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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1st, 99.

Aginaldo's application for peace so close upon the declaration of Peace, McKinley that the recall should be put down no matter how many men it cost nor how many men it might require to convince even the most doubting that the Filipinos had been kept informed of every thing done in this country, and having acted upon the information. Had they not received encouragement from this country, which caused them to believe that there was a possibility of our withdrawing from the islands, if they fought stubbornly enough, there would never have been any revolt. The action of Gen. Otis in telling the representatives of Aginaldo that the only conditions under which he would stop fighting were to grant a general amnesty for an unconditional surrender, is so fully endorsed by the administration that no orders have been sent to him. It is felt that he has correctly sized up the situation and can be left to deal with the Filipinos without further instructions. Besides, the other American Commissioners, who are fully acquainted with President McKinley's wishes are with him to all in settling any question that may arise. It is confidently expected that the Filipinos will, as soon as they understand that no better terms can be obtained, accept those offered by Gen. Otis; they are already fully convinced that nothing but defeat for them lies in fighting our soldiers. And notwithstanding their outside appearance they are short of nearly all kinds of supplies.

Spain has authorized the French Ambassador to receive and receipt for the \$20,000,000 due from this government on account of the treaty of peace, and the French Ambassador has officially notified the Department of State and received four drafts on New York for \$5,000,000 each as payment in full.

The 151st Indiana Volunteers, which has just been mustered out of service, passed through Washington to day on the way home. A Committee of the Indiana Republican Club met with the regiment with a band, having previously arranged that the men should be allowed to stop over a day and enjoy the sight-seeing programme made for them. The men thoroughly enjoyed themselves and saw as much of the National Capital as it would be possible to see in a single day.

As Missouri only has three republican representatives, the state will not have as much influence in the Speakership contest as smaller states with more votes will have. Representative Joy, one of those three, said of the Speakership campaign: The West could elect the Speaker if all the western men stood solidly together, but there has been no attempt to secure concerted action up to this time. All the candidates mentioned are excellent men, and whoever is elected will do credit to the republican party."

Secretary Gage has been offered a salary in the neighborhood of the one that tempted Speaker Reed out of public life to become President of one of New York's big banks.

He made a financial sacrifice when he became Secretary of the Treasury, and will probably continue in that office until March 4th, 1901 if no longer. There is little doubt that if he desires to remain in that position, during President McKinley's second term that the President will be pleased to have him do so. There is no man in the country better fitted by knowledge and experience to fill the arduous duties of Secretary of the Treasury than Mr. Gage. Never have the affairs of that great department of the government moved smoother since he has been at its head, and has the credit of the nation been higher. This is high praise, but it is deserved.

The friendly personal cable messages that have passed between the Emperor of Germany and President McKinley since the latter approved application for the landing of the new German Cable in the U. S., have not pleased those who have been for months exaggerating every little occurrence, and manufacturing some, for the purpose of creating ill-will between the people of the two countries, but they have

served to show the world, as well as the people of the two countries, that the rulers of Germany and of the U. S. have no idea of allowing the friendly relations of the two nations to be disturbed by sensational mongers.

Representative Wm. Alden Smith, who is chairman of the Michigan delegation to the House, is in Washington. He said: "I have no information on the Speakership contest, but I will call a meeting of the delegation before Congress assembles, so that, if possible, our delegation will be able to act as unit in a favor of some one. We have twelve votes I have no candidate." The friends of several of the candidates are in Washington, actively at work for their favorites, but none of them are yet making any positive claims; of course all of them express confidence in the success of their men but they are not allowed that confidence to prevail their doing some lively hustling for votes. They all recognize that it is as yet, anybody's fight.

President McKinley has the report of the Military Court of Inquiry, and will probably make it public this week.

DIRECTORS CONVENTION.

George Sawyer re-Elected.

The terminal election for Superintendent of schools of Pike county took place at the Court House Tuesday a large number of the directors, 42 being present at roll call. The convention was called to order by Superintendent Sawyer, and Hon. Jacob Klaer of Milford was elected chairman. Philip B. Clark Esq. of Port Jervis and Jacob B. Westbrook of Delaware were also present. Youngs of Blooming Grove and John Englehart of Westfall, Telfers.

George Sawyer was the only person named in nomination for Superintendent and he was unanimously re-elected.

