallied to his aid and cheerfully aided in improving a new home. Mr. and Mrs. Leggett are among our best farmers and all deeply sympathize with them.

Preparing for July 4th.

The Emporium Fire Department, who will have charge of the Fourth of July celebration this year, met at City Hall Tuesday evening and appointed the following committee: C. M. Thomas, Chairman; Henry Wheaton, Asst. Chairman; Josiah Howard, Secretary; A. F. Vogt, Chas. Crandell, C. W. Shaffer, A. C. Binn, John Cummings. Our citizens should aid the fire ladders, who are desirous of making the event a red-letter day.

Child Swallows Carbolic Acid.
While Leon Brundage and wife, residing of Cherry street, were preparing to move, their three year old child climbed upon a chair and reached to the centre of a table for a bottle containing carbolic acid, which the child of course, placed the cork end in its mouth. Some of the acid had seeped out of the top and was swallowed by the child, making it very sick. Dr. Heilman was summoned at once and saved the little one, who is now out of danger.

A Successful Pastor.

The Rev. R. J. Knox, Pastor, of the Cameron Circuit Methodist Episcopal church, with residence at Emporium, is closing a year of very successful work. The Beechwood property has been improved by a new coat of paint, while new carpets have been placed in the audience room. The long standing debt on the Moore Hill church has been paid. All benevolent and missionary collections are advanced and many new names added to the roll of membership. Rev. Knox's return for another year is earnestly desired by his people. His return would insure a continuance of prosperous conditions.

Dr. Hainer Will Lecture.

The Rev. Mr. Hainer will give the second lecture in the Sunday School Workers Series, in Emmanuel Church Chapel, Wednesday evening, March 16th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Hainer's subject will be "The Trained Workman." A large audience should hear this address, which promises to be of interest to all, but particularly to Sunday School workers.

Public Sale of Household Goods.

The undersigned will dispose of his household goods, consisting of everything used in a family, having no further use for them. The sale will take place at my residence, West Fifth street, on Saturday, March 26th, at two o'clock.

H. F. HILLIARD.

Gate to England.

Mr. Fred Julian left last evening on three months business trip to England. We hope he may furnish the PRESS with another of his interesting letters, his letters from the Philippines and Japan being interesting.

Never meddle with people who don't meddle with you.

BRIEF MENTION.

Reliable goods at low prices at N. Seger's.

Contractor Kriner and crew are completing Frank Shives' new residence.

A complete stock of everything in the gents' furnishing goods line at N. Seger's.

Alex. McDougall has moved into his remodeled store room, recently vacated by F. M. Overhiser.

ROOMS TO LET.—Two good furnished rooms, without board, to let. Apply to Wm. Hackenberg.

Mrs. John Summerson, widow of the late John Summerson, died last Saturday, in her 75th year, at her home at Sterling Run.

At the Free Methodist Church Quarterly Meetings will be held March 18th, 19th and 20th. Order of services, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p. m., Sabbath 10 a. m., and 7 p. m.

When grease is spilled on the kitchen table or floor, poor cold water on it at once to prevent it soaking into the wood. It will quickly harden and can be lifted with a knife.

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. 1-4t.

Go to N. Seger's if you want stylish clothing, well made and at prices that are reasonable. Why pay such exorbitant prices for a much lower grade of goods. Call and see him and you will make no mistake.

John Goss, who left First Fork, this county, twenty-eight years ago, for the Black Hills, is reported to have died at Red Lodge, Montana. His relatives in this county have not heard from him in many years.

An exchange wisely says: "Young girls are warned to be careful about accepting tempting offers to go to St. Louis this year. There is reason to believe that some of the 'positions' offered are not what any respectable girl would be willing to accept."

During the absence of the Emporium bowlers at Port Allegany yesterday evening, the following ladies held down the record: Misses Maud Thomas, Maud Steck, Ida Dransfield, Nellie Bryson, Bryde Taggart and Margaret Fullmer. They are quite expert bowlers.

W. H. Cramer has taken possession of his new store building, recently purchased of B. W. Green, Esq., and fitted it up in elegant style. It is well filled with stylish goods recently purchased in New York. It is a credit to our town and county.

