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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, May 13th, 1905.  
Editor Press:—  
By the splendid manliness of his reply to the striking teamsters, the absolute lack of anything suggestive of demagoguery, his insistence that the law must be preserved, and his assertion, made at the Iroquois Club of Chicago; that the State was behind Mayor Dunne and the Nation behind the State, the President has disarmed his enemies and made a giant stride toward the accomplishment of that legislation which he regards as essential to the proper control of the railroads of the country. He has left no opportunity for men to say that he is revolutionary, or that he is "playing the effect," and his recommendation must be received as the sincere belief of a man who is honest and fearless beyond all question. As there prevails considerable confusion regarding the reforms which the President hopes to effect and the evils he seeks to remedy, a somewhat detailed explanation of the situation seems appropriate for these letters particularly, as most of this information has been gained in personal conversations with the President himself.

There are two distinct evils which the President seeks to remedy. The greater is the absolute domination by individuals or corporations, or combinations of corporations, of the great highways of commerce, those ironed highways commonly called railroads. Only an exercise of the authority of the State (or government) makes possible the acquirement of rights of way and the condemnation of private property under the legal principle of eminent domain. When constructed these railroads constitute natural monopolies and only by the exercise of governmental regulation and supervision over these monopolies can they be prevented from working injustice to the people from whom they derive their right to exist. They are not private property, such as wages, bread or other commodities, as has been claimed by prominent railroad men. If they were the government could not properly seek to supervise and control them. Such supervision over private property would be socialism pure and simple. In essence the right of way of a railroad belongs to the people, can never properly become the property of an individual, and its administration is merely delegated to those who manage the railroad, always with the reserved right on the part of the government to exercise over it such regulation and supervision as may be necessary to protect the people's rights. The right to fix maximum rates for freight and passenger transportation which the President advocates, would amount to a concrete assertion by Congress of the right of the people to control their own.

The railroads will gladly accept any regulation which will effectually prevent all the forms of discrimination which curtail their profits, but they will oppose to the better end any legislation which will more completely establish the right of the government to regulate and supervise their business. It is the desire of the President that Congress shall frame a law which will remedy all these evils and establish, for all time, the rights of the people, as exercised by their representative, the government, over the ironed public highways.

## For Rent.

The store room, so many years occupied by R. Seger & Co., will be rented to responsible party.

R. SEGER.

## Cut it Out Boys.

Significant but not surprising results followed an inquiry in a school in another city recently made into the type of boy, who smoke cigarettes. A record of 20 boys in school who did not smoke and 20 who did was kept for a long period. It was found that of the cigarette smokers 19 were older than the average in their grade, 16 had bad manners, the department of 18 and physical condition of 12 were poor, 14 were in bad moral and 18 in bad mental condition, 16 were street loafers, and 19 failed of promotion. Of the non-smokers none were street loafers only two failed promotion and in all the other mentioned particulars the record showed not more than two who could be classed with the smokers. Street loafing, bad manners, poor scholarship and cigarette smoking seem to go together.—Ex.

## Baccalaureate Services.

In anticipation of the Baccalaureate services of the class of 1905, Emporium High School, a large audience gathered in First Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening and paid the tribute of delighted interest to the exercises as conducted. The sermon by the Rev. Robert McCaslin was exceedingly practical, consisting of an enumerating and amplifying of the qualities essential to success and strongly urging upon the young ladies and gentlemen, comprising the class, the importance of their observance in order to the highest usefulness and happiness in life. The several pastors of the town were in attendance and variously assisted in the services. The singing by the combined choirs was a feature of marked interest.

## Don't Miss It.

The production of "Faust" at the opera house Monday night by Mr. Hubert Labadie and his excellent company promises to be a rich treat dramatically.

Mr. Labadie as "Mephisto" has no superior on the stage to day and his style of acting is well known to our theatre goers. Mary Van Tromp-Labadie is the "Marguerite" and she too, is no stranger here. She is a pleasing actress of great ability. "Faust" is in the hands of Mr. Frank Smith again this season and will be well handled. Mr. Smith is by no means new in the part and is a capable actor of pleasing appearance and graceful carriage. Seats on sale at Lloyd's.

## Low Rate Excursion to Portland, Oregon.

Account Lewis and Clark Exposition will be in effect via Wisconsin Central Railway. If you intend to go to Portland this year ask the ticket agent to make your ticket read via Wisconsin Central between Chicago and St. Paul, Pullman sleepers, free reclining chairs and a la Carte meals make the journey comfortable and pleasant. Further information cheerfully given by addressing W. H. Allen, T. A., 621 Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa. 13-71.

