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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Republicans Dissatisfied with Tariff Bill.

President McKinley Expects to Attend the Memorial Day Exercises at West Point and New York City—Civil Service Rules Should Be Curtailed—Notes and Items.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, May 10.—President McKinley told a delegation of G. A. R. men from New York City who called to pressingly invite him there, that he expected to attend the memorial day exercises at West Point, but would endeavor to return to New York on the afternoon of Monday, the 21st inst., in time to also take part in their exercises. On the 15th inst., the President and his cabinet will attend the dedication of the Washington monument in Philadelphia.

Many Republicans in both branches of Congress are dissatisfied with portions of the amended Dingley tariff bill, last week reported to the Senate, but they are not disposed to publicly criticize the bill because they feel confident that changes which will be made will remove most, if not all, of its objectionable features. The bill is to be taken up by the Senate on the 15th inst., and pushed through that body as rapidly as possible. Many changes are likely to be made before it passes the Senate and still more before it gets out of the Conference Committee. No fears are felt that the bill will not be as good a measure as can possibly get through the Senate in the absence of a straight Republican majority, when it finally goes to President McKinley for his signature.

Secretary Bliss, Pension Commissioner Evans, and Land Commissioner Hermann, each wrote a letter to the Senate committee that is investigating the workings of the civil service law and rules, advocating a curtailment of the extension of the rules made by Mr. Cleveland. Secretary Bliss said: "The chief clerk of this department and the chiefs of divisions should, in my opinion, be exempt from the classified service. These officers occupy confidential relations to the Secretary, and on their briefs or recommendations he is dependent to a large extent for the proper conduct of his office. I am of the opinion also that the special agent, such as land and timber inspectors, mineral land commissioners, and particularly the special Indian agents, and the appointment of such, should be more directly under the control of the Secretary, who is responsible for their actions, and who must depend upon them very largely for his knowledge of affairs in distant regions." Land Commissioner Hermann said: "The existing rules of the civil service should be modified so far as the bureaus of all the departments are concerned in respect to their applications to chief clerks, chiefs of divisions, receiving clerks and confidential clerks, to inspectors and also to all the special agents of the departments. If it is assumed that the dominant party should shape the legislation of the country in consonance with the policies which it sustains, it has a right to know that the chiefs of divisions who first shape recommendations as they are called for through the various divisions, are in perfect sympathy with the party policies. The most important legislation in Congress emanates from these divisions in the form of reports on measures pending before Congress, and which are usually first submitted to the heads of departments, and by them to the heads of bureaus, who in turn submit to the chiefs of divisions." These are common sense arguments. Another batch of evidence showing the unblinking partisanship practiced by the Cleveland administration under the cloak of civil service reform was submitted to the committee at its regular weekly meeting.

Speaker Reed was one of the counsel in the case in which the United States Supreme Court decided that pension examining surgeons were not government officials. This decision was made in 1878, but was either overlooked or ignored by the Cleveland administration, which placed the boards of examining surgeons under the civil service rules. The closing words of Mr. Reed's argument in the case were as follows: If a party should con-

tract with the Commissioner of Pensions to furnish wood for the Pension Office at \$2 per cord, he would as justly be entitled to be considered an officer of the United States as a civil surgeon who contracts with the Commissioner to make examinations of applicants for pensions at \$2 per head. Speaking of this matter, an old official said: "There are many decisions on record in the Interior Department that pension examining surgeons are not considered federal officers. One of these decisions is interesting, as it applies to the recently appointed referee at the Pension Office, Dr. Raub. He was at one time a pension examining surgeon, and received an appointment as postmaster. He appealed to the Secretary of the Interior for information and was informed that there was no violation of the law in his becoming a postmaster, as an examining surgeon was not a federal officer."

In referring to the Senate the other day as "No Man's Land," Representative Cannon, of Ill., gave it a name that is likely to stick until the Republicans, or some other party get control of that body.

Something new, a spring tooth harrow with wheels, Syracuse plows and "Planet Jr." cultivators at W. & G. Mitchell's.

