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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
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Senator Foraker frankly stated, when he asked that his Porto Rico bill, which the House had been attached, be sent back to committee that it was desired to have his bill remain in committee until the Senate was given an opportunity to vote on the House bill alone, which deals with nothing but the tariff. Mr. Foraker believes the House bill will be passed.

The Senate carried out one of President McKinley's recommendations when it passed the bill authorizing the appointment by the President of a Commission to visit Asia and study and report upon the best methods for increasing American Commerce with China and Japan.

A bill appropriating \$10,000 to pay the expenses of securing a proper design for a memorial to Gen. Grant to be erected at Washington, was passed by the House without a dissenting vote.

Senator Gallinger, who is a member of the Committee on Porto Rico, in a speech advocating the 15% duty on Porto Rican products other than coffee, which, by the way, constitutes four fifths of the islands exports, said: "We are proposing to treat Porto Rico better than we treat any territory in the U. S. We collect internal revenue taxes in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Indian Territory and Arizona, and every dollar of it goes into the U. S. Treasury. We shall collect internal revenue taxes in Porto Rico, too, but every dollar so collected will be returned to the Porto Ricans and be used for their benefit." Of the connection of trusts with the question and their alleged control of republican policy, Mr. Gallinger said: "We heard the same when Hawaii was annexed and free entry to our ports was given Hawaiian sugar. Now it is raised again when we propose to place a small duty upon the products of Porto Rico, for the benefit of the Porto Ricans themselves. The trust which is suffering, the trust which we are opposing by this legislation is composed of some gentlemen at the Arlington hotel in this city, a trust headed by the British Vice-Consul at San Juan. That trust is suffering considerably. Those gentlemen bought up the sugar under the full Dingley rates, and if they can get it into this country free of duty, they will make the full 100% of the tariff; but if we succeed in putting a tariff duty of 15% of the Dingley rate on that sugar, the trust's profits will be cut down by that much, and the people of Porto Rico will benefit to that extent."

Chairman Hitt, of the House Committee on foreign affairs, agreed a few days ago for that Committee to make an investigation of the charge made by Ex-Counsel Macrum, that official mail from Washington, to the U. S. consulate at Pretoria, had been held up and opened by British Military officers, without the adoption of a formal resolution by the House and the investigation will be started this week.

Secretary Root's answer to the Senate resolution asking if he had given any exclusive permit for dredging the gold-bearing sands of the ocean off the Alaska coast shows no exclusive permits have been issued for such dredging, but that under authority of law, as interpreted by Mr. Root and every member of the Cabinet, permits have been issued to sev applicants to dredge the ocean bed from the line of low water outwards off the Alaskan coast, when it may be done without interfering with navigation, and will be issued to others who may apply for them, inasmuch as these permits have been issued to all applicants, there is nothing exclusive about them. Thus, another man's nest is disposed of.

The past week marked the retirement from public service of the ablest and best equipped man that has ever acted and served as Commissioner of Patents Hon. A. P. Greeley. His resignation emphasizes the utter inadequacy of the salaries of the Commissioner and his staff of expert examiners. Mr. Greeley, though but 38 years old, is a writer on patent law. He leaves off to practice it in Washin ton, where he will make a specialty of trade-marks and foreign patents. The loss to the public service of such a man is irreparable, and

the government would better pay the head of the Patent Office the salary of a member of the Cabinet than have a man like Greeley resign.

Senator Spooner has been the recipient of many congratulations on the able manner in which he got the best of Senator Tillman in the extended colloquy between them, which began on the Porto Rico question, but took in a number of other things including the method adopted to secure white supremacy in South Carolina, methods which Mr. Tillman frankly acknowledged and said he was glad were adopted. Mr. Spooner at no time lost his temper, although Mr. Tillman did several times, and endeavored to anger Mr. Spooner by tantalizing remarks. This is not the first oratorical victory won by Senator Spooner, who has long been known as one of the strongest men in the Senate in a running debate.

