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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, Jan. 5, 1907.

Charges have been filed with Post Master General Cortelyou against the New York Cotton Exchange by Harvis Jordan and other members of the Cotton Growers Ass'n who claim that the New York exchange has degenerated from a legitimate business institution into a plain gambling concern and that it no longer has any right to make use of the mails for the transaction of its business. This is a very serious charge and means a great deal both to the cotton exchange and the cotton growing interests in the south. It is alleged that the Exchange instead of dealing legitimate cotton futures handles a grade of cotton which cannot possibly be spun; and which is fit only for making horse collars, cheap mattresses and things of that sort. It is claimed that out of the 8,000,000 bales of last years cotton crop only 10,000 bales of actual spot cotton was placed on the New York Exchange. It is claimed that the prices quoted on the Exchange range from \$5 to \$7.50 less per bale the real market price for cotton in the south, and that the whole system of trading or gambling on the Exchange is hurtful to the legitimate cotton business. It is asked that Post Office Inspectors be appointed to probe the charges of fraud, and that on their report will depend whether or not the New York Exchange is excluded from using the mails.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has plunged into an investigation of the block signal system now in use on the principal railroads in the United States, and has begun its work in Washington with a specific investigation of the recent railroad wreck at Terra Cotta on the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio, three miles from Washington where between forty and fifty people were killed, and nearly seventy severely injured. This investigation is the first to which the federal government has taken a direct hand in probing individual railroad wrecks. The object is to ascertain whether the block signal system which is theoretically perfect, is practically a protection to passengers, and whether its administration by the railroads has become so lax as to make it a positive source of danger. The railroad men both officials and minor employes have been so well trained in the art of forgetting things that it is hard to get any definite information out of them even on the witness stand. The investigation of the Commission has so far dragged excessively, but a statement has already been issued to Congress saying that automatic mechanical devices for the protection of railway traffic have been developed to a point where it seems to the Commission they are well worth government investigation, with a view to forcing their adoption on the railroads, it is, therefore, very likely that when the present investigation is finished the Commission will recommend, and Congress will adopt some law forcing the adoption of an efficient block signal system, possibly the double block, together with certain mechanical safety appliances and will make their use obligatory upon the railroads on the same basis that automatic couplings and similar safety devices are now demanded in the construction of railway cars.

## Warning.

All persons are hereby forbidden from trespassing upon the property of this Company without a permit from this office, or the Superintendent at the works.

KEYSTONE POWDER MFG. CO.  
Emporium, Pa., August 1st, 1903.  
24-17.

## Council Proceedings.

Regular meeting Borough Council, Emporium, Jan. 7th, 1907.

Present: Messrs. Green, Friendle, Marshall, Hamilton, Gregory, Fisher and Cramer.

Absent: Messrs. Julian and White. The bills were read and Mr. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall, that all bills as read be paid with exception of bills from Struthers' Wells Co., Warren, Pa., bills from Robertson Electric Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for Transformer, and bill from Mr. Knickerbocker for extra work in the power house and on line. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Green seconded by Marshall that all of Struthers, Wells Co., bills be paid with exception of bill No. 6976 amounting to \$218.75. A vote was taken and the Councilmen voted as follows: Ayes: Messrs. Gregory, Friendle, Green, Marshall and Hamilton. Nays: Cramer and Fisher. The motion was declared carried.

Moved by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Marshall that bill for Transformer from Robertson Electric Co., amounting to \$80.00 be laid on table until next meeting of Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Marshall that bill from Struthers Wells Co., amounting to \$218.75 be laid on table until next meeting of Council. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cramer, seconded by Mr. Green that bill from Mr. Knickerbocker amounting to \$15.00 be laid on table until next meeting of Council. Carried.

