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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Efforts to Injure Secretary Sherman.

Contractor Bowles Exonerated - Democrats Not Inclined to Discuss Free Silver - Duty on Goods Via Canada.

Nothing more contemptible is recorded in the annals of American politics than the plot, for plot it undoubtedly is, to attempt to force the retirement from the Cabinet of Secretary Sherman by misrepresenting not only his words and acts, but his mental condition. Secretary Sherman was never stronger mentally than he is today, but even if it were true that his mental faculties were beginning to feel the advance of age his long and honorable public service would entitle him to sympathy, in place of the sneers and innuendoes which have been and are being heaped upon him in the columns of the Democratic and assistant Democratic press. Of course, everybody knows that the principal object of these political ghoulies is to injure the Republican party in Ohio at the coming election, but, as the average of intelligence among Ohio voters is as high as that of the voters in any State in the Union, this nasty plot will be more likely to react upon its man. The Ohio voters are likely to have an opportunity to judge for themselves whether the mental faculties of Mr. Sherman are as strong as ever, as he intends making some speeches in the State during the campaign, if his health continues as good as it is now.

No surprise was felt by those who knew the animus of the charges made against Contractor Bowles, who is in charge of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, when acting Secretary Roosevelt made public his full approval of the report of Commander C. H. Davis, who made a complete investigation of all the charges against Mr. Bowles. Not only does Mr. Roosevelt approve of the report exonerating Mr. Bowles, but he adds that it was because Mr. Bowles was doing his duty so faithfully and conscientiously that attacks were made upon him by those who wish to do otherwise.

Comment is heard on all sides on the marked disinclination of all the prominent Democrats to talk for free silver. This has been especially noticeable since silver commenced to decline in price again. Among themselves heretofore ardent Democratic silverites have not hesitated to express their admiration in the manner in which Boss Gorman hedged on the silver question in the Maryland Democratic platform, and there is very little doubt that many of the National Democratic leaders regard free silver played out as a battle cry, and are engaged in hunting a new phrase which they can use to lambaste the voters. The death of the free silver cause is also regarded as the end of the candidacy of Bryan. Meanwhile the country grows daily more prosperous, and the people know that they owe their returning prosperity to the faithful-ness with which President McKinley and the Republicans in Congress kept the promises made in the last National Republican platform, and knowing it were likely to pay any serious attention to any new experiment that may be proposed by the beaten and demoralized Democratic party. A majority of the voters in 1892 trusted the Democratic party to their everlasting sorrow and four years of distress, but they want to do it again.

Before rendering the opinion that Secretary Gage is requested as to whether the 19th century tariff duty provided in the Dingley tariff for goods imported from Canada applied to goods from Japan or other foreign countries involved in an American port but received at that port over a Canadian railroad. Atorney General McKenna, by request, gave verbal hearings to Ex-Secretary Carlisle, representing the Boston & Maine railroad; Ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin, representing the Board of Trade and the Merchant's Association of Boston, and others, who argued against the discriminating duty being applicable to such goods. Attorney General McKenna announced that he would give Messrs Carlisle and Hamlin until Wednesday to file briefs, after which he would render his opinion as early as possible. Secretary Gage will not make a ruling on the question until he gets the Attorney General's opinion.

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

Diagnose Township Teachers. The directors have employed as teachers for Spring Brook, Marian Black; Union, Annie Heller; Utters, Leroy Kipp; Franklin, Vivian Hirschler; Newell, Arthur Wolf. The salaries paid are \$20 per month. The Franklin School will open August 23rd for a term of seven months.

Some Excellent Singing.

The evening of song given in Brown's Hall last Friday was highly appreciated by a refined and cultured audience. Miss Marie Louise Gumaer, whose magnificent voice has been heard over the greater part of this country, charmed her listeners with choice selections from her large repertoire of songs. As a contralto singer she has few equals and her powerful and cultured voice is added an intelligent conception of the sentiment of the music and a delicacy of expression which while it charms impresses the listeners, and brings their minds in full accord with the efforts of the artist. She was ably assisted by Miss Lucile Lawrence Jones, a soprano of engaging presence and finely modulated voice, who renders her parts with taste and feeling. Miss Henrietta Cunningham, the pianist, plays with ease and precision, and such conception of the thought embodied in the selection as to bring out fully the beauties of the composition. The blending of voices of the two singers heard in concert evince such an exquisite perception of modulation and precision in time as to almost lead the hearer to the belief that there was one singer with two voices. Those present went away delighted at the rich musical feast which had been so engagingly presented.