Northern Men's Success in the South.

It has been said that few Northern men going South have succeeded in business, but that is evidently a great mistake, for recently we saw where Mr. Julius Lewis of the city of Raleigh, N. C., was unanimously elected by the Democrats to the position of chairman of the county Board of Control, which is the board having control of the entire of the entire business of the county in which is the capital of the State. The local paper, the Raleigh Daily News & Observer, of that city, referring to the election, said: "Mr. Lewis came South some few years ago and has made a fortune in the mercantile and manufacturing business. He served through the war of 1861 to 1865 in the Union Army." The success of this Northern man is one individual instance, and we only have to go sixty miles further South to see the brightest spot in the Southland, Southern Pines, N. C., to see a whole town built up by Northern men and women. Here we see large hotels that accommodate hundreds of invalids who desire to escape the severe cold of the North. Manufacturing plants, electric lights, electrical car line and thousands of acres of fruit trees and vines, from which annually, millions of pounds of fruit is gathered and sent to the Northern markets.

The interest in this is so great that when a train passes through the town the passengers crowd the platform of the cars and raise the windows to get a look at what they admit is the prettiest place in the South. If you will go into the Seaboard Air Line Railway office in New York 371 Broadway or to the ticket window of the Old Dominion Steamship Co., which represents the most popular line leading into the South you will find that many tickets are being sold to the Yankee town down in Dixie land.

The Northern people have literally made that section of the South blossom as a rose. They have purchased in that territory more than a hundred thousand acres of land and it is being rapidly brought into cultivation. When they first came there land could be bought at fifty cents an acre; to-day some of it is selling at a hundred dollars an acre. The success of Southern Pines has been so great that four other places have been started by Northern people. Leavitt settlement, by New Hampshire people, Roseland by Massachusetts settlers, Pinehurst by the well known Bostonian, Mr. James W. Tufts, manufacturer of soda water apparatus, and last not least Pinebluff, by an association of business men known as the New England Manufacturing Mining and Estate Co., from all sections of New England. At Pinebluff a very large body of land was bought at low prices and and is being subdivided into farms of fourteen acres which are being sold at one hundred dollars a farm. Pinebluff bids fair to catch up with Southern Pines on account of low prices of land and the fact that building sites are given to actual settlers. Large numbers are going to that point to building homes for winter use. It is six miles south of Southern Pines on the main line of Railroad, and one fact that makes this point attractive to settlers is that Mr. John Patrick the Chief Industrial Agent of the Seaboard Air Line has his winter home at that place and is doing a great deal to develop the town and he is recognized not only in the South, but among the Union, as a most energetic, smart and reliable promoter. It is said that every enterprise he has started or had an interest in, has proven successful, and that fact gives the people great confidence in Pinebluff.

PERSONALS.

Fred Gumble, and wife, visited Paupae last Sunday.

E. T. Rivers spent a short time in New York this week.

B. Ed. Brown made a flying trip to PoKeepsie Wednesday.

Henry Gumble, of Paupae, was in town last week on business.

Charles Nobs is at his summer home in Dingman township.

L. W. Armstrong, of New York, enjoyed last Sunday in town.

T. Armstrong lately spent a day in the metropolis on business.

Hon. F. P. Kimble, of Honesdale, briefly visited here Wednesday.

Oscar Townsend, of New York, was in town a few days recently.

Miss Lizzie Bull has gone to Stroubsburg for a prolonged visit.

D. E. VanEtten, an agent for the Aetna Life, was in town this week.

Charles Mayne, of New York, visited at the Hotel Schanno over last Sunday.

Harry Reed, a student in Brooklyn, was at his home, The Anchorage, over last Sunday.

Mr. Salomon, of near Chester N. J. is visiting his brother-in-law George E. Horton on Harford street.

Miss Bessie Jennings returned home recently after a two weeks visit with friends in New York.

