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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, July 24, 1909.

While the attention of all those interested in the tariff is concentrated just at present on the efforts of the President to secure certain specific reductions, such as free hides, free coal, free iron ore and free petroleum and the House rate of \$1 a thousand feet on lumber, the general success of Mr. Taft's influence in favor of downward revision is likely to be lost sight of. The President's demand for these specific reductions partook somewhat of the spectacular and has been made the most of by the newspapers in their efforts to add interest to a situation which is extremely technical and presents many difficulties to those who would write of it entertainingly. Each day there are fluctuations in the situation precipitated by the President's demands and those "make copy" to use a newspaper phrase. But the consumer and the voters is really more interested in the small reductions which have been made throughout the schedules of the Senate bill. There is no doubt in the mind of any unprejudiced observer that Mr. Taft has exerted material influence and that but for his efforts the rates generally would be considerably higher.

When the President and the people come to cast up the results, unless all present prospects fail, they will find small reductions all along the line to the number of about six hundred. But of far more importance in the estimation of the President, and it is a safe prediction that it will be in the estimation of the people, will be the provisions for a corporation tax and for a tariff commission. These provisions will, Mr. Taft believes, afford the machinery necessary to a future tariff revision which will be in accordance with the tariff plank in the last national platform, and without such machinery the fulfillment of that plank is an impossibility. The fact is that President Taft is the leader of a new school of protection—new just now, at least, although it is actually a return to the arguments originally advanced in favor of the protective policy. Those who first secured the adoption of the protective policy submitted that wages abroad were much lower than in the United States, that many industries thrived in foreign countries which did not exist here and that in order to maintain the demand for labor in this country and so maintain the higher wage scale it was necessary to impose a tariff which should equal the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. The policy was adopted, American industries were established and the wage scale was maintained. But prices to the consumer were increased. This occasioned some protest but the protestants were assured that once the infant industries were fairly on their feet internal competition would cause a reduction of prices, especially as American enterprise and American ingenuity would operate to reduce the cost of production.

A great deal is being written about a conflict between Gifford Pinchot, National Forester and Judge R. A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior, and the effort is being made to create the impression that Mr. Pinchot rather than Secretary Ballinger enjoys the confidence of the President. Nothing could be further from the truth. Judge Ballinger enjoys the entire confidence of President Taft and, moreover, he is too big a man to make any war on Pinchot, who is only a subordinate of one of his colleagues in the cabinet, Secretary Wilson. There is no conflict between Secretary Wilson and Secretary Ballinger.

Gone to Hospital.

Mr. J. B. Meisel, proprietor of the Fourth Street Confectionery Store and Ice Cream Parlors, has been a great sufferer from a diseased bone of right arm. During the past seventeen years he has passed through seven operations and hoped the diseased parts had been cured. Recently the old trouble returned causing pain almost beyond endurance, located mid-way between right shoulder and elbow. He left for Philadelphia Tuesday noon and expects to pass through the eighth operation. Mr. Meisel is an energetic worker and has, with the able assistance of his wife, built up a large trade. We sincerely hope he may get permanent relief.

A telegram received yesterday afternoon stated Mr. Meisel had safely passed through the operation.

Writing paper and its selection, de notes the character of an individual. Try 50 sheets and 50 envelopes for Taggart's for thirty-five cents.

The Emporium Drug Company

A new firm—the Emporium Drug Company—has assumed charge of the old and popular drug store, so successfully conducted during the past twenty-four years by Mrs. M. A. Rockwell. The firm is composed of E. W. Yeagle, (a nephew of Mrs. Rockwell, who several years ago was in her employ) F. J. Kime and H. J. Volmer, the two former being practical druggists, are busy thoroughly remodeling the interior and refurbishing the store with up-to-date fittings. During the time the new work is being put in the store will remain closed. When opened for business, Mr. F. J. Kime, Jr., will have charge of the business and being a practical pharmacist, will no doubt be cordially received by Mrs. Rockwell's patrons, and maintain the excellent reputation of this old and popular house. The new firm are all young and active men and wide awake to the wants of the times.

