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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 7th, 1905.

Editor Press:—
For the first time probably in the history of public charities has the President of the United States interested himself personally and officially in their conduct. This record was made by President Roosevelt yesterday when he attended an important conference at the White House with Speaker Cannon, Senator Allison, Representative McCleary and members of the District Board of Charities and discussed with them the control of the local charities. The system of public charities in the District of Columbia is one of the most efficient in the country but many of its best advisers have considered that it was weakened by the fact that the entire control of all the local charities is not vested in the board of Charities under the direction of the District Commissioners and that purely private charities are subsidized by Congress instead of being paid under contract for such work as is done by them for the District charities proper. The quarrel is of course a local affair but the question of the proper administration of municipal charities is one in which every city is interested and the attention given it by the President indicates that he will be eager to establish a precedent that will be of assistance in the government of charitable institutions and societies throughout the country.

Visitors to the President these days who are inclined to advise him about appointments of themselves or their near friends to positions or offices are apt to receive rather scant attention. The President by his declaration through Mr. Cortelyou that he had no political debts to pay has cleared himself of a pitiless nagging system and he evidently means to enjoy himself to the utmost now that he is relieved of it. He has never had any patience with the oleaginous statesmen who whispered secrets in his ear and his clear and carrying voice was the terror of all who wanted to engage him in private, corner interviews, but now he has even freer range for his candor and he tells his visitors without evasion that he selects his advisors as well as his appointees. A Marshall of Eastern Virginia called on him a day or two ago and advised an appointment. Before he had finished his story the President informed him that office holders would not be considered as advisors, nor would they be allowed the distribution of patronage.

When it was announced that Mr. Rockhill would be appointed minister to China and his position as Director of South American Republics thereby would be vacated there was a rush to the President with favorite candidates for the place. He was very courteous but his answer was unmistakable. He would, he said, appoint to the Directorship a man of his own selection. It is supposed that Chas. M. Pepper, a young newspaper man, whom he has had under scrutiny for three years, will get the place to which attaches a salary of \$5000 (?), and a social position of considerable prestige.

Literary Society.

At a special meeting of the Star Literary Society of the High School, Friday, January 6th, the following officers were elected for the remainder of the school year: President, Edna Auchu; Vice President, Marion Reutz; Secretary, Lee Felt; Treasurer, Raymond Cook; Pianist, Ida Seger; Librarian, Kathryn Hogan; Executive Committee, Lena Ritchie, Ethel Day and Julia Hogan; Critic, Prof. Ling.

LEE W. FELT, Sec'y.

The Observer.

Some months have elapsed since the opening of the subway tavern in New York city, but it is too soon yet to expect any trustworthy report of its practical working. The Observer has his misgivings regarding the practical success of the experiment, but he has the fullest confidence in the goodness and integrity of the motives of those responsible for its inception. A short time ago a friend of the Observer spoke in terms of severe denunciation of those who inaugurated or countenanced this experiment. "A bishop," he said, who has anything to do with that sort of business ought to stop being a bishop." Many others have said words to the same effect, and in reply to them all the Observer would respectfully say a few words.

Unless one is committed to an uncompromising prohibition attitude, he must recognize that the saloon is a proper subject for regulation, and also that there is a legitimate place for honest difference of opinion as to the best methods to be used in dealing with the evils of the saloon. When men of well-known philanthropic character inaugurate a social experiment, they are entitled to the charitable presumption that they are acting from disinterested and upright motives. Yet the management and sponsors of the Subway tavern have been assailed and denounced as though they were diabolically seeking to encourage drunkenness and to drag down as many lives to death as possible. Whatever one may think of the soundness of their judgment, does not common honesty and fairness demand that we should refrain from attributing to them evil motives? Their professed aim is to improve, not to lower, social conditions, to diminish, not to increase drunkenness. What right have we to question the sincerity of this profession.

