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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Jan. 28th, 1905.

Hon. Champ Clark a member of Congress from Missouri, selected a more popular theme for his wit in the advocacy of higher pay for the school teachers of the District of Columbia than he frequently has the fortune to exploit. There are few men or women in the United States remembering their own school day who do not believe the teachers who drilled knowledge into their heads were entitled to higher pay than they got, and of that great army who have been school teachers not a dissenting voice to the teachers' right to higher pay could be found. Camp Clark himself belongs to this army and in language vivid if not Addisonian he described to the House of Representatives his experience and opinions. He informed Congress and the country that he was a teacher at fifteen and the President of a college at twenty three years of age. If Macaulay were still alive he might add Champ Clarke to the list of his "warnings to the eminent and consolations to the obscure" with the explanation, Bryan and Bonaparte were scarcely in it with Mr. Clarke for they were twenty-four and twenty-five respectively when they had achieved fame while Mr. Clarke was president of a college at twenty-three. Inasmuch as Mr. Clarke was president only one year it may be presumed that the college saw in time the injustice it was doing the nation in keeping him out of politics. The school m'arms did not get the increase of salary demanded but they had saved money enough to buy bouquets for Mr. Clarke and his desk at the Capitol was covered with their tributes of appreciation.

President Roosevelt continues to make speeches and write letters to everybody and on every subject. It is almost marvelous that any man can talk and write so much and make so few breaks. A deputation of Episcopal bishops charged with anti-divorce thunder called on him yesterday and he told them in substance that he was with them in everything that tended to the promotion of family ties and home stabilities and large families. The President has been twice married and is the father of six children, so that doubtless he feels equipped to have a heart to heart talk with the nation on its marital affairs whenever the opportunity presents. The Washington clergyman who said that while he was an ardent admirer of the President he could wish that Roosevelt was not so bent on being the "Father of us all" is probably not surprised to find him expressing himself on the divorce problem. Having undertaken to adjust strikes, trusts, railroads, the tariff, the navy, the currency and the size of our families he probably regards divorce question as "dead easy" but as a Senator said: "The man who is competent to talk about divorce is the man who has procured a divorce or tried and failed, and a happily married man has no more right to dictate divorce laws than bachelors have to make rules for the care of babies." Whether this is logical or not is different to say but the Bishops regard the work of securing the President as an accomplishment in virtue of the most important accomplishment in their conference here.

Two Farms for Sale.

The undersigned offers for sale two farms, adjoining each other, on Moore Hill, containing about 140 acres, one acre improved. Good houses, out-buildings and bearing orchards. For terms apply to D. A. SKINNER, Emporium, Pa.

An Open Letter to Our Friends in Shippen Township.

In all candor and good will, allow me to call your attention to the 34th verse of the 107th Psalm, in which King David says: "A fruitful land maketh He barren for the wickedness of them that dwell therein." This does not mean that God has a spite against the people of a fruitful land but it means that when people become intemperate and throw away their manhood they will in a short time ruin the best town and the community, for no land can be or stay any better than the people who live there. It is a credit to your Township to have so many citizens attend the primaries. It is also a credit to you to have every man feel that he has an equal right and chance to run for office but the drunkenness at your caucus last Saturday was a disgrace to any American community. You are all good hearted people and there was no quarreling nor fighting and very little bad language but the people from all over the county, who were attending the school directors institute as well as strangers from other parts of the state were surprised and sorry to witness the sad state of affairs, especially at a time when you were met to exercise the most sacred right of citizenship. I trust you will find a way to remedy the matter and that it will never occur again.

Most sincerely yours,
JOSHUA HOWARD.

Margaret Mellin, Irene McFadden, Bessie Edwards, called at PRESS sanctum on Friday.

Harry English Dead.