The retirement of Mrs. Rockwell after twenty-four years of incessant work is regretted by her patrons, who always looked upon her work as reliable and satisfactory. No prescription ever left her store with the least suspicion of error. While we, as well as our citizens generally, regret to have her retire from business, yet we cannot blame her. She has, early and late, stood to her post and realized the ambition of her life. That she will enjoy the fruits of her long life of toil, having accumulated considerable property and can take solid comfort, we are glad. She deserves it, for no one has worked harder than Mrs. Rockwell and we want to see her have all the pleasures of this good old world.

Pleasant Auto Trip.

Last Friday evening, about 11 o'clock, Mrs. Editha Howard, and her daughter, Miss Marcia, accompanied by Mrs. Benj. Troop and Mr. Carl Rothfuss, arrived in Emporium, having made the trip via Wellsboro, Coudersport and Port Allegany. Mrs. Troop was guest of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. I. K. Hockley, while the rest of the party were guests of Mrs. M. A. Rockwell, mother of the first named lady. Mrs. Troop remains here for a time while the rest of the party returned to Williamsport on Monday via Austin and Galeton. Miss Ida Rothfuss, who was the guest of Miss Mildred Green, (Mrs. Rockwell's ward) returned to her home with the party. They were busy while here and enjoying our country drives. Mr. Andrew Brady, who is well acquainted with the roads of this state and adjoining states, piloted them over the route to Austin. We did not learn whether they kept up with him or not. The Williamsport auto was not too slow.

Agreeable Callers.

Mrs. Frank Bryan, nee Laura Zell, of New York City, eighteen years ago a resident of Cameron, was an agreeable Press visitor on Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Simpson, of Lafayette, Col., and Mr. G. L. Page, of Cameron. They were called there to attend the funeral of Mrs. Jane L. Rockwell, which took place on Monday.

Handsome Home.

Robert Wylie has greatly improved his home on his farm at what used to be known as Truman, when Cochran's mill was located there. Geo. Market was the contractor and a good job it is. The Wylie family are comfortably situated on their farm that once contained such valuable lumber.

Ice Cream Social.

Mrs. Taylor's Sunday School Class, of the M. E. Church, will hold an ice cream social next Friday evening, on the lawn of the New Warner House. Ice cream and cake will be served for 15 cents.

A recent visitor said that "in location environment, healthfulness and splendid buildings, the Lock Haven Normal School was unsurpassed in the entire state." This is a high praise but we might have added that in scholarship and in equipment the school is also in the front rank. Write for a catalog.

Rambler Chainless Bicycle for Sale
A good chainless Rambler bicycle for sale cheap, if taken before Sunday. A flock of over 100 small chickens, also at a bargain. Address Box 204, Emporium, Pa., or call at New Warner during evening.

\$5.00 reward offered for the information that will lead to the detection of any merchant that ever offered a better value in stationery. 100 pieces of the finest style sold at Taggart's for 35 cents.

Wanted every woman in Cameron county to purchase the first box of Windsor Linen Writing Paper. Containing 50 sheets and 50 envelopes for 35 cents at Taggart's drug store.

U. S. Powder Inspector.

Mr. Philip Coffenberg, of New York City, has located in Emporium for several months, sent her by the U. S. Isthmian Canal Department as inspector of the dynamite as it is packed preparatory to shipping the explosive to Panama Zone. Mr. Coffenberg alternates between the Keystone works at Emporium and Sinnamahoning plant at Sinnamahoning. It will take the two plants until next June to complete the contract of over ten million pounds. It is busy times at the powder plants and we are told one would not notice unusual activity, except that the crews are working as long as they can see.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Coffenberg and found him a very well informed gentleman, having put in many years in the U. S. government employ, both in the army and the Philippines. He will be assisted by a chemist, who it is expected to arrive almost any day.

Mr. W. C. Cope, the chemist appointed for this place, arrived last Monday and is rapidly fitting up his laboratory in the room over the Reading Room gymnasium. Mr. Cope is a pleasant gentleman and has plenty to keep him busy.

Sorry at Supper Time.

A number of our young men—Clark Metzger, Roy Beisel, Joe McNarney, Karl Getchell and Teddy Nangel—went camping on Canoe Run last Monday morning, anticipating a grand time fishing and eating. They left one of their large pails of "grub" at the depot at this place and our imp says they will be like the milk cow that chased after the free trade bull (Bryan). "They were sorry when supper time came." That's what a whole bunch of those insurgents at Washington will feel and say when they appeal to the voters again, hungry for the toiler's support. Follow the free trade bull for your sup—port.

