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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, '99.

The Senate has got to pass the Hull Army Bill, which has been reported from the committee on Military Affairs, with a few minor amendments, or there will be an extra session of Congress. Such an ultimatum of President McKinley to the combine of democratic Senators who have undertaken the job of holding up the Army bill, and he means business. The democratic offer to compromise by authorizing a continuation of the regular army on a war basis for one year from next July, has been rejected. The reorganization and increase of the army provided for in the Hull bill is regarded as necessary by the President and he intends to have it, if not from this Congress, then from an extra session of the 56 Congress to be called immediately after the close of the present session. Not only are all the volunteers entitled under the terms of their enlistment to an immediate discharge as soon as the treaty of peace goes into effect which will be as soon as the Spanish Cortes has ratified the treaty and copies of it have been exchanged by representatives of Spain and the U. S., but more than half of the regulars enlisted with the same provision that they could claim their discharge at the close of the war.

Unless Gen. Otis is mistaken, his one week's campaign against the Filipinos, which was a succession of victories from start to finish, has given Aguinaldo's army all the fighting they want—has in fact, scattered and destroyed that army, and given Filipinos an object lesson on the power of the U. S. By the way, speaking of Gen. Otis, it is well to remember that the Military Governor of the Philippines and Commander of the American army is Maj. Gen. E. S. Otis, while the Commander of Brigade which won such a brilliant victory at the capture of Caloccan, is Brigadier General Harrison S. Otis, lately a well-known California editor. There has been a tendency to mix up these two officers of the same name.

The report of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics for the year ending Dec 31 just made public, shows that Great Britain continues to be our best foreign customer, notwithstanding the steady decrease in our purchases from the British. In '98 we sold goods to the value of \$538,661,787 to Great Britain an increase of \$56,000,000 over 1897; in 1898 we bought of Great Britain goods to the value of \$411,361,317 a decrease on the value of our 1897 purchases of \$3,000,000. These figures do not make pleasant reading for those who predicted that the Dingley tariff would entirely destroy our foreign commerce, but they strongly vindicate a protective tariff.

Gen. Egan whose court martial sentence of dismissal from the army was mitigated by the President to six years suspension from duty is likely to remain in Washington until the Military court of inquiry called by the President to give Gen Miles an opportunity to prove his charges that had meat was issued to our troops in Cuba and Porto Rico, completes its work as he will be an important witness before the court. The court will meet Wednesday and get right down to work, but it will take some time for it to finish its job. The appointment of this court of inquiry shows that instead of being disposed to act against Gen Miles the President is disposed to afford him every opportunity to make good his charges.

The substance of the report of the War Investigating Commission was given out as soon as the report was placed in the President's hand, and an abstract of the report, made by direction of the President, has just been given to the press. Although the report is as a whole, commendatory of the conduct of the war, it contains numerous criticisms of particular acts, which fell short of what they should have been. The abstract of the report contains every one of these criticisms as well as the reasons for making them. It will require an act of Congress to provide for any distribution of printed copies of the entire report and of the evidence taken by the Commissioners.

BRISK MENTION.

The Republican nominations for Lehman Twp. failed to reach a proper quorum at 7 o'clock on Monday night.

The Erie will run a special one dollar excursion to New York on Washingtons Birthday Feb. 22, leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m.

William Finger a brakeman on the Erie fell from his train last Thursday Feb. 9th, and the wheels of one car passed over his left leg just below the knee, amputating it from his body. He is reported as doing well in the Hospital at Port Jervis.

Col. John Nye Post No. 459 S. A. R. will meet hereafter the first Saturday of each month at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All comrades who feel interested are requested to be present. By order of J. W. KILSVY, Commander.

A bill giving Constables \$1.50 for making returns to the Court of Quarter Session and \$2. for attending general, special township or borough elections has passed the Senate and is now in the House. It is however being amended by the wise legislators and may be loaded to death.