Harry English, formerly noted for his physical strength and his ability in various lines, but who for about 15 years has been an invalid at the poor house near Smethport, died at that institution last Friday. English was formerly a blacksmith in Bradford. This was in the early lumbering days, before oil added life and gaiety to the town's affairs. The man was fond of adventure and took liberties, on frequent occasions, with the law. He is said to have forged checks and done other acts unbecoming to a law-abiding citizen. While a fugitive from justice in a neighboring county, he shot and killed a constable. But on the plea of self-defense he escaped the hangman's noose. He figured in various other stirring incidents, but failing health finally put an end to his escapades. Having no home or friends to turn to in his adversity, he sought an abiding place at Smethport in the county almshouse. Paralysis caused him to become quite helpless. He had to wheel himself about in an invalid's chair and for a long time patiently awaited the end of his career. He was a bright man mentally, but in order to deaden the pain from which he incessantly suffered he became a confined victim of the morphine habit. The doses of the drug which he took daily were large enough, it is said, to kill an ordinary man. But the vitality which remained in him, even after he had lost the use of his legs, was remarkable.

While the name of Harry English was a terror in McKean and adjoining counties 25 years ago, he nevertheless held the close friendship of many people who knew him personally. There were certain qualities about him that were not unattractive to the sturdy woodsmen who formerly lived in this vicinity.—Bradford Era, Jan'y 23.

A Good Day's Work.

The Cameron Lumber Co.'s crew, No. 1 did an unusually good day's work on Monday, Jan. 30th, loading 51 cars, on which were 711 logs, estimated containing 170,000 feet of lumber, in six hours and 59 minutes. The crew consisted of Conductor Yocum, Engineman McCracken, Trainman Sullivan, Fireman Dinny, John Montgomery loderman, Wm. Wykoff and Wm. Nunn, long hooks. Ed Brink did the scaling, while J. C. Skillman kept strict account of the time consumed. A box of fine Havana cigars were presented to the crew by Supt. Probst.

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. 38ft

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, 1905.

School Directors' Convention.

The second annual convention of School Directors of Cameron county convened at Emporium, last Saturday, at eleven o'clock, a. m., Mr. L. K. Huntington presiding. The roll call for first session showed the following present: Emporium—L. K. Huntington, William H. Howard, Bernard Egan, R. R. McQuay, A. F. Andrews, J. P. McNarney. Lumber—Eugene Devling. Shippen—Frederick Zimmer.

Session opened with a song by Emporium High School, followed by prayer by Rev. R. McCaslin, of First Presbyterian Church, Emporium.

The first subject for discussion, "Our Public Schools," was opened by Mayor William H. Howard.

After more singing by High School, "The Duty and Influence of School Directors" was discussed by Hon. I. K. Hockley, after which the morning session adjourned until 1:15 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Piano solo, by Prof. A. D. Ericsson. Roll call, the following Directors being in attendance:

Driftwood—Hon. John McDonald, Dr. V. K. Corbett, Patrick O'Connor, S. P. Kreider, J. O. Brookbank.

Emporium—L. K. Huntington, William H. Howard, Bernard Egan, R. R. McQuay, A. F. Andrews, J. P. McNarney.

Gibson—Byron J. Collins. Grove—Frank L. Miller. Lumber—Eugene Devling, S. S. Hicks.

Portage—Frederick Zimmer, Marcus Wright, Delbert Towner.

Prof. B. Griffith, of Lock Haven Normal School, discussed at some length, "To what extent should the course of study in the public schools prepare for College?"

Violin solo by Miss Grace Walker. "Compulsory Education," was then discussed by Prof. Lose, Supt. of Williamsport, Pa. Solo by Prof. Griffith.

The election of officers for ensuing year being in order, Mr. L. K. Huntington was elected President and Mr. J. P. McNarney, Secretary.

On motion Hon. John McDonald of Driftwood, and W. H. Howard Emporium, were elected delegates to the Directors State Convention. On motion, our Representative be requested to endeavor to have the law amended, providing compensation for attending convention.

On motion of Mr. W. H. Howard, it was resolved to appoint a committee to draft resolutions to be presented to the Legislature, asking for a change in method of distributing state appropriation. The Chair appointed Messrs. Howard, McDonald and McNarney. Adjourned.

Borough and Ward Nominations.

The Republican delegates from the several wards met at City Hall Monday evening and placed the following excellent ticket in the field:

Constable and Collector, William Hackenberg; Poor Master, John W. Kriner; Auditor, A. P. Van Gelder; High Constable, A. O. Swartwood.