The following bills ordered paid:

Name	Amount
John Welch, Work on Street	12 60
James Murray, " "	12 00
James Davis, " "	6 16
D. Dwalebe, " "	7 35
Frank Sawaya, " "	7 88
A. Sawaya, " "	2 19
John Sanford, " "	4 90
W. H. Simpson, Work on Sewer Exten.	215 06
Albert Murray, Sewer Inspector	42 90
Geo. P. Jones, Sewer Engineer	39 00
S. E. Murry & Co., Invoice	8 02
John L. Johnson, Hauling Hose Cart	3 00
D. C. Hayes, Hauling Hose Cart	3 00
D. S. Peters, Hauling Hose Cart	3 00
Thomas Law, Work at Fire	2 09
James Law, Work at Fire	2 00
Otto Edelman, Work at Fire	2 00
Emmett Eikens, Work at Fire	2 00
Lee Halderman, Draying	75
Robert Clark, Draying	7 25
W. F. Lloyd, Paid Freight bills	44 30
St. Marys Gas Co., Gas for Dec. 1906	19 80
Emporium Water Co., July to Jan. 1907	500 00
C. B. Howard Co., Invoice (2)	10 17
F. V. Heilman, Invoice	4 22
P. R. R. Co., Sewer Crossing R. R.	18 63
Samson Cordage Works, Invoice	52 51
Erle Oil Co., Invoice	9 00
Kendall Refining Co., Invoice	11 94
Stephens & Saunders, Invoice	4 47
Emporium Telephone Ex., Invoice	2 20
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg Co., Invoice	27 20
Robertson Electric Co., Invoice	10 50
Struthers Wells Co., Invoice (4)	96 70

Treasurer's and Police Reports read as follows: Licenses collected \$15.00. Fines \$4.00. J. F. Parsons paid for dirt \$1.75.

Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Green that Penna. R. R., be granted privilege to string telephone wire on electric light poles from crossing at Pine street to Mr. John Beck's house on 5th street. Carried.

Communication from Burgess Overhiser was read in which he tendered his resignation to take effect the first Monday in March. Moved by Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Gregory that Mr. Overhiser's resignation be accepted. Carried.

On motion Council then adjourned.  
R. C. MOORE, Sec'y.

## Pigeons Stolen.

Some person or persons entered Mr. W. F. Lloyd's barn, last Thursday and Friday nights, and stole 45 valuable pigeons, belonging to Mr. Lloyd's grandson, Lloyd Johnston. Any information that will lead to the arrest of the culprits and the recovery of the birds, will be thankfully received.

## Farmers' Institutes.

The farmers of this county will be interested to learn that there will be held this year a series of Farmers' Institutes at Driftwood, Feb. 1st and 2nd; Emporium, Feb. 4th and 5th.

A number of instructors from other parts of the State will be present to join with the farmers of this locality in the discussion of topics relative to agriculture. These meetings are free and open to all, and we have no doubt the farmers of this county will avail themselves of the advantages to be gained by attending these meetings.

## Violating Game Laws.

A friend writes us from Shippen that certain persons are violating the game laws by killing birds out of season. The State Game Warden will one of these days make some people cough up snug sum of money if this thing occurs again.

## Sewer Bonds.

The last of the Borough sewer bonds will be issued on Monday, in sum of \$2,000.

## "Quincy Adams Sawyer."

"As pure as a flower, as rich as a field of golden grain, and as true to nature as a hollyhock on a country roadside" is what a leading daily recently said of the great New England Play, "Quincy Adams Sawyer," which comes here Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1907, at Emporium Opera House, Emporium, Pa.

It is because of its purity, its sweetness, and its fidelity to nature that this great rural drama, standing alone and individual in its class, has won unstinted admiration from the great army of playgoers quick to recognize and appreciate a piece of stage life "that holds the mirror up to nature."

"Quincy Adams Sawyer" is the sort of play that appeals to all classes. City bred folks enjoy the characters and pictures they have known in other years, the rural folk are pleased with having their own people set before them in the mimic world, and the happy mingling of comedy and pathos please both the devotees of humor as well as the lover of sentiment.

A well selected company, splendid scenery, and a careful regard of detail in stage effects, go to make up a complete production.

