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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 21, 1904.

The President is busy receiving the calls of politicians and arranging the details of the coming campaign. It is admitted on all sides that in selecting Mr. Cortelyou for Chairman of the National Republican Committee he has dexterously solved a perplexing problem. It is now assured that the campaign will be conducted on a high and straightforward basis. The president declares very emphatically that he is not taking sides in the Illinois or Wisconsin factional contest. He is keeping his hands off. He expresses himself as quite hopeful of the result in Maryland, notwithstanding Mr. Gorman's plans to capture that state. On the 30th inst. the President will visit Gettysburg, Pa., making a speech on Memorial Day. He will ride over the field in the morning and in the evening return to Washington. As the speech is the only one of his until after election, the public is looking forward to it with uncommon interest. The British Ambassador, Sir Henry Duraud, left to-day for Gettysburg, the guest of acting Secretary of War, Oliver. He will inspect and study the famous battle field. He is deeply interested in the military features of the great Civil War. A welcome guest at the White House this week is Captain W. S. Cowler, the President's brother-in-law, of the unfortunate battleship Missouri. The vessel is now being repaired at Newport News. Among recent other visitors at the White House have been Elihu Root, Senator Lodge, Ex. Gov. Black of New York who is getting points for his speech at Chicago nominating the President, and Mr. Dover, Secretary of the Republican Committee, who is arranging the list of speakers for the campaign.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission in this city, has issued a formal order for an investigation regarding the differential freight rates between the West and the Atlantic sea board on produce intended for export. There is bitter complaint in New York City that that commercial center is not treated on the same footing with other cities, especially Baltimore. It is claimed by the railroads that the differential system was inaugurated to put a stop to rate wars—in other words competition. It is asserted that twenty years ago the railway companies lost \$20,000,000 by rate wars which otherwise they might have made out of the shippers.

Every once in a while, the great inventor Mr. Thomas Edison, who has procured more patents than any other inventor and whose great fortune has been made from patents, protests through the press that the Patent Office is unfair and corrupt and that he will not take out any more patents. Nevertheless he continues to file applications for patents and probably has as many as fifty applications for patent now pending. The present complaint is that the Examiner refuses to grant him something he does not think him entitled to. The Patent Office is as fair and clean as any office under any government. The Examiners are all men of education and specialists in their respective classes. There are more than one hundred of them and many of them because of their learning are eligible to professorships in Universities.

**Paint Your Buggy for 75c.**  
too \$1.00 with Devoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ozs., more to the pint than others, wears longer and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by Murray & Coppersmith.

## MOTHER LEAPS AFTER HER DROWNING BOY

Seeing Lad Fall Into Well, She Tries in Vain to Save Him.

MONT ALTO, Pa., May 26.  
Hoping to rescue her drowning boy, Mrs. Michael Byrnes, the wife of Engineer Michael Byrnes, of the pumping station of the Standard Oil Company at Kneppers Station, leaped into a forty-foot well at the home of Professor C. C. Funk, at this place, this afternoon.

The child was drowned, but the mother was saved. Accompanied by her five-year-old son, Andrew, Mrs. Byrnes came here to visit Professor Funk and his wife. While the boy played in the yard he uncovered the well, and losing his balance, fell into eight feet of water.

The mother saw the accident and, heedless of danger, plunged through the opening, but when parent and son were brought to the top by Professor Funk and some neighbors the boy was unconscious and failed to respond to heroic measures for resuscitation.

Mrs. Byrnes was not injured and suffered apparently only from the shock. It is believed that in his fall the boy struck the cement wall of the well and was rendered senseless.

The mother referred to above was formerly Miss Minnie Creighton, of Emporium, now wife of Mr. Byrnes of Mt. Alto, Pa. The bereaved parents passed through Emporium last Saturday afternoon with the remains of their little son, who was taken to Wellsville, N. Y., for interment. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Moore and Mrs. E. D. White, of this place, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mullin of Sheffield, accompanied the grief-stricken parents to Wellsville, returning to Emporium Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes have the sympathy of their many friends at this place in their terrible affliction.

