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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Senator Sherman to Be a Cabinet Officer.

The Pacific Railroad Settlement - Vicksburg Battle Ground - Platt's Return to Senate - Free Homestead and Tariff Bills Under Way, Etc.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18th.—Congratulations have been showered upon Senator Sherman since he returned to Washington and made the formal announcement that he had decided to become Secretary of State under President McKinley, and congratulations have also been wired to Major McKinley on his success in getting so able and experienced a man for his Secretary of State. The great business interests of the country will welcome the selection of Senator Sherman for this important post, because his well-known conservatism is a guarantee that while the foreign policy of the McKinley administration will be firm and strongly American, it will not be tinged with the disturbing element of jingoism—it will maintain the rights of American citizens abroad, just as its internal policy will protect Americans at home, but it will not get up war scares for political effect, which disarrange all branches of business and add to the timidity of capital. The corner stone of the McKinley administration will be confidence, and no one thing could have made that plainer to the country than the choice of Senator Sherman as Secretary of State. Mr. Sherman's resignation as Senator will not take effect until the close of this session of Congress, as he is deeply interested in matters which may be legislated upon by this Congress. Besides, it would not be good policy to have a vacancy in the Chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Relations at this time, as there is no certainty that the Senate, as at present composed, would allow the Republicans to name his successor.

The Republican steering committee of the Senate has given the Nicaragua Canal bill the right of way in the Senate. A similar bill has passed the Senate several times, and there is little doubt that this one will pass, but its chance for getting consideration in the House is not considered especially good. Senator Gear has reported his bill to the Senate for the appointment of a Commission to be composed of three members of the Cabinet to determine upon a just and equitable settlement of the indebtedness of the Pacific Railroads to the Government, together with a unanimous report from the Committee on Pacific Railroads, of which he is Chairman, in its favor. The fate of the bill is dependent upon favorable action by the House on a similar bill, as it would be a mere waste of time for the Senate to pass it until assured of the attitude of the House.

Col. Fred D. Grant, representing the Army of the Tennessee, and Gen. S. B. Lee, of Mississippi, representing the Confederate Veterans Association, made a joint argument before the House Committee on Rules for the setting apart of a day for the consideration by the House of the bill for the purchase of ground around Vicksburg, in order that future generations may see the battle-ground and study the maneuvers made by Gen. Grant, which resulted in the capture of what was known as the Gibraltar of the Confederacy—Gen. Grant's first really great military achievement. Speaker Reed, who is Chairman of that Committee, told the gentlemen that inasmuch as the bill carried an appropriation, it could not be considered from a sentimental standpoint alone, and that the committee could not at the time make a positive promise.

The return of Hon. Thomas C. Platt to the Senate by the New York legislature, recalls the remarks made by himself and Senator Conkling, when they resigned from the Senate. Mr. Conkling said: "This ends me as far as politics is concerned. I shall never again allow the use of my name in connection with any political office. I am done for all time with the game of politics." Mr. Platt said: "I will re-enter politics at this very moment and stay in until I die—maybe to get even with certain perfidious scoundrels who have deceived us,

BRIEF MENTION.

—George E. Hooton lost a valuable mare this week.

—Ev on Chicago confesses failure in an attempt to equal or outdo the Seeley dinner.

—Apples were recently sold at Stroudsburg for twenty cents per bushel.

—If a barn is sprinkled freely with powdered charcoal the burning sensation will be relieved almost immediately.

—The skating on Wells' dam has been fine for the past two weeks, and thoroughly enjoyed by all those addicted to the sport.

—Somebody has suggested disinfectants in connection with the Seeley dinner testimony. A garbage dinner would be more appropriate and effective.

—The wire nail trust waxed too fat, and the Courts successfully took a hand at reducing its obnoxious tendency. Farmers and builders will rejoice at its collapse.

—Blanks for those boarding house keepers who wish mention in the Erie book descriptive of summer homes can be obtained at the ticket office in Port Jervis.

—The usual winter crop of Hungarian murders and assaults from the authentic regions is reported. The crop is usually harvested with razors and butcher knives.

—When cut flowers become wilted they may frequently be refreshed by clipping off the ends and dipping the stems in hot water for a few moments.

—An ice house has been built by W. L. Boyd in the rear of his residence which is rapidly being filled with ice. This will be used to keep meats fresh in the summer time.

—The Fourth Quarterly Conference will be held in the Methodist church here on Tuesday evening Jan. 26, and will be presided over by Rev. Alexander Craig of Newton.

