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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23, 1900.

The newest man-a-hat discovered by the democrats was like all the rest,—empty. The Bacon resolution, adopted by the Senate, asking for information as to extra compensation for army officers serving in Cuba, will be fully answered by Secretary Root at once. It was based on the charge that army officers in Cuba were drawing two salaries, one from this government and one from the Cuban revenues, and were expending money extravagantly for expenses. The charge was entirely false. No officer in Cuba has ever drawn two salaries. Away back when Secretary Alger was at the head of the War Department, under an opinion from the Attorney General, four officers—the Military Governor of Havana, the Collector of Havana and the Treasurer of Cuba—were allotted allowance to meet expenses entailed upon them by reason of their filling those positions, aggregating about \$10,000 a year, and those allowances are still allowed, and except in the case of the Military Governor of Havana, a position that has been abolished, will be continued as long as we occupy and govern the island, and cannot be reasonably objected to. Senator Platt, of Conn., one of the last men in public life who would countenance anything approaching extravagance in public money either in Cuba or at home, fully answered the charge of extravagance by Army Officers in Cuba, when he said on the floor of the Senate: "The o has been no extravagance. I have been there. The public building or palace as it is called there was put in shape fit to live in. Nothing else was done." Mr. Platt spoke from personal observation, as he was in Cuba only a few weeks ago.

No reply has been received from the Sultan of Turkey to the demand made by Secretary Hay, last week, by direction of President McKinley that he keep his promises to pay for American Missionary property destroyed in Turkey; but a favorable answer is expected.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, has made the positive announcement his bill for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal will be taken up by the House May 1, and voted on the following day. The announcement was the result of an unbroken log which made the reporting of a special rule unnecessary. The fact that 250 members of the House requested that the bill be considered, makes it certain that it will be passed by an overwhelming vote.

Senator Gillingham said of his resolution, asking the Secretary of the Treasury for a detailed statement of the sums derived from the war revenue act, the receipts from each subject of taxation to be stated separately, which was adopted by the Senate: "I don't suppose that it will lead to immediate legislation, but I am anxious to know exactly how much money has been received under the various stamp taxes. The information will not be as interesting as it might be, because the same character of stamps is used for various purposes, so that it is impossible to tell how many stamps are placed upon telegrams, how many upon mortgages, etc. The beer stamps is a distinct one, and the amount can be accurately told. It will also be possible to inform us how many proprietary stamps of special design have been furnished."

The Treasury Department will be ready to relieve the army officers of the collections of Customs in Porto Rico, on May 1, the date upon which Gov. Allen will be inaugurated, and the new law will take effect. The joint resolution, allowing military officers to retain the civil office they hold in Porto Rico, until their civilian successors are appointed and qualified, which has been adopted by Congress, is simply intended to give Gov. Allen needed time to make proper selections of Porto Ricans to fill the places. The resolution provides that all the appointments shall be made before August 1, next. The democratic attempt to create an adverse sentiment by criticizing the preparation by the administration to make the inaugura-

tion of Gov. Allen an impressive event, has fallen flat. There are few Americans, even among democrats, who do not recognize the historical importance of the inauguration of the first civil American Governor of Porto Rico, as well as the necessity, viewed merely as a matter of policy, of making the event a memorable one to the Porto Ricans.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Fred Gumble is visiting in New York.

E. F. Peters, of Bushkill, was a visitor at Milford Tuesday.

Mrs. Marie Tissot and little Marie Chloé are visiting in New York.

Ellen Frick, of Boston, is visiting her father at Centre Square Hotel.

Miss Frances C. Dingman, of Dingman's Ferry, was in town Tuesday.

Hon. Oscar Townsend, of New York, is spending the week in town.

Mrs. Blitching, of New York, was a recent guest in the family of E. H. Noyes.

Mrs. Paul Lambert, of Brooklyn, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Robert Struthers.

Miss Mattie Middaugh, of Delaware Twp., is visiting at the Vandermark Hotel.

Paul Schanno, of New York, recently visited his father home at Raymondskill.

John G. Hilliard and wife, of New York, were guests of his brother W. V. over Sunday.

John W. Kilsby and nephew Mr. Andrews, of Delaware Twp., visited Milford Tuesday.

The family of S. Drysdale arrived this week and is now occupying Overbrook cottage.

W. A. H. Mitchell attended the Republican State convention at Harrisburg Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Hulslander, of Port Jervis, visited her sisters, the Misses Findlay, over Sunday.

A Kinsler and family, of New York, arrived at their summer home on Ann street this week.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Price, of Branchville is visiting with her father, Ex-Prothonotary Westbrook.

