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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 29th, '99.
President McKinley's visit to Richmond, tomorrow, to witness the launching of the Shubric, the first government vessel ever built in that city, will show that he has no political object in view in mixing with his fellow citizens, as it must be plain to even his most narrow-minded critics that he has nothing political to gain by visiting Virginia.

There is a reason to believe that the Philippine Commission, which met in Washington, to-day, will prepare a preliminary report at once, covering its investigation from the opening of hostilities by Aguinaldo and existing conditions on the islands leaving the future to be handled in a later and fuller report, which may take the civilian members of the Commission back to the islands after peace is restored.

Senator Sewell, whose military and personal experience adds weight to his opinion, said of the Filipinos: "There is only one way of dealing with the Filipinos, and that is with powder, ball, and bayonet. I heard this many years ago, when on a cruise in that vicinity. I had some experience then with Philippine character that I will never forget. The sooner we show the leaders of the insurrection that we are in real earnest, the sooner the trouble will be settled. The President is alive to the situation and is handling it with skill." Inasmuch as this language was used by the Senator just after he had been in conference with President McKinley, it was significant. Senator Cullom, who had also just seen the President, said: "The proper action for these fellows is just such as we are taking—a substantial enforcement of the authority of the government."

Men from the far west who come to Washington these days all tell one story—great prosperity and almost unanimous support of the foreign policy of the administration. For instance Mr. C. W. Hartley, of Boise City, Idaho, said: "I voted for Bryan at the last Presidential election, but I will never do it again. I have been studying the subject up a little since that time. More than 80 per cent. of the silver republicans in Idaho have decided to go back to the Republican fold, and, unless there is a very perfect fusion of all the opposing parties Idaho is a sure enough Republican State for 1900. Anti-expansion doesn't go out our way. We want the islands in the East and lots of trade for our Western cities."

That there isn't the slightest doubt in administration circles about our permanent retention of the Philippines is shown by the decision of Secretary Long to recommend in his annual report the construction of a number of light draft gunboats for use in Philippine waters. It is practically certain that the insurrection will be over long before these boats are built, but they will be needed in Philippine waters to look after our commerce all the time.

Post Master General Smith, who has just returned from a stumping trip in Ohio, says it is only a question of how large the Republican majority would be. His last speeches were made in the "western reserve," where Democrats had been making all sorts of claims about Republican apathy. Mr. Smith says he found no Republican apathy in that section of the State; that the Republicans there, as in all sections of the country, had been so busy making money that they waited later in the campaign than usual before giving their time and attention to politics; that when he left they were thoroughly aroused, and that there is no reason to fear that the full Republican vote will not be brought out. Mr. Smith says that while there are wide differences of opinion as to the total vote Sam. Jones will get, the best posted men in the State are absolutely certain that he will take many more votes from McLean than from Nash. President McKinley's private advices from Ohio, which are numerous and full, all point one way—to certain Republican victory.

No braver man ever wore the U. S. uniform than Brigadier General

Guy V. Henry, of the regular army, who was buried to-day with military honors at Arlington, where so many of his former comrades are sleeping their last sleep. In the Indian wars, he earned the title of "Fighting Guy" by his gallantry. How gallant he was may be judged from the fact that in the campaign against the Sioux Indians in 1876, he led his regiment in a charge after receiving a shot through his face which broke his nose and destroyed the sight of his left eye, and said after the fight had been won, to the officer who attempted to console him, while leading him from the field: "It is nothing, Jack. This is what we are here for," and again when he pursued the Cheyennes across the Canadian border in the dead of winter, and gave them a humiliating thrashing they never forgot. It was in the latter campaign that Gen. Henry had both hands and feet frozen, which made him a cripple to his dying day. It is men like Gen. Henry who have given the American soldier the high place he occupies in the esteem of the entire world, and which makes him unconquerable; and every American should be proud of the knowledge that we have never lacked a Henry when there was need for his services.

The events of the past fortnight in South Africa have spoiled the criticisms of the Democratic fault-finders in regard to the conduct of the war by the McKinley administration. British losses in Africa in this fortnight have been as great as the American losses in Cuba and the Philippines in an entire year of fighting, and utterly destroy the opportunity for complaint which Democratic scolds were utilizing for temporary political effect.

If your fowls have Cholera or Roup, use Orange Electric Food at once. For sale at T. Armstrong's.

DINGMANS.

Mrs. Theresa Cron has left her summer cottage at Centre and returned to her Newark home.

Henry Olay has moved on the homestead farm of the late John B. Van Anken.