—Mrs. Nancy Barger, of Centre county Pa., is said to be 107 years old and still in full possession of all her mental faculties. She has a bachelor son aged 82, who supports her.

—Neighborhood prayer meeting will be held this Friday evening at the home of Mrs. A. D. Brown on Broad street. The one held last Friday evening at the Sawkill House was largely attended.

—The Snyder brothers, of Lehman, were in Milford Monday with a bear which they killed a few days ago. The carcass weighed 150 pounds and was readily disposed of to lovers of that kind of pork.

—On the question of fixing the compensation of the County Treasurer two of the Auditors, Gebhardt and Olmsted agreed with the Commissioners at 2% each way but John C. Warner voted for 1 1/2% thinking that per cent ample remuneration.

OBITUARY.

ANNA MARY BOSLER.
Mrs. Anna Mary Bosler, wife of Charles Bosler, died suddenly at her residence in Delaware township, Sunday, Jan. 17, of heart failure. She is survived by her husband, two brothers, George and Joseph, two sisters, and two sons and one daughter. The funeral took place Tuesday from the Reformed Church at Dingmans.

SARAH EVANS.

Mrs. Sarah Evans died Thursday, Jan. 14, at the home of David Jagger in Dingmans. Her husband was a soldier in the late war, and she has since his decease drawn a pension from which she derived a partial support. The funeral occurred Saturday at Dingmans.

How the Brooks Law Operates.

Just prior to the adjournment of the last legislature in this State a committee was appointed to investigate the working of the present liquor law. This committee estimates that there are now 35,000 speakeasies in operation in Pennsylvania, which makes an interesting report. Attention will be especially called to these violations of the law, which places promote to a great extent drunkenness among young people, if the half of this is true, some other system of regulating sales of liquor must be provided, or some method devised by which law can be made to take the place of constables who do not conserve public morality, and of citizens who are supine in all efforts to protect the community from that greatest of all curses the places where liquor is sold clandestinely to persons of all ages and of both sexes.

How to Fumigate a Room.

To fumigate a room with sulphur use two pounds of rock sulphur with a pound of flour of sulphur to every 1,000 cubic feet. Put the sulphur in a tin dish, set in a pan of wet ashes or a pan containing brick, to prevent any danger of fire. Put the rock sulphur at the bottom, the flour of sulphur on the top and pour two tablespoonfuls of alcohol over them just before you apply the match. Leave the room instantly. Every door, window, crack or crevice in the room must be closed. It may be discolored the paper. That depends on the color. All the metal work must be removed. — New York Tribune.

Lost—A hunting knife, and return ticket to New York dated about Dec. 24th. Reward. Leave at Press office.

A New Hotel Will Be Built.

It is stated on good authority that the Riverside Hotel operated by Martin L. Bach, above Bushkill, in Pike county, may be purchased by a party of New York gentlemen and a large hotel similar to Forest Park will be erected. This spot has long been conceded to be the finest location for a hotel in that section of the country, and the fact that it has been chosen as a site by the New York parties shows that they understand their business. Negotiations are now on and the result will be made public in a short time.—Democrat.

It is also rumored that Mr. Bach is negotiating for the Half Way House now owned by Maurice S. Quinn. Mr. Bach is a good landlord and keeps everything neat around his premises. He would be an acquisition to any community.

FOR SALE—Second-hand wagons in good order for sale cheap at Angle's blacksmith shop.

SUSPENDED ANIMATION.

It was in June that Garger was attacked by illness, and until September he continued to battle for his life. A few weeks after he was taken ill his parents decided to call two doctors from New York, whose names Mr. Garger cannot now remember, and together they consulted with Dr. Fulmer and Dr. Emerson.

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COULD NOT AID HIM.

The doctors found it impossible to relieve the youth, and when at last he became unconscious they shook their heads and said that there was very little hope for his recovery.

For six weeks Garger remained in an unconscious state, falling all the time, and all the physicians told the father and mother that they should prepare themselves for the end, which might come at any time. In six weeks, however, the young man regained consciousness. He remained in this state for a short time and then, on a Wednesday afternoon, he to all appearances, suddenly expired. The doctors examined the body thoroughly in search of any signs of life, then announced to the sorrowing friends that life had departed.

Garger told me that his recollection of passing into the state which the doctors believed to be death was very distinct, and while it had been to some extent dimmed now by the lapse of time, yet his remembrance of the horror he experienced can never be effaced from his memory. He recalls with the greatest terror, even to the present day, how he heard the sorrow of his relatives and friends expressed in lamentations and tears, and the endeavors of his father to comfort his mother.