The Hamilton Bill.

Following is the text of the Hamilton roads bill as it has passed the Senate, and as it probably will pass the House this week:

First. For the electing of three road supervisors in each township whose term of office runs three years. No person shall be eligible to the office of road supervisor unless he owns real estate and shall have been a citizen of the township for two years immediately preceding the date of election. This board of road supervisors shall have general oversight of the roads, levy the road tax, employ labor, fix wages, buy machinery, material, etc., and all things whatsoever necessary for building roads.

Second. The levy of road tax shall not exceed ten mills on each dollar of the valuation as last adjusted for county purposes.

Third. The one-fourth of the road tax levied shall be paid in cash, and the other three-fourths in work, provided the taxable notifies the road supervisors on or before April 15 of each year that such is his desire, and further provided that he appears and works out his tax when he has had three days' notice of the time and place where he is expected to work. In case a taxable fails to give notice to the road supervisors on or before April 15 that he desires to work out three-fourths of his tax or in case he fails to work after having three days' notice to do so, he shall pay the full amount of his tax in money.

Fourth. The supervisors shall employ a road master for each district, who shall work upon the roads himself and see that the plans furnished him by the supervisors are carried out. He shall oversee the men employed on the road and keep the time for each man under him and report under oath to the supervisors as often as they may require.

Fifth. No public road hereafter to be laid out shall be fixed at a higher grade than three degrees, unless where impracticable.

Sixth. The road supervisors may meet for the transaction of business once each month, and each member shall receive \$1.50 for each meeting attended, also necessary expenses, including office rent, stationary, light, fuel, etc.

Seventh. The provisions of this act will go into effect March 1, 1898, if passed.

Listers and the Great Eastern Fertilizers at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Several bridge companies were represented at the letting of the bridge here yesterday.

New Trespass Law.

Those trespassing on timber or forest lands for unlawful purposes, should know that there is an act of assembly just passed and signed by the Governor, which authorizes a constable to arrest without warrant, and which is very stringent in its provisions. Trespassers may land in the county jail with ease and dispatch when they least expect such results. The moral is keep off of such lands if you are not seeking an enforced vacation at the county seat besides paying dear for the privilege.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder for the Week Ending May 13th.

Westfall, Martin Schaffer to Frederick Prill, dated April 29, 6 acres, con. \$40, ent'd May 5th.
Westfall, Frank X. Reilly to Eliza B. Cunningham, dated Jan. 2nd, 23 lots, con. \$1, ent'd May 5th.
Commissions as Justice of the Peace have been recorded to Edwin Howell, Blooming Grove; J. E. Olmsted, Dingman, Henry DeWitt, Lackawaxen and Frank Keller Shohola.
Dingman, Thomas N. Howell, et. ux., et. al., to Charles B. McCarty, dated March 31, 64 acres, con. \$1,800, ent'd May 6th.
Lackawaxen, Maria R. Kellam to Frederica Nott, dated March 23rd, 10 acres, con. \$300, ent'd May 6th.
Matamoras, Mary Ellen Connelly to May Connelly, dated Feb. 6, 1893, lot 63, con. \$300, ent'd May 6th.

A fine assortment of new millinery at reasonable prices at Miss Mitchell's.

Public Officials.

Why is it that so many people who secure office at once cease to be self-asserting, and independent, even though they might have been so before. Take for instance the school board. Very few of them after one year dare hardly make a move, even when required in the interest of justice until after they carefully feel the public pulse to see whether it is going to be popular, and whether a vote might not be jeopardized by prompt action. Strange that so many men when they get an office lose all the backbone they ever had and become about as useful as a last year's bird's nest. Sometimes they get the office bee in their bonnet, then this creep-softly policy, and soft savior methods, are miserably relied on to catch votes. The public loves an official servant who when he sees a wrong, promptly does his share to right it, before waiting for it to do all the injury that it can. Who has backbone enough to not trinkle and whiffle around in the face of a plain duty, until he sees who is going to praise, and who condemn his action. Right and duty are far above the petty considerations of narrow policy, and the man who cuts a clean swath, and heeds to his line, even though he makes an occasional mistake, will earn and retain a greater share of the love and respect of his fellow men than he who waits on every breeze that blows before having the courage to act. Every body loves a manly man as well as a womanly woman. The putty man, or the unreliable woman can neither call out the better impulses of our natures.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register.
Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale at Armstrong's Drug store and General Merchants in Pike county.

