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WASHINGTON LETTER.

President McKinley Returns from an Outing.

Simpson's Effort to Look Big—Aid for the Flood Sufferers—Ex-Union Soldiers to Be Reinstated—Pension Agencies Not to Be Reduced, Etc.

Washington, April 12.—President McKinley returned from his little outing much improved. The weather was more or less disagreeable during the entire time he spent on the Dolphin, but he got what he went after and what he needed most—rest. He was at his desk to day looking fresher than for several weeks.

Jerry Simpson made an attempt to prove that he was a bigger man than the entire House, but he only proved himself a monkey. He thought, or rather he thought that he thought, that he could compel Speaker Reed to appoint the Committee and the House to go ahead with miscellaneous business, although a majority had decided that the legislation of the extra session should be confined to passing the left-over appropriation bills and the tariff bill, both of which the House has done. Jerry made the point of "no quorum" to prevent the House adjourning from Saturday to Wednesday, but Speaker Reed had no difficulty in counting a quorum, and Jerry found himself down while the House adjourned. Whether he intends to get himself knocked down every time the House meets just for the notoriety there is in it, is yet to be seen. It is evident that Speaker Reed regards Jerry merely as an "amusing little cuss."

Secretary Alger, under whose direction the \$200,000 appropriated last week by Congress for the relief of sufferers by the floods in the Mississippi valley will be spent lost no time in putting the machinery of the War Department to work in order that prompt relief might be extended, wherever needed. It may be a hard thing to say, but it is strictly true that the Cleveland administration was responsible for much of the damage done by the Mississippi river floods, by its policy of delay in spending money appropriated by Congress to strengthen and raise up the levees along the Mississippi river at those points where United States Engineer officers had reported the necessity of such work. Reports are on file in the War Department from Engineer officers, made after Congress had appropriated the money, urging that contracts be made and the work pushed on these levees, but it was the Cleveland-Carlisle policy to hold back appropriations as long as possible, and these floods came before the levees had been completed. A number of the breaks are at the points reported weak by the Engineers and ordered to be strengthened by Congress. For all the damage done by these particular breaks, the Cleveland administration is clearly responsible.

President McKinley's announced policy of reinstating all ex-Union soldiers who were dismissed from office by the Democrats for no other reason than their politics, is being carried out in all of the government departments as fast as the heads of the departments can get around to the cases. In the cases of the chiefs of divisions, the Democrats are being given better treatment than they have received. They are allowed to remain in office, in a lower position, instead of being dismissed, as so many Republicans were under the last administration.

A Republican Senator speaking of the talk in regard to the appointment of Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy being likely to make trouble, said: "Roosevelt may make trouble in the Navy Department, but if he does it will be in the interests of a better administration of its affairs, just as he has made trouble for the law breakers of New York city who had long enjoyed police protection. I notice that in all the trouble stirred up by Roosevelt, he has always been in the support of those who believed in showing up and reforming wrong doing wherever found, and I am willing to stand behind all the trouble he makes in the Navy Department."

Mr. Cleveland's order reducing the number of Pension agencies, which was to go into effect on the 1st of next September, will never go into effect. Pension Commissioner Evans has ascertained by investigation that instead of saving money, as Mr. Cleveland claimed, it would cost more to support the consolidated agencies. He said on the subject: "While I have no authority to speak for the President, I have excellent reasons for believing that the order will not go into effect, and that the eighteen pension agencies will remain as they are." Commissioner Evans also says that Mr. Cleveland's order placing Pension Examining surgeons under the civil service rules will be revoked, except in the cases of examiners who receive \$300 a year or less.

No date has yet been fixed for the reporting of the Dingley tariff bill to the Senate by the Finance Committee. Ex-Senator Voorhees, of Ind., died suddenly Saturday morning at his Washington home.

BRIEF MENTION.

—The Senate passed the Hamilton good roads bill.

—The Governor has signed the bill making constables fire wardens.

—Lovers of good horses will note the announcement in another column.

—Mr. Bryan could not stand on the Florida platform, it got from under him.

—The Mississippi river during the recent flood was twenty-five miles wide at its mouth.

—The Council is working the streets, cleaning out gutters and removing rubbish.

—The bill creating forest reservations has passed and awaits the action of the Governor.

—The Normal school at East Stroudsburg opened its spring term with 240 scholars enrolled.

—James S. Batson, of Westmoreland county, seems to be the choice of Senator Quay as a candidate for State Treasurer.