Mr. Hillebrand and family, of New York, are now occupying the Berthold house on Harford street.

Sergeant George W. Nyce who has been visiting his mother left Monday to join his regiment in Cuba.

Mrs. C. M. Sweezy and son, of Walkers Lake, and Geo. C. Kneisler, of Shohola, are at Milford today.

William S. McCarty, who is in the hotel business at Greenwich Ct., made a brief call on relatives in town this week.

John Zimmerman and daughter Marie, of New York, visited their summer home in Delaware last Sunday.

D. E. Van Etten, agent for the Zetna Life, went to Philadelphia Monday on business connected with the company.

Miss Bertha Williamson has gone for a visit with friends in New York and other places and will be absent several weeks.

Dr. De Plasse, of New York, was in town Sunday. He is organizing to build a new house on his Westfall township lands.

Miss Bertha Van Etten, for sometime a guest of her Aunt Cornelia Van Etten on Broad St., has gone for a visit with friends.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Phila. was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up, fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bot made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50cts guaranteed, at all drug stores.

Trespass Notice.

The State of Pennsylvania having purchased of J. B. Westbrook and wife their lands in Dingman township (warrant numbers 194 and 185) and in Porter Twp. (warrant number 60 37, 31 and 31) notice is hereby given that removal of timber or any other property is prohibited and that offenders will be prosecuted.

J. T. ROYBROOK,
Commissioner of Forestry.

BRIEF MENTION.

Sixty rafts thus far this season have passed over the dam at Lackawaxen.

The Ladies' Club will meet next Thursday evening with Mrs. W. V. Hilliard.

Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet Tuesday at the Sawkill House.

Ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook is having his house on Fourth St. newly painted. Geo. Slawson is chief of the work.

Mrs. Edwards, of New York, while here with her daughter and Mrs. Herold Saturday suffered a slight stroke of paralysis.

J. C. Chamberlain has been appointed and commissioned as Notary Public and can now take acknowledgments of legal instruments.

Jacob C. Fonda, proprietor of the Port Jervis steam laundry, died at his home in that village last Sunday evening aged nearly 38 years.

At the Sheriff's sale last Saturday of the property of Frank Demso, situated in Fatmyra township, Geo. A. Swenpizer became the purchaser for \$200.

By a vote of 33 to 32 the Senate on Tuesday refused to admit M. S. Quay to a seat in that body on the certificate of appointment of Gov. Stone.

Senator Mallon Pitney, of Morris county and a Republican aspirant for Governor of New Jersey, has by the will of George Richards late of Norristown fallen heir to \$250,000.

Camp Yapacchu for boys will be established this summer on the farm of J. C. Bull and will be in the charge of Rev. F. Gardiner and Chas. T. Wilson, of Lancaster.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Frank E. Wilkin and Laura K. Seymour, both of Matamoras, and to Jacob Oliver Ryder, of Matamoras, and Julia Bachman, of Milford.

The State railroad commission of New York has granted the application of the Delaware Valley and Kingston railway to build a road from Kingston to a point opposite Lackawaxen.

Rowdys smashed the globe on the lamp on the corner at Dr. Kelly's Saturday night. This kind of amusement is becoming very monotonous and expensive. A few arrests might relieve both.

O. C. Gilbert, a colored gentleman from Philadelphia, gave an address in the Court House Tuesday evening on the subject of the past and present progress of the freedmen their schools and religious advancement.

By a decision of the Supreme Court affirming a decree of the Orphan's court of Luzerne county in the estate of the late Isaac Everett, Aurelia Middaugh of Delaware township, as one of the heirs will receive about \$7,000. from the estate.

The earliest record of the bubonic plague is 300 B. C. but it is now said that the epidemic of 1141 described in the First Book of Samuel, chap's 4 to 6, was true bubonic plague. The revised version translates the word enead tumor or plague boil.

C. O. Armstrong, the progressive druggist, this week installed a large and handsome new soda fountain in his pharmacy. It will furnish fizz for a multitude of thirsty, a beverage which cheers but does not inebriate any more than a dense fog.

Some scientists now aver that water is really blue, and that the azure tint is not caused by the presence of foreign substances, as has been heretofore presumed. However, this may be drinking it has never yet been known to give any one the blues.

The freshest this week has enabled the lumbermen to run their rafts to market and several have passed down the river. The contrast in number between now and thirty years ago is evidence of the melancholy fact that the timber supply along the Delaware is about exhausted.

One of the causes of keeping sheep are the worthless dogs which are allowed to run over the county. They not only kill but a flock once harried by them is irreparably injured. Dogs on land, other than that of their owners, are trespassers and should be summarily treated to a fond of shot.