All will agree that the evil of the saloon is greatly aggravated by certain attendant conditions. For instance, there is the desire for gain on the part of the saloon keeper. He is in his business for what he can get out of it. It is to the interest of his till to encourage his patrons to buy as many drinks as possible. The saloon evil would be very much less than it actually is, were the saloon keeper's desire for gain to be eliminated as a factor in the situation. Another very serious aggravation of the saloon evil is the prevalent custom of treating. Could this custom be abolished, the number of cases of drunkenness would probably be reduced one half. Still another aggravation of the evil of the saloon is the adulteration of liquors. If only unadulterated liquors were sold the ill effects upon body and mind would not be half so great as in the case when the adulterated stuff sold for whiskey is consumed. Also, if the law against the sale of liquor to habitual drunkards and to minors honestly observed, still another gross aggravation of the saloon evil would be removed.

The gentlemen responsible for the Subway tavern believe that if all the saloons in New York City could be shorn of these and some other attendant evils, the social and moral condition of the city would be greatly improved. It is their hope that from the small beginning which they have inaugurated, will come ultimately the elimination of these attendant evils from all the saloons of the city. Whether or not this hope will be realized, we do not know. If their hope should be realized, we must all acknowledge that the result would be a long step in the right direction. If the experiment should fail, as perhaps it may, those who inaugurated it will at least have the reward of knowing that they bravely, at the risk of bitter misrepresentation, did their duty, as it was given them to see their duty, and honestly tried to do something practical to solve a problem that is grievously perplexing the best and wisest of men. Can all those who have reviled them and uncharitably impugned their motives, say as much for themselves?

Valuable Farm For Sale.

A good large farm for sale; 196 acres, of which, 150 are under cultivation. Buildings are in fair condition. Always plenty of water, within one-half mile of two large brick plants. Excellent market within two miles. All the stock and farming and dairy implements will be sold with farm. For terms etc., inquire of

MATT. PHOENIX,
Cameron, Pa.

A Pennsylvania Boy With Keystone Tools.

Wm. Gentry, of Sterling Run, located in Idaho some years ago. We notice by the Coeur de Alene paper that he has turned his attention to supplying that country with water. The paper says: "Last Monday Sullivan & Gentry received from the Keystone Manufacturing company of Beaver, Pa., one of their No. 5 well drillers.

It is claimed that with this machine there will be no question of the ability to get water anywhere on the prairie. In fact Messrs. Sullivan & Gentry are so assured of this fact that they are willing to make all contracts for putting down wells contingent upon getting water. In other words they guarantee to get water or no pay. The machine is the largest size traction drill manufactured by the company. It is run by a fourteen horse power engine, and is capable of sinking a well one thousand feet deep. They have several sizes of drills from four inches in diameter up to twelve and the size of the hole will depend upon the probable depth of the well and the kind of soil through which it passes. In drilling a well an iron casing will be sunk with the shaft as the well progresses and will remain in the well when completed.

One difficulty that has been experienced in trying to sink wells in this vicinity has risen from the fact that boulders were encountered that it was impossible to drill through. It is proposed to remedy this by using dynamite or nitroglycerine to remove any obstacle that may be encountered. In order to do this the casing will be drawn up a few feet to be out of reach of the explosion.

Messrs. Sullivan & Gentry have gone to considerable expense, the driller as it now stands having cost about three thousand dollars, but they have no doubt but what the benefits that the farmers will derive from having water on their ranches will be so great that they will find no difficulty in securing all of the work that they can do."

Miss Bob White Coming.