—The bridge at Bushkill between the two counties is sixty-five feet long, sixteen feet wide, was built in 1837 and cost \$1045.

—The entire family of Andrew Storm living near the Milford crossing at Stroudsburg has suffered with diphtheria. Two have died and six others are sick.

—A bill has been introduced in the Legislature making an appropriation of \$20,000 to pay constables who are made ex-officio fire wardens by the Act of 30 March.

—The veteran John Findlay was on Tuesday awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Milford to Port Jervis. He will have now the distinction of having served the government in that capacity under ten consecutive Presidents.

—"Dick," our Montague correspondent suggests that they "all keep it up" and compel us to enlarge the Press. We have felt for some time that this was a coming necessity because our columns seemed like Editors after a free supper, "very much crowded for space."

—A bill has passed the House requiring constables to make returns to court only when they have violations of the law to report; except where otherwise provided by rule of court. Also one providing for the payment of bonuses for the destruction of wild cats, foxes, minks, hawks, owls and weasels.

—Our Supreme Court has decided that the same law applicable to vehicles in approach, railroad crossings must be observed by wheelmen. They must "stop look and listen." Circling around or making what is called a "wheelman's stop" is not sufficient caution to insure the protection of the law.

—Leading Democratic papers in the South are expressing strong sentiments in favor of increased duties on such staples as cotton, rice, sugar, oranges, pine apples and other fruits, tobacco, lumber, salt, marble, iron, mica, and other minerals and metals. There is a marked growth of the protective idea in that section.

—The Hale Dental Company has been obliged to enlarge its quarters by the addition of another room and operating chair which will be in charge of J. M. Shay, D. D. S. Gas will be administered to those wishing it, and the Hale Method of painless dentistry will also be continued.

Just try a 16c box of Casorets the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

PERSONAL.

Theodore F. Baker is home for the Easter vacation.

A. D. Brown lost a horse last Wednesday night, cause colic.

G. S. Wieland, of Lackawaxen visited his father over Sunday.

Little Pauline Frieck is the happy possessor of a new bicycle.

Mr. Bradley, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is in Milford visiting this week.

Gilson McKain and daughter of Shohola were in Milford Tuesday.

Mrs. Frances Westfall has gone for a visit with friends in Perry, N. Y.

Allen W. Hornbeck has secured the mail route from Milford to Dingmans.

John Van Etten of R. C. 1. at Nyack is spending a few days in Milford.

L. W. Armstrong wife and daughter, Mabel visited Milford over last Sunday.

Gottfried Wieland who was stricken with paralysis last week is improving.

Mrs. C. W. Bull is visiting her sister, Mrs. Van Campen in Deckertown, N. J.

George B. Quinn, of Dingman township is seriously ill with an attack of grippe.

Mrs. Willis has taken the house on Ann street formerly occupied by Mrs. L. R. Mott.

John B. Van Auker the popular tax collector of Delaware township was in Milford Tuesday.

Mrs. M. N. Neapass of Port Jervis, was in Milford, visiting, Mrs. M. A. Nyce last Monday.

John Zimmerman with a friend spent last Saturday at his summer residence near Dingmans.

Harley Palmer, of Stroudsburg was in Milford Thursday with several horses for sale or trade.

Sheriff Cortright and Jury Commissioner Louis Chatillon drew the Jury for the June term this week.

A surprise party was given at the Centre Square Hotel Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Watson, of this place has returned home after an extended visit among friends in the Metropolis.

Mrs. Irving Clifford of this place entertained a sewing party at her home on Water street last Friday, afternoon.

Mrs. Susan Grandin has returned to Milford. She was accompanied here by Mrs. M. C. Westbrook of Blooming Grove.

Miss Susan Nichols left town Tuesday for a visit to her brother, Rev. T. McBride Nichols at Germantown, Pa.

Albert Stoll of Port Jervis whose condition for some time past has given his friends serious alarm is somewhat better.

Ira B. Case and daughter, Lilly Quick went to Newark Tuesday to be with Mrs. Picot another daughter who is very ill.

Mrs. Martha Nyce and daughter, Mrs. Belle Moore entertained the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Finger and daughter, Sarah are again occupying their house on Harford street after being absent all winter in Trenton, N. J.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Lucy Kent of Paterson, N. J., to Murray H. Chapin, of New York, April 28.

