

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, May 28th, 1905.
Editor Press:—
Considerable satisfaction is expressed in Washington at the general results of the Ohio convention. In the main, the Ohio platform is a hearty endorsement of the administration and its expressions on the subject of rate legislation are particularly gratifying. The platform would have been even more satisfactory had it endorsed the administration's recommendations in favor of tariff readjustment but it is, as a whole, so satisfactory that there is no disposition to criticize its one defect. Secretary Taft's frank statement, made as chairman of the convention, that the majority in Congress will be compelled to take some action with a view to obviating the steady deficit does not agree with that made at St. Louis by Secretary Shaw, recently, when he said, "We are not worried about the deficit," but Mr. Taft's version is the one entertained by the President and a majority of the members of his cabinet. Secretary Taft told the Ohio Convention that Congress would have to restore the war taxes, increase the internal revenue taxes, or so readjust the tariff as to augment its revenue producing power.

Speaking to a high protection State like Ohio, Secretary Taft doubtless deemed it wise to go no further than to present the alternatives, but there is no doubt, in the minds of those who have discussed the subject recently with Mr. Taft, that he believes the tariff schedules should be readjusted, as do all the members of the Cabinet, except Secretaries Shaw, Wilson and Metcalf, all of whom are inveterate stand patters.

The Senate committee on Interstate Commerce has finally adjourned, after taking testimony on the railway rate question for upwards of thirty days, without action. At the executive session of the committee held after the last hearing, however, it was developed that the committee is unanimously opposed to the character of legislation recommended by the President. The committee will meet again two weeks before Congress convenes and will report a bill with which it hopes to head off the passage by the House of a measure in accord with the views of the President. This bill will amplify the Elkins anti-rebate law so as to prevent any possibility of rebates, which curtail the profits of the railroads. It will place the private car lines under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the results of which will be problematical. It will not delegate to the Interstate Commerce Commission the power to fix a maximum rate where the existing rate is found to be unjust and instead of increasing the salaries of the Interstate Commerce Commissioners, so that they may be made more efficient, as the President desires, it will diminish the duties of the Commission and make it a less important body.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

This is The Limit.
The "card of thanks" foolishness touches the limit in the following from one of our exchanges: "We wish to thank the friends who were so kind to us recently, upon the birth of our baby. The doctor, particularly was kind, and we feel under lasting obligation to the two neighbor women who stayed up with us all night."

The Potter County "Graft" Cases.
Judge John Ormerod, of Potter county, asked Attorney General Carson to appoint a prosecuting attorney to look after the cases of misdemeanor in office which are to be pushed. This was done under the provisions of a new law. The Attorney General at once named Representative L. T. Holt, of Bradford county, who will take the place of District Attorney Stebbins, who is incapacitated as a prosecuting attorney in these cases because he was formerly the County Solicitor under the Commissioners who are indicted.

Pig's Ears on Hicks Run.
Since the large lumbering operations of John E. DuBois, on Hicks Run, employing now 436 men has reached the top notch, the managers are experiencing great annoyance from outsiders supplying the men with the vilest stuff, called whiskey. While the violation of the law has interfered with the work, it has crazed all who drink the poison. Mr. Kelley, representing Mr. DuBois, has determined to put a stop to this business, will arrest every person who sells his men liquor in the woods, at the same time will discharge every man who comes into the camps drunk.

Ringed Bells to Swarm Bees.
It is a foolish notion to suppose that the ringing of bells or "tanging" of tin pans will cause a swarm of bees to settle, says Country Life in America. The real origin of this custom dates back to the reign of Alfred the Great, who, in order to prevent disputes regarding the ownership of a swarm, ordered that the owner should always ring a bell when his bees swarmed, and ever since then the good farmer's wife has been rushing out with ringing bells whenever the bees swarmed, and the fact that they settled verified, in her own mind, the belief that the bell did it.

Itica Male Quartet.
Those who failed to attend the concert by the Itica Conservatory of Music Male Quartet, on Thursday night missed an enjoyable treat. The young men forming the combination have fresh, strong voices, under good cultivation that they used to excellent advantage, particularly in the quartet numbers. Certainly no mistake was made in their selection for this tour.
R. Wilson Johnson, First Tenor and John J. Odbert, Bass, were individually the strongest, their favoritism with the audience resulting in frequent recalls.

Religious.
The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Huntley is holding their first quarterly conference for the year 1905. The Rev. Sister Heywood is in charge, being ably assisted by brother Fero, of Levant, N. Y. A series of revival meetings are being held in conjunction with the conference, which are well attended, and much good has been accomplished.
Mr. Presto has charge of the meeting and his sincere and earnest efforts, coupled with his excellent delivery are well worth due appreciation, which is shown by the number of professions among the community. J. F. S.

