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

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Dec. 3rd, 1904.

The two great topics of conversation in this city are the opening of Congress next Monday and the coming Inauguration, which is but twelve weeks away and promises to be an unusually imposing and stupendous affair. There are five great questions for this Congress to dispose of—tariff revision, merchant marine subsidies, reciprocity, how to increase the revenue and how to keep down expenditures. Congress will be in session but 90 days, with 11 weeks of actual work, or eliminating the holidays, 66 working days. And during this short time legislation will be asked for by impatient promoters outside of the regular appropriation bills. Under the circumstances much desirable legislation must go over until next December. While many Congressmen, both Republicans and Democrats, are calling at the White House to extend greetings to the President, they take the opportunity to express their opinion about tariff revision. Mr. Jones, of Washington, says that in his state the Republicans preached prosperity, giving the credit to a protective tariff. He adds: "We cannot have revision for a few people in Massachusetts." The Representatives from West Virginia say no revision of the tariff is needed or desired in that State. Senator Fulton, of Oregon takes the same view. Senator McComas of Md., regards an extra session as unnecessary. Thus far the weight of opinion made public is against revision before next December. But there are States and Statesmen yet to be heard from.

It is gratifying to record the good feeling which exists between Democratic members of Congress and the President. Besides meeting him cordially they bring a number of invitations for him to visit the South next Spring. One of these comes from the Chamber of Commerce in Louisville, Ky. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee says he hopes to see the President in Virginia; and it is known that he intends to meet the citizens of New Orleans and make a tour through Texas. That the President does not forget the South is evidenced by the announcement that he intends to appoint a grandson of Stonewall Jackson, and the son of the Macon, Ga., postmaster cadets at West Point. And he says he hopes the grandson of Jackson will show the military genius of his grandfather. His graceful action, also, in providing a place for the venerable Confederate General, Senator Cockrell of Missouri, at a salary of \$7,500 is warmly appreciated by the veterans in grey.

The Supreme court this week listened to the arguments in the case of Senator Burton, of Kansas, who was tried on the charge of receiving compensation from persons for representing them before Post Office Department. It will not surprise some if the Supreme Court reverses the action of the lower court, and the Senator escapes upon a technicality concerning jurisdiction. It was maintained at the hearing that the United States is not a party in interest in the case.

Postponed.

Owing to the funeral of one of our pupils, the teachers local institute, which was to be held Dec. 3rd, has been postponed to Saturday, Dec. 10th. D. D. STROUP, M. E.

For Sale Cheap.

One good heating stove, wood burner; nearly new. Enquire at Free Methodist parsonage. 39-2t.

The Observer.

At some other time the Observer may discuss the merits or demerits of the political program lately outlined by the Independent, but this week he wishes to say one or two things bearing upon the subject of good citizenship. The Observer is decidedly of the opinion that citizenship is one of the prime duties of manhood. One part of the duty of citizenship in its widest sense is the payment of taxes. Ours is a free country, it is true, but this does not mean that it costs us nothing to govern ourselves. Our institutions are free, and so is water free; but a system of waterworks cannot be maintained without some little expense, and it costs some money too to maintain the institutions of a free government. The Observer thinks that we are not sufficiently alive to our responsibility in the matter of paying for what we get in the way of government. From the point of view of good citizenship, it would be better if we were to pay all our taxes directly instead of paying the greater part of them indirectly in the form of an added cost to the tea and shoes and other necessities that we buy. If we should pay our taxes directly, we should feel the cost of government more keenly, but we should also appreciate better the extent of our obligation to the country for the blessings of freedom and safety. If a thing is worth paying for at all it is worth the feeling of cost that ought to go with the payment.

Still, the great bulk of our people recognize the necessity and justice of taxation, whether direct or indirect, and are willing to pay for the maintenance of things which exist at public cost. But there are some who are willing to shirk their share of the burden if they can. We hear of multi-millionaires who try to have their assessments cut down below what they ought to be and of others, rich and poor, who would gladly escape the assessor altogether. But public sentiment is severe upon these tax dodgers, and this public condemnation is righteous and healthful. The ordinary citizen has a hearty contempt for any one who is willing to live in the enjoyment of the protection vouchsafed by the county, state or nation, and yet will avoid if he can bearing his part of the cost of government.