Although Willard Spenser has written three successful operas, and has composed the musical scores as well, it is his latest work, "Miss Bob White" which will cause his name to reverberate through the avenues of fame. "The Little Tycoon" was a success; in "Princess Bonnie" he showed progress, but in "Miss Bob White" the author composer has demonstrated a seasoned, ripened familiarity with the technique of composition and an ability to dovetail his material as much more comprehensively than he at once places himself in the front rank of operatic composers and at the same time commands a dignified position among librettists. It is therefore small wonder that "Miss Bob White" achieved a run of a hundred performances in Philadelphia, at once placing itself in the foremost rank of the year's successes. Far and away beyond its intrinsic merit either as a play or as an opera, stands out boldly its prime claim for consideration, and that quality is its absolute cleanliness, not only in theme and delineation but in its very conception. It is an opera with a large chorus numerically, both male and female, yet it boasts not of one pair of tights. There is not one innuendo, not one double entendre, not one reference that is not absolutely pure and clean. It is men like Willard Spenser who elevate the stage for he demonstrates beyond question that an opera can be both entertaining and meritorious as well as successful and at the same time not depend upon vulgarity of dress, speech or reference. Messrs. Nixon & Zimmerman have fairly lavished money on the scenic and costume environment of "Miss Bob White" and it stands to-day as one of the most elaborate productions ever offered on the American Stage. In casting it, they have been no less generous and among the eighty people comprising the company may be mentioned Frank Deshon, J. L. McClure, Edward Baker, Donald Archer, Nye V. McIshaw, Jim McClure, Cecelia Rhoda, Alice Kraft Benson, Zillah Harris, Harriet Trainor, Georgia Campbell, Sudie Talmage, and others. The opera was staged by Ben. Teal and A. M. Holbrook and Howard Cooke, directs the orchestra, the bulk of which is carried by the organization in order to secure a proper rendition of the musical score. This engagement here takes place on Tuesday Evening, Feb. 28th. As soon as the diagram is opened to the public all should secure seats. From the outlook every theatre goer in the county will see and hear "Miss Bob White." Seats will be reserved for out of town patrons, upon application being made early.

Musical Entertainment.

Miss Eva Smith, of Jacksonville, N. Y., a blind girl, will give a musical and literary entertainment at the court house, this (Thursday) evening. Admission, 25c; children, 10c.

F. O. E. Aerie Installation.

Emporium Aerie F. O. E., will be installed on Tuesday evening, Jan. 17th, 1905, at Opera House. St. Marys Degree Team will put on the work with a full team of goats. After the installation a Banquet will be served.

Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute will be held at the Court House, in Emporium, February 6th and 7th. It is hoped our farmers will all turn out and make this meeting a success in every way. We will give full particulars later.

Ovide Musin, Jan. 23d.

Ovide Musin, Violinist to the King of Belgium, and his company of artists, will give the fourth number in the People's Star Course, Monday evening, Jan. 23rd. This will be one of the chief musical events in the history of the town. The Musin Company is one of the most expensive now on tour, its bookings extending to the Pacific Coast and including most of the large cities. Emporium is fortunate to have secured these artists.

Maccabee Installation and Banquet.

Emporium Tent will install their officers on Friday evening of this week. After installation they will eat oysters and other good things, gotten up in Caterer Pearsall's best style. All members of the Tent, as well as all resident Maccabees of other Tents, are requested to be present and assist in the work and eat. Both Jake Huffman and ye editor will be on hand early and stay late.

Election of G. A. R. Officers.

The following is a list of the officers of Lieut. D. W. Taggart Post, No. 241, Dept. of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., to be installed Jan 14th, 1905:

Commander, J. R. Batchelder; Sr. Vice Commander, M. M. Larrabee; Jr. Vice Commander, Andrew J. Bells; Surgeon, A. O. Swartwood; Chaplain, Gerge B. Barclay; Quartermaster, J. O. Brookbank; Adjutant, M. Blodgett; Officer of the Day, A. Chapman; Officer of the Guard, Joshua Bair; S. M., A. Chapman; Q. M., L. Taggart. Representative to State Encampment, Charles F. Barclay; Alternate, J. O. Brookbank.

Pennsylvania State College News Items.