Patrons of the Opera House are more sure to be pleased with the choice of attraction for Thursday night which is the strongest bill of the season. It is the exorcisingly funny comedy drama "Side Tracked." The play is being produced by the A. Q. Scammon company which is one of the best of the many good ones provided for this season.

Do unto others as you would others should do unto you; do not bear false witness against your neighbor, keep the commandments, obey the laws; tell the truth; be honest to yourself as well as your fellow-men; bear no malice, but judge all men with charity, and life will be sweeter and more profitable, and the world will be better and your neighbors faults will not seem quite so unpardonable.

One of A. Q. Scammon's excellent companies will be the attraction at the Opera House, Thursday, March 10, presenting the cyclone of fun "Side Tracked." There are more realistic situations in the play of "Side Tracked," than perhaps any other show of its class on the road, while the ludicrous comedy situations cannot fail but to amuse all. The entertainment abounds in catchy music, good specialties, pretty girls and amusing situations. There is not a dull moment from start to finish.

Everybody reads the PRESS

Shooting Affair.

A terrible shooting affair took place at Hulings, Wednesday night, March 2, about six o'clock, when Constable Joseph Deegan of Renovo and Constable Meyers of Lock Haven were placed under arrest Sherman Jamison alias Wm. Snyder, a desperate character who has been a terror to the residents of that section the past two years.

The constables were armed with a warrant for the arrest of Sherman Jamison alias Wm. Snyder who resides at Hulings, in East Keating township. The warrant had been issued by Justice of the Peace John Smith upon complaint of Mrs. George Pfoutz, who resides at the same place, charging that Jamison threatened to kill her whole family.

Jamison had given himself up to the officers and Constable Deegan was about to place the handcuffs upon the prisoner when the officers were fired upon by Jamison and his wife, without a moment's warning, one bullet striking officer Deegan in the wrist while two following bullets penetrated his abdomen.

Officer Meyers received a flesh wound in the stomach. Young Pfoutz who accompanied the officers was slightly wounded in the knee.

The injured men were taken to Lock Haven hospital of Erie mail the same night.

The prisoner escaped but it is thought he has been located and will be brought to justice.—Renovo Record.

Officer Deegan died in Lock Haven Hospital last Saturday morning.

At this writing the fugitive from justice has not been captured.

JAMISON HERE.

Jamison passed over Barr Hill yesterday afternoon and reached Howard Siding last night, where he remained all night, on the Gregory farm. Officer Mandy wired Lock Haven. A number of responsible persons saw him as he came over Whittemore Hill. No doubt he is far away by this time.

The Last Sad Rites.

The funeral of Charles G. Schmidt, whose sudden death was at length referred to in last week's PRESS, took place last Friday afternoon, from his late residence, at the City Bakery. Rev. Robt. McCaslin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiated and his remarks upon this occasion were very ably presented. The singing was rendered by the Male Quartet. The very large attendance of friends testified to the popularity of deceased, the Odd Fellows in attendance especially being very large. At Newton Cemetery the burial service of the order was observed by Noble Grand W. J. Dalrymple and Chaplain Chas. J. VanLew.

RELATIVES IN ATTENDANCE.

Mrs. G. Schmidt, (mother), Mrs. Store and son, Erie; Godfrey Smith (brother) and wife, Lock Haven; Mrs. Wahl, (aunt) Westfield, Pa.; Mrs. Sturdyant, (sister) Mr. King, of Silvana, Pa.; Miss Sue King, Stevensville, Pa.

The floral offerings were very numerous and the most beautiful seen here in a long time.

Mystic Midgets Coming.

Friday and Saturday nights, April 8th and 9th in the Opera House. The Mystic Midgets, a grand juvenile, fairy spectacle and Carnival of Nations will be given an elaborate production by the public schools of our borough in aid of the Court House piano fund. The entertainment will be under the management of Mr. Fred H. Decker of New York, by whom all the costumes, scenery, musical score and calcium lights, &c., will be furnished. This is regarded as the greatest of all juvenile productions and its presentation here will be on a scale of great splendor.

Birth-day Call.