Then he heard the discussions for the funeral arrangements, where he was to be buried alive, but as he told me yesterday, he was no more able to indicate by the least sign that he was alive, than if he had been actually dead. It was almost impossible to describe the frightful agony of mind which he underwent. A person might get some idea of his torture by imagining he was lying on a railroad track, bound hand and foot, without ability to move or make a sound, while an engine was rushing down the track toward him.

READY FOR THE GRAVE.

Garger was laid out, washed, dressed in his grave clothes and placed in a coffin. The funeral was to have taken place in the afternoon of Saturday. He remembers that his father came into the room where the body was laid out and took a ring from one finger to keep it in remembrance. The finger was slightly swollen, and in consequence, the flesh was torn in taking off the ring. The father observed this, and was startled to observe that a few drops of blood flowed. The doctors were at once summoned. They were overcome with surprise, and on making an examination declared that they detected signs of life. Every effort was made to assist the supposedly dead man to return to life.

He did return to life, or more properly speaking to full consciousness, a few hours later. He says he felt as though he had awakened from a frightful dream, in which he had endured the most awful trials and expiations.

The doctors expressed their astonishment at Garger's recovery, but could give no explanation as to why it was that they had been unable to detect that the spark of life in the young man's body had not been entirely extinguished. Garger says he thinks that they should have applied the test of bloodletting. Had they done so, he says, as was proved by the act of his father in removing the ring from his hand the fact that he was not dead certainly would have been ascertained earlier.—New York Herald.

New Town to Be Built in Monroe County.

The New York and Pennsylvania Mining and Manufacturing Company, which was chartered at Harrisburg on Friday, will not locate in the late region of Northampton county, but will erect a large brick manufacturing and new town in the clay region of Monroe county, at Kunkletown. The company has leased 6,000 acres of land lying between Saylorsburg and Kunkletown, in Eldred township, Monroe county, and from thence to Lehigh Gap, in Carbon county. The company will build its own railroad from its plant to Lehigh Gap to connect with the Lehigh & Susquehanna and Lehigh Valley Railroads.

An Example in Economy.

The Republican board of County Commissioners of Northampton have fixed the Treasurers compensation at three fifths of one per cent on all moneys received and paid out, and provided that the amount shall not exceed \$1700. Last year under the Democrats the Treasurer got \$4,800 from the county alone. Put Republicans on guard.

A Birthday Party.

Miss Millicent Crisman celebrated her tenth birthday on Monday evening from five to eight. About thirty of her young friends assembled to make merry with her, and she received a number of very pretty remembrances. Misses Jennette Mott and Jennina Ball assisted Mrs. Crisman in entertaining the young people and all too quickly the happy time fled.

The Spoils Inquest.

The manner of the death of young William Speidel who was found along the Erie tracks some two weeks ago, has been finally determined by the Coroners jury to have been suicide. The jury concluded that he administered chloroform to himself, and that no other person is implicated, or connected with, or in manner responsible for his death.

HYMENEAL.

Mr. R. W. White, of Danville, Va., and Miss Ethel Bennett, of Port Jervis, were united in marriage at Grace Church rectory on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14, Rev. Mr. Symonds officiating. The young couple will make their home for the present with the bride's parents. The bride is well-known as a recent resident of this place.

A New Society Organized.

The young ladies of the Presbyterian Church have at last organized a society of Willing Workers composed of the young members of the Sunday school. The first meeting to organize was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Mitchell. Officers for the year were elected and are as follows: President—Miss Jennie Ball. Vice President—Miss Jennie Choate. Secretary—Miss Linda Klier. Treasurer—Miss Jennette Mott. Committees for buying material were chosen: Misses Clara Krob, Etta Decker and Miss Betty Cornelius. The Willing Workers will hold their first meeting for regular work at Miss Linda Klier's, Saturday afternoon from two to five.

"The Comic Side of Life" at Brown's Hall Monday night 25th inst.

Electric Light for Milford. Notice of intention to apply for a charter of an Electric Light Company for Milford is given in this issue. The active parties are Christian Lehde, Thomas Armstrong, B. E. Brown and A. D. Brown. It is proposed to locate the plant on the Van Demark creek, using the sawmill of Mr. Brown as a power house, which with the engines now used in the mill, will be thoroughly overhauled and refitted to make both suitable and convenient for their new adaptation. The company will act as rapidly as circumstances will permit, proceed to make all necessary arrangements to have the plant in operation, and we may reasonably expect that by April 1st, they will be prepared to take the shine out of the moon.