Some Ancient History.

The Sussex Register in its ancient history notes under date of March 14, 1846 that the Pennsylvania Senate by a vote of 22 to 8 gave Erie Railroad privilege of passing through territory of that State on payment of \$10,000 per annum. It was thought to be the acme of meanness, and April 10 the same year Benjamin Tuttle, John Layton and D. W. Dingman invite proposals for rebuilding bridge over river at Dingman's Ferry. August 6 Sussex Bible society met at Stillwater, sermon by Rev. Peter Kanouse. Nov. 3, Erie Railroad trains began running from Otisville fare \$1.50 to New York, Nov. 5 Wm. F. and H. R. Broadhead dissolve partnership at Dingman's Ferry. Dec. 25 Christmas celebrated by Sunday school of Milford M. E. Church.

Who Did It?

The oldest axe mark in Monroe county or in this section of the State of Pennsylvania, was discovered on a hemlock tree by John Lynch, wood foreman for the T. & L. Co., at Lehigh, on the last trace of timber land of any account on the mountain. The tree on which the mark was found measured on the diameter of thirty-three inches in diameter and was nearly three hundred years old and at the time of the mark was about fifty years, thus leaving it 250 years since the mark was made. It is very evident that the mark was made by a narrow bitted steel axe. The block on which the mark is, is on inspection in the office of Mr. L. S. Case, at Tobyhanna, who intends sending it to the Jeffersonian Institute or some museum. - Monroe Democrat.

Mr. Bacher Ayres, a member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association, in a letter says: "A practice or custom in this city (Philadelphia) of hitting horses to trees is ruinous to the tree, and to be abolished will have to be done by municipal authority. It not only disfigures the tree, but in the beginning of decay. Tree-holes are not always a protection. To my knowledge the City of Memphis has a prohibitory law, and Southern cities generally protect their trees."

Church Notes. Montague Reformed Church: Sunday school, August 22nd, 9.30 a. m.; services, 10.30, when there will be an installation of elders. Rev. G. S. Garretson, of Dingmans, will preach the ordination sermon. Hainesville Reformed Church services, 7.30 p. m. HANS H. SPENCER, pastor. Aug. 16, 1897.

Obituary Notes. Andrew Moffat, of New York, a salesman for Austin Nichols & Co., who has been spending the summer at the Cuddeback Farm House with his wife and three children, died there last Sunday morning of diabetes. The remains were conveyed to Youkers for interment.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, because well, strong, respectable, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-remedy, that makes weak men strong. Many men have found it in ten days. One \$10.00 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 66c per box. Beware of cheap imitations. Free Ad. Singler, Hensley Co., Chicago or New York.

BRIEF MENTION.

Rough salt barrel staves are now being made from pine slabs. We are wondering what has become of our Shohola correspondent. The Bushkill bridge is about completed and will soon be open for travel. The filling at the Mott street bridge is done and the road is again open.

Gunning and Flanagan, of Port Jervis, are offering bargains in the line of clothing. There is a good place near to buy cheap. Don't buy a silver dollar of 1804 unless you know it is genuine. The real ones are worth \$300 to \$1,000, the bogus are being sold for \$50. The Schannos are making a pond near their summer resort at Raymondskill. It will be fed through a pipe from the stream.

Wheat goes up to ninety-five cents and silver down to 54 3/8 cents. The intrinsic value of the standard silver dollar at this rate is 42.25 cents. The residence of Hon. Frank E. Tinto at Pocono, Monroe county was badly damaged by a fire last week which originated from the bursting of an oil stove.

The body of Frederick T. Zitz who was drowned at Delaware Water Gap last week was recovered eight miles below where the accident happened. The yellow and muddy water in the Delaware river last week was occasioned by heavy rains and landslides on the north branch in Delaware county, N. Y.

We give you the Press and New York Weekly Tribune for only \$1.65. Two papers from which you can obtain all the local and general news of the world. Try them. There are fifteen applicants for the vacancy to West Point from this district, and should the appointees fall the selection will then be made by competitive examination.