The annual report of the Experiment Station for the year 1902-3 has been much delayed in publication, but is now being distributed. It contains the annual report of Director upon the work of the year and the more detailed reports of the Division of Agricultural Chemistry, Agriculture, Animal Nutrition and Horticulture. Of matters of general interest may be noted a report upon the growth of sugar beets in the northern tier of counties, an experiment upon the value of shelter for fattening steers, investigations upon the production and use of green forage crops for dairy cows, an experiment upon the cultivation of ginseng, and variety tests of farm crops and of small fruits. The number of annual reports printed by the State is limited, but as long as the supply lasts they will be sent free of charge to all citizens of the State who request it.

The working model of the Respiration Calorimeter which was exhibited in the Collective Experiment Station Exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition was awarded a Grand Prize. A gold medal was awarded to the collective exhibit illustrating investigations in Animal Nutrition prepared under the supervision of the Director of the Station. Two silver medals were also awarded to the Department of Chemistry of the College for a collection of chemical materials and of chemical apparatus respectively, while the Division of Agricultural Chemistry of the Station received a bronze medal for preparations of pentosans from timothy hay.

Wanted.

Have you timber tract for sale? Any kind, light or heavy, hard or soft, I wish to buy. When you write give full particulars.

S. J. DRUMHELLER,
Danielsville, Pa.

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.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

BEERS.

MRS. CORDELIA BEERS, aged 24 years, died, at Emporia, Fla., of consumption, on January 7th, the funeral being held on Monday. The deceased visited in Emporium some months ago, then being in very feeble condition. She leaves a husband and two small children, besides her uncle and aunt—Dr. and Mrs. DeLong—to mourn her death.

FARLEY.

The death of MRS. CARRIE FARLEY, wife of A. R. Farley, an employee of C. B. Howard Co., last Friday afternoon, after an illness of a few days is a serious blow to the husband and four small children who survive her. Mrs. Farley was 34 years of age. Funeral services were held at the late residence, East Fifth St., Sunday afternoon by the Rev. O. S. Metzler, assisted by Rev. Robt. McCaslin.

MCCONNELL.

MRS. SARAH JANE MCCONNELL, aged 66 years, wife of Warren McConnell, died at this place last Saturday. The funeral took place from their late residence in Tullis block, last Tuesday afternoon. Rev. O. S. Metzler, pastor of M. E. Church officiated, assisted by Rev. J. A. Sypher, of Emporium Circuit. Deceased has been an invalid for many years and a great sufferer. Her devoted husband has been faithful in the discharge of his duties. While the dead lady was a stranger to most of our people, having lately moved to Emporium from Ridgway, yet the large attendance of old neighbors from Cameron, where she formerly resided, speaks louder than words. The following relatives were in attendance at the funeral:

Mr. Geo. Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Maher, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Maher, Benetzette; Mr. Walter Lininger, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McConnell, Ridgway; Wm. McConnell, East Liverpool, O.

Daniel Britton in Jail.

Daniel Britton, for many years a resident of this county was arrested last Tuesday by Sheriff Hemphill, assisted by Chief of Police Frank Mundy. The prisoner was taken before Esq. Larrabee and in default of \$500 bail was committed to jail. He is charged with firing a pistol at Tax Collector Potter who accompanied a number of men to Britton's barn, on Britton Hill, to deliver to S. S. Hicks some hay sold for taxes. They found Britton in the barn threatening any person who attempted to enter. One shot was fired. Sheriff Hemphill and Chief Mundy pried the door open sufficiently to allow the Sheriff to squeeze through. They found one revolver and hammer in Britton's pockets. The case will be tried at next term of court, when no doubt all the facts of the case will be as plain as day.

A Correction.

MR. EDITOR: The PRESS was in error last week, when it said that assessor Butler reported 26 more births than last year in the West ward. Last year there was 22 births and this year 26, which was a good number, considering that some of our residents failed to supply their usual quota. Had there been 16 more than last year, it would make 48 births in the West Ward alone. Now, if Mr. Blumle's bill had passed some of our friends would certainly be entitled to a pension. Of course our esteemed editor would not be a beneficiary.