Mrs. F. X. Jardon, and daughter Lula, recently returned home from a protracted visit in New York.

Miss Lena Schreiber and Charles L. Cronk visited the parents of the former at Longmeadow Sunday.

Robert Findlay, Charles Schanno and W. V. Davenport attended the horse sale at Branchville Saturday.

H. L. Davenport is at his summer home at Conansburgh recuperating his health which is somewhat impaired.

Bert Jardon who has been for sometime in New York returned home recently.

Charles Klair, superintendent of a large spoke manufactory in Kentucky, is visiting his native town for a couple of weeks.

Clarence Cole removed last week from the Nobs farm in Dingman, Pa. to the Carwell place in Montague, N. J., which he has rented.

Mr. and Mrs. Weightman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., parents of Mrs. Jas. P. Van Etten, of Conansburgh, went to California Monday for a visit of two months.

J. Oily Ryder having received an invitation from the beef company with which he is employed to visit Chicago, left Saturday for a weeks visit in the windy city.

Mr. Drisel, of New York, member of a New York clothing house, visited his cousin Vivian Struthers this week and while here rented Overbrook Cottage which he will soon occupy for the summer with his family.

Mrs. Martha A. Nye, and daughter Belle, who have spent the winter at Caldwell, Kansas, returned home last week. They were accompanied by George W. Nye a corporal in the 8th U. S. Cavalry stationed at Matanzas, Cuba, who is home on a two months furlough.

Rev. W. R. Noff will leave Monday to attend the annual conference of the M. E. church. Having been here the limit of five years he will not be returned to this charge and the congregation to which by earnestness and assiduity he has greatly endeared himself regrets exceedingly his departure. May his hills fall in a pleasant place.

Southern Pines, N. C., is a new established city on the Seaboard Air Line. Hundreds of Northern people go there every winter and all seem pleased at the grand climate and the enterprise manifested on every hand. Piney Woods Inn, an elegant new hotel offers splendid accommodations at very moderate rates and as natural result is always crowded. You can buy excursion tickets to Southern Pines, so the fare cost but little, but is always best to write ahead for accommodations at Piney Woods Inn. m30

Cake Sales.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church has arranged a sale which will be held every Saturday during Lent at the Church, from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. Bread, rolls, pies, cake, hnn jellies, pickles and candy will be furnished, and orders left with any member of the Guild will be promptly delivered as directed. Mrs. KENWORTHY, Secretary.

Fancy nuts and crackers at Wallace's.

A Fine Field.

The inventive genius who wants to make a small but sure fortune should turn his ingenuity to devising an appliance to protect the people of this county from a plethora of railroads. We can stand moderation, or temperance in that direction, but when it comes to a perfect cyclone of such enterprises, sweeping down in one fell swoop, those who have been accustomed to plodding ways and sedate methods will be in imminent danger of becoming distraught at the hurly burly and not knowing how to escape will be seriously injured, perhaps frightened to death.

There are the Erie and Wyoming and Delaware and Southern in the North, the Delaware Valley in the South, the Milford and Matamoras, Milford and Dingman and Milford and Log Tavern in the center, an air line to Chicago and the Lehigh and Eastern likely to be anywhere, and possibly others not yet materialized. It is time therefore to "view with alarm" the swiftly moving emergency and be prepared for escape. Perhaps balloons, in which we could soar above the turmoil and await until the danger somewhat abated, might afford relief, but how could they be safely anchored? We have sounded the note of warning and beseech our fellow citizens not to postpone consideration of their personal safety until it is too late. Your blood will not be on our hands.

Teachers Wages.

The annual report of the State superintendent of public instruction for year ending June 1899 shows that Pike pays less average wages to male teachers than any other county in the State except Fulton. We pay \$26.43 and Fulton \$26.35. Pike is lowest on the list in wages paid for females, the average being \$24.52. She stands 231 in length of school term the average being 7.63 months. She has 65 school houses and 2,076 pupils enrolled.