A woman out at Cushing, Oklahoma, says that during a recent religious revival nine devils have been cast out of her. Her husband must be a supremely happy man now. The supervisors of Palmyra township were in town last week arranging to settle the Sheridan case. Bonds will be issued in payment of the judgment for \$2,100 obtained by the widow.

The total membership of the League of American wheelmen on August 18th was, 96, 150. Pennsylvania is the second state in membership and is now only 1844 behind New York. The Press makes its best bow to Sandusky friends for liberal patronage, and new subscribers. We will endeavor to meet their expectations in the way of a newspaper. May they live long and prosper.

The most beautiful trays and cabinets which come from Japan are made of the dark, irregularly grained and wavy-lined wood of the Kial tree (Zelkova Kialka), alluded to the elm. - Tradesman. It is understood that the fines in the cases of merchants in this county prosecuted for violations of the Pure Food law will be remitted on the ground that they have only sold the goods, but in future they must exercise care.

Wednesday Miss Bertha Klein-hans accompanied by S. D. Mott her uncle when approaching the Raymondskill hill lost control of her wheel and in attempting to dismount fell and suffered quite a severe sprain. William C. Wilson proprietor of a circulating library in Philadelphia was killed by burglars in his store Monday night. The murders were left no clues, and the mayor has offered a reward of \$1000 for the detection of the guilty parties.

We acknowledge the receipt of The Seattle-Post Intelligence from Clarence E. Bueley of Lowell, Washington Territory. The paper tells all about Clondyke and is a special edition. Mr. Buckley is a son of Joseph A. Buckley of Delaware, and a successful business man.

Hard cider drowned John Honzik and Ira Simons two young men in Black Lake, Sullivan county last Sunday. A companion Martin Sprague managed to get ashore. The three attempted to cross in a boat, which was capsized when only a short distance out, by their unsteady movement.

"The foreigners friend" is no more. There were no American wage earners among the mourners. All the mourning was done by the foreigners, who have monopolized our home market during the last three years, and by such Americans as are lovers of British dinners and plaundits.

Policeman McMurray made arrests of wheelmen Saturday night for fast riding and riding without a lantern. In the crowded state of the streets it is proper that every precaution be taken to prevent accidents, and if parties are reckless or careless they should be taught the necessary \$3 and costs lesson.

The Detroit Free Press (Dem) says: "Everyday there is a farmers' picnic in the wheat market. Won't some Democrat please explain the reason for the absurd antics of wheat at this time, and also the inconsistency of silver in thus going

back on its friends. These commodities are both ingrates to the Chicago platform. Toothpicks of orange-wood, whittled by the peasants of Spain and Portugal, are brought to our shores in large numbers by steamship officers. They are strong and flexible, and instead of breaking they tear, so that there is no danger of the end suddenly snapping between the teeth - a characteristic of the soft-wood toothpicks. - Tradesman.

The fisherman of the state will have a meeting at Harrisburg Sept. 15 to see if a plan cannot be devised to keep open the state fisheries and maintain the fish law for the next two years. After so much money has been spent it would be a serious loss should this interest be obliged to suspend, and it is to be hoped means will be devised to prevent it.

The New York Press devoted a page last Sunday to an account of a bicycle trip down this valley. There were views of Sawkill and Bushkill Falls, Conashaugh, the Bushkill mill, the great mill at Dingmans with a chart of the road. Some of Ed. Mott's yarns were interspersed with an idea perhaps of giving the whole a truthful appearance.

John Jeske the soap manufacturer of Matamoras tied his horse last Monday morning in front of the Van Dermark Hotel while he went in to transact some business. A cow came along which frightened the animal and it broke loose ran across the street into the yard of William Angle where the carriage struck a neighborly dog of a hundred million dollars. That ought to pay off many a mortgage and buy many a new frock besides.

The price of wheat in July, 1897, was 55 cents a bushel. Last week it was 90. There have been wide fluctuations, of course; but it is safe to say that wheat will average 30 cents more a bushel this year than in the year of the panic. The yield is about 500,000,000 bushels, so the gain to the farmers should be in the neighborhood of a hundred million dollars. That ought to pay off many a mortgage and buy many a new frock besides.

HYMENEAL.