Mrs. Charles Cron and her two children, after visiting her parents for a couple of weeks has returned to her home in Scranton, Pa.

Pork is scarce in this neighborhood this year. The low prices of former seasons made farmers shy of raising pigs.

It is reported here that cabbages weighing from 8 to 10 lbs. retail in Paterson, N. J., for 3 cents. How does the farmer come out? The stories about growing rich through market gardening seem like fairy tales.

With cider mills running after dark there must be a rush.

Wheat and rye look fine and barring mishaps a good crop is promised for next year.

A lively lawsuit is to be before Esq. Frazer Saturday about some walnuts over a fence, as a moving cause to an assault with fists and farm utensils. The attacking party was forced to beat a retreat.

The constable is riding around the county serving notices and we will soon be up to Sandyston or any other place.

A severe forest fire which did considerable damage in the lower end of the township was subdued at Snyder's on Sunday.

It seems the apple crop is fair in this country but has failed in England and Germany. Hence with an unprecedented demand the price is apt to go higher.

C. Lehigh has been around here buying apples at 50 cents a bushel.

Sixteen miles from here to Port Jervis and 9 to Branchville. We think it would pay the railroad company to help make a good road from the latter place to our new bridge.

Sixty chickens of an egg laying breed are worth as much as a good cow, considering the labor and feed where is the most profit?

Corn may be green to crib, but some samples of recent weather diminish us that the cold is coming.

Our town promises to be lively soon as a number are preparing to put in a full winter on tie jobs.

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PERSONALS.

E. F. Peters, of Bushkill, was in town Monday.

P. M. Nils, of Edgemoor, was at Milford yesterday.

Geo. Armstrong, of New York, was in Milford over last Sunday.

Peter Voost of New York city, passed Monday at W. V. Hilliard house.

Wm. Bergh, of P. J., a soldier in the late war is visiting Louis D. Berlin.

William Angle, Esq., with his wife recently visited friends at Stroudsburg.

Henry Dewitt, Esq., of Rowland ex-County Commissioner was at Milford last Saturday.

Dame Ramor says Chas. H. Wood has bought the Buchanan house, next Boyd's market on Broad street.

Miss Lizzie Bull and David A. Walls attended the Convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. lately held at Stroudsburg.

Miss Kellam, of Palmyra, a daughter of M. N. B. Kellam, visited with her friend Mrs. Gumble in Milford this week.

Word has been received here of the death of Geo. T. Smith tax collector of Porter township which occurred last week.

Mrs. Helen E. Heller will shortly depart for Chicago where she will spend the winter with the family of the late Governor William Bross.

Commissioners Newman and Heller were called this week to inspect a County bridge near Hawley which was reported in dangerous condition.

The family of L. W. Armstrong returned to their city home this week after spending a pleasant summer in their spacious High street home.

Mrs. Maude K. Dean, of Rahway, visited her sister Mrs. J. H. Van Eiten part of this week and while here engaged a drive to Boonerville and Deckertown, N. J.

John Ost who has for some weeks been afflicted with consumption and in a failing condition died at his father's home in Water Street Thursday aged about eighteen years.

Harold Clearman, a Sergeant in the Sixth Regt. U. S. Infantry, received two wounds in an engagement with insurgents on the island of Negros. He has been a frequent visitor at Milford and is well known here.

Milton Armstrong and wife were visiting friends in Wayne County last week and when driving on the road to Narrowsburg met Fred Drake with a yoke of oxen, undoubtedly the ones stolen over in New York State recently, of John Dillon. Drake is an old offender and has done time from this county for horse stealing.

Horses may be kept free from Colic if Orange Electric Food is occasionally given to them. For sale at T. Armstrong's.

BUSHKILL.

At high noon Wednesday Oct. 25, at the residence of James Dickson and wife, the daughter Mary A. was united in marriage to Allen G. Brown of Dingmans by Rev. Sloat, of Coolbaugh, and Rev. Dixon, of Stroudsburg. The bride has many friends here who join in wishing her and her husband a long and happy life.

Lorenzo Brown and wife, of Chatham, N. J., are visiting the latter's father, Oliver P. Heller.

Harry Peters and Charles Rafferty, of New York, were at Forest Park Lake, one day last week, and caught a fine string of bass.

B. F. Schoonover is building an addition to his horse.

Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and two children are visiting relatives at Milford the past two weeks.

There will be a Klondike Fair and Social at Pine Ridge on Nov. 4th. Every one invited to come and enjoy a good time.