A small farm house on the overbrook tract of J. C. Wallace in Dingman township, occupied by the family of John Frosses, was ignited by a bursting lamp early last Saturday morning and burned. The family lost all their goods and \$25. in cash. Insurances on contents \$550, and \$900 on building.

A. Q. Wallace has introduced a new soft drink called celery tonic.

William McKittrick has accepted a position for the summer at the Homestead.

Mrs. Mary attended the reception given on R. v. C. E. Soudder last Tuesday evening and all enjoyed a pleasant season.

The clapper of the fire bell let loose Friday night but did no damage beyond breaking a board. Fortunately it was not a head.

The Old Point Comfort Club gave a private hop Tuesday evening at Brown's Hall which was greatly enjoyed by the members and invited guests.

A large delegation of members of Vandermark Lodge I. O. O. F. attended the funeral of their deceased brother W. G. Treible at Dingmans Tuesday afternoon.

Services may be expected in the Sawkill school house Sunday April 29th at 2:30 p. m., the weather permitting. At this resumption of their services a good attendance is requested.

Prof. Jacob Klenhans will again bring a number of boys up from Baltimore for a summer camping. He last week arranged many details and employed J. J. Poillon as aid.

A well known character in town received a pretty thorough horse whipping a few days ago for stealing. It ought to have lasted until he was he was driven out of this town.

The largest gun in the world is now being completed at the Watervliet Arsenal. It weighs 126 tons is 49 ft. 6 in. long, diameter at breech 6 ft., bore 16 inches, weight of powder charge 1060 lbs., of projectile 3370 lbs., cost to fire it \$865, and has a theoretical range of 20 1/2 miles.

The fight for Congress in Carbon between L. H. Barber present member from the north, and John E. Lauer will be renewed this fall. It is said Barber agreed when nominated not to be a candidate for reelection but he is in the field again. Democratic promises respecting the nomination have been heretofore found to be like pipe crabs, about which the curious may consult Hon. Howard Mather of Easton.

Our readers will recall the account in the papers some time ago of a landslide at Analfi, Italy, which destroyed part of the Grand Hotel Capuccini. Six rooms the wine cellar, and the road leading to Sorrento were swept away. A letter from the proprietor to Mr. Edward Cahill, who while abroad stopped at this house, states that the Hotel has been fully repaired and was opened in February for business.

A very quiet wedding occurred Thursday April 26 at the home Thos. Armstrong when his niece Miss Julia Bachman was united in marriage with J. Oliver Ryder by Rev. C. E. Scudder. The very worthy young couple have the best wishes of many friends for their happiness and prosperity. The groom is a young man of excellent business habits and the bride a very estimable young lady. They will reside in Matamoras.

Across the County.

Litigation over the proposed Kingston and Delaware valley railroad along the old canal in Lackawaxen promises to be long drawn out. The Erie is adopting every method known to the law to prevent or retard its building, which in the end may or may not be successful. Years ago when the Erie was being built Major Seymour, one of the foremost civil engineers of his day, surveyed a route through this county which he claimed was far more feasible and practical than the one up the river, but a large appropriation by New York state diverted the line, and it followed the river, and our county not only lost the road but also the village of Port Jervis, which according to the original plan of crossing into this state at Tril States had it been pursued, would have been on our soil. We have ever since been at great disadvantage, suffering the expenses which arise from the road without any corresponding advantage. Now if there is a practical route across this county, as no doubt is the fact, why could not the projected new road adopt it? The distance is no greater, the grades would be no heavier, the probable cost of construction no more, and considerable business would be obtained which the other route would not furnish. We make the suggestion feeling that it is no chimerical scheme.

Subscription for the Press.

AT THE STONE HOTEL.

Early last Saturday morning W. A. Parshall Esq., of Port Jervis, discovered that his house had been burglarized during the night and a considerable amount of silver ware and a couple of overcoats stolen. He gave the alarm and Eric detective Feldman started in pursuit of the thieves and found them in a car of a west bound train at Lackawaxen. Aided by constable Kelly he arrested two men who gave their names as William Ray and Frank Nelson, of Brooklyn. The stolen goods were found in their possession and the men were taken before A. W. Balch Esq., of Matamoras when a charge of carrying concealed weapons was preferred against them so they could be held until the necessary extradition papers to transfer them to New York could be procured. They plead guilty to the charge and in default of bail were brought to Milford Saturday afternoon and locked up pending the arrival of the papers. Both men were armed and they had a full kit of burglars tools, and a small hand saw was found sewed in the waistband of one of them.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. B. Westbrook, Treasurer, to Commissioners, dated Aug. 8, 1896 255 acres Porter, consideration \$1.