Iron City Mutual Company.

The insurance department has taken steps for the revocation of the charter of the Iron City Mutual Fire Insurance company and the matter has been placed in the hands of the Attorney General. The company was organized in 1889. The last report made was in Jan. 1896 when the assets were about \$34,000 and the liabilities \$46,300 with over twenty thousand dollars of unpaid losses which have since been considerably increased. The news of the failure of this company will be of interest to many in this and Wayne county, who hold policies with it. Edward Smith of Hamilton, Wayne county was local agent and obtained nearly all the risks.

PERSONAL.

Norman Harsell is rusticiating in town this week.
G. W. Hart, of Shohola Falls, visited Milford Tuesday.
"Peter," of the Gazette, was in town Tuesday evening.
Ex-Treasurer J. B. Westbrook was in town Monday.
Thomas Sykes, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Milford for a few days.
S. St. John Gardner of Shohola was in town last Friday on business.
John Wohlforth and Frank Keller, Esq., were at Milford Saturday.
Mrs. Doughty has returned to her pleasant summer home at Conasaugh.
H. W. Buchanan was in Milford last Saturday attending to legal matters.
Mr. Monthemont visited his country place on the Raymondskill over Sunday.
Nathan Emery, Jr. has been confined to his home this week with a severe attack of grippe.
Dr. Parsons, of Paterson, spoke on the temperance question at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening.
Mrs. Hallett is spending a couple of weeks with her aunt, Mrs. E. Cornelius and sister Miss Betty Cornelius.
John C. Cornelius who is connected with a Western publishing house was on a brief visit at the Sawkill House this week.
Eli Van Inwegen of Port Jervis is probably very near death doorway. He is unconscious and gradually growing weaker.
Wm. M. Kistler, an ex-member of the Leisler club, and resident of the Delaware Water Gap, died last week from injuries received in a runaway.

T. R. Anderson, of the firm of Anderson & Wood, druggists, Port Jervis, passed through Milford Monday on his return from Dingman's Ferry.

Horace Fuller, who a number of years ago was in charge of the Belle View Hotel, and is now living in Port Jervis, was a visitor here a few days ago.

Rev. G. N. Makely, formerly of the Lackawanna Presbytery, but now a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited his friend, Dr. Eareky, at Glenside, this week.

John Fetherman and Roger Shafer, of Monroe county, were fined May 10th \$100 each and costs for illegally fishing for trout with a trail net.

J. Chas. Grammek and wife, of New York, were in Milford last Sunday, making arrangements to occupy their pleasant summer cottage on Harford street.

Charles Partridge whose father many years ago was the owner of a saw mill in the Raymondskill visited Milford a few days ago. He is a brother-in-law of D. V. Drake.

Silas M. Seeley has become proprietor of an ice cream business at Woodbridge, N. J., and will cater to the lovers of that viand. We are not hoping for a hot summer but wish him success.

Edward Cahill will rebuild the house, corner Catharine and Broad streets, by the addition of a story and an extension in the rear of fifteen feet. The work will be done by A. D. Brown & Son.

Minnie Alice Stone, wife of the well-known publisher, A. K. Stone, of East Stroudsburg, died, after a short illness May 10th of pneumonia. She was 27 years old. The remains were taken to Hawley for interment.

Fred and Emil Gumble have rented the brick building on Harford street, of the Well's estate and will open a new butcher shop as soon as the room can be thoroughly refitted. They are both reliable young men, and will endeavor to deserve a share of patronage.