1897—CRESCENTS—1897.

In a few days Mason, the agent for the Crescent bicycles, will have samples of the 1897 models. If you have any idea of purchasing a bicycle the coming season, be sure and call on Mason at Port Jervis.

Bank Changes Presidents.

Martin C. Everitt, who since 1870 has been connected with the First National Bank of Port Jervis, and since 1874 its president, retired from that position at the annual meeting of directors held last Saturday, and C. F. Van Inwegen was chosen in his place. The reason given for the retirement of Mr. Everitt is that the condition of his health required relief from the responsibilities of so important a position, and that he wished to take a rest free from business cares. The other officers elected were: Vice-president, John B. Lynton; cashier, Fred B. Post; receiver, Teller, H. S. Bennett; stenographer, William F. Speidel; bookkeepers, R. W. Reid and Hamilton Hulse; attorney, C. E. Cuddeback.

Attempted Suicide.

Milton S. Kimble who resides at Lackawaxen attempted last Friday to commit suicide at his home, by hanging. The noise he made attracted people in another part of the house and they went in to ascertain the cause, thereby preventing the consummation of his design. Mr. Kimble is aged about 80 years, and his mind has become somewhat impaired. His fear is that he will come to want in his old age, although he has considerable property. Mrs. Kimble his wife died only a few months ago.

Notice of Caucus.

The Republicans of Dingman township will meet on Saturday Jan. 23 at 2 P. M. at the house of O. E. Bollett in said township for the purpose of placing candidates in nomination for the various offices to be filled at the election Feb. 16, 1897.

JULIUS W. KESSEL,
JOSEPH SCHANNO, } Com.
JAMES BURR, Jr. }

Dingman township, Jan. 21, 1897.

FOR SALE—Overstrung square piano in good order. Maker, A. B. Gale & Co., New York, will be sold a bargain. Apply to R. Struthers, Milford, Pa.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ended Jan. 21.

Matamoras. Jacob Kleinhaus and wife to John Ashback, dated Jan. 14, 1897, lots 526 and 527, con. \$750, ent'd Jan. 14.

Dingman. Mary E. Westfall and husband to George B. Quinn, dated Feb. 3, 1882, 20 acres, con. \$25, ent'd Jan. 15.

Geo. B. Quinn to Wm. L. Boyd, assignment of above, dated Jan. 15, con. \$150, ent'd Jan. 15.

Greene. J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to commissioners, dated Aug. 20, 1900 acres, con. \$27.24, ent'd Jan. 15th. Commissioners to Geo. A. Swepeizer, dated Oct. 2, same land, Geo. A. Swepeizer to John A. Kipp, dated Dec. 10, same land, con. \$1, ent'd Jan. 15.

Matamoras. Thomas Merritt et. ux. to Addison G. Remy, dated Jan. 4, 23 lots con. \$500 ent'd Jan. 19.

"The Happy Pair" at Brown's Hall Tuesday night 20.

A Vice-President Retires. At the election of bank officers Mr. Eli Van Inwegen, who has been connected with the First National Bank at Port Jervis since its organization in 1870, retired from the vice-president's position which he held since 1874. This step was taken because of his wish to be free from the responsible cares and duties connected with that place, and also on account of his age he being over four score years. His life has been practically spent in banking matters, and he was secretary and treasurer of the Port Jervis Savings Bank which existed prior to the formation of the First National Bank. In his business career he has evinced a care and conservatism combined with soundness of judgment which made his advice of great value to his associates. His successor, John B. Lynton, is a resident of Port Jervis and he too has been connected with the bank nearly a quarter of a century, and is a careful and successful business man.

LOST between Milford and Erie R. R. depot on Wednesday, Nov. 24, a large brown satchel. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at Erie depot, at Maurice Quinn's, or Finley's in Milford.

Condensary at Deckertown.

J. M. Horton of the ice cream manufacturer of New York has purchased a milk condensary in Deckertown, N. J. He will take 300 cans of milk per day and will pay within one quarter of a cent of the market price in New York. The milk will all be condensed and the cream will be used in the ice cream business. This will give the farmers of that region an excellent market for milk, and insure them a steady sale. If the farmers of this section could have some such inducement, and opportunity to dispose of their milk it would be a great material aid to their prosperity.