The situation at Harrisburg remains practically unaltered. The deadlock continues and the opposing forces are numerically about as at the beginning. The McCarell jury bill, which last week was postponed until March 21 was reconsidered within the five days limited for a motion to reconsider. The House adjourned Wednesday, that being the last day, by a vote of 88 yeas and 83 nays.

The large boarding house on Lake Toedyskung owned by the Rowland estate, was with its contents burned Tuesday morning. The fire originated from a bad chimney. Insured for \$5000.

Since July third the hottest day of 1898 when the mercury indicated 100 in the shade and February 13 1899 when it came down to 17 here there has been a change of 117 degrees which is rather difficult to realize at this time.

Feb. 15 was the anniversary of the blowing up of the Maine in the Havana harbor, and on that day the keel of a new vessel was laid signifying the commencement of a new battleship to replace her. In a year if nothing prevents the completed vessel will be launched and baptized the "Maine."

INVITED TO COME OUT.

Delaware Twp.
EDITOR PRESS DEAR SIR—
As a taxpayer of this county and fully realizing the necessity for economy in the care and management of the peoples money, that our farmers may not be so greatly oppressed with a burden of taxation, and that some relief may be afforded, I ask if you will not invite any republicans who are, or may be intending to be candidates for county Commissioners at the next primary election to place their names before the people, by so declaring themselves in the Press. This will enable the citizens of the county to carefully enquire into their qualifications for the office and may lead to the selection of a careful, competent business man, such as all taxpayers should earnestly desire to see in that office. Please allow this invitation to stand until it may be thoroughly known in the county.

Young Man—Indeed!
Girl's Father—Yes, sir. I have reason to believe she cares for you, and I know you can make her happy.

Young Man—What are your prospects?
Girl's Father—I am sixty-five years old, and have the gout, that may take me off at any time. I own 300 shares of the Sure Thing copper mine an equal number in the Bustville Railway. I am worth a quarter of a million. Do you have confidence in me?

Young Man—Well this is sudden, but I will think it over. Come around Tuesday some time between 10 and 10:30 and I will give you my answer.

Girl's Father—Very well, sir Good morning.
Young Man—Good morning.

AN ENTERPRISING FARMER.
Farmer George Honk, wrote the editor, "informs us that he manage to keep his place more or less mortgaged in site of a flock of two dozen very good hens. This seems a bad story, but we have always found George to be reliable. Who will beat it?"

PERSONAL.

John C. Warner has been with his sister, Mrs. Corrie VanEtten, in Hackensack this week.

Hon. J. J. Hart was storm stricken in N. Y. during part of the recent blizzard.

Gifford Pinchot chief of the Forestry Bureau Washington D. C. will deliver an illustrated address on the Western Forest Reserves on Tuesday Feb. 21, before the Pennsylvania Forestry Association at Horticultural Hall Philadelphia.

The home of E. S. Wolf has been brightened by the coming of a little Wolf in the family.

W. F. Chol spent a few days with his family this week.

Chas. Wood is in N. Y. taking lessons in embalming processes.

A. S. Stage who has been successfully teaching in Blooming Grove this county has finished his term and returned to his home in N. Y. state.

Misses Bertha W. and Bessie Van Etten who were in Haven Ct. last Saturday, were storm stricken and could not return until Thursday this week.

Mrs. James P. Brown of Stroudsburg attended the funeral of her sister-in-law Mrs. Sussan Van Etten at Conashung this week.

Hon. J. R. Solomon, of Boonton Congressman elect from the 4th N. J. Dist. is in Milford today (Friday) attending taking testimony in the case of B. C. Horton dec'd before J. H. Van Etten examiner.

Mrs. Frank Singmaster of Wellington, Iowa Cornelius VanEtten and Mrs. Jas. P. Brown of Stroudsburg were in attendance at the obsequies of their sister-in-law Mrs. John P. VanEtten this week.