A number of lady friends "surprised" Mrs. Riley Warner last Saturday, as has been their custom for several years upon the occasion of her birth-day anniversary. Of course they enjoyed the call. The ladies in the party were: Mrs. G. S. Allen, Mrs. J. D. Logan, Mrs. John J. Hinkle, Mrs. H. H. Mullin, Mrs. I. K. Hockley, Mrs. F. G. Judd and Mrs. T. H. Norris.

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., March 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.

Council Proceedings.

Adjourned meeting Borough Council, Emporium, March 4, 1904.

Present: Messrs. Catlin, Balcom, Cummings, Friendle, Marshall and Green. Absent: Messrs. Shaffer, Housler and Nelson.

On motion by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Cummings, following bills were ordered paid:

John Welch, Work on Streets.....	\$10 50
Thos. Cavanaugh, ".....	10 50
Willis Haviland, ".....	2 00
Frank Haviland, ".....	60
Geo. Dorsey, ".....	1 25
Jos. Halderman, ".....	1 75
Michael Mulcahey, ".....	7 00
M. Dauser, ".....	1 25
Ralph Kautz, ".....	1 25
James Haviland, Police service.....	4 00
Murry, Coppersmith, Co., Invoice.....	12 99
A. H. Shafer, Surveying.....	25 00
Robt. Clark, hauling hoscarts.....	6 00
James Haviland, ".....	2 00
Western Electric Co., Invoice.....	20 00
J. E. Rhoads & Sons, ".....	75 11
W. F. Lloyd, Freight and Express.....	2 16
Balcom & Lloyd, Invoice.....	16 34
C. J. Goodnough, Services as Secretary.....	50 00
St. Marys Gas Co., Gas for February.....	20 15
J. A. Fisher, Invoice.....	8 00
Friendle & Hurteau ".....	1 70

Moved by Mr. Catlin seconded by Mr. Marshall, that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. G. F. Balcom, the retiring President of Councils, for the fair and impartial manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. Carried.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Secretary.

NEW BOROUGH COUNCIL.

Regular meeting Borough Council, Emporium, March 7th, 1904.

Present: Messrs. Housler, Friendle, Cummings, Catlin, Green, Marshall, Julian, Norris and Wheaton.

Messrs. Marshall, Julian, Norris and Wheaton presented their credentials and were recognized as members of Council. Mr. Jos. A. Friendle and Mr. C. J. Goodnough were elected temporary President and Secretary, respectively.

Mr. John Cummings and Mr. Jos. A. Friendle were nominated for permanent President and following vote taken:

For Cummings:—Catlin, Green, Marshall, Wheaton, Friendle—5.

For Friendle:—Housler, Norris, Julian, Cummings—4.

Mr. John Cummings was declared elected Permanent President.

Minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings read and approved.

Mr. C. J. Goodnough was nominated and elected permanent Secretary and salary fixed at \$50 per annum.

Mr. W. F. Lloyd was nominated and elected Treasurer.

Mr. Frank Mundy and John D. Swope were nominated for street Commissioner and Policeman, and following vote taken:

For Mundy:—Housler, Friendle, Cummings, Catlin, Julian, Norris—6.

For Swope:—Green, Marshall, Wheaton—3.

Mr. Frank Mundy was declared elected and salary fixed same as last year.

Messrs. Johnson & McNarney and Messrs. Green & Shaffer were nominated for Borough Solicitors and following vote taken:

For Johnson & McNarney:—Friendle, Cummings, Catlin, Green, Marshall—5.

For Green & Shaffer:—Housler, Julian, Norris, Wheaton—4.

Messrs. Johnson & McNarney were declared elected and retainer fixed at \$15 per annum.

The meeting night of Council was fixed on the first Monday night of each month at 7:30 p. m., and the order of business of previous Council was adopted.

On motion by Mr. Friendle, seconded by Mr. Green the following bills were ordered paid:

Murry & Coppersmith Co., Hauling cart, 3 00
Johnson & McNarney, Retainer service 1903 and 1904..... 87 00

On motion by Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Friendle, the bond of Mr. F. P. Strayer, Overseer of the Poor, was approved.

Moved by Mr. Friendle, seconded by Mr. Norris, that a communication from Mr. C. W. Shaffer, Tax Collector be laid over for one month and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Borough Attorney relative thereto. Carried.