W. E. Arnout a prominent and well known farmer of Orange county was struck by an engine on the Susquehanna and Western Railroad Tuesday and badly injured. He was crossing the track in his wagon and being somewhat deaf did not hear the approaching train until it was close on him. The horse was not hurt.

Fred Emory, who left here a few days ago to accept a situation at Acambaro, Mexico, had arrived within 150 miles of his destination when he was found. He has been taking in the sights in the large towns through which he passed, and stopped over at San Luis Potosi to witness a bull fight which was attracting the attention of the populace, and making a holiday in the town.

Cis ureis stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.

"It is the Best on Earth."

That is what Edwards & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm, for rheumatism, lame back, deep seated and muscular pains. Sold at Armstrong's Drug store and General Merchants in Pike county.

BRIEF MENTION.

The first whip-poor-wills of the season were heard here last Sunday evening.
The Knights and Ladies of Honor held their annual convention in Port Jervis this week.
The kind of man you elect to represent you usually fills the bill and does represent you.
Advertising is like breathing. You can't do enough of it in a day to last a month.—Chronicle.
The Tenth State Sanitary Convention under the auspices of the State Board of Health will meet at Johnstown, May 25 and 26.
The Washington monument will be unveiled at Fairmount Park, Philadelphia to-morrow. President McKinley will make an address.
The Passenger Committee of the Trunk Line Association yesterday decided to accept bicycles as personal baggage between states.
Bescher said more quarrels were smothered by just shutting your mouth, and holding it shut, than by all the wisdom in the world.
The Commissioners, May 10, borrowed \$300 to pay current expenses and the same day they purchased a \$127.50 typewriter for use in the office.
Leighton will have a large silk mill located within her border. Twenty-five thousand dollars have been subscribed toward the enterprise.
It is said that General Gomez the insurgent Cuban leader is near Havana and that a battle has been fought in which the Spaniards were routed.
E. S. Wood, of Berkshire county, Mass., has a hog which weighs about 1,300 pounds. The breed is a mixture of Berkshire, Jersey Red and Duroc.
Three young ladies have been requested to take permanent leave of absence from Wellesly college because of their fondness for champagne.
A barn belonging to Grant Titman in Lehigh township was burned last Sunday night. The fire is suspected to have been of incendiary origin. Said to be fully insured.
See the advertisement of sale of horses by Price Eves, at Danville May 15. Here will be an opportunity to suit yourself in horse flesh with a guarantee that they are as represented.

Judge Eiddle of Cumberland county directed the constable when making their returns to court, that they should seize all slot machines, and other gambling devices, and arrest the proprietors without warrant.

Captain Swift, of the United States Fish Commission's steamship Fish Hawk has collected at Gloucester twelve and a half millions of shad eggs from the Delaware during the past week, for hatching purposes.

A large farm house belonging to the estate of Soley Howell, situated near Newton, N. J., was destroyed by fire last Sunday night. It was occupied by Frank Lanterman, who with his family was absent at the time.

Professor Cole in storms and signs says the army worms are coming again this summer and will destroy grain and vegetables. He designates the "high flood" days or the best for planting as the 19, 20, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 30th.

The Siberian Railway now being built by Russia will be 4,700 miles long. It is expected it will be completed in four years, and will open new markets for Russian products which will be inaccessibly to foreign competition.

A regular automobile cab service has been established in New York. Ten hansom cabs are now in operation. They are easily operated and cost but little more than a horse and ordinary cab, and can be run up to a speed of fifteen miles per hour.

The Bee Hive store at Port Jervis is making some fine offers in the way of seasonable goods. Give it a call. The Press especially commends its patrons to visit this store if they want bargains for their money and fair dealing in every respect. We speak from experience.

Those who have experimented say it will not pay to raise Kaffir corn where Indian corn can be grown, and that it would not be a profitable crop in Pennsylvania being especially adapted to dry climates, and well drained sandy loams, as Kansas and other western states.

