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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 28, 1900.

President McKinley is gratified but not at all surprised at the commendations he is receiving from all quarters for his promptness in ordering troops to China to join with those of other civilized nations in protecting the persons and property of foreigners. Neither this government nor any European government considers itself at war with China, but the Chinese government having failed to protect foreigners from the "boxers" the civilized governments are going to do it themselves. Li Hung Chang has enabled to Secretary Hay, promising to restore peace and to see that all foreigners are protected, and the Chinese Minister to the U. S. has received a cablegram saying that all the foreign ministers at Peking are safe and well, but all that hasn't stopped any of the preparations for sending reinforcements to China from the Philippines just as quick as they can be gotten there. The Chinese Minister insists that there can be no war between China and the civilized nations, and that his government has not sanctioned any of the fighting. All that he says may be strictly true, but the fact remains that there has been fighting and that it is still going on, and that one side is made up of soldiers and marines belonging to the civilized nations, and the other side of Chinese. The question of the responsibility of the Chinese government may be determined later, but the first and foremost duty of the civilized powers is to put a stop to the fighting by whipping the Chinese fighters into submission, and President McKinley intends that the U. S. shall do its full share of that duty.

Director Merriam, of the Census Bureau, has given the press a statement, intended as an answer to thousands of letters asking for figures shown by the Census in various localities. By showing the routine through which the returns from each enumerator's district must go, the impossibility of giving the information at this time was made apparent. As fast as the official count is completed the totals will be bulletined at the census bureau, cities being taken first. Notice has also been given that there will be no more examinations for appointment to clerical positions in the bureau, the eligible list already containing many more than will ever receive appointments.

The Treasury Department has issued a circular creating Porto Rico, a Customs Collection District, with San Juan as the port of entry, and Ponce Mayaguez, Arecibo, Aguadilla, Humacao, Arroyo, and Fajardo as sub-ports, under the law enacted at the late session of Congress.

Secretary Gage, who has been unwell for a couple of weeks has gone to the seashore for a short rest by the order of his physician. There is nothing serious the matter with him, only a little run down.

Secretary Root has gone to his summer home on Long Island, to spend a few days with his family, which is of itself an indication that there are no complications at the War Department in connection with the Chinese insurrection.

Judge Donny, a prominent Kentucky Republican, who firmly believes that the electoral votes of that state will be cast for McKinley and Roosevelt, who came through Washington on his way home from the convention, said of that remarkable gathering: "I have been going to National Conventions as a delegate for 20 years, but I have never seen such a convention as that at Philadelphia, and I never expect to see another such. I mean that I have never before seen both men named on the ticket by acclamation."

Mr. Henry C. Adams, one of the Republicans leaders of Indiana, assured President McKinley that Indiana was one of the sure Republican states this year, and that the majority would be quite as large, if not larger than it was in '96.

\$10 to Chautauqua, N. Y. and return. On Friday July 6th, 1900 the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to Chautauqua, N. Y., at ten dollars for the round trip good to return up to August 4, 1900.

The Beer Delegates.

The Beer delegates have been very considerably treated in the United States. For one thing they found the Administration at Washington had done more for their cause than any other nation. It had gone as far as it could go in the offer of its good offices, unless it was anxious to involve the country in war with Great Britain. This course none of the radical critics of the government would advocate, neither are the envoys quite so ridiculous as to suggest this alternative; and yet some of their final utterances seem to indicate that they expected the people of this country in some irregular way to transcend the forms of our own government and stop England willy-nilly. This is trifling with a great government, none the less orderly if it be a government of the people. As they go it cannot be said the envoys have added to their cause by their peculiar advocacy of it in this country. They have evidently been made the dupes of irresponsible partisans who misled them as to the kind of a government that of the United States was and as to the possibilities of interference outside of diplomatic pressure—Phila. Press.

Sheep Grazing in Forests.

A controversy has arisen on the question of allowing sheep to graze on the forest reserves in the West and recently there has been a movement against it on the ground that the young forest growth is killed by the sheep and the future forest seriously damaged. The soil is also said to be trampled down to such an extent that its absorbent qualities are materially affected. This matter is to be investigated during the summer by the Division of Forestry and Mr. Gifford Pinchot, Forester, is now in California and will go to one of the reserves in Arizona, where the feeling is most intense, and personally examine into the matter, so that the effect of sheep grazing on forest lands in the various reserves will probably be settled beyond dispute.

OBITUARY.

ELIZABETH JANE VAN AUKEN.