E. Granville Huggins of the Isle of Nevis, a student in Lehigh University at Bethlehem, is spending his Easter vacation with the family of J. H. Van Etten.

Commissioner Jas. H. Heller whose illness has from time to time been noted in the Press is now gaining in strength, and seems to be on the road to recovery.

Rev. G. W. Gillespie, of Port Jervis Rev. Corwin of Otisville, N. Y., and Rev. Diven of Cuddebackville, wheeled to Milford last Monday and called on Rev. Thos. Nichols.

Frank N. Wood formerly with Mason at Port Jervis lately of Patchogue, L. J., has returned to the former place and is now with T. R. Anderson.

Miss Ida Howell a niece of Geo. E. Horton and Mrs. A. D. Brown was married Wednesday April 14 at her home in Chester, N. J., to Mr. Bird of Paterson, where they will in future reside.

P. C. Ratan the L. A. W. bicycle repairer and local consul, punched

twenty-five holes in a tire and Wednesday repaired them in just twenty minutes and pumped up the tire without its showing a single leak. This was quick work and proves him an expert in the business.

Dr. James M. Shay a recent graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College has become associated with The Hale Dental Company of Milford, and will be pleased to meet his friends and the public at the well-known office over Brown and Armstrong's store.

We have received invitations from W. R. Shannon M. D., and A. L. Crono, M. D., to be present at the graduating exercises of their class at the Baltimore University Wednesday April 14. Mr. Shannon is class Secretary. He is a resident of Lackawaxen and a son of C. W. Shannon. Mr. Crono was formerly a resident of the same township. We congratulate these young men, and wish for them wherever they may hang out their shingles abundant success in their chosen professions.

Ripans Tablets cure nausea. Ripans Tablets at druggists.

To Correspondents.

We have received a communication from Dingmans in regard to the School House at Coles, which is well written but as no name accompanies it, under our rule not to publish anonymous communications it is withheld. Correspondents must understand that unless the name is given, not for publication necessarily but as a guaranty of good faith to the Editor, we cannot print their efforts, much as we would like to, or however meritorious newsworthy or well written they may be. This rule is well established among newspapers, frequently alluded to, and we wonder why those who are able to write will persist in ignoring it. If through ignorance we beg them to read the papers, if by carelessness to cultivate more methodical habits, and if willfully done we assure them their persistence will not avail. We are glad to receive letters on subjects of local or general interest, but remember the name of the writer must, you, verily, must, in all cases accompany the letter. Just put it on a little slip if you do not wish to have it attached to the letter, and it will never be seen by other eyes than our own.

Stranger Than Fiction.

The Blairstown Press in demonstrating that truth is stranger than fiction relates an incident of Mr. Snover who was the recipient of \$10 from some conscience stricken chap who stole money from him some 34 years ago and now to ease his mind returns it with interest. The other is the case of the Frodenburg girl of Delaware township who answered an advertisement in a newspaper for a wife, met the advertiser, married him and departed for the West, and is now happy and rich. The father and mother we believe drove to their western home to join the daughter. It may have all turned out as pictured, but we once heard a man of experience remark when some one was relating a lucky incident which sounded rather incredible. "Well a fool for luck and if you don't want to be classed in that crowd just avoid taking any such chances."

Ripans Tablets cure dizziness. Ripans Tablets cure headache. Ripans Tablets cure dyspepsia.

Railroad News Again.

The Delaware Valley Electric railroad company reorganized last week at Stroudsburg by the election of E. F. Peters, Hon. M. F. Cooledge, William Hemphing, of Brooklyn, Andrew Yetter, of Blairstown, A. W. Loder, Jesse R. Ransberry, George Van Why, John M. Hill, and J. H. Shull directors. Subsequently Dr. J. H. Shull was re-elected president, and A. N. Palmer, secretary and treasurer. An effort will be made to obtain control of the East Stroudsburg and Matamoras Railroad charter which is now controlled by Simon Frieberg and if this can be done it is said the road will be built at once. Won't Simon please let it go at once.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, betwixt well, strong, suggestive, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the non-nicotine, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c per box. Brochure and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

OBITUARY.

EMMA BELL ELLETT.

Mrs. Emma Bell Ellett, wife of Henry M. Ellett, of Nantuxock, died quite suddenly at her home on Friday, April 9th, a little after noon, at the advanced age of 63 years.