J. J. Cutler Esq. and Elwin Howell of Chester N. J. are at Milford today attending the hearing in the matter of B. C. Hortons estate.

Hoagland of Port Jervis was potatoes and buckwheat sold his new advt.

A NOTEWORTHY DEPARTURE.

Sixty Cents Worth of Entertainment for only Five Cents.
It has been considered wonderful to publish a magazine for 10 cents containing as much reading matter as would be given in 50 columns of the average newspaper. But the Great Philadelphia Sunday Press comes to the front with the announcement that, beginning next Sunday, February 19th it will be so enlarged that each number will contain six times as much reading matter as its ten cent magazine. Just think of it! For five cents you can get "The Philadelphia Sunday Press" and find as much entertainment and instruction as if you spent 60 cents for magazines. Look out for next "Sundays Press." It will be a wonder.

A LAMPLIGHT COMPANION.
Between now and Spring time there will be many opportunities of an evening to read up on the different portions of the Great Northwest.
To this end the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Co. has printed for free distribution to Eastern farmers a number of illustrated pamphlets regarding the various States traversed by its lines.
In sending your address to W. E. Powell, General Immigration Agent, Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill. please say if your preference is for information about Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, North Michigan or North Dakota.
No charge for pamphlets or for replying to all inquiries about any section of the Great West.

Taking testimony of the progress to-day before J. Van Etten, Commissioner appointed by the New Jersey Courts, in the matter of an application made by Mrs. Mary Howell of Chester N. Y. to compel the executor of the estate of late B. C. Horton dec'd to charge themselves in their account with the amount of a certain judgment which was assigned by said decedent to his daughter Mrs. A. D. Brown.

Educate Your Bowels With Castoria. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 9c. 50c. J. C. C. Fall, druggists everywhere.

OUR COUNTRY EXPANDS.

The Americans have captured the Capital of the Island of Puerto Rico and the seat of the Government of the Visayan Federation. After a brief bombardment the town was taken by the Americans under General Miller without a single casualty on our side.

The Rebels before evacuating set the town on fire but the flames were easily extinguished.

ALMOST A FIRE.

The Port Jervis Union relates that quick wick and useful qualities saved B. F. Bennetts house in Port Jervis last Saturday night from conflagration. A party was in progress when suddenly the centre leg of the table gave away and crockery and the lamp were precipitated to the floor in a heap Frank Smith seized a handy Pike County Press and quickly smothered the flames. Moral, the Press is a household necessity. Don't be without it.

A CARE PARTY.

Invitations are out for a social Cake Party at the residence of Mrs. Jas. Black Musink House on Friday evening Feb. 17. Prof. Kantman's Orchestra of Port Jervis will furnish the music.

THE SUN NYSOUTH.

Persons desiring to spend a season in a mild, sunny and healthy climate at exceedingly reasonable rates may have information of such a place by applying at this office.

TO RENT.

A farm about a mile and a half from Milford known as the "Frank Olmsted place." Terms reasonable. For fuller information address P. O. box 217 or enquire at the home of Mrs. H. Winsor on Ann St.

NANCY OLMSTED, Milford Pa. Feb. 1-1w.

THE SNOW.

"Announced by all the tramps of the sky,
Arrives the snow, and driven o'er the fields,
Seems nowhere to alight; the whitened air,
Hides hills and woods, the river and the heaven.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DINGMAN.

Like the Lairs Club of Montague, so the Pence Club of Dolansville, recognized the fact of the Chairman having received a copy of the Press of Jan. 27, and that he had read the editorial entitled "Coming candidates."

It was an eye opener for those who have always voted blindly and a couple of the members did not relish an exposure, for they have the office buzzing to their bonnets. If votes would vote with their eyes open there would be little hope for mist farmers living off the fat of the land as office holders.