Superintendent Sawyer in an excellent annual report attributes want of rapid advancement in the schools to irregularity in attendance which arises from several causes, such as bad roads, sickness and lack of interest with parents. Only four townships raised more funds by local taxation than were received from the state. The lowest rates levied in the county is five mills and it ranges from that to thirteen, the average in the county being eight and one eleventh mills. The appropriation under the new basis of distribution has been increased in every district except Milford.

Growth of the Penna's S. Ass'n

The General Secretary and Normal Superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association have moved into a larger office in the Crozer Building, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. Every department of the State work, teacher training, primary work, home department, the graded Sunday School house to house visitation, and evangelistic work has grown very rapidly, and the correspondence is very large. A large stock of literature is sent broadcast freely over the State. Some of it is so remarkably well written, it is called from other States and Canada. Circulars and leaflets on every phase of Sunday School organization and teaching sent free on application to 913 Crozer building, Philadelphia.

Quo Warranto Hearing.

The hearing on an application of the Delaware and Southern Railroad company for a writ of quo warranto against the Erie and Wyoming Valley company to show by what right it asks to build a line from Hawley to Lackawaxen, will be had before Attorney General Elkin at Harrisburg April 4th. The D. and S. was chartered Nov. 20th to build a line from the Erie at Lackawaxen to Hawley, and is intended as another obstruction to building the Delaware Valley and Kingston railroad.

Free to Inventors

The experience of C. A. Snow & Co. in obtaining more than 20,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. This they have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in pending patents, etc. etc. This pamphlet will be sent free to anyone writing to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

BRIEF MENTION.

Miss Betty Cornelius announces the Spring opening of the Bazaar at the Sawkill House April second. Attention is especially called to a choice selection of photograph frames and small pictures suitable for Easter gifts.

Miss Hatcliff recently bought a trotter of J. R. Thornton.

The new pipe organ for the Episcopal church arrived Wednesday.

Mrs. Jennie Steurer entertained a company of ladies last Thursday.

Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church met Tuesday with Mrs. Jas. H. Butler.

Mrs. H. M. Conright, of Conansburgh, who has been quite ill, is slowly improving in health.

Neon prayer meetings have been held in the M. E. Church during all this week, and well attended.

Easter music in the several churches promises to be fine as all the choirs are now having practice meetings.

Mrs. C. A. Boardley entertained a small party of friends at her home on George street Saturday evening.

Squire L. Saries, of Dingmans, has for sometime been confined to his home with asthmatic trouble, and does not materially improve.

Philip F. Steele is confined to his home in Milford township with a severe attack of rheumatism which does not yield readily to treatment.

The condition of J. O. Christian, who for some weeks has been incapacitated from work, is but slightly improved and he is yet confined to the house.

Joseph C. Chamberlain has accepted an agency for a clothing house, and is prepared to dress any one well and stylishly at a very reasonable price.

William Conright, of Plainfield, N. J., a former native of Sussex Co., died at his home last Friday. He was a brother of Mrs. Robert Armstrong, of Montague, N. J.

The fire companies of Milford have received an invitation from the Stroubsburg boys to attend a convention and parade of firemen from four counties to be held June 8th.

The bright reflection on the north eastern sky last Sunday evening was occasioned by the burning barns on a farm at the foot of the mountain beyond High Point in New Jersey.

The Wayne Independent is using a Simplex typesetter and the pages show a neat uniform appearance. This is a rapid method of composing enabling the work to be done with much less help.

Numbers of robins appeared the first of this week and brought their snow with them. We may now expect spring, and there is no harm in that even if it does not come for two months or more.

Remember Mrs. Jarley and her wax "figgers" at Brown's Hill April 16th. The good dame intends having a rare assortment of celebrities and no one can afford to miss the wit and beauty they will represent.

The crowds held caucuses Sunday which were numerously attended by members of the Corvus family. The "caus" of discussion, whatever the subject, were earnest and frequently a veteran speaker elicited hearty applause for his sentiments.