The Democrats met the same evening and placed C. W. Shaffer in nomination for Constable and Collector, after which they endorsed the remainder of the Republican ticket.

WEST WARD.

Republican—Councilmen, Geo. J. LaBar, 3 yrs., C. L. Butler, 2 yrs.; School Director, R. R. McQuay.

Democratic—M. T. Hogan and A. H. Shafer, Councilmen; Jos. J. Lingle, School Director.

MIDDLE WARD.

Republican—Councilman, Wm. H. Cramer; Constable, Harry Hemphill. Democratic—Councilman, Sylvester McDonough; Constable, Wm. Snyder.

EAST WARD.

Republican—Councilman, Allen Baldwin; School Director, L. K. Huntington; Constable, Chas. Fisher. Democratic—Councilman, David Wheaton; School Director, John Glenn; Constable.

Bowling Match.

The Railroad and Furnace Bowling Teams pulled off another match game last Friday evening, with the following score:

P. R. R.			
Good,	170	157	208—535
D. Welsh,	158	148	133—139
Gallagher,	154	142	142—438
Hemphill,	199	168	191—558
McCarthy,	157	181	159—497
Jordan,	125	139	161—415
	963	935	984 2882
FURNACE.			
Weisman,	131	136	142—409
White,	133	211	98—442
Overturf,	154	155	180—489
A. Brady,	146	201	157—504
Wright,	155	172	123—450
McDonough,	131	137	140—408
	850	1012	840 2702

Farmers.

Come to your Institutes to be held at Mitchell's Opera House, in Driftwood on Saturday, February 4th, and at the Court House in Emporium, Pa., on Monday and Tuesday, February 6th and 7th., and learn something about raising hogs for profit, feeding a dairy cow, culture of corn, how to cure clover, sunshine, silos, care of barnyards and manure, our animal friends, taxation and how it affects the farmer, soiling and soiling crops, principles of feeding, education for your boys and girls, importance of nature's studies in public schools, how best to keep the boys on the farm, fodder corn, poultry, commercial fertilizers, producing grass and making hay, your cow and how to make her profitable, how to renovate an impoverished farm, the smallest but most useful implement, and hygiene of the home.

All these things will be told you at the Institutes at the time and place as shown on the program sent you, by people who know about them and have gained their knowledge by actual practice, hard work and disappointments on the farm. Who they are and what they have done, you can learn from the local papers published in the county last week.

Many other subjects will be talked over, and if there is any subject regarding the farm and farming you wish to know about, come to these meetings and ask about them, and no doubt, some one will be present to give you information on the point.

Music will be furnished to rest you, as it were, between the acts. No one's brains can stand continual hammering and drinking, but must like the body, be rested every once in a while, so we are going to have music, and good music, between the talks.

We propose to give attendance prizes of a barrel of flour, half a barrel of flour, a ham and a pig, as usual at the Emporium meetings, and this year, we will do the same at the Driftwood meeting.

So all of you come, both great and small, and bring as many of your friends along, whether they are farmers or not. Don't think you know it all and cannot learn anything. Remember Nathaniel of old, and do as he did "come and see."

Yours truly,
W. H. HOWARD,
Chairman of County Institutes.
Emporium, Pa., Feb. 1st, 1905.

Electric Light Expense.

MR. EDITOR:—For some reason, unknown to anyone, but themselves, a few, by falsifying the facts, are trying to create the impression on the public mind that the tax payers of Emporium are paying \$12,000 per year for the maintenance of our electric light plant.

This erroneous idea so impressed the mind of the Independent that it, with others, lately expressed the hope that the Borough would contract with the Iron Company to furnish the light for \$1,500.00 per year, consequently necessitating the shutting down of our Borough plant and allowing it to sink into rust and decay. Why they should so desire is certainly a mystery, when our electric light account shows that the Borough is keeping the plant in good repair and doing the work for much less money. Mr. C. J. Goodnough, Secretary of Council, who keeps the electric light accounts, informs me that the total construction and operating expense of the plant for the ten months ending Dec. 31st, 1904, is \$1,218.92. Now, deduct from this amount \$15.00 per month for ten months' income from three railroad lamps, \$150.00, and \$20 from other outside lighting, (making a total of \$170) from the \$1,218.92 leaves the total construction and operating expense for 37 arc lights for ten months of \$1,048.92, or in other words costing the Borough \$34 per arc light per year. It is certainly with pardonable pride and pleasure that we compare this expense per light with the cost of the same service in sixty cities, as published in the North American, of recent date, in which the lowest cost was \$60 per light—the highest being \$148 per light.