In a brief but timely speech he thanked the directors for their mark of confidence and esteem and the reward token of their satisfaction with the manner in which he had performed the duties of the office this being his third election. He also made several suggestions as to the proper management of the schools and referred to the progress which had been made since his incumbency. Briefer attendance of children and an increase in the tax levied so that the amount raised should equal the state appropriation in the several districts were points on which he especially dwelt.

The convention then adjourned.

SAN FRANCISCO CAL. AND RETURN.

On account of the National Baptist Anniversaries at San Francisco, Cal., the Erie will sell special round trip tickets from Port Jervis to San Francisco on May 14, 15, 16, at \$88.75 for the round trip. The return limit will be July 16, 1899, and tickets must be revised by the agent of the terminal lines at San Francisco before they will be good for return passage. For further information please call or address Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, N. Y. 2wk.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

The School Directors of Dingman township will sell on Saturday May 13, 1899 at 2 o'clock p. m. on the ground, the contract for building the Franklin School House. Plans and specifications may be seen on the day of sale, and the contract will be given same day.

By order of the Board. Jos. Schanno, Secy.

April 26, 1899.—2wk.

NEW ACES APPROVED.

The Governor has approved an Act requiring all deeds and other conveyances of real estate in the several counties of the State having a population of over 5,000 to be registered in the office of the county Commissioners before being recorded in the office for recording Deeds.

Also an Act requiring written notice to be served on supervisors of the proposed opening and construction of new roads for public use and of views and reviews in connection therewith.

Clover and Grass Seeds of all kinds at W. & G. Mitchell's. 4t.

OBITUARY.

James Stephen Gale.

Not long ago a more robust appearing man did not walk our streets than him whose death we are now called to chronicle.

An insidious disease which gave him no especial pain and hence no warning of his condition, was, however silently at work undermining his strength and health, and unsuspected by either himself or his friends the hour which no man knoweth was rapidly and unexpectantly approaching.

During the winter he occasionally had periods of debility incapacitating him briefly from his duties, but about a month ago the change became suddenly marked and he was confined to his room from which he never emerged, and peacefully passed away Tuesday morning April 2nd.

Mr. Gale was a son of James and Jane (Angier) Gale and was born in N. Y. Apr. 15 1850 and resided in that city until 1869 when he came to live on a farm in Dingman township this county.

He was elected County Commissioner in 1884 and served two terms. In 1891 he was appointed Commissioners Clerk which position he held until Nov. 1893 when he was postmaster at Milford by President Cleveland which place he continued to hold until his death.

His official life was characterized by uprightiness and fairness and a conscientious effort to do his duty honestly and faithfully. As postmaster he was always courteous and obliging and won many warm friends. He was a member of Van Dermark Lodge No. 828 I. O. O. F. and also Milford Lodge No. 344 F. & A. M.

He is survived by two half sisters Susan wife of Arthur P. Wolf of New Orleans La. and Dorothy wife of C. L. Griffin of New York. The funeral was held Thursday at 2:30 the services being conducted by Rev. Thos. Nichols and interment in the Milford Cemetery.

Clarinda (Quinn) Cole.

Mrs. Cole died at her home in Port Jervis N. Y. Thursday morning Apr. 27 at two o'clock A. M. after an illness of about three months.

She had been a sufferer from a complication of ailments having their origin in Brights disease. She was born in this county June 30th 1850 and was a daughter of Eleanor and James Quinn now deceased. Dec 25 1869, she united in marriage to Wm. D. Cole and resided on a farm in Dingman Township until 1885 when they removed to her late home.

She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church and a Christian character dominated her life both in the family and in her relations to society. Her desire, evinced in her daily walk and conversation, was to so serve her Master that at the last she might merit a welcome in that heavenly mansion prepared for those who do His will.

She leaves surviving her mother, husband and six children, Addie, wife of Prof. John C. Watson; Edward Q. Anson, Ella, Floyd and Halsey, also two brothers Halsey of Philadelphia, and Poldore Quinn of Aurora Ill. A funeral service was held at her home and the remains were brought to Milford Sunday for interment.

HE IS DR WESTBROOK.

Edward M. Westbrook of Ridgewood N. J. who has become quite celebrated as a musician and composer has had the degree of doctor of music conferred on him April 24 at the Waldorf-Astoria in N. Y., the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Grand Conservatory of Music of N. Y. A large company of distinguished persons witnessed the ceremony Dr. Ernest Eberhard who made the address, in which the qualifications of those receiving the degree, five in all, were specifically referred to, said Prof. Westbrook was the youngest recipient of the degree in the U. S. and the only Dr. of Music in the State of New Jersey. He is founder and president of the Paterson Conservatory of music and is only thirty-two years old. A strong musical program, in which several well known artists appeared, was included in the evening's entertainment.