Miss Pearl Reese was chloroformed on lower Main street in Stroubsburg early last Sunday evening by an unknown man, who placed her in his wagon, carried her to Pocomo creek and threw her in the water. She escaped and reached a near by house where she told this tale.

A jury at Harrisburg rendered a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs between the prosecutor and defendant in the case of J. J. Coyle charged with attempting to bribe Representative Engler, of Lycoming county, to vote for the Mc Carrell bill at last session of the House.

In a certain Pennsylvania town the young ladies are refusing the society of young men who drink, and the young men decline to call on the young ladies who persist in wearing the plumage of birds on their hats.

This is a very pretty how-dy-do and happily both sides are more or less in the right of the matter.

The High Point Farm House, in Shohola township, owned by A. M. Petzold, was with all the furniture and surrounding buildings, except the barn, totally burned last Thursday night. The loss is probably \$6000, and the insurance, held by John Wolfarth the former owner, is \$3000. The house was the scene of the Schultz tragedy.

An Infant daughter of Wm. Shields and wife, of Sawkill, died Tuesday.

Dr. Philip F. Fulmer, of Dingmans Ferry, fell recently and dislocated his shoulder.

W. H. Armstrong Esq. who has been ill in New York is somewhat improved in health.

Parties here are in communication with an Automobile company with a view to establish a line in this valley.

C. V. R. Ludington a prominent lawyer of Monticello, N. Y., died Wednesday of heart failure aged 78 years.

Miss Maggie Brink now enjoys the solace of a brand new piano, which was installed in her home on George street one day this week.

General Joubert, who commanded the Boer army and fought the great battle at Mafaba, died at Pretoria March 27, aged 68 years.

The Republicans of Port Jervis elected their entire ticket Tuesday by majorities ranging considerably over one hundred. Straws show how the wind may blow this fall.

Jacob H. Place, proprietor of the Maple Grove Hotel near Bushkill died Tuesday of paralysis aged about sixty-seven years. The funeral will be held to-day (Friday) at two p. m.

No such person as Philip Miller, who with his wife and a small child claimed to have traveled across the country from Monroe Co. to Omaha Neb. has ever been heard of where he claimed his former home. The tale is probably a reporters fake.

A visit to "Dorys" mine revealed that it has caved in. A long flag pole with a small flag indicates the spot where the bonanza is located, but "Dory" wants some one to tell him where to dig, how deep and what he will find. It may have been imagination, but after the visit there seemed a salty taste in the month for several days, which indicated unusual thirst.

The Republican primary election for Milford township will be held at the office of Dr. H. B. Reed in said township April 7th. Any legal voters other than Republicans, wishing to vote at Republican primaries, will be granted the privilege, provided they swear to vote the Republican ticket at the next general election, and any one not of age at the time but who will become so before the general election is eligible to vote.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Josse L. Bergestressor, of Lehman township died at her home Friday March 23rd after an illness of considerable duration, aged about 87 years. Three children survive, William and Charlotte at home and Catharine wife of Charles Coupling. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. d George Whitehead, was held Sunday at the M. E. Church and interment in Delaware Cemetery.

To Search for Gold.

George Armstrong and Howard Poillon, of New York, have engaged passage with the steamer Oregon, which leaves Seattle May 10th for the Cape Nome gold fields. They will leave the city about April 20th, and will take with them provisions and supplies to last one year. They expect to work a claim and all their friends will join in the wish that they may strike it rich.

List of Unclaimed Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Milford for week ending March 31st.

Ladies—Mrs. Ellen S. Glass, Miss Florence Hamilton.

Gents—H. Sommer

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Wanted!

Ten thousand rock oak, white oak and chestnut rail road ties sizes 7 x 7 and 8 x 8. Highest market price paid—half trade half cash.

Delivered at Sawkill Mill.