Commissioners to S. L. Schoonover, dated Sept. 29, 1897. Same land as above, consideration taxes.

S. L. Schoonover and wife to E. T. Riviere, dated April 14. Same land, consideration \$1.

Heriman Klussman by his attorney in fact Otto Myer to Peter Yeost, dated April 16. 855 acres Dingman, consideration \$4,500.

Herbert H. Heberling and wife to W. W. Gritum, dated April 21. 75 acres Greene, consideration \$1,000.

A. M. E. Amstalden to J. Engelhart, dated April 18th. Lots 43 and 44 Matamoras, consideration \$1,100.

Herman P. von der Reich to Jacob Klenhans Jr., dated April 16th. 112 acres Blooming Grove, con. \$300.

Sarah A. Hissam and husband to J. M. Aldrich. Undivided interest in land in Milford Twp., con. \$30.

Anton Podlaski and others to Francis Porter, dated Feb. 21st. 21 acres Blooming Grove, consideration payment of dower.

Frank Oree and wife to A. W. Balch, dated April 10th. Lots 562 and 563 Matamoras, con. \$4,100.

Lizzie J. B. Waller, executrix, to E. B. Nordell, dated March 14. 200 acres Greene, consideration \$1.

Wallace Newman and wife to William Shields and wife, dated March 1st. 142 acres Dingman, consideration 3,000.

William H. Thurling and wife to John P. Iterson, dated April 10th. 6 acres Westfall, consideration \$120.

J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to Sol. Hazelton and Hazelton and wife to J. R. Peterson, dated June 12, 1899. 10 acres Westfall, con. \$35.

Antoinette Whitaker and husband to Otto M. Carlson and Francis Spohr, dated April 21st. Lot No. 36 Matamoras, con. \$250.

Arthur Lederer and wife to Commonwealth parts of Elizabeth Smith and John Mease, 420 acres Westfall, consideration \$50.

A. Willard Ware to Martha A. S. McCarty, dated April 20. Lots 641 and 643 in Matamoras.

J. B. Westbrook Treasurer to Commissioners—and Commissioners to E. T. Riviere, 100 acres Blooming Grove, part of Joseph Martin Con. \$2,500.

Republican Convention.

Hon. E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne, was nominated for Auditor General by acclamation, and Robert Foster, of Philadelphia, and Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna, were nominated for congressmen at large. The platform indorses President McKinley's administration and urges his re-nomination. It upholds Governor Stone's appointment of M. S. Quay, deprecates that he was not seated, and favors election of U. S. Senators by the people.

E. C. Ratan has opened his bicycle and repair shop on Harford street, where may be found a good stock of wheels and sundries, and an experienced workman in charge to make necessary repairs.

"I think DeWitt's little early riser are the best pills in the world," says W. E. Lake, Happy Creek, Va. They remove all obstructions of the liver and bowels, act quick and never gripe.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. ARMINDA CLARK.

Mrs. Clark, wife of John Y. Clark died at her home near Hainesville last Thursday after an illness of four days of pneumonia. Deceased was born in Sandyston 60 years ago, her parents being the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoll.

Mrs. Clark was a kind, loving and christian woman, and those who associated with her and knew her best, can imagine how great the loss is to the husband and surviving children and relatives.

Mrs. Clark beside her husband and two children Cora and Mary residing at home is survived by the following brothers and sisters: A. S. and James M. of Sandyston, Henry of Newton, Summer of Scranton Pa. Mrs. Edward Roe of Augusta N. J. Mrs. Calvin Garriss of Flatbrookville N. J. One half brother Van Stoll residing in Kansas, and a half sister Mrs. Edward Dunsbury of Stroudsburg Pa.

Mrs. Robert Everitt of Layton who died less than a week before Mrs. Clark also was a sister.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock Rev. G. S. Garretson of Dingmans officiating. The remains were interred in the Hainesville Cemetery.

WILLIAM T. TREIBLE.

At an early hour last Sunday morning Mr. Treible after a lingering illness passed away at his home in Dingmans Ferry. He was born about forty years ago in Monroe but for a number of years has resided in this county. He married Mary a daughter of Hiram Hinesline by whom and four children, three boys and an infant daughter, he is survived. His mother, a brother George, residing at Dingmans and a sister Mrs. Anna Teets living at PenArgo also survive. The deceased was highly esteemed in the community where he resided and was spoken of as a man of excellent personal traits and character. The loss to this family is great and they have the heartfelt sympathy of all in this time of their affliction. The funeral occurred Tuesday and interment in the cemetery at Dingmans.