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., June 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.

Notice of Removal.
R. Seger & Co., who for the past 23 years conducted the well known Merchant Tailoring establishment opposite the M. E. church, have removed to the store of R. Seger & Son, next to Bank, where Mr. Seger has consolidated the two establishments in order to give his business closer attention. His tailoring business will be carried on as usual, also cleaning and pressing. Having added a line of the celebrated W. L. Douglas shoes he is able to fit his customers from top to bottom with the best to be had.

The room vacated to let. 14 3t.
For Sale.
Store doing a good business. Inquire at this office.

Memorial Day Services.
The Memorial Day service in the First Presbyterian Church, last Sunday evening, was well attended and was an occasion of tender and pathetic interest to the thinning ranks of the civil war veterans and their friends. The members of the local Post G. A. R., occupied seats reserved for their use in front and immediately back of them sat the ladies of the Relief Corps. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Robt. McCaslin, who took for his theme, "Fight the Good Fight of Faith." It must have inspired those present to have listened to this graphic word-painting of many of the leading engagements of the war, while the moral lessons he pointed were pertinent and practical in the highest degree and must have elicited the determined resolve not to shirk ones obligation, to defend with a pure life and unshaken principles of righteousness, the cause of humanity to-day. The clergy of the other churches assisted in the services, while appropriate and inspiring music was rendered by the combined choirs. The chancel was decorated with the national colors, while a profusion of pretty flowers, further added to the beauty and suggestiveness of the scene.

AT THE CEMETERY.
The members of the G. A. R., and the ladies of the Relief Corps, bearing the beautiful blossoms of Spring time marched in procession to the Newton Cemetery on Tuesday morning, where, preliminary to the decoration of the graves, the impressive ritual of the Grand Army was read, an appropriate address delivered by the Rev. O. S. Metzler and an invocation offered by the Rev. J. M. Robertson. The sweetness and solemnity of this service was a subject of general remark. Many visitors to the city of the dead, drawn thither that they might perform a like ministry of love for their departed friends, gathered about the little groups and with bared heads paid them the tribute of reverent silence. Upon their return from the cemetery the ladies of Relief Corps served a bountiful luncheon at the Post headquarters. Several addresses of a reminiscent character were made and a happy social hour had by all.
Committees representing the Post visited the Catholic and all cemeteries of the county, decorating the graves of the veterans.

Big Forest Fire.
Last Thursday, May 25th, a fire started on the timber property of the Cameron Lumber Co., on Square Timber Run, and although every effort was made by Mr. Dunlevie and his large force of men, to put out the fire, their efforts were unavailing and about a million feet of timber was destroyed. Also a large quantity of lumber was burned.

Many acts of individual heroism were shown by the men who fought the fire. The most prominent being the case of Supt. Chas. Probst who bravely stood at his post until he was nearly suffocated by the smoke and his clothing entirely burned off. Fortunately, however, he found an old pair of overalls along the track and dressed in these indispensables, made his way home, suffering from numerous burns.
When interviewed by a Press correspondent, Mr. Probst treated the matter as an every day affair and said he merely did his duty. Anyone needing material for a first-class fire company need not go any farther than Cameron.

Cameron, Pa., May 30, 1905.

Greater Emporium.
The rapid advancement of Emporium is now an undisputed fact, owing to the large number of labor employers at good wages. With our rapid increase of population calls for desirable building lots and the fact that few remain within the Borough limits has created a sentiment in favor of extending the Borough limits. Many of our prominent citizens favor this movement and it is suggested that a public meeting be held at Council Chamber next Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock, to discuss the matter. Let every person interested be in attendance and boom Greater Emporium.

Horse Stolen.
Last Saturday a man accompanied by a woman, hired a horse and buggy from John L. Johnson and failed to return the outfit. Chief of Police Frank Mundy offers a reward of \$25 for the arrest of the parties and return of the horse and buggy.

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

The Russian Fleet Destroyed by Togo

TIKO, May 29—It is officially announced that the Baltic fleet under the command of Admiral Rojestvensky has been practically annihilated.
The Russian press is bitter in denunciation of the bureaucracy, which is held responsible for all Misfortunes. "Fight on" is still the cry. Russian troops in Manchuria still in ignorance of the catastrophe to their navy and continue hoping for victory. Togo's last report, May 31, shows a total of 22 Russian warships sunk or captured, and he announces capture of Admiral Rojestvensky.
TOGO RULES THE SEA.
The Japanese fleet was very strong in its array of destroyers and Togo seemed to have used the smaller vessels to great advantage in attacking Rojestvensky.
The public at St. Petersburg are amazingly indifferent and quiet, despite the disastrous outcome of the fight between the Russian and Japanese fleets.
Eight of Rojestvensky's captains chose a hero's death. They went down with their ships.
There is a general feeling that this last tremendous blow sustained by Russia inevitably foreshadows an early peace. The security markets this morning reflected this view of all around buoyancy.
The Russian Government appears to be in a quandary as to how to break the news to the country. A war council was held and the Emperor urged to issue an imperial manifesto, but nothing has yet been done.
So far as the Russian newspapers are concerned the public might believe Vice Admiral Rojestvensky had achieved a victory. The censor passed all the vague rumors favorable to the Russians, but blue penciled everything that indicated a Russian disaster.