## Bloom—Ellis.

The marriage of Mr. Eugene Bloom and Miss Beatrice J. Ellis, at the pleasant home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ellis, on West Fourth street, Thursday evening, May 19th, was an enjoyable event to those present, comprising only the near kindred of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. S. Metzler, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white embroidered swiss and carried roses, while the groom wore conventional black. Congratulations were plentifully bestowed upon the young couple and with music and various social diversions the happy hours made to pass swiftly away.

About 10 o'clock an elegant wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom, after spending some days with the former's parents, Mr. and George Bloom at Williamsport, will take up their residence on East Fourth street, where a costly furnished house awaits their return.

## Organ Fund Concert.

The organ fund concert at the opera house last Thursday evening was well attended by our citizens, all denominations being well represented. The program as published in the PRESS was admirably rendered and well received. That the audience was pleased was manifest from the generous encores. Miss Edna Auchu, who had charge of the arrangements developed a natural ability in that line and made a success of this her first effort. The following persons assisted, the last named six forming the orchestra. Miss M. Swartzfischer, Mr. T. Mingle, Miss Ida Seger, Miss Edna Auchu, Mr. M. A. Healy, Mr. Albert Smead, Mr. A. D. Erierson, Mr. James Quinn, Mr. Swartz. Financially the entertainment was a success, netting a neat sum of money.

## A Dependable Agency.

The Advertising Agency of W. S. Hill & Company favorably known to the newspapers publishers throughout the country have incorporated under the title of W. S. Hill Company with a paid up capital of \$100,000,000, Pennsylvania Charter, and are now located in larger and most complete offices, Ninth Floor of the Vandergift Building, 323 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburg. This agency is fully equipped with a competent corps of illustrators and business writers, which enables them to place at the disposal of their clients and new advertisers every assistance for the planning and development of intelligent and effective advertising. W. S. Hill Company has justly earned the title of 'A Dependable Agency.'

## The Keystone Powder Plant Again Explodes

No Loss of Life, But Destruction of Property Appalling—Buildings Shattered in all Parts of the Town.

Perhaps the worst explosion of dynamite on record in the wide spread and ruin inflicted on property of all kinds was that, that occurred at the Keystone plant, last Monday afternoon about 4:20 o'clock.

To describe the general havoc and horror attended upon it, together with the awful anguish and suspense of those having loved ones and friends employed upon the workings would be a vain undertaking.

Fire first broke out in the soda house, and despite all efforts to confine the flames to that building it soon became evident that the major portion of the works was doomed and that resistance to its spread was at the gravest peril of human life. Thus warned the men fled to places of safety and awaited in imminent horror, the explosion, which all felt not only to be inevitable, but in its menace to human life and property possibly without parallel. There were two separate shocks, heard distinctly at Renovo, Olean and other distant points and even breaking glass as far away as Howard Siding. The scene of the wreckage in Emporium beggars description. We have not heard of a single house that escaped injury while the loss to some will approximate hundreds of dollars. Doors were lifted from their hinges and thrown violently to the floor, door and window frames were torn from their places and reduced to kindling wood. Window sash, window and door casings smashed to splinters, plastering knocked from ceilings and sides of many rooms. Window glass broken by the thousand

chimneys made to totter and even pavements wrested from their places. Quantities of crockery bric-a-brac were broken. People about their work were hurled to the floor or ground, in some cases sustaining painful bruises. Strange, indeed, that amid all this flying and falling debris, there are no serious casualties to record. Such, however, is fortunately the case, and the felicitations, of our people are accordingly heartfelt. Where the property losses are so general to particularize were possibly not necessary.

Damages to the Court house are great, even involving the clock to such an extent as to necessitate a thorough reconstruction of its mechanism. The art windows in the Catholic Church are badly broken and the building otherwise damaged. A section of the brick walls on the West side of the First Methodist Episcopal Church were thrown to the ground, one of the elegant memorial windows and numerous smaller ones seriously shattered. Several of the windows in Emmanuel Chapel and the new Presbyterian and Baptist Churches were also broken. The rear gable of City Hall was forced out while the fronts of the drug store of Hon. L. Taggart and of Balcom & Lloyd's it is thought will have to be rebuilt.