But the benefits which we derive from our free institutions are not by any means to be measured fully in dollars and cents. A man may be assessed to the full value of his property, and may pay his taxes promptly, and yet he may be far from realizing the ideal of a good citizen. One may pay taxes cheerfully, and yet not care to vote. Such a person is not a white better citizen than is the person who is willing to vote but not to pay taxes. The Observer is glad to note that there exists a strong, wholesome sentiment on the part of the great body of citizens against this disposition on the part of some to shirk the duty of going to the polls. Any man who stays away from the polls through sheer indifference is rightly looked upon as first cousin to the man who votes because he has been paid to vote.

But good citizenship extends beyond the mere perfunctory marking and depositing of a ballot. It is in our civic institutions that we find the foundation and the protecting walls within which our wholesocial and industrial life is realized. No one can estimate in terms of money the value and meaning of the whole industrial, social, civic atmosphere in which we daily live and move and have our being. Every one of us is the constant beneficiary of this larger spirit and atmosphere, and each one of us is under bonds to do our part towards maintaining and perpetuating it. The civic and social air which we breathe is generated in the large hearts and broad minds of unselfish, public-spirited men and women. We are all being benefited daily by the public-spirited thoughts and actions of others, and we owe it in our turn to contribute our own share of moral and intellectual ozone to the public atmosphere, without which none of us could live. There are some who are willing to live on the oxygen which others generate, and to give off in return for it nothing but their own negative and poisonous carbonic acid gas. These are they who say that the sphere of politics is so corrupt that no self-respecting man can take part in it. They forget that we all live constantly within the sphere of a larger public life, and that the public atmosphere would be a great deal worse than it is if some persons did not generate enough unselfish oxygen to counteract the negative and poisonous influence of those who are indifferent to the public weal.

The Leading Colored Concert Company of America.

THE JUBILEES



TEN ARTISTS

THE CELEBRATED CANADIAN CONCERT COMPANY.

At Court House, Emporium, Pa., Wednesday Evening, Dec. 14th. Admission 25c; 35c and 50c.

Track Walker Killed.

Michael Kepheart, track walker, aged 37 years, was instantly killed near Gardau, on Buffalo Division of Pennsy R. R., last Saturday morning about four ten o'clock. An engine coming down the hill struck the walker and his faithful dog, mangling Mr. Kepheart frightfully and injuring the dog so badly that he had to be shot. When the engine was stopped and the men went to the dead man his faithful dog had crawled to the side of his master, preventing them from touching the body. Acting Coroner Chas. Howard, J. P., summoned a jury, who found, that the death of deceased was accidental, after which his remains were prepared for burial by undertaker Egan and conveyed to the home at Shippen.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. O. S. Metzler, pastor of First Methodist Episcopal church of Emporium. It was very largely attended. Friends of deceased sent beautiful floral offerings. The following served as pall bearers: Adam Market, Henry Rasmann, William Rasmann, James Miller, Ernest Victory, C. M. Lucore. Interment took place at Sizerville.

Medix Run Tannery Burns.

L. R. Gleason & Sons extensive tannery at Medix Run was destroyed by fire last Thursday night about eleven o'clock. The loss, which included the entire plant and machinery, is estimated at about \$250,000. A large amount of leather ready for shipment, estimated at \$50,000, was burned, also many hides in the vats. The firm are actively engaged in rebuilding. The hides in the vats are being removed to their tanneries at Driftwood and North Bend.

Child Killed.

Last Thursday afternoon, the Buffalo Flyer coming from the east, struck Miss Twila Berfield, the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berfield, of Sinnamahoning. The young girl was returning from school when she stepped out of the way of an approaching freight train, stepping in front of the fast Flyer. She was hurled quite a distance, being dead when picked up.

Two Nights Before Christmas.

Remember the date Dec. 23, and be at the St. Charles Hotel and enjoy a good old fashioned Christmas dance. Supper will be served in the St. Charles dining room. Ten cents per dance. Supper, extra. Good music will be in attendance.

T. L. WHEATON.

For Sale.

One nearly new "303 Savage" rifle, fitted with "Lyman sights, guaranteed a fine target gun, and all right. Price \$18.00.

One 12 gauge repeating Winchester, take-down shotgun. Price \$15.00.

One "Ballard" 32-40 target rifle, "Lyman" sights, set-trigger, \$8.00. This is the cheapest target rifle in the state.

