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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

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Editor Press:

When the Filipino Commissioners visited the President a few weeks ago he asked some of them how soon they thought their people would be ready to have a General Assembly called for the purpose of considering local legislation. Some of the Commissioners replied that the time had already come. Since then they have sent a petition to the President, by the hands of Secretary Taft, urging him to take the matter into serious and early consideration. One reason for their so doing is the fact that the U. S. Philippine Commissioners have promulgated a series of internal revenue laws, which, with the customs duties, the Filipinos think will be of deep interest to the inhabitants of the island. Since they must provide the revenue they ask for the privilege of having something to say about the objects for which the money shall be appropriated. In any event they think their law should be considered and ratified by the representatives of the people. Your correspondent called to-day at the revenue division of the Treasury and was informed that thus far the Government has no internal revenue officer in the Philippines, but there is one in Hawaii. It was also thought at the Treasury that only Congress can pass laws for purposes of taxation, since that is the way provided by the Constitution. Under these circumstances it is understood that President Roosevelt will soon do all he prudently can to ameliorate commercial conditions in our Eastern possessions. And he may issue orders for calling together a National Assembly, with limited powers, much sooner than the "anti-imperialists" imagine. Signs are not wanting that a number of American houses stand ready to make investigations in the Philippines as a result of what they have seen at the St. Louis Exposition.

Owing to the fact that it is understood that the Democrats will make a desperate effort to reduce pluralities in Vermont and Maine, announcement is made that next week Secretary Taft will deliver speeches in Montpelier, Vt., and in Portland, Me., on his way to join his family at Murray Bay, near the mouth of the St. Lawrence, where they are spending the summer. Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Agriculture, will visit the same States a little later. With the departure of the President to-day for another month's outing at Oyster Bay, very few Cabinet ministers will remain in town. Secretary McCall is already on his way to California to close up his private business, which he says he left at a two days notice. Morton is touring along the Atlantic coast and has Atty. Moody with him. Secretary Hay, having warned foreign powers what they can and what they must not do, will soon return to New Hampshire. He is receiving numerous telegrams of congratulation over the news of the birth of a grandson—John Hay Whitney, the mother of whom was pleasantly known here in Washington as Helen Hay. Secretary Shaw will also go to the Pacific coast, making speeches in the states west of the Rocky mountains, and one or two in Utah.

All the news which drifts into Washington from drifting politicians, and otherwise, regarding the prospects and progress of the campaign, is full of cheer and hope for the Republicans. It is considered very unwise, politically, to force an issue of the negro suffrage question in West Virginia; the Georgia lynching will lose tens of thousands of Democratic votes in the North and West to the party; and the tricks resorted to in Maryland will probably land that state in the Republican column. Fish Commissioner Bowers, of West Virginia predicts a Republican plurality of 17,000 in that state. It is denied by Congressmen visiting in this city that there is any likelihood of Wisconsin, Indiana or Illinois going Democratic.

I met Gen. Black on the street a few days ago, in a great rush to catch the cars for Boston where he made a speech that is attracting much attention.

The grade of Sixth street, west of Vine is being raised.

Thomas E. Watson's View of the Democracy.

Four years ago and eight years ago the Independent was hand in glove with the Populists supporting Bryan. Now it has abandoned Bryanism and is supporting Parker. But the Populists have the merit of consistency and are not supporting Parker. This is what their candidate, Mr. Watson, says of the Democracy:

"Boiled down to its real essence, sifted to its real meaning, the Democratic campaign of 1904 is a mere unscrupulous hanger for office. They have no fixed or certain creed. They have no article of faith by which Democratic loyalty can be tested.

"You may ask why do I consume more time discussing the Democrats than in speaking of the Republicans. My reply is: It is easier and quicker to strike an open enemy right between the eyes than it is to tear off the mask from the face of a pretended friend and show him to be the hypocrite that he is."

Brought Good Times.

An Irishman in New York was asked the other day whom he is going to vote for this fall.