Representative Kessler voted against the bill for the preservation of forests. The vote on final passage was yeas 129, nays 24. He also voted against the act to allow common school houses to be used for purposes of Sabbath schools and for religious services. It passed, yeas 122 nays 26.

The hills on the road between Milford and Port Jervis are disappearing. Two have recently been taken down and the grade materially improved. Wm. Reuser the supervisor of the township is to be commended for his desire to thus improve the roads, and be certainly merits the thanks of the traveling community. Thos. Armstrong is an able second in the matter.

THE PORTE DEFIANT.

Preparing to Fight Stronger Footmen than Greeks.

Indications Are That the Turks Will Not Accept the Overture of Peace—Greece Signs the Plan of Mediation and Places Her Fate in Europe's Keeping.

London, May 12.—Up to the present there is no sign of revolution or of a definite antidynastic movement at Athens. The people appear to be relieved at the prospects of mediation and will be only too glad to see peace restored.
M. Ralli, in the course of an interview at Athens, intimated that the acquiescence of Greece in the conditions proposed by the powers was due to the belief that they would not allow Turkey to retain an inch of Greek territory. This appears to be the general opinion of European diplomats, who also consider that Turkey should be satisfied with a moderate indemnity.
A dispatch from Rome says: "It is reported here that Russia and Austria have concluded an agreement to maintain the status quo in the Levant and to divide influence in the Balkans, giving Russia a free hand in the eastern portion and Austria in the western."
The powers are using their influence to persuade Turkey to cease hostilities, though there are some doubts as to whether they will succeed.
The Standard this morning publishes the following significant dispatch from Constantinople:
"It is reported that orders have been sent out for the mobilization of the Fifth and Sixth army corps reserves, stationed at Bagdad and in Syria, and for the immediate dispatch of 50 battalions to Koniah, from which point they will be taken to Lameck, in Asia Minor."
These preparations, which involve an expense that Turkey is quite unable to bear, cannot be required against Greece, and they excite anxiety as indicating that Turkey is preparing either to place herself in such a strong position that she will be able to force the powers and their plan of mediation.
"Three staff officers have been sent to the depot of the Fourth army corps at Erzerum in Armenia to report there with a sufficient supply of arms and equipments to mobilize the reserves of that corps."

Greece Accepts Mediation.
Athens, May 12.—The note of the powers has been presented by M. Onou to M. Skoloudis. The following is the text of the document:
"The representatives of France, Italy, Great Britain, Germany and Austria charge M. Onou, the representative of Russia and the doyen of the diplomatic corps, to declare in the name of their respective governments that the powers are ready to offer mediation with the view to obtain an armistice and smooth the difficulties actually existing between Greece and Turkey on condition that the Hellenic government declares it will proceed to recall its troops from Crete, adhere formally to autonomy for Crete and accept unreservedly the counsils which the powers give in the interests of peace."
The reply of the Greek government was as follows:
"The royal government, in taking the note and declaration of the Russian representative, acting in the name of the ministers of the powers, declares it will proceed to recall the royal troops from Crete, declare in the name of the Hellenic government that the powers of Greece to the hands of the powers."
So soon as the reply of Greece to the note of the powers was handed to the representatives of the powers the latter telegraphed the Greek decision to the representatives of the powers at Constantinople, with the request that they obtain an armistice, with the view of arranging for permanent peace.
There is a sense of relief in Athens at the prospect of an immediate end to the calamitous war. There is no excitement and no popular demonstration is anticipated.

Turks Burn and Pillage Towns.
London, May 12.—The Athens correspondent of The Daily Chronicle says: "M. Ralli, the premier, has shown me dispatches and reports from Colonel Manos and various civil authorities in Epirus showing that 14 villages between Tepouran and Kastroschik have been burned by the Turks after all the women and children had been massacred except a few who hid in the fastnesses of Mount Zalongo, famous during the war of independence, and a few more who concealed themselves in the marshes along the shore and finally managed to get on board the Greek ships, half dead from hunger and fear."
"Not a stone of the village of Kanakaria is left standing. The men fought like lions in defense of the women, who sought refuge in the woods and caves of Mount Zalongo, and when chased by the Turks jumped from precipices to avoid capture and dishonor."