Mrs. David Boucher is spending a month in Scranton with her daughter, Mrs. August Franz.

Miss Lizzie Bach leaves next week for New York where she will spend several weeks among her many friends.

All the teachers of Lehman attended the institute, and report a good institute, most of them rode their "hikes" as the roads and weather were perfect.

BRIEF MENTION.

By reason of press of work some matter is laid over until the next issue of the Press.

Services may be expected at Saw kill school house at 2:30 p. m. next Sunday the weather permitting.

Thos. Armstrong is improving the house formerly occupied by Jervis Gordon at the upper mill, adding a story and otherwise remodeling it.

The Presbyterian Sabbath School entertained the congregation and friends last evening, and all greatly enjoyed the social side of the affair and the refreshments likewise.

The Commissioners left town this morning to deliver the ballots to the several Judges of Election. Mr. Heller accompanied by his wife and Clerk Swepensier went to Greene, Mr. Newman to Lackawaxen and Mr. Bensley will deliver those for the lower townships.

Insurance companies all over the country say their losses this year are far greater than during any previous year since 1890. Fires occurred in cities throughout the U. S. where the least risk was thought to be and old racks of buildings lightly insured have failed to burn. Many companies will be unable to make but slight concessions, and some few will be unable to make any at all owing to heavy losses.

Cards announcing the marriage of Samuel Walton Smith, Esq., of Port Allegany, Pa., to Miss Ella Smith, of Farmers Valley, Oct. 25 have been received here. Mr. Smith is well known in Milford, which is his native place and where his early life was spent, and his many friends here will unite in wishing him a happy wedded life. He has waited long to shuffle off single blessedness, but will now enjoy life with greater zest.

The ballots for the November election were printed at the Press office, and for the first time in six years the copies required by law to be delivered to the Commissioner's clerk to be sent to the several Judges of Election were delivered to that official Tuesday morning of this week, and the ballots were all finished and in book form by Wednesday noon. Every voter will have an opportunity to judge of the workmanship.

Princess Chimney, the beautiful American woman who left husband and family to become the wife of Riggo, the ignorant Gypsy musician will arrive on this side of the water some time in December and will appear at Koster & Biel's, New York city, in vaudeville with her husband. This notorious female has been booked by a prominent theatrical exchange in N. Y. for engagements with leading theatres in 35 different cities throughout the U. S.

Scarcely a train pulled out of P. J. Sunday afternoon for New York city but that was boarded by sportsmen at that station who had spent a day or two dealing death to the birds. Many fine strings of pheasants were proudly carried by their owners and placed in the same seat to insure safety and the dogs took their places in the baggage car. What is more powerful than silver shot for bringing down game? Certainly not love.

Dr. J. T. Rothrock, Forestry Commissioner of Pa., has been in this county recently and Monday was at Milford. He proposes keeping a strict watch on timber thieves and will endeavor to protect the state lands from fires, and to see that game and fish laws are more carefully observed. Constables will do well to exercise care in making their reports to Court in future, for they may be called on to verify their want of knowledge regarding certain duties which pertain in their office.

Editor Sentenced for Libel.

Richard Little, editor of the Scrantonian, found guilty of libeling Colonel Ezra Ripple, Postmaster of Scranton and a member of the State Soldiers' Orphans' School Commission, was last week sentenced to six months in jail, and to pay the costs of the trial and a fine of \$100.

An examination of the list of "distinguished statesmen" who participated in the anti-expansion meeting at Chicago, show that the term "ex" attached to the title of a very large majority of the number, indicating that they were as a rule "gentlemen with a grievance." The "antis" are mainly "axes."

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM WALLACE BIDLACK.

Monday morning, October 30, death closed the earthly career of one whose form had long been a familiar one here, and whose life had been crowded with interesting events. Dr. Bidlack was a son of Benjamin Alden and Margaret Matilda Wallace Bidlack, a daughter of James Wallace, and was born in Milford, July 24, 1831. His father was editor of the Northern Eagle and Milford Monitor in 1828, was subsequently elected to Congress and then appointed U. S. Minister to New Grenada in the capital city of which, Bogota, he died. Young Bidlack accompanied him, entered the College of San Esperito from which he graduated, and then coming to Philadelphia, graduated at the U. P. in April 1852. He located in Wilkesbarre for the practice of his profession, then removed to Phila. and was at the breaking out of the war in July 1861 appointed assistant surgeon in the 62d N. Y. Vols. in which he served until Aug. 1863, was then appointed Asst. Surg. in the Regular Army, and served until the reorganization period when he became Asst. Surg. of the 58th U. S. Col. Infantry and served until Sept. 1866. He then located at Stroudsburg and took charge of the large practice of Dr. A. R. Jackson while the latter went on the Quaker city trip to the Holy Land. While there he married Mary Runyon, of Phila., who was a contributor to some of the Magazines and a brilliant woman. After this he again went into the Regular Army and was with General Crook's command. He then located in San Francisco in which city his wife received an injury from which she soon after died. While there he was chairman of the examining board of the medical college and also Professor of Surgery in the school, now the University of Cal. From there he removed to Sonia Barbara and then came to Milford where he has since lived.