One "Smith & Wesson" revolver, 6 inch barrel, caliber 44-40 winchester, reloading tools for same. Complete price \$8.00.

One "Pocket Kodak" the \$10.00 kind; price \$6.00; good as new.

One "Motor Cycle" better than new; three horse engine, with accessories; price, \$100.00.

E. L. MASON,

41-2t. City Hotel, Emporium, Pa.

Photographs for Christmas presents at Bair's studio don't wait until it is too late.

Our Holiday Issues.

The PRESS force have been hustled this week in order to serve the increased advertising matter in proper manner. As a consequence we may be a little late this week an order for another page "ad" coming in last evening. The popularity of the PRESS as a family journal and advertising medium continues to increase and is weekly read by the good people of Cameron county—the class of families that patronize the merchants. The long established rule of this establishment has been to serve our readers with double editions. The rule this Xmas time will be still larger than usual, commencing with this issue and we hope, and expect, to make the PRESS one of good cheer to one and all. While we have been compelled this week to delay some belated patrons, yet we hope all who wish to avail themselves of the issues of Dec. 15th and 22d, will file their "copy" early. While we have oceans of material, workmen are scarce, therefore, friends, we must ask you to be prompt, thereby getting in to the swim, and give us time to serve you the better.

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., December 9th and 10th. 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.

Clearance Sale.

A complete closing out of all winter millinery, commencing Friday, Dec. 9th. All trimmed hats at one third off the price. All ready to wear hats at one half the price. Fancy feathers and Pon Pons at one half price. Ostrich tips and plumes at one third price. All stock is new and in good condition.

LUDDLAM'S,

2t. Two doors East of Bank.

Everybody reads the PRESS

Were Not Married.

Last week the PRESS, much to the regret of the editor, contained a grievous error by stating that the marriage of Norman Parks and Miss Annie Pond, two of the estimable young people of this place, had been consummated at Emporium.—Johnsonburg Press.

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.

School Reports.

Report of the Sizerville School for the month ending Dec. 6, 1904.

Enrollment..... 30

Number present every day..... 11

Number sick..... 3

Number of visitors..... 6

HONOR ROLL.

Flora Edwards, Frank Kinsler, Mary Market, Kirby Martindale, Mary Vellella, Henry Victory, Lena Agliardo, Harry Victory, Guy Edwards, Ralph Edwards, Arnel Victory.

GERTRUDE GERMOND, teacher,

The New Warner Buffet.

The New Warner Buffet and Cafe has been fitted up in fine style and is now open to the public. The lunch counter will for the present remain open until mid night but it is hoped in the near future to conduct the refreshment department day and night. Mr. David Buckley, an experienced caterer, is in charge.

Excellent Concert by Canadian Singers.

The Colored Canadian Concert Company and Jubilee Singers gave a most delightful concert at the Y. M. C. A., hall last night before a large audience. This is their first visit here and already they have won their way into the hearts of their hearers.

The melody put into their plantation choruses, together with the spirit and soul of rendering same, is not often heard. The special features of the evening were the solos by E. S. Thomas, who has a wonderful voice for depth and power, the tenor singing of C. T. Moseley, who is a humorist and actor of merit, as well, the singing by Miss G. E. Fowler and the reading by Madam Lewis. They were compelled to return three and four times and did it as if they thoroughly enjoyed it. They can count on a packed house should they return again.—Heard, New Castle, O., Jan. 14, 1903. At Court House, Emporium, Pa., Dec. 14, 1904.

M. E. Sunday School.

At a meeting of the Sunday School board held in the Epworth League rooms of the church on Tuesday evening, the following officers and teachers were elected for the year 1905:

S. S. Superintendent,..... T. B. Lloyd
Ass't. S. S. Supt.,..... J. P. McNarney
Secretary,..... W. F. Lloyd
Recording Secretary,..... Maud Steek
Treasurer,..... L. K. Huntington
Missionary Treas.,..... Mrs. F. P. Strayer
Librarians,

H. O. Haupt,
A. F. Andrews,
Thos. Welsh,
Linn Strayer,
Claud Rentz,
Supt. Primary Dep't,

Mrs. Geo. Metzger, Jr
Assistants to Primary Dep't,
Myrtle Shaffer,
Mrs. Chas. Diehl

ORCHESTRA.