## Goes to West Virginia.

J. C. Skillman, of Bryan Hill, who has successfully conducted a lumber job for Cameron Lumber Company at Cameron, informs us that he leaves this week for Durban, West Va., where he has taken a ten year contract with E. V. Dunlevie, who has purchased a large tract of timber at Durban. Mr. Skillman will take twenty-five men from this county. "Jess" friends hope he may return a lumber baron.

## Disgraceful Row.

Last Friday night a disgraceful row took place at a "shin-dig," at a house near the Junction. Tom Carney was terribly ill-treated, being kicked and seriously injured, several ribs being broken. Warrants have been issued for the party by Esquire Larrabee. The trial will take place as soon as witnesses can be secured. If ever a town needed a Law and Order Society, that town is Emporium. Evidently some one is neglecting their duty.

## Always the Best.

The great Buffalo Dry Goods House of Adam, Meldrum & Anderson Co., who for many years have spoken through the columns of the PRESS to the citizens of this section, keep up their weekly bulletins. This week they have that which interests the ladies. The reliability of this firm is so well known to our people that they need no lengthy notice. They keep their name before the public; the public know them.

## Pipe Line Men Here.

The first of the Pipe Line men arrived Tuesday morning and active operations will commence on the line. This will make lively work here for the summer.

## DEATH'S DOINGS.

STEPHENS.  
ROBERT STEPHENS, aged 63 years, died at his home on Portage, May 12th, 1905, after a long illness. Deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. Chas. Sykes, of Galeton, his wife having died several years ago. Mr. Stevens came to this country from England and while a resident of this section was a hard working, industrious man. His funeral was conducted at the Sizerville school house, last Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. O. S. Metzler, Pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Emporium, officiating.

## CHADWICK.

MRS. MABEL (MOTT) CHADWICK, aged 39 years, wife of Mr. Ray Chadwick, of North Creek, died Wednesday, May 10th, 1905, after an illness of three months, leaving a husband and five children, also father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Freemont Mott. Realizing her death was near, she called husband and other relatives to her bedside and directed or wished that certain relatives should take her children. Mrs. Chadwick was well and favorably known in this section, which was attested by the very large attendance at the funeral of deceased on Saturday afternoon last. For several years deceased taught school in Shippen and attended high school in Emporium and made many friends here. She was exceptionally bright. The husband, children and parents have the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Rev. Dow conducted the funeral services at Rich Valley Church.

## Transporting Explosives.

The Harrisburg accident might, as far as one can see, have happened under any system of transporting explosives by rail. By a somewhat similar accident, though in this case on a wharf, Amsterdam some years ago had a terrible explosion under the strictest regulation for the carriage of explosives.

But the explosion on the Pennsylvania railroad will and should lead to a demand for the federal regulation of the transportation of explosives by land. No regulation whatever exists to-day. A statute two-score years old, passed after an accident, prohibits under penalty, the carriage of explosives by land or sea in the same vehicle or boat with passengers. New York has enacted a like provision for commerce within that state. Most states are without even this prohibition, though gross carelessness in the matter leading to loss of life would doubtless be held by a jury to be manslaughter, even without a statute.

More is needed. In England for thirty years a special commission on explosives has had charge of the entire subject. It regulates the manufacture, storage and carriage of high explosives in the United Kingdom. The inspectors of explosives cost in the United Kingdom \$22,200 a year, as much as will be awarded in damages for a single one of the lives lost Thursday. This supervision in England has gone on for over thirty years. The annual average of deaths from either the manufacture or carriage of explosives is only two or three a year over a long term. The mineral product of the United Kingdom is, moreover, only just short of that of the United States and the chief use of explosives is in mine and quarry.

The manufacture of high explosives must necessarily be under state supervision in this country; but the federal government should regulate transportation. A brief act should place the power in the hands of the interstate commerce commission. At present dynamite is shipped as freight, with other freight. Abroad it has to be sent in separate trains, suitably marked.

Over 1,000,000,000 pounds of blasting powder are yearly made in this country. High explosives to the amount of 215,000,000 pounds were made in 1900. This is nearly all transported by rail. This means that about 500,000 tons of blasting powder and 100,000 tons of nitroglycerine are yearly in freight cars going somewhere. Yearly the amount increases. Many industries depend upon cheap explosives. Their transportation should be unhampered, but it should not continue unregulated.

## Jolly Fishing Party.

Last Tuesday morning, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fritz, Mrs. H. G. Flint, of Buffalo, and William Weiman, Esq., enjoyed a day's outing for speckled beauties. Of course the New Warner boarders feasted on trout yesterday morning.