W. T. Struble.

Just Received

Mammoth and medium clover seed. Red top, Kentucky and Canada blue grass, Orchard and Timothy seed at W. & G. Mitchell's.

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Lewis Ackerman, Goshen, Ind., says: "DeWitt's little early riser children from cramp at once using one minute cough cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures cough, colds, grippe and all throat and lung diseases.

MATAMORAS.

Rev. Lilly of Hope church preached an interesting sermon last Sunday in Union Hall, Sparrowbush.

Special services were held all this week in the M. E. church Port Jervis Thursday evening Mr. Lilly and this evening Mr. Spencer assisted in the services.

Epworth church Sewing Circle will meet next Tuesday evening with Miss Irene Kimble.

A party of friends from home attended a reception at the home of Miss Carrie Wintreem in Pine Bush Tuesday evening. She is a frequent visitor here at the home of her sister Mrs. Frank Corwin.

Oliver B. Lateer died Saturday evening at the home of his daughter Mrs. D. Davenport aged 72 years and 8 months. The funeral was held Monday.

Misses Winona and Iona Grass were pleasantly surprised Saturday afternoon by a number of their little friends. A fine supper was provided which all greatly enjoyed.

Alfred Simpson and wife, of Greenville N. Y., spent Sunday with John Simpson and wife.

Mrs. John W. Wood is visiting her sister Mrs. Alfred Struble in Branchville, N. J.

Master Chauncey A. Ackerson has an attack of mumps and has just recovered from one of measles.

Mrs. Jessie Smith, whose husband was a conductor on the Pine Island branch and died about a week ago at Pine Bush, will soon return to live in this place, her former home.

Mrs. Deckley, living in the upper part of town, had all her canned fruit stolen last week. The loss is serious for she is old and helpless with rheumatism. The persons taking the fruit may have trouble if not returned.

Bert Nichols, of Jersey city, has been ill with measles at the home of his parents.

Miss Lila Seymour has been suffering with the same disease for the past two weeks and is now improving.

C. H. Seymour has been ill with grip but is now better.

Mrs. J. S. Barton after a ten days visit with her sister Mrs. W. H. French has returned home.

Mrs. R. Moore of Newburg, is a guest of her cousin Mrs. Curtis.

The C. E. S. of Hope church held a social at the parsonage last Thursday evening which all enjoyed.

The poverty social held at G. H. Langtons was a grand success over one hundred assembled, some dressed in rags and old clothes. Those adorned were fined 10 cents, \$17. was realized.

WOODTOWN.

School is expected to begin Monday and Miss Phoebe Wells will probably again be our school mistress.

Miss Ada Courtright, of Lackawana, accompanied by her brother John, visited relatives here Saturday.

We are pleased to greet "Uncle Jim" Middaugh last week. "Uncle Jim" plays a good game of euchre, tells a good story, and is a good boy—three things in his favor.

Mr. and Mrs. May gave an enjoyable supper in honor of John Wood and family last Saturday evening, while Mrs. Bradford entertained Tuesday night. We shall all miss the Wood household very much.

MR. EDITOR: About this time some of my neighbors begin to get fidgety and cast sheep's eyes at a long pole in the woods. The old man pleads guilty, too. Does the trout season legally open in this county April 15th? Since the State maintains the hatcheries, why shouldn't state law hold good?

(The State law or general Act of 1897 says April 15th and the Pike county special Act May 1st. The question has not been judicially determined.—ED. PRESS.)

Real Estate Transfers.

Henry T. Gumble Jr. and others to Henry T. Gumble, dated, Feb. 6. About 60 acres Palmyra, con. \$1,100.

Michael Carlton to Ella Logan, dated March 24th. 15 acres Lackawana township, consideration \$1.

Mrs. Harriet Evans, Hinsdale, Ind., writes: "I never fail to relieve my children from cramp at once using one minute cough cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures cough, colds, grippe and all throat and lung diseases.