Annual Outing.

The Mountain Dew Drops held their annual outing at the John L. Johnson farm on the Portage, Sunday, July 25. The following officers were elected: Herman Moline, President; Jas. Law, Treasurer, and Major Dorval, Secretary. A good time and lots to eat was reported by all. Those present were Herman Moline, James Law, Major Dorval, Mat. O'Byrne, Jas. Mowery and Charley O'Dine.

First Presbyterian Church.

Paul J. Lux, Pastor.
Morning Worship and Sermon, 10:30.
Second Sermon on "Life, what is it?"
Sunday School, 11:45.
Junior endeavor, 3 p. m.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30.
Evening Service, 7:30. Sermon, "What is it to be a Christian?"
Come and worship with us. A cordial invitation to all.

Married at Jacksonville.

Frank Mauer, of Painted Post, N. Y., was on July 22, married at Jacksonville, Fla., to Miss Blanch Arnold, formerly of this place, but who has made her home with J. Pitt Felt in Florida for some time. The groom will be remembered by many of our readers as nephew of Mr. and Mrs. DeLong, while the bride is an excellent young lady and has many friends here. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Arnold of Shippen township.

Enjoyable Visitor.

The Press was favored, yesterday afternoon, with a visit from Mr. W. C. Greenwell, travelling representative of the Western Newspaper Union, Cleveland, O. We find the gentleman a very first-class business man and one of those men that grasps an idea on the fly and puts it in tangible shape. He is a genial gentleman as well and his services no doubt are appreciated by this great publishing House. With such practical men as W. H. Schraeder, the Manager, and W. C. Greenwell there is no wonder the Western Union is rapidly approaching the perfection line.

A Rousing Big Time.

Judge LaBar, and wife, Mrs. C. W. Rishell and children, also the three Diehl children, left on Monday for Sodus Bay. They report a grand time. H. O. Haupt, wife and children are in the same bunch. They report a rousing big time.

The "Smith-Fergus" families will hold their third annual reunion at Nippon Park, near Jersey Shore, August 19th, 1909. All members of the connection are cordially invited to be present.

Pigs for Sale.

Six weeks old pigs for sale. Apply to Gorg. Mislam at Furnace.

Emporium Iron Co.

Resumes Aug. 1st

The Press is officially informed that the Emporium Iron Company will commence repairing their plant on August 1st. The furnace will go into blast at the earliest possible day. This announcement is authentic and authorized by Mr. Andrew Brady. This is certainly cheering news to our citizens.

An Enjoyable Trip.

Last Friday, Mr. Joseph L. Wheeler, of Marion, S. C., and Mr. R. A. Cartwright, of Ridgway, were transacting business here. They left for Cross Forks, in their touring car, taking that route to Renovo, where Mr. Wheeler, took the Erie mail for Marion, S. C. Mrs. W. G. Gilbert, of this place, and Miss Josephine Gilbert, of Buffalo, accompanied Mr. Wheeler to Marion, where they will visit until Saturday next, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, when the entire party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. E. M. Hurteau, Mrs. W. G. Gilbert and Miss Gilbert, will sail for New York City in Mr. Wheeler's private yacht. The party will arrive at Emporium some time next week on a visit.

Senator Penrose the Man of the Hour.

WASHINGTON, July 28th, 1909.—"The new tariff law will prove the most satisfactory tariff law ever enacted in this country," said Senator Penrose. The conference committee, of which the Pennsylvania senator is a member, practically has completed its work. The bill will report back to the House and Senate will provide ample protection for the great industries of the Keystone State. The advanced rates of the iron and steel, chemical and other schedules demanded by Pennsylvania manufacturers and substituted by the Senate for drastic reductions made by the House, generally have been maintained by the conference committee. Senator Penrose urged the increases in the Senate and at a conference he has successfully defended them. The bill in every sense will serve the purpose for which it is intended. It provides sensible tariff revision with such reductions as were deemed consistent with the policy of protection, and it will meet the requirements of the government as a revenue producing measure. It violates neither the spirit nor the letter of the tariff pledge of the Republican national platform. It is a measure which leaders of the Republican party confidently predict will comply with economic conditions that have developed since the enactment of the Dingley, law twelve years ago, and assure a prolonged period of renewed industrial expansion.