Mr. Westbrook is well known in this section where he has many relatives and friends all of whom will be pleased to hear of his flattering success.

PERSONAL.

L. J. Middaugh of Shohola who was present at Tuesday's convention congratulates himself as having served as a school director for 37 years and he is neither old looking or bald headed either.

George H. Bortree Esq. of Greene is affected with something like an abscess in his head. He went to Philadelphia this week for treatment which his many friends hope will soon restore him to health and vigor.

Miss Bertha Van Etten who has been visiting her great Aunt here for several days went to Middletown N. Y. Monday.

B. Kent and wife of Paterson are sojourning at the Crisman House.

Dr. Deplasse of N. Y. spent Sunday in Milford.

Mrs. Dunn and son are visiting the family of Rev. W. R. Neff.

Ross B. Broadhead of Kansas was at Milford last week visiting with Mr. C. H. Van Wyck.

L. W. Armstrong and family will occupy their summer home here this week.

Mrs. Jos. J. Hart made a trip to N. Y. this week.

Miss Emily Mitchell has been visiting friends in Waverly N. Y.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy went last week to Philadelphia for a few days rest and recreation.

Bl. Q. Cole of Dover is spending a couple of weeks in Milford with his sister Mrs. John C. Watson.

C. S. Custis has removed to Port Jervis where he has a position with Bond the bicycle dealer, Charles is an excellent mechanic.

Alfred H. Whittaker a sergeant—major in a regiment of North Dakota Volunteers died of dysentery recently at Malolos Philippine Islands. He was a brother of Rev. C. A. Whittaker of Bushkill and of Mrs. J. E. Nyce of Egypt Mills this county.

Linda Klaer is spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Reed in Port Jervis.

Bertha Williamson has returned home after a months absence visiting friends in Ridgewood N. J. and N. Y.

Hugh McLaughlin of Jersey City and his wife were in Milford this week arranging to occupy their summer home about June 1st.

CHEAP EXCURSION, 1899

Annual Meeting General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Denver, Col., May 18 to 26th.

Annual Meeting General Assembly Presbyterian Church at Minneapolis, Minn., May 18 to June 1st.

National Baptist Anniversaries at San Francisco, Cal., May 26 to 30th.

National Educational Association at Los Angeles, Cal., July 11 to 14.

For all these meetings cheap excursion rates have been made and delegates and others interested should bear in mind that the best route to each convention city is via Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y and its connections. Choice of routes is offered those going to the meeting on the Pacific Coast of going via Omaha or Kansas City and returning by St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y has the short line between Chicago and Omaha and the best line between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, the only perfect train in the world.

All coupon ticket agents sell tickets via the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. For time tables and information as to rates and routes call on or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, 486 William Street, Williamsport, Pa. May 5.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The town Council Monday night considered the question of erecting a new hose house and the President appointed John C. Wallace and Wm. Mitchell a committee to procure a plan. It seems to be in contemplation to build a concrete house with stone trimmings and only finish so far as the funds now in hand will permit, leaving the completion of the structure until the money is in the Treasury to do so.

The contract for street sprinkling was awarded to Eugene Hans at the rate of twenty cents an hour.

EFFECT OF STORMS ON BIRDS.

The Scientific American contains an interesting contribution made by C. E. Linnay to the United States monthly weather review on the effect of approaching storms on song birds.

It appears that during the night of Aug. 15-16 1898 severe electrical wind and rain storms prevailed over the northern district of Illinois. An observer in Henry Co. W. W. Warner, noticed that forty eight hours before the storm not a sound was heard from the numerous song birds in the district. This observation was so full of interest that Mr. Linnay wrote for additional information, with the result that he received numerous letters, some confirming it, others stating that birds, sure-birds and more persistently before a great storm, and nearly all agreeing that they are more restless than usual at such a time. Mr. Linnay has found the following weather proverbs referring to song birds and storms: when birds cease to sing rain and thunder will probably occur. If birds in general pick their feathers, wash themselves and fly to their nests expect rain. Parrots and canaries dress their feathers and are wakenful the evening before a storm. If the peewee cries before he goes to roost and induces much at any time it is a sign of rain. Long and loud singing of robins denotes rain.