The Observer.

Already the coming Fourth of July is casting its forward shadows upon us. The present is an excellent time to plead for a revival of the best type of old-time enthusiasm in this first and greatest of our national holidays. It must be confessed that for more than a generation past Independence Day has not held the paramount place in popular interest, and for this comparative neglect there has been some measure of justification. Civilization in its political aspect turns around two centers, liberty and law, independence and authority. These two centers are not contradictory of each other, but each is properly the complement of the other. Political civilization can no more advance on one center alone than a man can walk on one leg. In fact, political progress is very similar to the act of walking. Just as the body oscillates from one moving center to the other, so also does the body politic rest now on the center of individual freedom, and now on the center of national unity and authority. At the time of the Revolutionary war and for several decades thereafter the dominant note in our political life and thought was liberty. The nation tried to swing itself too far on that single leg, and was only saved from a ruinous fall by the precipitous advance of the other extremity. Vicksburg and Gettysburg, though occurring on the date of the Festival of Liberty, marked the shifting of the national weight from liberty to union. The Civil war was not a war for independence but a war for union. The firm establishment of the Union has been a later achievement than the winning of independence, and consequently the spirit of 1865 has been dominating us for forty years rather than the spirit of 1776.

There are not wanting signs that the genius of organization and centralized authority has been developed of late years in disproportionate excess of the spirit of individual freedom and independence. The national government itself is not too strong, though some of our Democratic friends affect to believe so. The organization which in its bulk and strength threatens the interests of individual freedom and independence is the organization of industry. The authority which threatens the same interest is the illegitimate authority of political bosses. We profess to be democratic in our spirit and institutions but in reality there is very much in our practical system that savors for more of monarchy and despotism than it does of democracy. The time has come for a revival of the spirit of individual freedom and independence. At least the time has come when such a revival is greatly needed. The Observer is not pleading for the disorganization of industry nor for the dismemberment of trusts and corporations; but he does think that the only way to avoid the establishment of a new feudal system, benevolent or otherwise, is through the cultivation of the spirit and power of the individual. The Observer believes that time is rapidly approaching when Independence Day will possess a meaning larger and richer than ever before.

Concrete Work.
All kind of concrete work done at short notice. All work guaranteed. See Cement walk in front of Emporium Gas Office.
J. H. BRENNAN, Contractor,
15-4t. Ridgway, Pa.
Everybody reads the PRESS

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Corrected railroad time cards on eighth page.
Wade Spence reports his potato vines killed by frost on Bryan Hill.
The Pennsylvania R. R., Co., is turning out large numbers of new freight cars.
An especially constructed car for use of powder companies is being built at Renovo.
WANTED—Immediately at The New Warner House, one dining room girl and one second cook.
A. N. Stevenson, one of Renovo's prominent business men is dead, his funeral taking place on Monday, at Milton.
Geo. Metzger, Jr., has put down a substantial cement walk in front of his residence property on Fifth street. Fred Bliss had the contract. Very creditable job.
A new cement walk has been placed in front of St. Marys Gas office, at this place. Mr. Brennan, of Ridgway, (whose card appears in the PRESS) had the contract. He calls the attention of Press readers to his work.
Judging from the way John E. DuBois' men are slaughtering the hemlock on the 9,000 acre tract on Hicks Run, a few miles from Emporium, it will not take more than eight years to clear out this valuable tract.
The yacht race of 3000 miles across the ocean for the \$5,000 cup offered by the German Emperor, was won by the three mast American schooner Atlantic, with none of the other competitors in sight. The run was a record-breaker, being made in twelve days and four hours.

To Tax Every Pole in Reading.
A bill introduced in Select Council of Reading last Monday proposes to collect a tax of 50 cents annually for every electric light, telephone, telegraph or other pole in Reading other than those owned by the city.
If the bill becomes a law every pole must be painted a uniform dark green, and must be numbered annually, in accordance with a license issued by the City Treasurer. The Board of Public Works is authorized to remove every pole not properly painted and numbered.

Humane Society Meeting.
All members, and all others interested, of Emporium Humane Society, are requested to meet at the Library, Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance.
MRS. JOSIAH HOWARD, President.