The quantity of Powder exploding was 30,000 lbs. The buildings escaping injury are the Acid Recovery, the Nitro-Glycerine Factory, the Boiler House and Stable. Much sympathy is felt for the Company whose loss as such is not only great, but whose individual losses are likewise heavy.

We are without a statement from the Company as to their intention.

## 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.

## Dynamite Explosion.

There is a good deal of talk about town in regard to this most unfortunate explosive affair. Permit me as a citizen, who has the sympathy of our people and the company at heart to give one word of what would seem to me to be good advice to all parties concerned. First and most important is to our people who have suffered and met with damage as a result, to carefully consider the matter and not imagine their loss to be away beyond all reason, but look carefully into the matter from a reasonable standpoint and not try to make their loss one cent beyond actual value.

The Company certainly appear to be willing to do everything in their power to make a reasonable adjustment of the losses, and let it be the disposition of our people to meet the Company in a fair business way, and treat them as they would like to be treated. I have not time to speak of the benefit the company is to the town and people, but suffice it to say, we can not get too many industries of this kind in our town. People be sensible and reasonable in this matter. CITIZEN.

## Commissioners Meet.

The County Commissioners held a meeting on Tuesday and ordered repairs to the Court House and other public buildings, new dials for the town clock and also sent for a man to repair the same. The clock is wonderfully missed by our people and the repairs will no doubt be promptly made.

## Memorial Day Services.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal will unite with the Baptist Church in the annual Memorial Day services in the Baptist Church next Sunday evening. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Twitchell.

## Hot Coffee at Olmsted's

Mrs. DeWitt has been at the store of H. C. Olmsted for several days demonstrating the "Golden Blend Coffee." If you have not already sampled this coffee you are invited to call and have a cup.

Real enjoyment is had when reading that clever magazine, *The Smart Set*.

## It Pays to Advertise.

That advertising in all lines pays is again shown in the case of a groceryman in the eastern part of the state who advertised for a wife with \$5,000 and received 2,900 replies. When business was dull during the winter he entertained loungers by reading the letters he had received and he had his store crowded with photographs received from anxious maidens. He sold his batch of letters to a matrimonial journal and received \$50 for them, and he also secured a western girl for a wife.

## THREE DROWN WHILE CROSSING STREAM

Mother and Two Daughters Meet a Watery Grave in Sinnamahoning Creek.

A most appalling accident occurred near Sinnamahoning on Tuesday morning, when Mrs. Austin Murray, was taking three of her children, two girls and a boy, across the river in a boat to attend school, her husband not being at home. When about mid-stream the boat, which was but a light affair, struck a rock and upset, throwing the occupants out. Mrs. Murray and the two little girls Vera, and Edna, aged ten and eight years respectively were drowned, the boy, aged about twelve years managed to get onto the bottom of the upturned boat and was rescued after about an hour and a half.

Men dragged the creek all day Tuesday but up to a late hour the bodies had not been recovered. They quit searching when darkness came but resumed their hunt on Wednesday when about one hundred men were engaged in dragging the stream.

It is a terrible shock to the community as Mrs. Murray was well and favorably known and the little girls great favorites with everybody.

## Potter Will be Wet.

The Supreme Court on Monday reversed the decision of the Superior Court in the six liquor license cases from Potter county, and sustains the Common Pleas court in issuing the licenses.

## Quick Work.

Earl Fuller, who was injured at Cameron a short time ago. Being a member of K. O. T. M., he made claim for two weeks benefit and just eight days from the time he filed his claim, through Record Keeper, J. W. Fauser, of Cameron Tent, No. 429, the draft came. The Maccabees are prompt—none better.

## This Passing of Mankey Plant.

Chas. J. and A. C. Norquist, of Jamestown, who recently purchased the machinery in the old Mankey Furniture Co., plant were here last week, making arrangements to remove the machinery to Jamestown. The gentlemen expressed astonishment that so well appointed and located plant did not pay.