The spring election being near at hand the political situation in this township naturally enough was discussed. The machine Democrats have nominated a ticket according to its rules. A number of independent, intelligent Democrats bestirred themselves to see what they could do, so as not to be politically ostracized for want of suitable candidates. As the Republican leaders of this township, with the aid of one Congressman have largely destroyed the usefulness of the Republican column on the ballots, by removing the Post Office against the wishes of a large majority, the independent Democrats with the consent of the Republics have a constable and at least two supervisors on that ticket. Hence the February election will largely be a fight between the two factions of the democracy.

The grip has about disappeared and all are wearing pleasanter faces.

Abraham Bradley had some meat stolen from his kitchen a few nights since.

The hay on the Kate Angle place has been sold for taxes, by the collector.

There have been numerous accidents on the lumber job at Mt. Holly but fortunately none were

MATAMORAS.

The Ladies Christian Union connected with Hope church will give a George Washington supper next Tuesday evening at Prescotts Hall. There will also be an entertainment Father Time and George Washington and his wife will be represented. A full account will be given next week.

Prof. Pines dancing class next Thursday evening at Prescotts Hall.

We regret to chronicle an accident which befell our townsman, Chas. Nichol, a brokman on the Orange Co. Express, Monday evening. A mishap occurred on the train causing several employes much inconvenience and Mr. Nichol was bruised about the face. He was taken to the P. J. Hospital for treatment.

Mr. Theodore Fletcher has been quite ill for the past week.

Lewis Deron the efficient janitor of the High School has been quite ill but is now improving.

Rev. J. A. Wiegand pastor of Hope church will soon depart to the regret of his many friends here, to P. J. and surrounding towns. All denominations unite in admiration of the man and all wish him a pleasant future field of labor.

His wife and daughter will also be greatly missed by their many friends both in the church and village and the Ladies Christian Union Society will lose one of its most valued members and an earnest church worker.

This town for the past few days has experienced a blizzard almost equal to that of '88. Snow banks lie in every street some as high as the buildings. The public schools were discontinued for a day as the children could not surmount the drifts. It seems as if it would be July before they all disappear.

LACKAWAXEN.

Fred Holbert has returned to Elmira after being confined to his home in this place several weeks with the grip.

On account of the surplus of snow the schools of the town have been closed for the week.

Miss Grace Barnes and Chas. Steinhart made a brief visit at Hoadleys Pa. last week.

Miss Ida Smith who has been spending most of the winter with her grandparents at Aton Pa. is home and looking well.

Honery Hoffman is again on deck after entertaining the grip for a few days.

The family of Frank Ernest have moved to Newark N. J. where they will make their home in the future.

The oyster supper which was to be at the home of Mrs. Bartle on Feb. 15, was postponed until Feb. 22. Don't fail to be present.

J. W. Hale of Honesdale is stopping at the Keystone Hotel.

LAYTON.

Our existing wide tire law offers a rebate of \$1. a wheel from the road tax for 4 inch or over, and becomes operative whenever the "Twp. Committee passes an ordinance to that effect. Assemblyman Smith evidently wants a wide tire bill had when he can't induce the Twp. Committee, of which he is a member, to pass that ordinance.

I see that a Sandyston Correspondent says the Town Committee is considering an ordinance requiring peddlers to take out a license to peddle in this town. The peddler who refuses to pay, and carries his case up, will put the Committee in a hole.

Remember I told you so.
Yes—Mister Honest? John your sly on the Pike County Press is entirely uncalled for, and you only show your narrow animus by indulging it. You know it has no call to publish the delinquent taxpayers of Walpack or any other township in N. J. The Press does not need to come over into Honests Johns territory for delinquent poll tax lists with which to pad its columns, but prefers using that amount of space for the benefit of men who without a foot of trout stream manage to sell the Club lots of trout, then join the church and rant about the iniquities of the fish Club, whose good money jingles in his pocket. Honest? John should not depend upon people telling him all the good things that are in the Press for he is sure to miss some of the best, and they are indeed dog cheap at \$1.50 a year. It is as cheap as a borrow or steel it and some people will read it if they have to do both.