Pianist,..... Miss Myrtle Lloyd
Cornet,..... J. A. Johnston
Trombone,..... Wm. Knickerbocker
Flute,..... Fred Heilman

Substitute teachers for ensuing year

Mabel Halderman,
Miss Ling,
Miss Horton,
Mrs. F. P. Rentz,
Miss Blanch Ludlam,
Mrs. J. P. McNarney.

Regular Teachers

L. K. Huntington,
Rev. O. S. Metzler,
Mrs. M. M. Larrabee,
Prof. E. S. Ling,
F. P. Strayer,
Mrs. Jno. Othmer,
Mrs. H. O. Haupt,
Mrs. F. P. Strayer,
Mrs. A. C. Blum,
Mrs. Geo. Van Wert,
Marian Larrabee,
Mrs. H. S. Lloyd,
Lillian Heilman.

Missionary collection, first Sunday each month. Collection support of the gospel, last Sunday January.

Photographs for Christmas presents at Bair's studio don't wait until it is too late.

Handkerchief Sale.

Mrs. Lizzie Hinkle's Sunday school class will commence a handkerchief and apron sale at her rooms in Odd Fellows Block, on Monday afternoon and evening, Dec. 19. The patronage of the public solicited.

Coxy's Army Got off the Grass.
A bowling match was "pulled off" Monday night between the first team and Coxy's Army. Great excitement prevailed during the entire match but the first team were too many for Coxy's Army, the former winning by 147 pins.

Prominent Masons.

The following Cameron county Masonic brethren are in attendance at the session of Pennsylvania Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, this week: J. H. Baird, C. A. Council, Driftwood Lodge; Dr. S. S. Smith, Jos. J. Lingle, E. W. Gaskill, Jos. Kaye, Emporium Lodge.

Frenzied Finance.

Dr. Chadwick, the husband of the woman who is so prominent in print these days, is a nephew of the late Francis J. Chadwick, and often visited his relatives in Cameron county. The old girl is certainly playing "frenzied finance" for all there is in it. She must be a brack.

J. R. Fetter Improves.

The PRESS is in receipt of a letter from Philadelphia Medi-Chirurgical Hospital informing us that our friend Jas. R. Fetter, whose left foot was recently amputated four inches above the ankle, was doing nicely and would soon be able to start for home. This is pleasant news, not only to his family but to his host of friends.

Wide Awake.

Just glance over the columns of the PRESS and note who are the wide-awake merchants. They are prospering and believing in the judicious use of printers ink are not afraid to let the public know "where they are at." Those days when you could do a prospering business without advertising have gone to the woods. The people look for it, expect it and go to the man who invites them.

To Locate in Emporium.

Dr. F. M. Zelle who has been passing a couple of weeks here, has decided to locate at Emporium, has secured good office rooms there in the Crane Block and will commence business just as soon as his office equipment arrives, probably about December 11th. Mr. Zelle is a dental surgeon of a dozen years experience, and comes from the city to locate in Western Pennsylvania on account of his health. He is a graduate of New York Dental College, was a post graduate of the Haspell Dental school of Chicago last winter, and has a practical experience under some of the best surgeons in the business. Besides this he's a good citizen. Those who know him here and at his home in Cohoes, N. Y., are looking for his success at Emporium.—Port Allegany Reporter.

Destructive Fire.

Last Monday morning about 2:30 o'clock, the Compressor plant, located on the hill, near Brady drift, just above the coke ovens, was totally destroyed by fire. The plant had just been completed, and intended commencing work on Tuesday on the new drift, at a great cost and the delay will be an expensive one to Mr. Brady. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Mining Engineer Pultz and Supt. Kennan are hustling up the new plant. Geo. Lynch, the night watchman, lost a new suit of clothes and \$25.00 in the fire.

Leap Year Party.

A committee of Emporium ladies have issued invitations for a Leap Year Ball and Reception, to be held at the opera house, Thursday evening, Dec. 15th. The ladies are working hard to make the occasion one of pleasure. McBride's orchestra, of St. Marys, has been engaged for the occasion.

A Hot Time.

We understand there was a "hot time" at Emporium tannery, Monday night, between some of the men and several Italians. Supt. Eick soon put a stop to the fracas, in no uncertain manner, when he appeared on the scene.

See the large assortment of photographs in Bair's studio window. Have some like them of yourself. They make fine Christmas presents, from \$1.50 to \$6.00 per dozen. Where can you get so many fine presents for so small an amount.

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