## Emporium Opera House.

An Uncle Tom's Cabin company without the customary adjuncts, a blaring brass band, ponies, donkeys and other animal features is to say the least a novelty, but when one comes to consider that a reputable actor will condescend to parade the streets in all sorts of weather, it can readily be seen that a company that employs only actors and actresses that are engaged solely to appear in the theatre, the performance must show a decided improvement over the old time representations of the play. Mason Bros., this season are using only a concert band on the street, giving daily concerts at noon and have engaged the strongest acting company ever seen in this, the greatest of all American plays. The public has evinced its appreciation of this departure by filling the theatres nightly. Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, Jan. 14th.

## Prompt Settlement.

Every Cameron county constable and collector have settled their tax duplicates in full for 1906, an incident that has never before occurred in the history of the county. The county commissioners are conducting the affairs of the county on a strictly business principle and attending to the duties of the office. Messrs. Lewis, Kreider and Bailey have not disappointed the public. Their efficient clerk, W. L. Thomas, can always be found in his office, during his stated business hours, every day, courteous and obliging.

## Emporium Water Company.

At a meeting of the Emporium Water Company on Monday, the following officers and directors were elected: President, J. F. Parsons; Secretary, J. D. Logan; Solicitor, B. W. Green; Treasurer, First National Bank. Directors, J. F. Parsons, J. D. Logan, N. Seger, Chas. Seger, E. W. Gaskill, Grant S. Allen, W. H. Howard, T. F. Moore, Geo. A. Walker, Jr. A dividend of two per cent. was declared, making five per cent. for the year—the heavy expense during the past year reducing the revenue.

## Elk-Cameron Medical Association.

As we go to press the Elk-Cameron Medical Association are in session at Dr. R. P. Heilman's office. Dr. Massy, an eminent specialist of Philadelphia, is in attendance. At two o'clock this afternoon a Banquet will be served at the New Warner. We regret exceedingly we are unable to be in attendance, especially at the banquet.

## The Reliable First National Bank.

The stockholders of this solid and reliable institution met at the banking rooms on Monday, and elected the following officers and directors: President, Hon. B. W. Green; Vice President, Hon. Josiah Howard; Cashier, Mr. T. B. Lloyd; Solicitor, Hon. B. W. Green; Teller, Mr. C. E. Crandell; Bookkeeper and Asst. Teller, F. R. Heilman; Asst. Bookkeeper, Max Balcom; Messenger and Clerk, Allan Randolph.

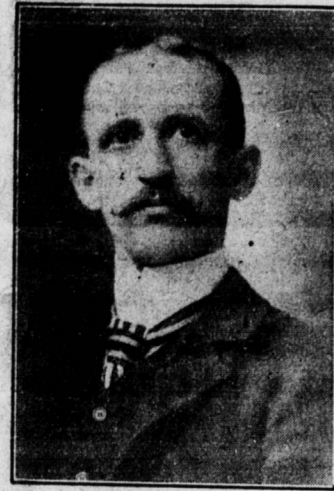
This sound-as-a-rock institution is considered one of the most reliable in the state. At the meeting on Monday it was voted to allow three per cent. interest on certificates of deposit for six months or one year. Certificates issued as low as \$50.00. Save your money.

## For Sale.

Several good milk cows, several young heifers and spanking good team of horses. Apply to CHAS. J. HOWARD, Emporium, or Sizerville, Pa. 47ff

## The Retiring and New Officials.

C. Jay Goodnough, who has so efficiently filled the responsible positions of Prothonotary, Register, Recorder and Clerk of the several Courts of this county retired from office on Saturday last, after twelve years of faithful service, leaving the office in a very creditable shape. Mr. Goodnough was elected.