Throughout the deliberations of Congress the protection of American labor from competition with the miserably paid labor of Europe has been the overshadowing issue from the Republican viewpoint. The United States can place in the markets of the world any manufactured article as cheaply as any other country. But to do this it must reduce its labor to the wage scale of the foreigner. A political party that would enact legislation that would do this, would be, as it ought to be, doomed.

The self-styled "progressives" of the Senate, the LaFollettes, the Cumminses, the Dollivers and the Beveridges, demanded tariff revision that would destroy the industrial system of this country and make beggars of American workmen. The country is fortunate in the fact that the genuine protectionists in Congress prevented such a disastrous result, statesmen who were alive to the situation and who battled early and late for the preservation of the industries of the United States, to which the wonderful prosperity of this nation is due.

Sunday School Pic-Nic.

Emmanuel Parish and Sunday School Pic-Nic at Sizer Springs yesterday was very largely attended and passed off pleasantly. It is an ideal place for picnic and we wonder why the P. R. R. Co., does not run pic-nic trains once a week.

The only excitement that transpired was the killing of a monster rattlesnake about a mile up the Cauley Run, by W. A. Dalrymple and Bobby Howard.

Money refunded and cash prize offered to any person that ever purchased a similar value in style or quantity offered in stationary at any store in Emporium. 100 pieces 35 cents.

G. C. TAGGART.

Suicide of W. S. Belford

[From the Oil City Derrick, July 26th.]

After shooting with intent to kill Policeman Raynor, who was about to arrest him for disorderly conduct, W. S. Belford, a P. R. R., telegraph operator, shot himself in the right side of the neck shortly after 3:00 o'clock, Saturday afternoon. The jugular vein was severed and he died in a few minutes.

Belford was employed at "N. B." tower, in the northern end of the local yards. Some months ago Miss B. R. Smith, of Wyattville, this county, a former school teacher, was appointed a pupil operator by the company and assigned to Bedford for instruction. He took great interest in his pupil. When she was qualified for a position she was given one of the towers in the N. B. office, and later sent to the R. F. tower at Rynd Farm. About two months ago when the change in divisions and superintendents took place, she found herself without a position, and has been making her home with her cousin, who carries on a rooming house in the Downing block, on Seneca street, near the corner of Duncomb street.

Belford, a married man, with one son 17 and another 8 years of age, was smitten with his pupil, and her friends say forced attentions upon her that became so distasteful to her she refused to speak to him.

Saturday afternoon Bedford got drunk and while in that condition visited the room of H. L. Jones, in the Downing block, a fellow operator at the N. B. office, and became so offensive that Jones put him out. Miss Smith was in a room on the same hall, and after leaving Jones, Belford made his way to this room, and finding the door locked broke it open. Patrolman Raynor responded to a call and while going up a pair of stairs leading to the third floor heard a threat and looking up saw Belford taking aim at him with a revolver. The officer "ducked," and an instant later a bullet from Belford's gun struck the plaster in the wall near where Raynor's head had been. Raynor was under cover by that time and a second shot was fired that struck the wall of the staircase near the ceiling.

After a short time Belford left and went down stairs. Meantime Chief of Police Reid arrived and sounded his whistle for Raynor, expecting that officer would take Belford from the rear while he went up the front stairs. Getting no response to this signal or to his calls upon Raynor, the chief started up stairs and met Bedford, revolver in hand, coming down. Belford continued to approach the officer, and then, quick as a flash, swung the weapon up from his side where he had been carrying it at arm's length, placed the muzzle below his right ear and pulled the trigger. Belford landed face down on the staircase 12 feet or more below where he had been standing. He was grasped by Chief of Police Reid, who dragged him to the street door. It was apparent that the wound was a desperate one and the officer called for a surgeon. He died before the surgeon arrived.