## A New Dental Office.

J. M. Card, M. D., D. D. S., has decided to establish a branch dental office in Emporium, for the benefit of the many patrons in Cameron county. The office is located over Geo. Metzger's jewelry store. Dr. Card is a gentleman well and favorably known in this county as a successful practitioner for a great many years and we extend to him a friendly hand of greeting. In the doctor's absence his patrons will be ably looked after by E. D. Newton, late of the University of Buffalo and who has also enjoyed the advantage of several years under Dr. Card's skillful instructions. All work guaranteed and prices reasonable. It

## A Startling Test.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mcchopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at L. Taggart's.

## Bargain in Books.

A complete set of Britannica Encyclopedia, consisting of thirty volumes and key. Are all new and in original packages. Will be sold at a bargain, Apply at Press office. 36tf

## WEATHER REPORT

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

## Political Announcement.

Please announce my name as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.  
HENRY LUDLAM.  
Emporium, Pa., April 26th, 1904.

## BRIEF MENTION.

*The Smart Set* magazine will entertain you.

The cheapest place to buy men's and boys' clothing is at N. Seger's.

See "David Garrick" Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

R. J. Mott, late postmaster at Port Allegany, was buried with Masonic honors at Knoxville, last Wednesday.

Have you seen the fine line of summer clothing for men and boys at N. Seger's. The most handsome in this section.

If you want to save money and at the same time get reliable goods. The place to buy your clothing is at N. Seger's. Call and see him.

Thos. Ernst, of St. Marys, is in town and any one wishing plastering done will please leave orders at Jas. Creighton's billiard rooms. 14-2t.

Potter county's centennial celebration will be held on August 10th and 11th. Elaborate plans have been made and preparations are already under way.

FOR RENT.—A large and desirable store room in the business centre at St. Marys. For further particulars, address the "Gazette," St. Marys, Pa. 12-3t.

"David Garrick" which was to have been presented at the Opera House Monday and Tuesday evenings will, on account of the explosion be given Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

John McDonald, of Moore Hill, who was standing in front of Blinzler's barber shop on Monday at the time of the explosion was badly cut on one of his legs by falling glass, it requiring several stitches to close the wound.

WANTED:—A good reliable man, with horse and rig, for Emporium and surrounding towns to distribute circulars, samples, and tack signs, either in connection with present work, or give entire time. Address Atoz Printing Co., Dept. D., 2 South Witley, Ind.

Free sample to agent. Practical ready call device for telephones. Saves brain work and hours of time. Sells itself. One sale sells dozens. Seeing is believing. Send stamp. The Telephone Appliance Co., one Madison Ave., Dept. F. A. D., New York City. 12-4t.

"A Bird's-eye View of the Panama Canal," which appears in the June Woman's Home Companion, is one of the most interesting features to be found in the magazines of the month. It is a picture of the canal from ocean to ocean, and gives an idea of its position and construction such as can be had in no other way.

Caleb Powers, the former Secretary of State of Kentucky, now lying in a Louisville jail condemned to death for the murder of Governor Goebel, is writing a book, to be published by McClure, Phillips & Co., covering his personal experiences during the troublous days of Kentucky's fierce partisan war for the control of the state. The story of his trial and conviction, recently published in McClure's Magazine, by Samuel Hopkins Adams, aroused much public interest in his case.

## Niagara Falls.

On Sunday, May 29, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a special low-rate excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Round-trip tickets, good going only on Special Train indicated, and good returning on Special Train May 29, and regular trains May 30, stopping at stations named, but not good in Pullman sleeping or parlor cars, will be sold at rates indicated:

	Special Train Leaves	Rate.
Emporium.....	8.00 a. m.	\$2 50
Emporium June 8.05 "		2 50
Shippen.....	8.17 "	2 50
Keating Summit.....	8.39 "	2 50
Port Allegany.....	9.00 "	2 25
Larabee.....	9.20 "	2 15
Eldred.....	7.28 "	2 00
Olean.....	10.00 "	1 50
Buffalo.....	Ar. 12.15 p. m.	....
Niagara Falls " 1.00 "		....

Returning special Train will leave Niagara Falls 7.30 p. m., Buffalo 8.30 p. m.  
Children between five and twelve years of age, half rates. 13-2t.