Mrs. Ellett had enjoyed fairly good health during the winter, until a few days since, when the weakness of age became apparent, and on Friday at 1.45 o'clock she died in the arms of her daughter, Catherine, perfectly rational to the last moment, and without pain.

The eighth of April was the 50th anniversary of her marriage to Mr. Ellett, and would have been fittingly celebrated by the family had her health permitted.

Mrs. Ellett was a woman of well-balanced mind, and strong domestic tendencies. The home, and family felt the kindly influence of her firm, but loving guidance. She imparted to her offspring strong physical powers, as well as active mental faculties, and their consequent success in life afforded her the keenest pleasure in her old age. Until now there had not been a death in the family for over 30 years, that being a son, Henry, at 10 years of age.

Eight children survive her: Job C., on the old Hill homestead at Nantuxock; Alfred M., on his farm near Layton; Abram B., at Pond Creek, Oklahoma; Wm. P., merchant at Branchville; Orin D., M. E. Minister in Iowa; Frank G., minister in Detroit, Michigan; Lydia Belle, wife of Aaron Struble, and Catherine, wife of Andrew Morris.

If to have lived a life of usefulness, to have earned the love and respect of all who knew her, to have been a true and loving helpmate to a faithful husband, and the idol of her children is not to fully merit divine approval, then are we all irretrievably lost. Funeral services at 11 o'clock a. m. Interment at Peter's Valley. H.

Ripans Tablets cure flatulence. Ripans Tablets assist digestion. Ripans Tablets cure torpid liver.

The Problem Answered.

The Pike County Problem in last week's Press answered by J. A. Kipp, teacher: Upon condition that the county commissioners borrow \$1,000 @ 6% for one year, collector receives 5% commission, county treasurer 2% commission each way. County Dr. \$1,000.00

PEOPLE DEB. OR COUNTY CREDIT.

To payment of debt	\$1 60 00
To interest on debt 1 yr	96 00
To collector's commission 5%	50 00
To county treasurer commission 2%	40 00
Total cost to taxpayers	\$112 60
Total commissions for officers	\$100 00

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.

Dr. Schaeffer Reappointed.

Governor Hastings has re-appointed Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Senate has confirmed his nomination. He was first appointed by Governor Pattison in 1893 for four years, and his new appointment is for that period from April 1st. He is a Democrat, but not a partisan. Last year he was a sound money man and vigorously supported McKinley, using the argument that the eleven millions voted to the schools every two years by the State would be worth just five and one-half millions if free silver prevailed, and that the schools would have to suffer the loss.

W. & G. Mitchell have just opened a few cases of new SPRING GOODS comprising Gingham, Cutting Percales, Chastillon stripes, Camierella habit cloths, etc. See them before buying elsewhere.

New Hymnals.

The New Hymnals of the Presbyterian Congregation were used last Sunday. Some murmurs are heard because a number of books without notes were supplied for use in the pews. Possibly in the interest of a higher musical education among the members it might have been as well to have supplied them with the notes. Then too there are many city people who perhaps would be better pleased with such books, and the service might have been, to that extent at least, rendered more attractive.

Conference Appointments.

The following appointments were made by the M. E. Conference to places in this locality. Port Jervis Rev. Daniel Halloran; Milford, Rev. W. R. Noff; Matamoras, Rev. F. G. Curtis; Dingman's Ferry, Rev. George Whitehead; Hainesville, and Centreville, Rev. C. H. Von Glahn; Rev. C. W. Demings goes to Metuchen, N. J.

In both the New York and Newark Conferences the proposed amendments to the constitution admitting women to the Conference on an equal footing with men were rejected.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Facts for Those Who Are Seeking for Places.

A Congressional document, designed to answer all queries about the civil service, has been issued by the Government Printing Office. Officers who are in the city are eagerly seeking it, but it gives them little consolation, as it shows that the extensive law leaves little patronage at the disposal of the President and the heads of departments.

Exclusive of the diplomatic and consular service, which are not included in the document, there are in the entire civil service of the United States 178,717 appointments, with salaries aggregating \$49,822,281. Below the enactment of the civil service law only 11,000 were at the disposal of each new administration. By the gradual extension of the classified service the number of places left open to the office-seekers has been cut down to 9,000.

Many of these places are so hedged about by special laws or regulations relating to their appointment as to be practically shut off from the office-seekers. Among them are 3,001 subordinate places in the Indian service filled by Indians and 8,117 are places of retention and laborers who are below classification. The largest class of unclassified places takes in the fourth class postmasters receiving less than \$1,000 a year. There are 92,735 of these.