PORTER-CUSTARD. Married at Bushkill Wednesday August 11, by Rev. Charles H. Whitaker of the Reformed church George Custard of this place to Mrs. Sadie Porter of Philadelphia. The happy couple will reside in town. The Press confesses to a little surprise that our friend George should take this header, but extends hearty congratulations and hopes that the sweets of life may fall the more thickly around his pathway to compensate for the many years of enjoyment he has willfully neglected.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Recorded in the Office of the Recorder Since Our Last Issue. Palmyra. Ambrose Buckingham and wife to Michael Brown, dated Aug. 10, 90 acres, con. \$234, ent'd Aug. 14th. Westfall. Ira S. Harding to Winetta Harding, dated Sept. 4, 1891, lot 339 in Matamoras, con. \$100, ent'd Aug. 16th. Greene. James M. Gilpin and wife to Annie E. Lancaster, dated May 23, 1887, 80 perches, con. \$50, ent'd Aug. 16th. Blooming Grove. Colonel W. Quick and wife to Charlotte Ogden, dated Aug. 14th, 52 acres, con. \$1,300, ent'd Aug. 16th. Westfall. Charlotte Ogden and husband to Colonel W. Quick, dated Aug. 14th, lots 740 and 742 in Matamoras, con. \$1,300, ent'd Aug. 16th.

OBITUARY.

JOHN SEAGREY PRICE. This well known Philadelphia lawyer died suddenly Monday Aug. 15 at his cottage at Cape May, N. J. As was customary he had entered the ocean to bathe about noon and was seen soon after attempting to cling to the iron pier, but his hands relaxed and the water carried his body towards the beach. He was rescued and carried to his cottage where he partly regained consciousness, but soon expired. Apoplexy was announced to be the direct cause of the death. He was one of the ablest land title lawyers in the state, and was vice president of the Land Title and Trust company. His father was Eli K. Price for many years a leader of the Philadelphia bar. Mr. Price was a brother-in-law of Hy. T. Baker, Esq., of Milford, and is survived by his widow and three children. His age was about 66 years.

Horace Smith, of Rowlands, aged 71 years, died last Sunday of general debility. Isaac Layton, of Hammondport, N. Y., died at his home Sunday, August 15, aged 32 years. He was born in Sandyston, N. J., and was a brother of John B. Layton, of Port Jervis.

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M. M. & N. Y. RAILROAD.

Faithfully Represented and Allegations Made Without Foundation in Fact.

Some days ago an article appeared in the New York Sun purporting to be Harrisburg correspondence, which article was reproduced with gusto in near by papers, regarding the attitude of the proposed Milford Matamoras and New York Railroad company toward the Erie, and in flaming head lines it was announced that their was trouble for that corporation. We have the highest official authority for stating that the article is false in every material assertion and allegation, misleading in its tenor and utterly without foundation in fact so far as it relates to the M. M. & N. Y. R. R. This company has made application for and received a charter to construct a line of Railroad in this county to Milford only and has also applied to the Railroad commission of New York State for permission to build a bridge across the Delaware at Port Jervis which bridge is to be for railroad transportation exclusively and not for passengers or vehicles. Included in this application is a petition for a right to construct about 2600 feet of railroad in New York to connect the bridge with the Erie.

There is a full complete and satisfactory understanding with the officials of the Barret bridge on this point, as there is also with the Erie in regard to the connection proposed to be made with its line. The parties having in charge the management of the interests of this road understand fully the situation regarding the sale by the Erie of the bridge company and the subsequent steps taken in our Legislature and Supreme Court to have that sale set aside, and are not at this late day expending their strength in running their heads against solid walls. The article in question if inspired by a hostile interest was shrewdly calculated to arouse the antagonism of the Erie and Barret bridge company to the proposed bona fide project. If written out of a fulness of ignorance, and copied as it likely was with a like modicum of regard and care for veracious news, its effect would be precisely the same, in fomenting suspicion and opposition to a project which should receive the hearty approval and aid of every resident of this county and of our sister village Port Jervis. Had our neighbors reflected for a moment on the situation, they would have recalled that there is now a company said to be actively engaged in an effort to construct a line of railroad from Stroudsburg to Bushkill, which has so far shown no disposition to enter on the sacred soil of New York. This valley is largely tributary to Port Jervis and the Erie, but recent events show that Philadelphia is vying up to the fact that she may make herself the commercial metropolis of the seaboard, and the laws now being enforced are strong inducement for our merchants to patronize their own state. Should the projected scheme materialize and extend a road to the borders of this county, or some distance within it, and give our people a direct line to the Quaker City, and should the Erie in the near future be compelled by sharp competition of other trunk lines to shorten and straighten her road our neighbors might find their charming village on a side track, and the trade which they now enjoy diverted to other towns.