C. JAY GOODNOUGH.

ed on the Republican ticket in November, 1894, and was repeatedly re-elected with practically no opposition. He declined to again allow his name to be presented for the position, feeling that the people had been very kind and considerate, which resulted in the nomination and election of Mr. W. J. Leavitt, (who took charge of the office last Saturday) on the Republican ticket by the handsome majority of 238. Mr. Goodnough's election, when he had any opposition, was always very flattering. He paid strict attention to the duties of his office and courteously and faithfully administered the same to his credit and the general satisfaction of our citizens. He retires to accept the responsible position of Secretary and Treasurer of Emporium Coal and Coke Company, under the management of Mr. Andrew Brady. His careful business and ability eminently fits him for the new duties. His friends wish him well.

His successor, Mr. Wm. J. Leavitt, reminds us greatly of Mr. Goodnough



W. J. LEAVITT.

when he was first elected, in one particular. He was a poor boy, self-made and had to depend upon his own energy for advancement. That Mr. Leavitt will fully meet the expectation of his friends we firmly believe.

The Press extends its best wishes to the retiring as well as the new Prothonotary.

## Uncle Tom's Cabin Co.

Mason Bros., claim to have engaged this season the strongest acting company ever secured to present the great play of Uncle Tom's Cabin. By dispensing with the customary street parade and by the employment of only actors and actresses of ability they have been enabled to present for the first time in the history of the drama a cast capable of giving a correct and acceptable production from Uncle Tom down to the most insignificant role, the characters are in the hands of artists. The company makes a feature of its daily band concerts but there is no street parade the performance being given in the theatre and not on the streets. Emporium Opera House, Monday evening, Jan. 14.

## 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 12th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure a such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

You can get all kinds of good cedar shingles at C. B. Howard & Co.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSTALLATION AND BANQUET.



Emporium Council, No. 990, Knights of Columbus, celebrated their annual installation of officers last Monday evening, at their rooms in Seger block, Mr. J. W. Sweeney, District Deputy, District Warden Krellner, both of St. Marys, conferring the work. The following officers were installed:

Grand Knight, A. F. Vogt; Deputy Grand Knight, Jas. Carney; Chancellor, Jas. Haley; Financial Secretary, W. G. Bair; Recording Secretary, Jas. Mulcahy Jr.; Warden, Thos. Law; Treasurer, Edward Blinzler; Chaplain, Father Downey; Judge Advocate, M. C. Tulis; Lecturer, B. Egan; Inside Guard, D. J. Donahue; Outside Guard, John Hackett; Delegates to State Convention, B. Egan and A. F. Vogt; Alternates, Chas. Seger and John Hackett.

The retiring Grand Knight, Mr. B. Egan, was presented with a handsome fourth degree charm in appreciation of his untiring efforts.

After the installation services the Knights and their ladies, about eighty in number repaired to the City Hotel where an elegant banquet was prepared by mine host M. J. Dolan, which was greatly enjoyed and favorably commented upon. Emporium Council is in a flourishing condition and rapidly growing in numbers.

## International Military Display at the Jamestown Exposition.

NORFOLK, VA.—From the 26th of April to the 30th of November, 1907, the grounds of the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition which is to be held on shores of Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, will be the scene of the grandest International Military display that the world has ever witnessed. The encampment will consist of companies of the various military organizations from every section of the country, government troops and regiments from all the representative nations of the world. This vast army encamped at the Exposition, in long lines of white tents, stretching as far as the eye can reach, with sentinels marching their posts and officers in gayly colored uniforms, dashing by on horseback, will make an impression on the visitor not soon to be forgotten.

Officials of the Exposition, realizing the space needed for the drilling and manoeuvring of such an army, have set aside thirty acres of land in a central location of the grounds, to be known as "Lee's Parade." Here will be the daily drills and manoeuvres also the contest and exhibition drills. "Lee's Parade" will be the largest and best equipped field of its kind in the country. Apart from the attraction of these drills and contests, much interest will be manifested in the actual encampment of troops, the methods of feeding such a vast army, and the arrival and departure of the various organizations, all of these will be of special interest to the visitor of the Ter-Centennial who is familiar with the daily work and routine of the soldiers life.

Fourteen countries have accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to attend and participate in the celebration and the Secretary of War has appointed a military board, consisting of three army officers, whose duty it shall be to inspect and superintend the allotment of space to the various troops that are to be encamped from time to time.