## The Observer.

A few years ago Professor James of Harvard published a little book entitled "The Will to Believe." He showed with profound psychological analysis that our attitude of faith or unfaith toward the underlying realities of existence rests in the end upon the will. In holding a belief the will is involved as well as the intellect. In this conclusion he is thoroughly right. Yet many persons of culture seem to regard belief as purely an intellectual matter. Not only so, but the part which the intellect plays in connection with belief is regarded as a passive and not an active part. The mind is looked upon as a sort of weighing scales which have nothing to do except to respond in a passive way to the weights laid upon them, in other words, merely to register the difference between opposing weights of evidence. According to this view, one is no more responsible for what he believes or disbelieves than are the scales responsible for the various weights which they register. To use another figure, the mind is regarded as being no more responsible for its beliefs than is a photographic plate responsible for the images developed upon it.

Now despite some plausible considerations that might be urged in support of this view of the nature of belief, it is nevertheless an essentially shallow and false view. It ignores the plainest facts of psychology. But the Observer is interested, not so much in the psychological unsoundness of this view, as in its immoral tendency. For there are practical consequences of holding such a view that are disastrous to character. The view itself is a denial of the very basis of character. If the spirit of man is nothing more than a passive, impressionable gelatine plate which can do nothing but receive whatever impressions are made upon it, or if it be nothing but a weighing or counting machine, the very foundation of character and morality is swept away.

In reality belief is a matter of inward choice and discrimination as well as of outward fact. What we believe depends quite as much on what we ourselves bring to the questions before us as upon the outward facts that are brought to us. Belief or disbelief or mere indifference is always a revelation of character or of the lack of character. We are responsible for what we believe or disbelieve. The man who believes that expediency is a higher guide than principle, betrays what he himself is in holding such a belief. The man who thinks that self-interest has a stronger claim upon him than has civic duty and patriotism shows what his own character is. The man who thinks that religion has no value, and that there is no duty to the organized forms of religious life and influence, likewise betrays what he is—or is not.

There may here and there be a disbeliever in religion who nevertheless is high minded and public spirited and untiring in his efforts in the advancement of humanity, according to his understanding of it. But such persons are very scarce. The vast majority of those who disbelieve in religion, perhaps showing their disbelief merely by their neglect, are in character shirkers and traitors to the highest interests of humanity.

## NOTES OF INTEREST.

Emporium and Driftwood play ball to-day.

The Male Quartet from Ithaca Conservatory of Music comes especially well recommended. Don't miss it.

The anniversary of the Epworth League will be observed next Sunday evening in the First Methodist Episcopal Church with an appropriate program.

Mrs. E. Stahley will open an ice cream parlor Saturday May 20th at the residence of Jas. Johnson on Sixth street, and invites the public to patronize the same.

If you think the telephone rates in your town are high, note the price New Yorkers have to pay. In that city \$75 a year is charged for 600 calls on a direct wire and 8 cents for each message over that number. An unlimited service cannot be purchased.—American Press, April 10, 1902.

Remember the entertainment to be given at the Court House, Thursday evening, May 28th, by the Ithaca Conservatory Male Quartette, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church. Regular admission thirty-five cents. Reserved seats, fifty cents. Children twenty-five cents. Seats may be reserved at H. S. Lloyd's Tuesday, May 23rd.

## MANY BODIES MISSING.

No Trace of Mr. and Mrs. James McCauley, Lochiel Wreck Victims.

Harrisburg Telegraph.

No trace of Mr. and Mrs. James McCauley, of Philadelphia, passengers on the train wrecked at Lochiel has been found. It is believed that they were among those who were burned up. A ring, which has been identified as one that belonged to Mrs. Cauley, and a bunch of keys owned by Mr. McCauley, were picked up and have been handed over to relatives in Philadelphia.

There are still many other persons unaccounted for. The statement given out at the office of the general manager at Philadelphia regarding the number of passengers on the train will in all probability stand. It is said there were 187 persons on the train. There were fifteen members of the crew, including railroad and Pullman employes. Of the 23 dead 17 have been identified, and all were injured seriously. The number of employes and passengers who escaped was 19, and 57 were slightly injured.

## HUNTING FOR VALUABLES.

Inquiries regarding missing passengers on the train wrecked at Lochiel are still coming in at the office of the superintendent of the Philadelphia Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, W. B. McCaleb. Information is also being received regarding lost articles. While much that was valuable was destroyed by fire, conclusive evidence has been received indicating that looters were at work. A corps of officers, under the direction of Special Officer Abram Root, is making every effort to locate articles of value, clothing, books and papers that may have been picked up and have not been returned to the railway officials.

At Steelton a grip was recovered that belonged to one of the patients at the hospital. When it was opened it was found that about \$75 was missing. Subsequently, when arrest was threatened, the man having the grip went to the hospital and restored the money.