His was a kindly, genial disposition, his mind was highly cultured, his linguistic talents varied, and his skill in his profession marked.

He is survived by one brother James B. W. Bidlack, of London, England; and two sisters, Blanche D. A. Reed, mother of Dr. H. B. Reed, of Boston.

The funeral service was held Wednesday and interment in Milford cemetery.

To Los Angeles and Southern California.

Every Friday night, at 10:35 p. m., a through Tourist Car for Los Angeles and Southern California, leaves the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Union Passenger station, Chicago, via Omaha, Colorado Springs and Salt Lake City, for all points in Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

In addition to the regular Pullman porter, each car is accompanied by an intelligent, competent and courteous "courier," who will attend to the wants of passengers on route. This is an entirely new feature of tourist car service, and will be appreciated by families or by ladies traveling alone. Particular attention is paid to the care of children, who usually get weary on a long journey.

These tourists cars are sleeping cars supplied with all the accessories necessary to make the journey comfortable and pleasant, and the berth (each berth will accommodate two persons) is only \$6.00 from Chicago to California. Ask the nearest ticket agent for a tourist car folder, or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, 300 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

Remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Nov. 4th, 1899:

Ladies—Miss Nesbit.

Gentlemen—Daniel V. Rickenbaugh, A. C. Spencer.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATIMORE.

\$10 REWARD.

A reward of \$10 will be paid by the Directors of the Independent School District of Milford, for information which will lead to the detection and conviction of any person or persons breaking into the Academy building, or committing any trespass in or about the same.

By order of the Board,
H. E. EMMASON, Secy.

Milford, Pa., Oct. 11, 1899.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

The sessions Wednesday were of an interesting nature, conducted by Profs. Hockenbery, Dick and Gregory and, in the evening Prof. Gregory of the Trenton Schools gave an excellent lecture on the topic the Citizen and the Schools. Wilkins orchestra of Matamoras discoursed some very fine music.

Thursday was also well filled with instructive talks and in the evening the program was 1 chorus Golden Days by pupils of Matamoras High School, 2 vocal Solo by little Master Leroy Seymour who acquitted himself with great credit, 3 lecture by Prof. Dick, subject the Moslems of Life. The matter was well arranged, the theme skilfully treated and showed brilliancy of thought, and a wide acquaintance with current literature, a mandolin solo by Miss Hattie Horton evinced rare skill and expertness, with excellent taste in execution and she was loudly encored. A vocal solo by Miss Hazel Hornbeck, of Matamoras, was pleasantly rendered, and a violin duet by Frank Wilkin and Miss Laura Seymour displayed great taste and skill in execution.

Friday all said good-bye sadly and departed after a pleasant week, carrying away happy memories, and minds brightened for their work. The receipts of the week exceeded expenditures and left a neat little balance in the Treasury.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, We, the teachers of Pike county, in annual institute assembled at Milford, feeling conscious that our time has been profitably spent offer these resolutions:

RESOLVED, That this institute has been a success.

RESOLVED, That our thanks be extended to Superintendent Sawyer for the efficient manner in which he has conducted the institute and for the excellent entertainment given by him on Tuesday evening.

RESOLVED, That we thank the County Commissioners for the use of the Court House, also Mr. Steel for performing his duties as janitor.

RESOLVED, That we are indebted to Prof. Johnson for services at the piano, and to all who have in any way helped to make this institute a success.

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be furnished for publication to the Milford Dispatch, the Pike County Press, the Evening Gazette, and to the Tri-State Union.

FLORENCE CASE,
LOUISE KLAER,
MARCIA CLARE HELLER,
J. F. MOLONY,
JNO. C. WATSON.

P. C. Rotan will close out his stock of 1899 bicycles cheap. If you want a bicycle call and see him. Broad St., Milford, Pa.