Very Resp'y,
C. G. CATLIN.
Emporium, Pa., Feb. 1, '05.

Judge Kaul's funeral.

Hon. Andrew Kaul's funeral, an announcement of the death appearing in our last issue, took place at St. Marys last Saturday morning, it being the largest attended in the history of Elk county. Many of Cameron county people attended Judge Kaul being closely allied with the business and political interests of this county.

Emmanuel Church.

Celebration of the Holy Communion next Sunday at half past ten o'clock.

Observer.

Sometimes we have to go out of town in order to learn what is going on at home. The things that we learn may be true, or they may not be. The Observer recently spent a day or two in one of our thriving neighbor towns, and while there was informed that a project is on foot to have our borough electric light plant transferred to a private management. The Observer expressed his surprise, and also the hope that should such a change take place the new management may be in a position to offer a good incandescent service to our householders. The Observer's informant assured him that provision for such a service would certainly be made.

If the Observer's memory is not at fault, it was all carefully figured out to the citizens of Emporium in black and white, when it was first proposed to establish a municipal electric plant, that the borough would save money on its lighting, and also earn a tidy penny through the sale of incandescent service to private parties. For some reason this promise has not been fulfilled. The eggs from which it was hoped that many chickens would be hatched appear to have been stale. It is now four years since the municipal electric plant was installed, but to-day there is not a single incandescent light in the borough. Our streets are well lighted, it is true, by our fine equipment of arc lights, but the tax-payers know to their cost that the luxury is and expensive one.

At a time when the trend throughout the country is strongly towards the municipal ownership of certain public utilities, it is humiliating to have our borough go on record as having made a financial failure of its electric plant. Professor Bemis of the University of Chicago, obtaining data from several hundred plants, public and private, and grouping them according to number of lamps, candle power, hours burned and cost of fuel, found that in every group the average cost of private plants was more than that in public, even allowing for interest, depreciation and loss of taxes.

The mistake which the borough seems to have made was its failure to install a plant large enough to supply an incandescent service to private houses in addition to maintaining the street lights. Were the borough in a position to offer an incandescent service, or were any reliable private party to offer such a service, there would not be any dearth of customers. Several of our churches have been wired for electric lighting, one of them at a cost of four hundred dollars, as an earnest of their faith and hope that an incandescent service will one day be a reality. In point of cleanliness, healthfulness and convenience, electric lights are decidedly preferable to gas. Most people would surely be willing to pay a little more for the sake of the better service. Such a service we certainly ought to have, and it is a thousand pities that the borough plant has not been able to make good the promise that such a service should be offered. This failure has been hard upon those who would like to have such a service, and also upon the borough treasury through the loss of an income which it might just as well be having.

It seems to the Observer that the time is coming when the borough must either enlarge its plant, or else turn it over to a private management that will undertake to light the streets for a reasonable remuneration, and will offer to house holders an efficient incandescent service.

Since writing the foregoing paragraphs, the Observer has learned that the annual net cost to the borough of maintaining its street lights is \$34 per arc light. This represents a greater aggregate expense than the old system of gas torches, but when the vast superiority in light is considered, and when the cost per arc light is compared with the cost of electric light plants in other municipalities, we must conclude that we are getting our street lights at a very reasonable cost.

Hobo Sociable.

The Ladies of Emmanuel Parish are making elaborate preparations for the Hobo Sociable to take place at the Parish Building, Friday evening, Feb. 10th. All of our citizens who desire an evening of genuine fun should not fail to attend. It is expected that some of the notorious Hobos of the county will be in evidence and no doubt will capture the hand out offered for the best (?) dressed Hobo—lady or gent. The admission price will be 25c, which includes supper. Be sure you attend

WEATHER REPORT!
(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Fair and colder.
SATURDAY, Fair.
SUNDAY, Fair.