Among the most noted organizations which are to come to the Exposition this year, are those of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of London and Boston, similar organizations, the oldest and most honored companies of their respective countries. The Old Confederate Veterans from Tennessee are also booked for the Exposition. These old soldiers armed with their muzzle-loaders and uniformed in the old Confederate Gray will visit the Ter-Centennial three hundred strong, and camped in the midst of a modern army, are sure to make an impressive sight.

The musical program of the Exposition will also be attractive and varied and the Jamestown Ter-Centennial will be a continuous and changing scene of martial splendor, from beginning to end, such as never has been witnessed in this or other country.

## Rooms to Let.

Two nicely furnished rooms to rent. Heat and light. Box 44, East Emporium.

THE WEATHER.  
FRIDAY, Fair. SATURDAY, Fair  
SUNDAY, rain or snow

ASSETS  
**First National Bank,**  
EMPORIUM, PA.  
At the close of business Jan. 9, 1907.  
**\$809,874.43.**

Your neighbors are depositing their money in this bank, and adding from time to time to their account. Why don't you make a start to save your money.

**DR. LEON REX FELT,**  
DENTIST.  
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

WAIT FOR THE BIG SHOW.

**Opera House,**  
JUST ONE NIGHT,  
MONDAY **JAN. 14**  
Mason Bros.  
**UNCLE TOM'S CABIN CO.**  
**25 PEOPLE 25**

ONE NIGHT ONLY,  
Traveling in their own Private Car.

Positively the Only Company Presenting the play in its Entirity. Complete Scenic Equipment and all the Necessary Accessories. A Production of Merit Given in the Theatre Not on the Street. A Cast of Unusual Strength. No Parade, Band Concerts at Noon and Night. Prices, 50c and 35c; Children, 25c. Seats on sale at H. S. Lloyd's.

## Truth About the Capitol.

The answer of Governor Pennypacker and Auditor General Snyder to Attorney General Carson's inquiries as to the Capitol covers the whole ground.

No unprejudiced person can read this statement without being convinced that the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, of which the Governor and the Auditor General constitute the majority, acted within its legal rights and in a careful and business-like manner in making the necessary additions to the structure and in adorning it and providing furniture and equipments for the various departments.

Neither of the gentlemen is trained in the technique involved in such a building; that being the case, they did what any private citizen must do when about to engage in the erection of a residence or business house—they employed an architect, to whom was given the task of working out the details. Contemplating the completed structure, they fail to see wherein their confidence in the ability and integrity of the chosen architect was misplaced.

As to the authority of the Board to take up the work where the Capitol Building Commission left off, they show that the Act of Assembly bestowing this power on the Board was signed by a Democratic Governor, and that the present Democratic State Treasurer, who has been foremost in criticizing the acts of his colleagues on the Board, has within a few weeks participated in proceedings involving the very same principle, as regards the remodeling of the old Executive Building without a specific appropriation by the Legislature.

Illustrating the extent to which the facts have been "perverted" by those who have been trying to manufacture a scandal out of the Capitol affairs, attention is called to the repeatedly published assertion that \$9,000,000 had been expended on the "furnishings," whereas the actual amount was but \$876,000.

Similar "ingenuity" has been displayed in computing all that has been expended on office equipments and surroundings as part of the cost of the "\$13,000,000 Capitol." It would be as fair and honest, the Governor and the Auditor General say, for a farmer, in estimating the cost of his barn, to include the value of the oats in his bin.

The suggestion that the inquiry might well be turned to whether the Capitol could be duplicated for less money indicates plainly that the writers of the statement would not fear the results of an investigation along this line.

The whole document, in fact, is marked by clearness and candor. Its effect is likely to be to satisfy the average citizen that the hubbub about the cost of the Capitol has been almost wholly lacking in justification.—Harrisburg Telegraph

C. B. Howard & Co. have received from the Pacific Coast what is perhaps the finest lot of RED CEDAR shingles that ever came to Cameron county.