Robins will perch on the topmost branches of trees and whistle when a storm is approaching. The restlessness of domestic animals at a barnyard foreshadow an approaching storm is well known, and many of their peculiarities have been noted; but the actions of song birds do not appear to have previously received particular attention.

Miss Mitchell has just opened a fine assortment of summer Millinery at reasonable prices. Parlors on Ann St above store of W. & G. Mitchell.

SUICIDE AT MATAMORAS.

Axtell Bergh of P. J. proprietor of the National bakery committed suicide last Saturday morning in the woods near Matamoras by taking carbolic acid. The body was found Sunday morning and Dr. Kelley, Coroner, and a jury held an inquest.

The verdict was that he came to his death by poison taken while suffering from acute mania, from which the evidence shows he was a sufferer.

He was aged 32 and was a native of Sweden coming to this country so in 27 years ago and two years ago established a business in P. J. His wife and five children survive one of whom Wm. E. has just re-enlisted in the Army and this fact also preyed on the mind of the unhappy man.

MATAMORAS.

Dewey day was auspiciously ushered in Monday morning by the raising of "old Glory" on the sixty foot pole in front of the school building. Some wretch a few weeks ago stole the rope which necessitated a new one Frank Manwaring aided by Messrs Snyder, Durant and Dewey were successful in replacing it.

Rev. T. G. Spenser pastor of Epworth church is to have a new parsonage. To aid in raising funds Rev. E. T. Sanford of the P. J. Baptist church kindly consented to his trip through Palestine, Thursday night. Prof. Allen assisted in the entertainment.

Ephraim Shay is making many improvements on the barns and out buildings on Riverside farm.

John Blackwelder is erecting a new house near St. Josephs church. Ruben Bell is improving the Allen farm by adding a new dining room and kitchen both of which were needed and will be great conveniences.

An entertainment was given at the German church P. J. last Tuesday night in which all the parties were from this place. Over \$41. were realized.

Prof. Pines dancing class gave a reception at Pressetts Hall Thursday evening which was attended by about 40. Refreshments were served and all had a delightful time.

The ladies of St. Josephs church gave an apron and necktie social at Pressetts Hall last evening which was a pleasant occasion.

Lulu Billman in company with friends spent Sunday at Gaymards as guests of Mrs. Zuck.

Misses Lizzie Latham and Anna Pans of P. J. will sing at commencement exercises to be held at Epworth church June 9.

BRIEF MENTION.

Charles Gebhardt and Elizabeth Ernst of Lackawaxen were married at the Presbyterian parsonage in Port Jervis April 27 by Rev. G. E. Gillespie. The Press unites with many friends here, where the groom is well known, in wishing the couple an auspicious life voyage.

Fine pure bred Rose Comb White Leghorns and eggs for hatching at the Pine Hill Farm poultry yards. None better in the country. Satisfaction guaranteed. Geo. E. Hursh Layton, Sussex Co., N. J.

The County Commissioners on Monday sold the replanking of the Roseton bridge to E. S. Wolf to cost including laying \$24, a thousand and at Gordons Dam to the same party for \$21, a thousand. White Oak plank to be furnished on both bridges.

Carpets, Matting and Rugs at W. & G. Mitchell's. 4t.

The Delaware House at Lackawaxen is under a new management this season. E. J. Holbert who formerly was in control is now hired to manage certain departments.

Jacob Smith of Lehman while visiting his son near Wilkesbarre changed an old gentleman named Abner Fenner who worked on the old Court House here in 1816.

Wall Paper and Border in great varieties at W. & G. Mitchell's. 4t.

There is yet a large circle of ice around the fountain at Parkers Glen, and the inhabitants of that place probably will be able to secure ice for cream until near July.

Arbor day was duly observed by the schools of Montague. The old house No. 3 (Brickhouse) will have another addition to its library in a few days.

A reputable citizen of this county informed us that two persons from Stroudsburg who were fishing in Port township last Sunday set a fire in the woods which burned over several hundred acres and destroyed large amount of timber. They ought to be severely punished.

The C. E. Society held a social in the Presbyterian Church last evening.

A new line of Black and Tan Shuss all sizes at W. & G. Mitchell's. 4t.

P. C. Rutan has been appointed Local Consul and official Repairer of the L. A. W. for Milford Pa. for 1899. Mr. Rutan's prompt attention to members and his workmanship as a bicycle repairer fits him for the appointment.