## Commencement Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the Class of 1905, Emporium High School, at the opera house last Tuesday night were exceptionally interesting and instructive. The relatives and friends of the young people were present in large numbers and generously applauded their efforts which were worthy the approval they received. From the Salutatory by Edward A. Hughes to the Valedictory by Myrtle C. Lloyd, there was not break in the interest and appreciation of the audience, but each recitation, essay or address was received with a burst of applause that gave evidence of the satisfaction and pride felt by all in the fact that the course of study had been completed by the several members with unquestioned merit and to that extent the preparation for life's work faithfully attended to.

The class address by Dr. E. O. Lyte was a timely and practical one, giving some wholesome advice in a pleasant garb and enforcing it with many telling incidents from the speakers own life.

The music by the Ridgway orchestra was of the proverbial excellence.

## Faust is Coming Soon.

Mr. Hubert Labadie and his company will present "Faust" at opera house on Monday night, May 22. The scenery and electrical effects are said to be exceptionally fine, and the company has a most excellent reputation, having played "Faust" for the past nine years with great success. Read the following recent notice of their performance.

Without exaggeration, the production of "Faust" given by the Labadie Company at the opera house last evening was one of the best ever seen in our city. Mary Van Troup-Labadie as Marguerite carried off the honors easily. Her portrayal of Goethe's immortal character was as finished as any the stage affords to-day. Hubert Labadie as Mephisto sustained the part evenly and well. The scenery was all special. The electrical effects were particularly good.—Hornellsville, (N. Y.) Daily.

## Episcopal Diocesan Convention.

The annual convention of the Pittsburgh Diocese met at Warren this week, there being a large number of delegates present. Emporium Emmanuel Parish was represented by Rev. J. M. Robertson, Hon. Josiah Howard and H. H. Mullin. The beautiful town of Warren and its citizens received and entertained the visitors in a very cordial manner.

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

AT OPERA HOUSE,  
MAY 22, 1905,  
One Night Only.

Hubert Labadie

and his Company of dramatic artists will present in our city

"FAUST"

SEE Faust's Studio.  
The Garden Scene.  
The Cathedral Scene.  
The great Brocken scene  
The realistic old Prison.

All special scenery used for this production carried by the company.  
Prices: 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c.  
Seats at H. S. Lloyd's.

## The Glorious Fourth.



Emporium will celebrate the Fourth of July this year in a becoming manner. A committee of citizens met at Council room Monday evening and organized. A joint committee of firemen and citizens will be appointed at a meeting to be held next Monday evening, at which time all interested are requested to attend.

The following officers were elected to take charge of the celebration: General Manager, Mr. A. A. McDonald. Asst. Manager, Hon. Josiah Howard. Treasurer, Mr. A. P. VanGelder. Secretary, H. H. Mullin. Marshall of Day, Mayor W. H. Howard.

It is the desire of the management that our citizens meet with them and assist in making the celebration a success. A grand stand is now being erected in Keystone Park by contractor Krimer, and other improvement are contemplated.

## Cameron Coke all Right.

Manager Brady, of Emporium Iron & Coal Company informs the Press that the furnace at this place is now using, exclusively, the Cameron coke, which has proven a superior quality. When the additional mines, almost ready, are active it will furnish an abundance of coal, sufficient to mine a thousand tons a day for many years. This augurs well for Emporium and Cameron in the near future. Mr. Brady has stuck by Emporium and by hard work and careful management has made the iron and coal venture a success.

## Will Leave Us.

Miss Golda B. Lyons, who has very acceptably filled the position of clerk with the Press during the past year, leaves next Sunday for Buffalo to accept a lucrative place with Alfred H. Post Co., foreign freight contractors and steamer agents, with offices in Buffalo, New York, Boston and San Francisco. The position is a permanent one. Miss Lyons is fully competent and we predict an early promotion. Being exceptionally bright, accurate, energetic and a rapid worker, either on short-hand, type writing or books, she has few equals. The Press regrets to see her leave us, yet we are glad to know she has received a first-class position at a salary equal to her ability, which is remarkable for one of her age. Our kindest wishes follow her.

## Married.

Miss Grace Hysong and Mr. Steven Morris, both of Cameron, were united in marriage Wednesday May 13, at this place by M. M. Larrabee, Justice of the Peace. These estimable young people are well known in Cameron. Mr. Morris being mine foreman for the Emporium Iron Co. The Press joins in congratulations.

## Dr. Green's Great Puzzle.

Dr. G. G. Green, of Woodbury, New Jersey, will mail a 2c stamp, (simply for postage,) one of his great novelties, a wooden box with a glass top, containing six little colored balls. It necessitates remarkable quickness of the eye and hand to master it, but it is possible, with practice. Send for one and mention THE CAMERON COUNTY PRESS.