"Why, Billy Bryan, of course," was the reply.

"But Bryan is not running this year."

"I don't care whether he is or not; I'm going to vote for him. I voted for him four years ago and eight years ago, and haven't we had good times ever since?"—New York Times.

Important.

Mr. William T. Seger, representing the Harlem Music Co., of New York, will be in Emporium, Friday, August 26th. Mr. Seger is to combine pleasure and business on this trip home. While here he will have an exhibition at the store room of R. Seger & Son the celebrated high grade piano of Beaker Bros., together with other musical merchandise, and the very latest sheet music at City prices. To those desiring to purchase an elegant instrument will now have an excellent opportunity of obtaining a high grade piano at exceptional values.

To those not in a position to pay cash, Mr. Seger will explain an entirely new system, thereby bringing the piano within reach of all. "Home without a piano is the same as a room without fragrance."

These having instruments with which they are dissatisfied can obtain one of these celebrated pianos by exchange, for which we will allow a fair sum, according to the condition of same.

Orders for tuning and polishing will be received at R. Seger & Son's. Mr. Seger extends a most cordial invitation to his friends, and their friends, to attend the opening on Saturday, August 27th.

An Appreciative Fact.

A young gentleman (?) was heard to make a sneering remark in regard to a young man's being a "mother's boy," being "tied to mother's apron string," etc. He, in the density of his ignorance, did not know that he was paying to this young man the greatest compliments which he could bestow. As has often been said, no love can compare to a mother's love. Who, when the world, hasty in its judgments, has condemned a young man, comes to his aid with the whole strength of her being, and if necessary with the last drop of her blood? You hesitate not to answer: "His mother." In what way can a young man repay the one to whom he owes his existence, and who has exerted an uplifting influence on his whole life? In no way can he hope to repay her, but the least he might do is to try at all times to do nothing that will cause her pain. And then to the young girl who hesitates to decide whether she wishes to link her life with that of a young man. How does he treat his mother? Don't ask the mother. If she sees his faults she will not tell of them. Encourage the young man to speak of his mother, and expect when you are his wife to be spoken of in the same way. Young man, when you feel inclined to scoff at your companion's devotion to his mother, don't do it. It only exposes the coarseness of your make-up and your lack of intelligence.—Port Allegany Reporter.

World's Fair Excursions.

Low-rate ten-day coach excursions via Pennsylvania Railroad, August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Rate \$15.95 from Emporium. Train leaves Emporium at 8:10 a. m., connecting with special train from New York arriving St. Louis 4:15 p. m., next day. 3230-23 5t

Mr. Howard's Speech of Acceptance.

It is several months since Mr. Josiah Howard was nominated for the Assembly on the Republican ticket. His stirring and thoughtful address accepting the nomination was printed in full in the Press last April. Now that the active campaign is opening we wish to call attention again to this excellent address. We congratulate the party and the county on the presence in the field of a candidate who has such a high and broad conception of our common American life and of the relation of political service to that life. Mr. Howard is universally esteemed for his high and pure character and is recognized as a man of rare business sagacity and sound judgment. But we wish to emphasize particularly the fact that he is a man capable of understanding life under its higher and broader aspects, and who always views the simplest duties in relation to the largest ends and interests.

It is a distinctive merit of this address that it reveals Mr. Howard's large comprehension of the nature and meaning of our American life. He views it as a whole, and in its essential parts as related to the whole. The home, the Church, the school, the place of work and the place of recreation and amusement, are viewed by him as they stand in relation to one great common life. These fundamental institutions are to the life of the community and state, viewed as a whole, what the various organs of the body are to the body as a whole. Mr. Howard's view of life is essentially an organic view. It is at least worth remembering that the capacity for organic thought is an indispensable element in statesmanship.