The Presidential appointments, outside of the diplomatic and consular service, are limited to 30 which do not require confirmation. Even this small number is practically made up of the fact that it includes the commissioned officers in the revenue cutter service and 12 surgeons in the marine hospital service, to both of which service new appointments are made only by competitive examination when vacancies occur.

The best places at the disposal of the President, outside of Washington, are the assistant treasurers, the collectors of internal revenue, and the 3,000 Presidential postmasters, receiving salaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Past Mariner Reflections on a Dead Village.

The man who is broad and liberal minded in business is generally full of a generous public spirit, and is genuinely glad to see his native village, and his neighbors around him prosper. While I picture to you one who does not seem burdened with this good quality, which we are all so prone to admire in the few who are fortunate enough to possess it, you can in your imagination pass the opposite, and then pattern after this creation of your fancy. It is clear that the opposite of narrow is broad; of intolerant is liberal; of selfishness is generosity. With these definitions you will readily conceive the opposite of a man who would close one of two stores in his native village that he might control trade; who desires but one shop of a kind, and his favorites to run them; who for years schemed to drive town meetings, elections, and other public business from his native village, who leaps indignities on a man whose beer he should drink, as one eats salt with his neighbor with no knife up his sleeve. Who might be content with a little less than the whole earth if he only had a Post-office thereon; who was a good Democrat when Grover was in, and whose father-in-law is probably a good Republican when Grover is out, what avails it my friends if such a one in trying to ride two horses should get over the fence with neither, or who shall mourn if he loses the scent from nosing too near the ground. Verily when anyone shall have so succeeded in drying up the business life of their native village that it appears to be in an advanced stage of atrophy then it is not time for its people to present him with a silver bound and pink ribboned petition to make daily use of a hat stretcher, with a liberal diet of fish until he grows in mental stature sufficiently to discern that few men can successfully raise themselves by their bootstraps or succeed in business by throttling home industries. As a result of human experience it may be accepted as an unalterable fact that healthy opposition adds a life and tone to trade that monopoly can never attain. Those who attempt it run counter to a public sentiment that is as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians. H.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ending April 16.

Palmyra. Joseph Atkinson et ux. et al. to James Milham, dated Oct. 4, 1895 lot on Big Pond con. \$275 ent'd April 9.

Greene. John Heberling et ux. to Fletcher Gilpin, M. D., dated April 12 104 acres, con. \$1100 ent'd April 12.

Westfall. Frank X. Reilly to Robert Clements, dated Feb. 19, 2 lots con. \$100 ent'd April 15.

Westfall. Frank X. Reilly to Wm. J. Clements, dated Feb. 10, 1 lot con. \$50 ent'd April 15.

Arbor Day Programs.

Arbor Day exercises will be held at the Milford Graded School on Friday April 23, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m. Following is the programme:

Select passages from the Bible read by the teachers.

Singing—By the School.

Relation of Trees and Books—By a teacher.

Introductory—Alice Beck.

Trees in Masses—Dora Rochette.

Recitations—By ten scholars.

Singing by the schools.

Reading Law on Arbor Day—By a teacher.

Remarks—By directors and others.

The Voice of the Tree—Hattie Horton.

Talking Trees—By eighteen scholars.

Recitation, "A Problem."—Fanny Hart.

Singing by the schools.

Origin of Arbor Day—Ettie Klipp.

The Work of the Tree—Jennie Struthers.

Solutions to be recited by five scholars.

Plans for flowers—Daisy DeWitt.

Planting of the trees.

Singing by the schools.

Planting of the Trees—Ettie Decker.

Singing by six scholars.

Ripans Tablets cure constipation. Ripans Tablets: for sour stomach. Ripans Tablets: pleasant laxative. Ripans Tablets cure liver troubles.

New Glass Bottles Are Made.

Have you ever seen glass bottles made? It is very simple when you know how and have the necessary tools. A big kettle is filled with glass, which is melted until it is like molasses and is red hot. Then a big lump is taken upon a long piece of iron pipe and is dropped into a mold. The man who drops it in blows through the pipe to make the bottle hollow, and then the mold is opened and the bottle is taken out. A neck has to be put on it another bottle has to be baked to make it strong. There are many boys of only 8 or 9 years working upon the bottles to smooth the tops ready for the neck.