Arrested and Discharged.

David Holden was arrested Jan. 16, charged by William Zimmerman with having taken morning taken a set of harness, blanket, robe and whip from him. The parties attended a hall the previous evening at Quinn's Half-Way House and the goods were alleged to have been removed from the horse and wagon of complainant while there. Holden was brought before Esquire Angle and no evidence being brought to sustain the complaint he was discharged.

The Dinner at Sherry's.

The Seeley dinner has been occupying public attention in New York for a week or more. If the raids of the police uncover such seething masses of moral perversities, better keep the lid shut tight and let the pot boil, for the escaping fumes sicken to nausea all decent society, and yet most of the proceedings are unfit to print. And it happened at Sherry's too where fashionable and aristocratic people as a want to congregate.

A Tempting Offer.

Does not the offer of the PRESS and Weekly Tribune for one year for the small sum of \$1.65 seem enticing? We want to make it an object for you to secure new subscribers, and for every new one either to the Press alone or to the two papers combined we will give a subscription to the Tribune free. Now send along the names.

PERSONAL.

Issue Clifford who resides with his daughter in Sandyston, N. J., is critically ill.

Murry H. Chapin, of Brooklyn arrived in Milford last Friday for a week's recreation.

Mrs. Sue Grandin is visiting friends in Port Jervis and will be absent several days.

The condition of Commissioner Heller, we are pleased to state, is somewhat improved.

Miss Lucy Kent, of Paterson, N. J., is visiting her friend, Miss Ann Baker on Third street.

Harry DeWitt, the "King of Devils," of the Dispatch, is out and slowly recovering from his rheumatic affection.

Edward Labor, of the firm of Neapass & Labor, coal and lumber merchants, Port Jervis, was in town Saturday.

W. A. Erdman and C. B. Staples Esquires have entered into a co-partnership for the practice of law at Stroudsburg, Pa.

Mr. William Angle, of Milford conducted the men's meeting Sunday afternoon at the R. R. Y. M. C. A. at Port Jervis.

Earl Brown, who has been taking his turn with the measles, has transferred all his interest in them to his little brother Robert.

Peter Rulan will open a bicycle, repair, sale and livery room in Milford this spring, and will occupy the place next Koehler's barber shop.

J. Edgar Boyd has purchased a fine Hambletonian horse with a buggy and will now be prepared to do the handsome thing by taking the young ladies out for a drive.

Geo. M. Wheeler has leased the room formerly occupied by the Dispatch, and is fitting it up for bicycles, a fine stock of which he will put in and keep for sale or rent.

Rev. E. T. Sanford now pastor of a church at Cornwall, N. Y., has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Port Jervis but it is not yet known if he will accept.

Henry Klier while leaning out of the window of the school room in some manner fell to the ground a distance of several feet and bruised himself considerably but broke no bones.

On the first of January this year Mr. John A. Whitaker finished the 40th year of his connection with the Farmers National Bank of Deckertown, first as cashier and then as President.

R. B. Collins D. D., of the M. E. Church of Port Jervis will preach here on Sunday morning and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. W. R. Noft will fill the pulpit in Port Jervis.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cahill left Milford yesterday for an extended trip on the Continent. They will visit Nice, Algiers, and many points in pursuit of pleasure and recreation. The Press wishes them a prosperous voyage and a safe return.

Election of Bank Officers.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, the regular annual meetings for the election of directors were held by the National and First National Banks of Port Jervis. The following were elected by the National: Francis Marvin, Thomas Sharp, Robert Jordan, L. E. Carr, P. G. Wagner, A. T. Porter, W. A. Parshall, W. L. Cuddeback, William A. Scott; and by the First National Bank: Charles Brox, C. E. Cuddeback, M. C. Everitt, Wm. P. Horaback, J. B. Lynton, C. P. Reuling, George Schooner, H. B. Swartwout, J. D. Swinton, C. F. Van Inwegen, Henry B. Wells and John T. Van Eiten and Eli Van Inwegen.

For Teachers.

The teacher's column under the immediate supervision of Prof. John C. Watson of the Milford, graded schools contains much that is instructive and helpful in the school room, besides being of interest to the general reader. We are pleased with the numerous favorable comments it has elicited, and cheerfully accord the credit where it is due.

Ladies' Aid Society Active.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church was entertained by Mrs. Jordon on Tuesday afternoon from two to five. The ladies are busily engaged preparing for the annual summer fair. Before adjourning delicious refreshments were served.