Mr. Howard's conception of the way in which the ends of our common American life are to be realized is strong and positive. He believes in liberty and independence, but not in the false and shallow sense in which those terms are often used. Merely to turn a man loose is not to give him true freedom and independence. Life, liberty and happiness need something more to produce them than merely the overthrow of a tyrannical power. Our fathers soon learned that the War of Independence was the very least part in the making of a free and independent people. Freedom and independence must be realized through positive and not through mere negative action.

It is our positive institutions, our schools, our churches, our workshops, our commerce, our banks, that build up the life of our people and enable us to realize true freedom and independence. Mr. Howard is thoroughly imbued with this positive idea of the nature of government, and he is a Republican because the Republican party emphasizes that idea and has been the chief agency in applying it in our national life. The conception of liberty which the Democratic party has always cherished is that of mere absence of restraint. The conception of independence which the Democratic party has always cherished is that of mere escape from external tyranny. But something more positive than this is needed if there is to be progress. It is the Republican party which pre-eminently stands for that positive tendency and emphasis which has founded and sustained schools, has fostered trade, has protected and developed industry and has given to our government a place of positive power and influence in the world. If we are to judge men and parties by the underlying principles which they represent, there is no more thorough going representative of Republicanism to be found anywhere than Mr. Josiah Howard. The genius of Republicanism and true Americanism finds expression in his speech of acceptance.

Reduced Rates to Grangers' Picnic at Williams' Grove, via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Thirty-first Annual Inter-State Grange Picnic Exhibition, to be held at Williams' Grove, Pa., August 29 to September 3, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Aug. 24 to Sept. 3, inclusive, good to return until Sept. 6, inclusive, at reduced rates, from all stations on its lines in the state of Pennsylvania, and from Baltimore, Frederick and intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway.

There will be an elaborate display of farm machinery in actual operation during the exhibition, and addresses will be delivered by well-known agricultural speakers.

For information in regard to train services and specific rates, application should be made to ticket agents. 3239-1t

FOR SALE.—A good farm in Plank Road Hollow. For particulars inquire of Mr. Jos. Kinsler, Emporium, Pa. 23-tf.

Ice Cream.

There will be an ice cream social and supper at the mouth of Cook's Run on Saturday evening, Aug. 27th, for the benefit of the Wesleyan Methodist minister. The public cordially invited.

We would caustically suggest that the patrons go early since the refreshments are to be served so close to a big "mouth."

Prof. Ling Returns.

Prof. Edward S. Ling who returned with his family yesterday from a pleasant vacation spent in Bedford county and Maryland, authorizes the following announcement, relative to the opening of our public schools.

The first Monday of September, this year Sept. 5, is the date fixed for the opening of the schools. The board have been untiring in their efforts to make conditions the very best possible for good work in the schools. An additional teacher has been employed and the numbers thus reduced in grades that were too much crowded. We ask pupils and patrons to watch the local papers next week for further notice concerning the grading of pupils.

E. S. LING, Principal.

To Celebrate Golden Wedding.

David F. Marsh, a farmer of note and high esteem, with his respected wife, will, on Sept. 15th, celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, at their comfortable home, on Mason Hill, Pa. They were married at the home of Mrs. Marston Bennetts Branch, near Millers Siding, Pa., in 1854, and have grown in favor constantly with their acquaintances since that time, hence their friends are legion. This anniversary will bring together scores of relatives and friends to participate in the festivities of this grand occasion, now looked forward to with delightful anticipations and anxiety. Mr. Marsh is past 77 years of age and Mrs. Marsh has passed the 67th mile post. The event will be duly reported after the above date.

Off for the Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason and Mr. Walter Yostera are now en route to the Pacific coast, the Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, at San Francisco, being their objective point. They journey west by the Northern Pacific route, touching all the important towns and spending a week in the Yellowstone Park. They go south as far as Los Angeles, and will visit Salt Lake City, Denver and St. Louis on the home stretch. They travel with the Williamsport Commandery, the tour being under the special direction of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and furnished with every facility for the comfort and convenience of the sight-seer. They will be absent six weeks, and that they may have a delightful trip is the wish of their myriad of friends.