Unspeaking Brutality of Turks.
Arta, May 12.—It is reported that the Turks have severed the arms and legs of all the Greeks found in a village on the plain of Louros and left the mutilated bodies by the roadside to terrify the population.

The Past Week's Developments.
The Greece-Turkish war is now practically over. The Greek cause appears to be lost. If full evidence can be given to the dispatches that have come from the theater of hostilities and from the European capitals, the developments of the past week both in the field and in state and diplomatic circles, have been disastrous to the Hellenes.
The most decisive battle of the war was fought on Wednesday in front of Prince Constantine's headquarters at Pharsala, when the Greeks were driven from the theater of hostilities and from Edhem Pasha, with a vastly larger force. The Greeks were compelled to abandon Pharsala, and under cover of night retreated in good order to Demokos. Simultaneously with the battle of Pharsala, the Turks made an attack on General Smolenski's forces at Velastino, driving this branch of the Greek army back to Almyro, and thus giving the

OBITUARY.

JOHN CLARK.

There are few middle aged people in this section and probably none of the older residents who did not know Mr. Clark. He was for many years a merchant in Port Jervis and latterly has been in business at Pond Eddy this county.

Last Friday morning he was walking on the platform at the station, as it seems was his custom, when he was struck by the engine of a freight train and instantly killed. We understand that he had been warned on several occasions to discontinue this dangerous habit and that engineers remarked that he would seem to pay no attention to the signals until they were close upon him. He was born in Sandyston, Sussex county, June 23, 1821, and when 16 years old learned the carpenter's trade, and soon after went to Port Jervis where for several years he followed his trade. In 1862 he formed a partnership with the late Amos Van Etten in the mercantile business, and, for some fourteen years, with some changes in the firm continued. Meeting with reverses, he lost most of the property he had accumulated and in 1883 began a small business in Pond Eddy which he carried on until his death.

Mrs. Wade Clark of Port Jervis is a half sister and Isaac Carmer of Sandyston a half brother, Mrs. Jas. H. Heller of this place is a niece. He married in 1831 Ruth A. Webb of Middletown, N. Y., who survives him. The funeral was held from his late residence last Monday.

A lot of new straw and felt hats at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Ant Hills.

Is it a fact that ants select certain localities in which to build their nests or dirt mounds? Along the road running from Prof. DeRalls' place to the old Morrington farm near Brink Pond, probably a mile, the way is lined with them. Twenty-five were recently counted by a person riding along all within a rod or two of the road and within a short distance off more were seen in the woods. Is there another place in the county where the same thing may be observed? The ground where these are built is of a moist nature, and the territory seems to be especially colonized by ants. Won't somebody write a chapter on the habits of these insects, giving reasons why they populate this section so numerously?
Of course they have no trouble about provisions premises for the fishermen along the ponds no doubt furnish a bountiful supply of fresh fish, water is plenty, if ants use that as a beverage, and the air is pure and wholesome, but why otherwise should these methodical and busy little inhabitants select this particular spot?

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Signs of Spring.

The mellow goose, the mallard duck, the blackbird and the crow, will soon be here from southern lands to watch our corn fields grow; the hungry hawk and "thunder pump" will also come along, and join the cheerful racket with the bullfrog's throaty song. All nature soon will don her garb of green and dappled gray, while snow and ice and coal hills, too, will sadly fade away. The farmer's boy, sent out to plow, will find a stack of hay, lie down upon its sunny side and sleep for half a day. The dry goods clerk with doleful yawn—no customer in sight—on sales of 2-cent calico will rest from morn till night. A general languor steals upon the bravest and the best, and printers are the only ones who can't find time to rest.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old remedy of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L. N. A. & S. Ry., here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—I never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.' It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale at Armstrong's Drug store and General Merchants in Pike county.