Messrs. Marshall, Friendle and Norris were appointed Committee.

Message from the Burgess was read and on motion by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Friendle, same was ordered placed on file.

Moved by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that an order in the sum of \$113.30 be drawn in favor of F. D. Leet, Esq., to pay a judgment against Emporium Borough in favor of Amos Horning and Kate E. Horning, No. 47, Oct. T., 1802. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Norris, that Council request the Shippen Township Board of Health to abate a nuisance on the Eastern extension of Sixth street, adjoining the Borough line. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Julian, seconded by Mr. Norris, that Council request the Supervisors of Shippen Township to open

WEATHER REPORT

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Rain.

SATURDAY, Fair and colder.

SUNDAY, Fair.

a ditch on the eastern extension of Sixth street. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Julian seconded by Mr. Norris, that Secretary give notice to Supervisors and Board of Health of the passage of these resolutions. Carried.

Moved by Julian, seconded by Green, that Committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of building a house in the East Ward. Carried.

Marshall, Norris and Wheaton appointed Committee. Carried.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Sec'y.

MESSAGE FROM BURGESS.

OFFICE OF THE BURGESS, EMPORIUM, PA., MARCH 7th, 1904.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Council of Emporium, Pa.:

GENTLEMEN—In entering upon your duties of Councilmen for the year of 1904, your attention is especially recommended to the consideration of the Borough finances, as any considerable increase of taxes this year is not at all desirable by the citizens and only the strictest attention to detail will permit the proper administration of the Borough affairs.

In the year of 1903 the accounts paid were approximately as follows:

Electric Light.....	\$1,700 00
Plank and labor on crossings.....	500 00
Cleaning streets and ditches.....	800 00
Improvement on streets.....	450 00
Police.....	700 00
Fire Department.....	500 00
Sewers.....	30 00
General expense.....	200 00
	\$5,100 00

In addition to the above the following bonds were paid:

Sewer bonds.....	\$ 800 00
Electric Light.....	1,500 00
	\$2,300 00

This is somewhat more than the taxes and liquor licenses amounted to in 1903 and the Borough credit was only kept good by the prompt collection of taxes, and unless some of the bonds are renewed, the Council will be very short of money, until the new taxes are collected in the fall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Some mistakes have been made and perhaps too much leniency has been shown, but the Burgess has held no hearing except with the assistance of Squire Larrabee, and with but one exception, no fine was taken from any prisoner without a regular hearing and that was occasioned by the miserable condition of the Borough lock-up, which is not fit to house a man in winter weather, and the Council should visit the cells and see that they are made clean and comfortable; the one in the East Ward should be rebuilt and enlarged. Mr. Mundy as policeman has been very efficient and humane, and the borough is to be congratulated that his watchfulness, and the moral support of our citizens, have much reduced corner loafing and boisterous conduct on the streets. Much credit for assistance in this particular can also be given the enforcement of the curfew law. The mischievous conduct on Halloween night was not made a Police Court case, although much of the damage was outrageous, but 17 offenders, owing to their tender age, were let off with the payment of assessments amounting to \$39, which was divided among seven property owners, whose names are sent herewith on a separate paper as confidential information. The conduct of the young people, no doubt, is the outgrowth of wrong ideas of sport exhibited at the opera house in some of the one horse shows, many of which, as Julian Hawthorne says, are nothing but "imbecility and slush" and parents should take warning in time and not let their children attend such shows, unless they go with them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This is the most important of our Borough business and should be dealt with liberally and judiciously as its members are unselfishly patriotic and represent the energy and law abiding blood of our town, and their efficiency may some day save us from a general conflagration. This year they should be supplied with at least 300 feet of extra hose for each company. Last year the department was voted \$400 for running expenses and it is none too much, but the Council should insist on a general inspection of the whole department once a year and one separate additional inspection of each company and the money should be voted to each company on the merit system, at so much per member present at inspections, or any other plan that might be agreed upon by committees representing both the Council and the fireman.

STREETS.

The large sum of money paid for plank crossings in 1903 shows how expensive they are and a special effort should be made to procure suitable stone to replace any that may need repairs this year. If

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