State Grangers' Picnic.

The 31st Annual Great Grangers' Picnic exhibition will be held at Williams' Grove, August 29 to September 2, 1904. This is undoubtedly the largest and finest display of farm machinery held in the east. The beauty of the exhibit is that so much of it is running, Saw Mills, Shingle Mills, Treshing Machinery, Traction Engines and Ensilage Cutters galore are all shown in operation. A new feature will be a high grade Poultry Department under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Fanciers' Association. The auditorium will be attractive as usual. During the day addresses by leading Grangers and Agriculturists. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings illustrated lectures on Russia and Japan, by Frank R. Roberson. Thursday and Friday evenings musical and literary entertainments by the best of Cham's aqua talent. Everything first class. Tickets good from August 25th to September 6th, at low rates on all railroads. Consult your nearest ticket agent.

Baptist Church.

The pastor takes for his subject Sunday evening, Esther and her queenly qualities or "Woman's Courage to face Death for Dear Ones." Mr. Twichel will attempt to show that women are braver than men. Short song service. All comers will be warmly welcomed.

Warning.

All persons are hereby forbidden from trespassing upon the property of this Company without a permit from this office, or the Superintendent at the works.

KEYSTONE POWDER MFG. Co.
Emporium, Pa., August 1st, 1903.
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Bargain in Books.

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

County Sunday School Convention September 5 and 6

The following provisional program has been prepared for the annual convention of the County Sunday School Association. The speakers will be Messrs. Hugh Cork and G. W. Landis of the state organization.

Monday evening, Sept. 5th, 7:30 o'clock: Song Service conducted by Mr. Josiah Howard; Address: Personal Elements in the Teacher's Make Up; Conference: Subject: The Paramount Aim of Sunday School Work.

Tuesday morning, 9:30 to 11:45 o'clock. Address: Bible Study; Normal Lesson; Question Box; Conference.

Afternoon, 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock. Conference: (a) Grading the School, How? How Much? When? (b) Cradle Roll; Home Department; (c) Teaching of Temperance, Missions, etc. (d) Winning Scholars for Christ; What is the Winner's Part and Responsibility? Question Box. Business.

Evening, 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Song and Devotional Service conducted by Prof. E. S. Ling; Address: The Department with a Hole in it; Address: The Business End of the Sunday School.

The Home Paper.

An exchange publishes the following on the subject of the relation of the "home paper" to the people of a community:

"Someone has well said that 'your home paper never loses interest in you.' This possibly you have never given a passing thought. No matter whether you like the newspaper man or he likes you, if he is true to his profession and publishes a paper for the people, he allows no personal matters or petty spites to interfere with his work of news gathering. He may meet you as a stranger, yet along with his best and dearest friends chronicle your success and your sorrows wherever you may be. Those who would forget you but for your home paper, are ever and anon reminded of your existence by some item in the village paper where you spent your boyhood days. Others may deceive and defraud you, but the home paper never forgets you. Possibly you do not always deserve it, but a newspaper on the right lines has no pets, and should it at any time say things that cause you pain to turn the wrong way, study a moment and see if it has not at various times said nice things which you fail to give it credit."

Not so Profitable.

The raising of ginseng is not so profitable as many people have been led to believe. The Agricultural department in a recent report says that the growing of the root is merely a craze or fad. Prior to the year 1902 China imported from this country only 173,000 pounds of ginseng in four years.—A quantity that could easily be raised on a farm of 75 acres. "Let ginseng alone. It is a delusion and a snare," is the advice of Secretary Wilson of the department.

Musical To-Night.

All lovers of music will enjoy the Musical at the First Methodist Episcopal Church to-night as the program is especially rich in the standard and classical selections which it offers. And the well known reputation of those who will take part amply justifies the prediction that no similar entertainment could please better. Doors open at 7:30; concert begins at 8:15.

The Thing to Do.