MATAMORAS.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garabrant will move to Mahwah, N. J., soon. We regret their departure and trust they will like their new home.

Friday night Prescott's Hall was the scene of a very pleasant entertainment given by Mrs. F. I. Heidenthal for the furnace fund of Hope church. On entering the hall you were presented with a very unique program with the design of the furnace on the outside leaf. It was quite a novel idea. Mr. Speidel designed the program. At 8 o'clock Rev. Mr. Lilly, pastor of Hope church, announced the first number on the program, a piano selection by Miss Laura Seymour, which was well rendered. The second was a ribbon drill and tableaux, entitled "Welcome to Dewey." Mr. N. Taft representing Dewey. The drill was well done and entertaining.

The Matamoras High School opened on Monday with all the teachers in attendance. They had a very enjoyable time during the past week at Milford attending the institute.

Henry Geiger, of Newark, N. J., is the guest of Mr. M. V. Heller, this village.

Mrs. D. B. Allen returned home Saturday evening from a two weeks visit at Princeton, N. J.

The Ladies of the Epworth Ch. gave a ten cent social on Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. E. Shay on River street, Matamoras. A very pleasant time was enjoyed.

The Ladies of Hope church gave a social on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Pierson.

Mrs. Harry Moore, of Jersey City is visiting her father H. Watts, of this village.

PAUPAC.

Last week being institute week the schools were closed, and the small boy had a jolly good time. Our teachers upon their return from institute reported having had a very enjoyable time. We trust it will prove to have been a source of profit as well as of pleasure.

John Grant and family have removed from Tafton to Hawley. We are very sorry to lose you, John. We could have spared a larger man. But our loss is Hawley's gain.

Anthony Van Aiken has laid the foundation for a new mansion at Tafton. Tony has concluded that by owning his own roof there will be less danger of having it sold from over his head.

Frank Killam has returned to his home in Troy, having spent a week with his parents and Miss Augusta Conklin will for a time occupy the spare room at the home of her uncle G. N. Killam.

We congratulate Mrs. G. N. Killam on the arrival of a new grandson, and are pleased that the western family branch should thrive so finely.

Emil Gumble, of Milford, and Miss Amabern Kimble, of Hawley, arrived in town Sunday. Emil ostensibly to hunt—but perhaps he is not "so slow."

Quite a few of our public spirited citizens have determined that when the census enumerator makes his appearance "poking his inquisitive nose into the affairs of other people," he shall not find a decrease in the number of our population. The latest heard from is Mrs. Lewis Singer and it is a lady bird.

MONTAGUE.

This nice weather is going to spoil some of us and cold winds will blow before we are ready.

Hurray for old Tuck! The old sinner tread three more coons the other night.

Somebody came pretty near getting shot over here. Someone was either too fast or not fast enough.

The game law appears to be bound to make trouble. Either the law or some headless hunters are to blame.

Mrs. J. H. Westfall is now the owner of the farm of Mrs. L. T. Caswell. The latter will sell her stock and farming utensils within a few days and take up her residence at Hackensack N. J.

Oliver Lily will also have a solo shortly and engage in the stone business.

Our mail carrier is having the devil's luck of late. Two nights last week he was delayed on account of sick horses.

A couple of Port gents with their best girls met with a mishap near the Brickhouse Saturday evening. In trying to turn the team was too quick and a front wheel landed in a heap. H. L. loaned them one to get home with.

Water is very low in a number of wells over here.

Cider is getting good and the effects of it are in evidence.

It is reported that ladies are too smart for Handle and jump their toll.

Hon. Elvin Smith and John Hotlan, Democratic candidates for Assembly and Sheriff respectively canvassed this town Monday, but both missed the NAIL KEG.

For comfortables, woolen blanket and counterpanes go to Armstrong & Co's.

Our Latest Music Offer.

Please send us the names and addresses of three music teachers or performers on the piano or organ and 25 cents in silver or postage and we will send you all of the following new and most popular pieces full sheet music arranged for piano or organ: "The Flower that Won My Heart" now being sung by the best known singers in the country. "Mamie O'Harke" the latest popular waltz song. "March March, Dewey's March Two Step" as played by the famous U. S. Marine Band of Washington, D. C., and five other pages of popular music. Address, POPULAR MUSIC CO., Indianapolis, Ind.

NOTICE—Any person or persons detected in removing timber, stone, or other property, from land in Pike county belonging to the State of Pennsylvania will be prosecuted.

J. T. ROTHROCK,
4t Commissioner of Forestry.