No one familiar with the case censures Miss Smith. When she had mastered the art of telegraphing under the tutelage of the man, she was given one of the towers in the N. B. office. It was then that Belford first began to annoy her with his attentions. These coming from a married man were offensive.

S. H. Belford, a brother of the deceased, arrived yesterday from Renovo and with other relatives arranged to leave this morning for Renovo, where the funeral services will be held Tuesday.

Mr. Belford was born in Sunbury, October 21, 1870. He entered the railroad service early in life and was advanced to the position of train dispatcher and then assistant trainmaster. He contracted reckless habits through drink, and was relieved from his position about two years ago. Soon afterwards he came to Oil City and was given a position in the telegraphing department of the P. R. R. His parents are dead.

The deceased stood well with the people of Renovo, where he grew from young manhood. He took an active interest in town affairs and served one term as a member of council.

Sousa was Here.

Sousa, of New York, representing large wholesale Ladies Suit and Coat manufacturers, was here last Saturday and Monday at R. Kuehne's store. Many orders were given Mr. Kuehne for both coats and suits.

THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Showers.

SATURDAY, Fair.

SUNDAY, Fair.

ASSETS

First National Bank,

EMPORIUM, PA.

At the close of business, July 28, 1909.

\$820,789.86.

START NOW.

Creating a reserve is not difficult once you start to deposit your money in this Bank systematically. But if you ever expect to be independent financially through your own efforts you must make a start.

\$1.00 Starts an Account.

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

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST.

(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store
Emporium, Pa. 12y

E. O. BARDWELL, M. D.,
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.
Hours: 8:00 a. m., 1:00 to 3:00 and 7:00 to 8 p. m.

Death of Vineland Pioneer.

VINELAND, N. J., July 23.—George W. Lewis, pioneer of 1866, one of the most successful farmers of this place, died suddenly last night from valvular heart disease. He is survived by seven sons, all business men and farmers, and three daughters all school teachers. He was clerk of the school district for many years and custodian of school moneys. For twelve years he served on the Board of Education and was prominent in the First Baptist Church, held the office of trustee for many years up to the time of his death.

Ms. Lewis was born near Sterling Run, Cameron county, Pa. His father Robt. Lewis, was one of the early settlers of the Driewood Branch. He was married to Miss Mary Hall, of Ceres, N. Y. To this union was born twelve children, of whom two predeceased him to that home above. He was respected by all who knew him and was held in most tender affection by a large circle of friends. He was about 72 years of age. He made his last visit here two years ago; is survived by a wife and ten children.

Milk Notice.

Notice is hereby given to our customers that from Aug. 1, 1909, milk will be 7c per quart.

JOHN BAUER, B. HOUSLER,
THOS. JOYCE, E. J. ROGERS,
W. E. ANGEVINE, H. L. HACKETT.

First Methodist Episcopal Church.

Next Sunday August 1st, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in both the morning and evening service. Love Feast at 9:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 11:45 a. m.; Epworth 6:30 p. m.

Notice to Water Consumers.

To Water Consumers of the Emporium Water Company:

All taps at sinks, wash basins, water closets, baths, etc., must be closed, when not in actual use and must not be allowed to leak.

If our inspectors find any violations of the rule governing the water regulations, particularly the wasting of water through leaky fixtures or otherwise, the supply will be shut off from such premises without further notice.

EMPORIUM WATER COMPANY.

Married.

William Razmann of Sizerville and Miss Gertrude Housler, of Emporium, formerly of Rich Valley, were married by the Rev. Wm. Osgood at the parsonage in Rich Valley, Saturday, July 24, 1909.

The happy bride and groom had their home already prepared. After a short wedding tour they will be at home to their friends on West Fifth street, Emporium, Pa. The Press extends congratulations.

The Lock Haven Normal School has graduated 2200 students and has educated 2500 other young people who are now successful men and women. It has a splendid record for thoroughness, discipline and healthfulness. Lock Haven is situated almost in the centre of the beautiful West Branch Valley. It is easily accessible. Write for a catalog.

Emmanuel Church Services.

Aug. 1, eighth Sunday after Trinity.

10:30 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon.
7:30 p. m., Evening Prayer.

Fruit season is here, but Granulated Sugar the same, 25 pound sack for \$1.45 at C. B. Howard & Co's.