Hello Quiktown! what penetration you have. Why should I not be glad to see five infidels more numerous? Could we divest ourselves of prejudice we would have to admit that they are usually wide awake, thinking, reading men and women. I have seldom, if ever, known one who was

not a law abiding, and excellent citizen, the best type of the race, and never one that was a hypocrite. They should at least receive some credit for honestly avowing their sentiments, instead of hypocritically pretending to believe what they do not. If they were no worse people than infidels there need be little fear of degeneration yet a while.

Was the "Boss" at the dance? No the "Boss" was not at the dance. He had urgent business elsewhere just then. Yes, the "Boss" sometimes knows when to stand in out of the rain.

The \$100,000, given as State aid to the cause of building good roads is not collected from farmers, nor do they pay the greater share of the county tax for that purpose. The greater portion is drawn from the towns, mines, and corporations. When the road is built under petition the petitioners pay 10%, the State 35%, and the county 55%. Under the present situation, if the farmer had good business gamption, they would make the most of their opportunities, and be driving good roads, as it is plain their construction would be by means of which they contribute the least portion.

Honor bright, now "Daley," is a genuine Farmers Club, or only the old merry-go-round unseparating under a new name.

When the "Mietley" loses his taste for beer and the "boss" quits the merry-go-round, the whang doodle will shed no more tears, and the gypsies will be green in great ire, and the curtains will fall with red lights and blue fire.

When good roads are built by the Freeholders, through petition by the residents along the line of road, the cost, to the extent of ten per cent, is assessed by commissioners upon the abutting property owners according to the benefits received by each.

At the recent sale of the Rubart farm it was bought by Isian Garis of Walpack for \$20. It was sold to close the estate of the late Nicholas Moring, and contained 70 acres. We hear that friend Garis intends starting a poultry farm. If so, the fraternity extends a hearty welcome.

I wonder where the Herald Correspondent finds his law that assesses the cost of improved roads on the length of road front instead of the property valuation.

The spring election comes on March 14th this year, and at Hainesville. We believe this is the same date, and same place that the election was held the year of the great blizzard. I hope we will not need to go up there under as bad severe conditions this spring as we did then.

Collector James H. Fuller has received the school moneys and is now ready to meet any demand the teachers may make upon his treasury.

MONTAGUE.

The weather has been rather wintery the past week from 6 to 10 below zero and no better place than on the stove by the Fall Keg.

Callers and visitors were few last week. Miss Ida Rauh of Matamoras is visiting Miss Mary Kell.

Mrs. Ida Wickham of Matamoras is expected very ill at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Cole.

L. L. Merrill has recovered to such an extent as to be able to be out.

Daniel Pedmore, Joshua Cole and Henry Demas have acquired the grip.

Prof. C. R. Smith took a sleighride Saturday.

The mite social netted a trifle over three dollars.

It stormed too hard Sunday for any one to attend the services in the Reformed church.

Narrow icy roads are liable to get a fellow into a scrape. For particulars ask H. L.

Town meeting on March 14. Annual school meeting Tuesday March 21.

There is a stray tawneled bound pup at the residence of H. Ludwig where the owner can get him by proving his property.

Randolph Travis is paying cash for all kind of furs.

Some one has told us that Wm Travis of Milford will locate at Millville in the spring.

Our public schools were closed Monday. George Hornbeck son of Jas S. Hornbeck has been quite ill the past week.

Jos. Shimer would like to get a hold of the chap who entered his hen coop last Friday night and abstracted a couple of turkeys and a half doz. choice fowls.

The time is here again for the quarterly good time.

Don't be selfish! dont look good especially in print. Dont make a mistake out of a male hill neither give a person all the praise where others are more entitled to it then the one on whom the puff is aimed.

It shows narrowness of mind and although no harm may be intended it may cause bad feeling where perfect harmony is required.

The inclement weather and bad roads the past week have prevented the meetings of the Lairs Club so news is scarce on the

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