Pennsylvanians are loyal to the Keystone State, and want to make her by far the first in the Union in every interest and if the people of other States desire a continuation of the benefits they now enjoy they should not be attempting by spreading false reports to thwart projects which will ensure in the largest degree to their prosperity.

McKinley at Church. The Plattsburg Press of August 9, contains an account of a sermon delivered by Dr. John Reid, of Detroit, in the Plattsburg Presbyterian Church when President McKinley and his party attended. The text was from 1 Kings 6 chapter, 7 verse, and the principle taken and applied by the preacher was silent building. The sermon showed deep thought and study, a broad and comprehensive fund of knowledge, and was delivered in an easy, graceful manner without reference to notes. He said among other things that the greatest statesmen he had ever known, the greatest politicians and diplomats were the men who were not inclined to babble and talk of the business they had in hand. It is always silent that builds and life is always silent. The perfection of God's working is silent. Dr. Reid was pastor of the church here at one time and married a daughter of E. Warner. His son is now in the First National Bank at Port Jervis. He is at present pastor of a large church in Detroit which is attended by Secretary of War Alger who is also his warm personal friend.

Dr. H. B. Reed's father, who has been in ill health from the effect of grippe, is now at Overbrook, where he is gradually improving in strength. Ex-Congressman Hart, with his family, will remove to, and occupy, the Pinchot house on Ann street, near the Methodist Church, after September 1st.

Dr. J. B. Lang promoter of the new rail road scheme from Stroudsburg to Matamoras inspected his farm in Shohola last Sunday and also visited Milford. Mrs. Chas. DeKay Townsend expects to sail for Europe shortly for the benefit of her impaired health. She will be accompanied by her daughter, Miss Harcell.

Messrs. Heller and Newman with their clerk have been in Lackawanna this week attending to bridge work. The contract for the stone work at Burchers was let to W. V. Burchler for \$160. Harvey Hoffman, Esq., of Stroudsburg is at Milford to search title to the tracts of land in this county on which patent fees have not been paid, and to ascertain the present owners.

B. F. Kellam, a prominent lawyer of Scranton, Pa., who spends the summer on his farm in Paupar, drove through Milford Tuesday with his family on their way to Florida, N. Y. for a short visit. G. W. Rader of Montclair, N. J., a manufacturer of hollow building bricks who with his family spends his summer at Lackawanna was at Milford last week combining business with pleasure.

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PERSONAL.

Martin Ferris of Yale is in town for a vacation. Dr. von der Heyde is spending a few days in Philadelphia. Miss Carrie Armstrong is visiting at White Lake, N. Y. John I. Blair will celebrate his 65th birthday on Sunday. Walter Holmes, of Scranton, spent a few days at home this week. John Young of Tri State the driven well digger was in town last Monday.

Philip F. Steele's home was brightened by the arrival of a baby girl recently. Miss Gertrude Young of Johnson, Orange county is the guest of Miss Blanche Wood. Miss Eleanor Gallagher and sister, Anna are spending a few days in the city this week.

Congressman Kirkpatrick with his family is spending this month at the Walter Gap. William R. Willis will attend the encampment of the G. A. R. at Buffalo next week. J. Henry Ludwig and wife of Montague, visited the home of William L. Boyd last Sunday.

Dr. Charles S. Ryman, of Summit N. J., will preach in the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 10.30. Chris. J. Ott proprietor of a job printing establishment in New York visited relatives here recently. Carrie McNeel of New York is visiting the family of her uncle, Hon. Jacob Kiser at Hartford street.

Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook, Hon. J. D. Biddis and C. P. Mott visited Prof. De Rialp at Brink Pond Tuesday. Mr. Francis Ward and Miss Alice Paugh, both of Newark, N. J., are visiting with the family of William Ryman.

Hon. Joseph J. Hart and wife with Hon. J. W. Miles and wife drove to the Delaware Water Gap this week. Ex-Congressman J. W. Miles and wife, of Princess Anne, Maryland, visited the family of Hon. J. J. Hart this week.