"I don't know what to do with this man," mused the agricultural editor. "He asks: 'What shall I do with my hens? Every morning I find several of them dead.'" "That's easy," replied the snake editor. "Tell him to bury them."

Teachers' Examination.

A special examination will be held in Emporium High School building, Saturday, August 27. Examinations will begin at 8:30 a. m.

MATTIE M. COLLINS,
County Superintendent.

Cholera Infantum.

This disease has lost its terror since Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy came into general use. The uniform success which attends the use of this remedy, in all cases of bowel complaints in children has made it a favorite wherever its value has become known. For sale by Jno. E. Smith, Sterling Run.

FOR SALE.—A good 22 calibre Stevens Rifle, with Lyman sights, and in good condition. Inquire at PRESS OFFICE.

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

BRIEF MENTION.

The Elks of Johnsonburg are about to build a \$10,000 club house.

Democratic politics makes queer bed fellows and changes them frequently.

Clothing at greatly reduced prices at N. Seger's. Call and see his large stock.

We had some sure 'nough Democratic weather last week—windy of course.

Up-to-date clothing at low prices at N. Seger's, the old reliable Allegheny Avenue house.

The extensive job of steam fitting, in the Warner House, is being done by the firm of Murry & Coppersmith.

The best place to buy clothing in Cameron County is at the old reliable house of N. Seger on Allegheny Avenue.

Messrs. Rentz and Strayer are installing a hot air heating system of modern design in the Driftwood public school building.

A tree in front of Mr. Geo. J. LaBar's store went on a bender last Saturday morning, but a helping hand soon enabled it to brace up again.

The Lady Maccabees will not hold the picnic contemplated but will have a supper in their hall next Tuesday night for which each member is invited to provide something.

The Ice Cream sale by the St. Marks congregation last Thursday night was a decided success. The occasion was enlivened by the presence of the Emporium band that rendered some good music.

The Independent calls President Roosevelt "the political hypocrite of the twentieth century." It would be more to the point to know what President Roosevelt would say of the Independent.

The United States is the only great nation in the world that spends more for education than for war; that the chief concern of the thoughtful to-day not respecting the one percent who attended college and universities, but with regard to the ninety per cent who attend our public schools; that these will rule, and to have good laws we must have good citizens, and it is futile to hate our common school system in college or university training. We would have the masses to study such branches as will meet life's necessities and these branches are reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, geography, grammar, American history, drawing, and the underlying principles of hygienic physiology. "Let us see that we build our pyramids firm the common school upward. Let us provide education first of all for those who can never go beyond the public school."—Ex.

"The best of everything and everything of the best" is the motto of that great showman, Sig. Sautelle, whose Nine Consolidated Railroad Shows will give an afternoon and evening performance in Emporium, Tuesday Sept. 6.

Unless one has seen this enormous circus it is impossible to form any conception of its magnitude. Performances high up in the air, in three rings, on elevated stages, in a wild west arena and on a mammoth hippodrome track (each in itself a complete show) are combined under one vast tent and may be witnessed by the purchase of a single ticket. Only artists of recognized merit and reputation in Europe and America have been engaged this season for the incomparable Sautelle shows. Among the performers who appear during each exhibition are unrivaled champion aerialists whose infallibility in the presentation of their stupendous exploits is no less a wonder than is the astonishing ease and grace with which they are executed. These thrilling and audacious feats denote the possession of great courage, confidence and power and never fail to elicit the warmest kind of praise from on lookers. Then there are a host of acrobats in numberless originally devised breath taking achievements; all-featured equestrian acts as conspicuous for novelty as for genuine worth and the grace with which they are accomplished; troupes of handsome blooded horses and cute ponies in remarkable displays of sagacity and intelligence; other educated animals that do seemingly impossible feats at a low spoken word of command and a countless number of other acts, each and all of which tend to keep Sig. Sautelle's shows well in advance of their contemporaries. See big advertisement in this issue.