Census Director Prefers Women.

Some time ago it was announced that women were to be gradually eliminated from the governmental departments at Washington. Every reason but the true one, which is that women have no votes, was given as an excuse for such a course. In contrast with this action of the various heads of departments in Washington, it is refreshing to find one man who overrides political biases and insists upon employing those best fitted for the work, irrespective of sex. The following announcement comes from Washington:

Gen. W. R. Merriam, Director of the Census, refuses to accept any more men as clerks. He wants women. He has addressed a letter to each member of Congress and informed that hereafter he will not permit the examination of men for positions. On July 1st he will employ from 1,500 to 1,800 women.

Against this there has been decided protest. Republicans and Democrats alike have political favors to repay, and women vote in only a few States. Already there have been charges that many men are found deficient in examinations, while women are nearly always passed. Director Merriam will have the employment of nearly 5,000 persons and insists upon appointing women to nine-tenths of the places.

Senators receive fifteen appointments each; Republican Representatives six; Democratic Representatives three; and members with a "pull as many as they like." Few Senators and Representatives have filled their quotas, and unless appointments are made before the examinations in April, Director Merriam himself will make the selections from the civil-service eligible lists.

W. W. Mayhew, Merton, Wis., says, "I consider one minute cough cure a most wonderful medicine, quick and safe." It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. It cures coughs, cold, croup, bronchitis, grippe, whooping cough, pneumonia and all throat and lung diseases. Its early use prevents consumption. Children always like it and mothers indorse it.

Just Received

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

PICKED UP BY THE RAMBLER.

Some people have a way to poke their noses too much into other people's business. A direct snub does not seem to cure either.

Lifes uncertainties are demonstrated almost daily. Three deaths occur of last week within two miles of the Brick house inside of four days.

Dan, bruised his toe, seriously interfering with his navigation.

Philip Walters is busy putting in any amount of seed for garden sassa.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Julia Kerr the proprietor of the Riverside Home Montague is seriously indisposed.

"Gabe" has left the employ of Jake VanFassel and now pulls the reins over Geo. Hortons trotters.

Daniel Drake is able to be on the street again.

Miss Cora Leidel does not improve as her many friends would have her too.

The Press is in demand yet. The other day I heard an item which appeared contradicted. But the writer of the item was right after all as later developments have shown.

The Parsonage belonging to the Minniskin Rtd Church across the river is receiving a general overhauling and renovating, preparatory to the installation of the new minister Mr. Meyer. The L. A. S. of the church furnishes the funds.

Charles Mott is making some improvements on the exterior of his residence.

A number of friends of the late Mrs. J. Y. Clark of Hainesville from Matamoras and this town attended her funeral Sunday afternoon.

The congregation and friends of the M. E. Church met in the lecture room of that edifice last Monday evening to greet their new pastor Rev. C. E. Scudder and his family. A large number was in attendance.

The lower end of the town was made lively Tuesday afternoon by a team owned by Gregory Bros. taking a leap over Wm. Strubbes picket fence, and destroying the top of the street lamp.

April showers bring May flowers. We had the first and the second are coming.

Lightning struck the farm house of Mrs. Levi VanEtten 2 miles below the Brick house during Monday forenoon shower. One chimney, some siding and the cellar door as well as the walls in every room were pretty well shaken up. Miss Anna VanEtten was rendered unconscious but soon recovered.

Census Enumerators.

Those who will take the next census in this county are:

R. P. Nills—Lehman and Porter. John W. Kilsby—Delaware. Julius W. Kiesel—Dingman. Clarence W. Angle—Milford Boro. and Twp.

Charles Marvin—Westfall. W. Gordon Parker—Shohola. W. B. Courtright—Lackawaxen. P. R. Cross—Palmyra. Anthony Hopps—Greene. Eph. Kimble—Blooming Grove.

The above were recommended to the department by Supervisor Edwards and have been approved, and their commissions will be forwarded them within the next few days.

A Birthday Party.

A number of younger folks assembled last Friday evening at the hospitable home of Mrs. John Schrieber near Conashaugh to honor the sixtieth anniversary of her birthday, and spent an enjoyable evening. As mementos of the occasion she received several beautiful presents. Among those present were the Misses Lena and Louise Schrieber, Carrie Daumann, Della Garville, Nellie and Laura Carhuff and Messrs. Frank Brink, Leon Boileau, August Moreau, Charles Cronk, Henry and Fred Ott, Frank Daumann, Jas. Thornton and Chas. Schrieber. Louisa Garville furnished the music.

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