Ice Cream Social.
There will be an ice cream social at the residence of A. J. Ingersoll on More Hill, Saturday evening, June 3rd, to which the public are cordially invited. Come and bring your friends.

Stenography and Copying.
Having considerable leisure time, I am prepared to do typewriting or stenographing. Call at R. Seger & Son's store, next to Bank.
MRS. FRED SEGER.

Lost.
In Emporium, on Tuesday, May 30th, a Supervisor's Receipt Book. The finder will please leave same at PRESS office.
VERNEY LEWIS.
Have you read that very interesting magazine, *The Smart Set*?

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

New Bakery.
Martin L. Cummings has established a new bakery in Emporium, having erected his plant on Fifth street. At present he will deliver all goods to customers upon 'phone call.

Delicious Creams.
Any of the PRESS readers who may desire creams, ices or fancy cakes for family or parties can be supplied on short notice by leaving their orders with Mrs. C. G. Schmidt, at City Bakery. The popularity of the City Bakery creams is up to the best. Out of town orders promptly filled.

That New Railroad Schedule.
The new railroad schedule that took effect last Sunday has very largely increased our mail facilities, nine mails daily, affording us the best of service. One more train yet between Emporium and Olean, to leave here about 6:30 p. m., would serve the local travel. People coming from the north on noon train do not have sufficient time to transact business and return home the same day.

Burning Brick.
The Calder Brick and Coal Co., located near Britton Hill, have at last fired up their plant, one of the most expensive and modern plants in the country. Work commenced on Monday, the fires being lighted in five kilns. With a great abundance of good clay and coal at their door there should be no doubt of the success of the investment. The Company gives employment to a large number of men.

\$25.00 Reward.
A horse and buggy belonging to John L. Johnson, of Emporium, was stolen on Saturday, May 28, 1905, by a man about five feet ten inches tall, dark complexion and dark mustache and wore black corduroy trousers, and would likely be found about drinking places. A woman of medium height, wearing blue dress and glasses accompanied him. The horse was a bay, branded "D" on left shoulder and weighed about 900. The buggy is a top one, with all rubber top and tires, bull dog coupling on right shaft, green gear and brown cloth trimmings. A reward of \$25.00 will be paid for the arrest of the persons and recovery of horse and buggy.
FRANK MUNDT, Chief of Police.
Emporium, Pa., May 29, 1905.

Cummings—Leathers.
Miss Kathryn Cummings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cummings, was married this Thursday morning to Mr. George H. Leathers, of Howard, Centre county, at the residence of the bride's parents on Fifth street, Rev. Thos. Downey tying the knot in apple pie order. The bride has been one of the teachers in our Borough schools for several years and is universally respected by our citizens. The groom is a member of the firm of Leathers Brothers, manufacturers, and we understand is a very industrious hustler. The PRESS extends its compliments with well wishes.
The wedding was a very pleasant occasion. After a wedding dinner the bridal party departed on noon flyer for Howard, Pa., the home of the groom.
The following guests were in attendance from out of town: E. Lea Shur, Mrs. Martha Zearnick, D. A. Irvin, Fred Leathers and Cook Leathers of Howard.

What's in McClure's?
Wide human interest is the striking thing about the June McClure's. The college man is the first concerned in the sensational disclosures of "The College Athlete" which tells, for the first time, some astonishing facts about the financial arrangements by which some of the "stars" are secured and kept at college.

Typoid fever, Samuel Hopkins Adams proves is one of his powerful and illuminating articles, is an entirely unnecessary evil.
Helen Keller, who has been so marvelously educated in spite of her lack of sight, speech, and hearing has written the story of her college days, a charmingly modest story of her wonderful conquest of her limitations. Another of the reminiscent stories of the old time country boy which Eugene Wood has, from time to time, delighted the readers of McClure's. "The Revolving Year" will stir tender memories in every old country boy, and give him plenty to laugh over, too. Sir Walter Scott, the prince of prose romances, is the subject of Prof. George Edward Woodberry's second paper in the series he is writing for McClure's on the great masters of literature.

Five good short stories, all profusely illustrated, complete the list. A comedy of snobbery is told by George Randolph Chester in "Bargain Day at Tutt House." Mrs. Wilson Woodrow has another humorous tale of life in a Colorado mining camp, wherein the "New Missioner" again appears. One of New York's assistant district attorneys, Arthur Train, has written out of the experience of his office, "The Jailbird," a tragic story of an habitual criminal. "In Lovers Meeting" by Harvey J. O'Higgins, is a washerwoman's love story, a tale of rare literary quality, with a tender and sympathetic touch. Inez Haynes Gillmore, in "The Story That Took," has made an amusing story on novel lines.

Emmanuel Church.
Celebration of the Holy Communion at the mid-day service (10:30 a. m.) next Sunday, June 4th.