Miss Josie Eckert, of Brooklyn, an inmate in the family of Rev. Austin P. Stockwell, is visiting with Mrs. Richard Humbert. Miss Fitch, who has been spending a three weeks vacation at the home of her aunt, Mrs. D. H. Hornbeck, will return home to-morrow.

Miss Lina Heitzman, and her two sisters of Greater New York, are visiting at the home of their grandfather, Matthias Heitzman, in Matamoras. Mrs. J. J. Hart held a large reception yesterday from six to nine which was a social event affording much pleasure to her hosts of friends.

Mrs. Robert Struthers and daughter, Jennie, will return to Milford Sunday after an absence of two weeks spent among friends in Brooklyn. Hiram Westbrook and sister of Ridgeport, N. J., passed through Milford this week en route to Nichecronk where they will spend several days.

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THE LIGHT FANTASTIC.

Several Merry Dances in Milford - Popular Hotels Afford Entertainment to Their Guests and Friends. "Haste thee nymphs, and bring with thee Jest and youthful jollity, Sport that wrinkles care, chide, and laugh and laughing with his sides; Come and trip it as you go, On the light fantastic toe."

The old and renowned Crisman House royally entertained its guests and friends at a large dance Wednesday evening. The host and hostess are so celebrated for their hospitality that very few regrets were received. The dancing hall was well filled and the old adage, "the more the merrier" was verified beyond doubt. The Erie orchestra furnished inspiration and Mr. Crisman saw to everything else which ministered to the pleasure and comfort of his guests.

LAST WEEK STAND UNRIVALLED IN THE HISTORY OF THE SUMMER SO FAR FOR GAITIES OF ALL KINDS and Saturday evening Miss Cornelius opened her hospitable doors and bade her friends enter and make merry. The inspiration was headed with alacrity and several hours of pleasure were highly enjoyed. Refreshments were served at half past ten so that no part of the Sabbath was fractured.

JARDON HOUSE FESTIVITIES. Thursday evening the Jardon House gave a very delightful season to a number of its young friends, and terpsichorean exercises were indulged until a late hour. During the evening delicious refreshments were served which were fully up to the high standard of excellence attained by its popular proprietor.

THE LADIES realized the sum of \$150 at the Presbyterian church last week. The Presbyterian Sunday school will give a picnic at Raymondskill Wednesday August 25. The M. E. Church held its annual fair Tuesday, Aug. 17th, and added the handsome net sum of \$120 to the treasury.

The State School Department has arranged for the annual teachers' institute to be held for Pike county at Milford, Oct. 25th. There will be Mother Goose tableaux in Brown's Hall, under the auspices of the Milford Golf Club Thursday evening, August 26th.

The Republican caucus for Dingman township will be held Saturday evening, Aug. 28th at 8 o'clock p. m. at the house of E. O. Boilett. The Church of the Good Shepherd held a sale August 19th and it was continued the same to-day. It was meeting with the usual successful results.

The M. E. Church Sunday School will hold its annual picnic at Raymondskill Thursday, August 26th. Children will be at the Church at 9.30 promptly. The fair held in Montague Tuesday was unusually well attended and patronized. The ladies were successful in disposing of their articles and gathered in the net sum of \$78.27.

A dance which was well patronized was held at the Raymondskill Falls Aug. 18th. The grounds were handsomely illuminated, the music by the Erie orchestra and all enjoyed a splendid time. The Fire Department will hold its picnic at Rasmaganskill next Wednesday, Aug. 23th. The ladies know how to manage such affairs and with the aid of the ladies it will be jolly occasion.

Remember the date for holding the Republican caucuses is Saturday August 28th. The delegates will nominate a jury commissioner, elect a delegate to the next State Convention, select a county committee, and new rules for the party government will be submitted to them for consideration.

The Driving Park Association at Port Jervis is having a very interesting series of races. The events close to-day. There were a large number of entries, and the time made was excellent. We acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary, and greatly regret our inability to be present and enjoy the sport.

Second Degree Murder. John Wals indicted in Susquehanna county for the shooting of J. E. Lemon for whom he worked at Forest City, was tried last week at Montrose, and convicted of murder in the second degree. The deceased was found in his room sitting in a chair by the side of his bed dead with a bullet hole in his forehead. There was no blood on his hands, nor any powder marks about the wound. He and Wals were alone in the house at the time. Defendant is a brother of George L. Wals, a merchant of Newfoundland, Wayne county.