Crescent Literary Society.

At the re-organization of the "Crescent Literary Society," Feiday, Jan. 6th, 1905. Prof. Ling acting as chairman, the following officers were elected: President, Ida Hertig; Vice President, Christie McDonald; Sec'y, Bessie McQuay; Treasurer, Max Balcom; Pianist, Anna Welsh; Librarian, Thomas Cummings; Executive Committee, Myrtle Lloyd, Jane Glenn, Vera Geary; Critic, Miss Ramsey, BESSIE MCQUAY, Sec'y.

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., January 13th and 14th. 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.

For Sale or Rent.

The Sterling House, at Sterling Run, Pa., for sale or rent, with license, to right party. No letters answered.

MRS. P. MAHONEY.

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

Shippen Primary Election.

The Republican Primary Election of Shippen township, will be held at the Court House, Saturday, Jan. 28th, between two and four o'clock.

All candidates must file their names not later than Jan. 18th, at the PRESS office, in order to get their names on the official ballot.

MARCUS TAYLOR,
W. L. THOMAS,
Committee.

Emporium Primaries.

The Republican Primaries will be held at the usual places, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. The Borough Caucus will convene at City Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 30th.

COMMITTEE.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Elk tanning company is at present filling an order for 250,000 sides of sole leather for the Japanese government. It will require 216 cars, containing 15,000 sides each to transport the leather to the Pacific coast.

"Boys are not what they used to be," remarked the old merchant. "The first ten years I was in business I hired seven office boys, and five of them grew up with the business and are with me yet. In the past year I engaged eight boys and only one of them is here now, and he is married for early departure to the outside. What is the matter with them? Restlessness, laziness, late arrivals in the morning, a desire to advance wages and decrease labor and cigarettes."—Exchange.

Little Susie Talmage, only as big as an undergrown peanut, but with a rich soprano voice that vibrates and delivers forth the pleasantest sound waves imaginable, will be the charming Little Golden Rod of the Miss Bob White which will be seen at the Emporium Opera House on Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th. She is only a child of sixteen years, and has been dubbed by Willard Spenser, the original author of the comedy opera as "The Girl With the Voice."

The Grand Army of the Republic and W. R. C., will hold a joint installation of officers Saturday evening, Jan. 14, at Seger's hall. All veterans and their families also husbands of Relief Corps ladies are cordially invited to be present. A short program, musically and literarily has been prepared by sons and daughters of veterans. After which light refreshments will be served. By order of Post Commander, ELI C. DAVY,

ALMERON CHAPMAN, Adgt.

After a careful perusal of the number of musical comedies chasing each other as it were, for financial and artistic glory, it is remarkable how so many exist, let alone proving profitable to their promoters. Of course there are exceptions to this rule and when we see a really meritorious work, we wish for another title under which to classify the now much abused musical comedy. Willard Spenser, the genial author of "Miss Bob White", which opera for good substantial story and remarkably clever, delightful music carries the palm of New Era production has anticipated our idea and has classified his latest work which will be seen at Emporium Opera House, Feb. 28th, as a comedy opera and for which he has our thanks "Miss Bob White" is a vocal gem, magnificently produced by Messrs. Nixon & Zimmerman, now the King-pins of musical entertainments in this country.

Missionary Sunday in Emmanuel Church.

Next Sunday, January 15th, will be observed as Missionary Sunday throughout the Protestant Episcopal Church. The offering in Emmanuel Church will be for General Missions to apply on our Parish apportionment, which is approximately \$100. Special envelopes will be distributed before Sunday to the members of the Parish. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.

WANTED—Girls to learn pants making. We will pay new beginners \$3.00 per week while they learn. Experienced hands are earning \$7.00 to \$9.00 per week. Address, Lyncoming Pants Co., Williamsport, Pa.