Farmers' Institute.

Program for the Farmers' Institute to be held in Mitchell's Opera House, at Driftwood, Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1905:

MORNING SESSION—10:30.
Prayer,..... Rev. G. W. Faus
Address of Welcome,..... G. W. Huntley, Jr
Response,..... L. W. Lighty
"Fodder Corn, Silo and Silage,"..... R. L. Beardslee
Question Box.
"Poultry: The Breed or the Feed,"..... T. E. Orr
General Discussion.
Adjourn.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30.
Question Box.
Music.
"Commercial Fertilizers,"..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
"The Five G's of Poultry Keeping,"..... T. E. Orr
Music, a song,..... Miss Frank Huntley
"Producing Grass and Making Hay,"..... R. L. Beardslee
"The Farmers' Cow: How to Make Her Profitable,"..... L. W. Lighty
General Discussion.
Music.
Adjourn.

EVENING SESSION—7:30.
Question Box.
Music.
"How to Renovate an Impoverished Farm,"..... R. L. Beardslee
Music, song,..... Miss Frank Huntley
"The Smallest but most useful Implement,"..... T. E. Orr
Music.
"Home Hygiene,"..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
Adjourn.
The music will be provided by Mrs. F. E. Richardson.

Program for the Farmers' Institute to be held at the Court House, in Emporium, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 6th and 7th, 1905. Opening session

MONDAY AFTERNOON—1:30.
Prayer.
Address of Welcome.
Response,..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
"Hogs for Profit,"..... Hon. A. J. Kahler
Question Box.
"Feeding The Dairy Cow,"..... L. W. Lighty
General Discussion.
Adjourn.

EVENING SESSION—7:30.
Music.
Question Box.
"Corn Culture,"..... Hon. A. J. Kahler
Music.
"The Clovers as Food, and How to Cure,"..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
Music.
"Sunshine,"..... L. W. Lighty
Music.
General Discussion.
Adjourn.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION—10:30.
Prayer.
Question Box.
"Silos: Experience and Practice,"..... L. W. Lighty
"Proper Care of Barnyard Manure,"..... Hon. A. J. Kahler
"Our Animal Friends: A Nature Study,"..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
General Discussion.
Adjourn.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1:30.
Question Box.
"Taxation and How it Affects the Farmer,"..... Hon. A. J. Kahler
"Soiling and Soiling Crops,"..... L. W. Lighty
"The Principles of Stock Feeding,"..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
General Discussion.
Adjourn.

EVENING SESSION—7:30.
Question Box.
Music.
"Education for Our Boys and Girls: What and How,"..... L. W. Lighty
Music.
"Importance of Nature Studies in the Public Schools, and Plant Life: A Nature Study,"..... Dr. I. A. Thayer
Music.
"How Best to Keep the Boys on the Farm,"..... Hon. A. J. Kahler
Music.
Adjourn.
The music will be provided by Miss Byrde Taggart.

The following is the musical program in charge of Miss Taggart:

MONDAY.
Vocal Solo,..... Miss Grace Lloy
Piano Solo,..... Miss Floss Taggart
Violin Solo,..... Mozie Gallagher
Vocal Solo,..... Byrde Taggart
TUESDAY.
Piano Solo,..... Miss Floss Taggart
Violin Solo,..... Miss Walker
Vocal Solo,..... Miss Huntley

New Location.

Misses B. E. & E. L. Ludlum have enlarged and fitted up in fine style the store room one door north of Johnson & McNarney's office and moved their business to that stand, where they are now ready to wait on their customers with a fine line of ladies millinery and fancy goods. Call and see how nicely they are situated.

Hurteau & Forbes.

Hurteau & Forbes are now located in their new store room in LaBar's block, especially fitted for their line of business and it is certainly a beautiful, showy store. Their rapidly increasing trade demanded more room and now they have room to grow. They are hustlers and are rapidly adding to their already large stock of goods.

A Fraternal Visit.

Jos. E. Lynch, foreman of the News and his able assistant, G. A. Mohr, of Renovo, were pleasant callers at the PRESS office Saturday. The latter gentleman evidently has an attraction here as he never lets a Saturday night pass without coming to town.