Letters testamentary were granted May 2 by the Register to Edward Simons executor of the last Will and Testament of Jabez F. Simons late of Greene Twp. de'd.

At the sale of the real estate of the late Francis Manly held in Palmyra April 26th there were a number present but the bidding was not spirited. The property was sold to Joseph P. Manly a son of the decedent for \$1070.

Mr. C. A. Wilson, of Deckertown one of the proprietors of the Independent, and a man of various business enterprises has purchased the Chas. P. Howell tract in Montague township, Sussex county. This tract includes Mashipacong Lake, one of the best fishing lakes in the Blue Mts. The tract consists of 1,400 acres and was held in the Howell state for 47 years. Mr. Wilson will improve the property, and has already posted it against trespassers.

A QUESTION OF POLITICAL POLICY.

The Honorable Citizen Editorially, Well and Truthfully Says.

Aside from the question of legal authority, the attempt by the Governor to force the senatorial situation by an appointment must be regarded as a grave political mistake. As Mr. Quay said, in his letter to Senator Grady respecting a conference, the State has not perceptibly suffered from the vacancy which has existed since March 4th. As no extra session of Congress is probable, the State would not suffer if the vacancy continued until the first Monday of December. Meantime an opportunity would be given for the subduing of factional strife; the local interests of the party in the several counties would assert themselves; and the canvass for county offices, which cannot directly affect the Senatorial question, and which in many counties are of high importance, would be left comparatively free from the rivalries and animosities which have grown out of the Senatorial contest; and before election day party harmony would be in a large measure restored. But the appointment at this time will contribute to keep alive the spirit of faction, inflame mutual resentments, and in many instances make the success of the local ticket difficult or hopeless. The course on which the Governor has thus entered has little promise of anything but evil. And the greatest service which Mr. Quay can now do both himself and the party is to decline the appointment. It is not a question of the vindication or success of Mr. Quay but of the coherence and success of the Republican party in every county of the State. Republican success depends on the union of Republicans, and this union can be secured only by a conciliatory course on all sides, and the avoidance, so far as possible, of all causes of irritation or discord.

GREELEY.

Dr. Howard of Lackawaxen called here Wednesday.

Abram Miller of Hemlock Hollow Wayne Co. was at this place Tuesday.

An electric shower with little rain passed over here Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith McKean and Mrs. Nicholas Hess were visiting here last week.

E. A. Greening was in town Monday.

Otto Kenling Game superintendent of the B. G. Park association made a trip to Rattlesnake Monday.

Mrs. Case Greening briefly called on friends here recently.

Comms. Heller and Newman called here Wednesday.

Everett and Howard Greening and Irving Dewitt spent Sunday here.

Harry M. Rosencrans has the grip (on the plow handles).

The dance at August Knoedlers was well attended.

Trout fishing is very poor.

UNCLE SAM.

[Replying to the question asked by our correspondent an excellent legal authority of the state gave last year as his private opinion that the local game law for Pike was repealed by the general Act, hence trout fishing would begin Apr. 15]

The Press has contained a synopsis of the respective acts showing the close time in each. Ed. PUESS.

REFORMATORY REPORTS

Through the kindness of T. B. Patton general superintendent of the Huntington Reformatory we have fifth biennial report of that institution.

It is a very neat pamphlet and is illustrated with several cuts showing different industrial departments in which the inmates are taught useful trades. The report was printed and bound by them. Pike paid for maintaining two inmates for year ending Dec. 31 1897 \$150.50 and for maintaining one for the year ending Dec. 31 1898 \$78.25. The total number in the institution at the latter date was 569.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

James Milham and wife to Horner T. Ames, dated March 16, lot on Big Pond Palmyra Con. \$130.

John and Webb Kimble and Amanda Kimble to Wm. Kimble Releases on Est. of Warren Kimble in Westfall.

Margaret M. Darragh etal. to Geo. B. Van Anken dated March 20 1846 sq ft, Delaware con. \$100.

Frederick Dreyer and wife to Irene Kimble dated Apr. 30 lot 449 Matamoras con \$200.

The new creamery will soon be completed at Montague.

Jake McCarty lost his bearings while driving across bennekill. His wagon body and contents were caught by Wesley Van Anken, Jake and the team escaped with a ducking.

The attendance of directors at the convention was unusually large on—ly three in fact and two of those from Milford being absentees. That dollar a day and mileage seems to have been very potent.