For several years she has lived alone on the premises in Delaware township at Cave bank where she was born some eighty years ago and on Thursday a week ago Mrs. David Jagger, who had been accustomed to call occasionally and attend to her wants, knocking at the door received no response. She entered and found Miss Van Aukens lying on the floor where she had fallen from the effects of paralysis. She rapidly sank and passed away the next day. She was a daughter of Aaron and Catharine McCarty Van Aukens and had always resided on the same place. Besides nephews and nieces she is survived by one brother, Jacob, living in California. The funeral took place Tuesday.

Will be Admitted.

George R. Bull, who for three years has pursued his law studies in the U. P. and in the office of his father C. W. Bull Esq., was Monday evening examined by the committee Hy. T. Baker, Hon. D. M. Van Aukens, and J. H. Van Elten esqs., appointed by the court to enquire into his fitness for admission to the bar, and passed a highly creditable examination. The committee was unanimous in approval and he will be duly sworn in July 2. The young man evinces care in his preparation and application to his studies and remembering the adage that law is an extremely jealous mistress he will no doubt be highly successful in his chosen profession.

Real Estate Transfers.

John Keazy and wife to Max. Bayar, 25 acres Lackawaxen, con. \$400.
Lewis R. Smith to F. A. Ehrhart, and others, 5 acres Greene, for cemetery purposes, con. \$331.
William F. Beck to Louise J. Frieh, lot on Centre Square, Milford Boro, con. \$2,500.

Excursion to New York July 4th.

On Wednesday July 4th, 1900 the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to New York at one dollar for the round trip, good going on special train leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m. Returning leaving 23rd street New York at 7:40 p. m. Chambers St. New York at 7:45 p. m. and Jersey City, at 8 p. m. same day. Remember only one dollar for the round trip.

Small in size and great in results are DeWitt's little early risers, the famous little pills that cleanse the liver and bowels. They do not grip.

PERSONALS.

Ellis Lewis visited in New York the week past.

Rev. C. B. Carpenter, with the Boys Guild, went fishing to Brink Pond Monday.

Horace E. Kipp, of Willsonville, visited his daughter, Mrs. Gueble, over last Sunday.

Geo. H. Buchanan, of New York, is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, this week.

Mrs. R. F. Loesch, and daughter Helen, of Glen Ridge, are visiting in the family of Hy. T. Baker Esq.

M. V. Bisco, of Lehigh town, is seriously at his home with a complication of disorders.

Rev. J. A. Meyer was installed Tuesday as pastor of the Reformed church of Montague, N. J.

A. S. Hottle, of Philadelphia, with his wife and daughter, visited his son-in-law, Dr. Otto von der Heyde, this week.

Miss Lila Van Elten is home for a summer vacation, and is accompanied by Mrs. Edwards, of Bridgeport Ct., who will visit in Milford.

Hon. E. Pinchot expects soon to visit his daughter, Mrs. Dr. King, at Grand Rapids, Mich., and will probably be absent for a month.

Ed. Wolf, who is connected with the "Daily Express," of San Antonio, Texas, is rusticiating here for his health and is staying at the Hotel Faulchier.

The Misses Hattie and Etta Decker, Misses Hattie Horton and Hulda Ball attended the Pike County Sunday school convention held at Lackawaxen Tuesday.

Hy. Reed, having graduated from Pratt's Institute in Brooklyn, has passed his examinations and been admitted to Lehigh University, where he will take a course in engineering.

Hon. Howard Mutchler, of Easton, and J. D. Sarfass, of Effort, Monroe county, are the delegates from this district to the Democratic National Convention which meets in Kansas city July 4th.

Elkanah Costner, who many years ago resided in Delaware township, latterly but has lived in Easton, went this week with his son Ellis to Kansas city to attend the Democratic convention. "Decon" seems to be true to his early teachings.

Mrs. James B. E. Brown, Dunham Gregory and C. E. Scudder attended the Pike county Sunday school convention at Lackawaxen Tuesday the two former as delegates from the M. E. church here and John Durling represented Union school in Dingman.

Pike has 2461 children of school age.

HYMENEAL.

ROE—WILLIAMSON.

The marriage of Arthur Roe, of Branchville, N. J., and Mrs. H. G. Williamson took place Wednesday at the residence of the bride's father, ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook, in the presence of a few immediate relatives and invited guests. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Thomas Nichols. After a brief wedding tour they will reside in Branchville. Mrs. Roe will be greatly missed in Milford both in the church and society circles where she has been very prominent for many years, and the kindest wishes of numerous friends go with her to her new home for a life of unalloyed happiness.

Vital Statistics.

The number of births and deaths in this county as shown by the semi annual return of the assessors of the several townships is as follows:

Township	Males	Females	Deaths
Blooming Grove	3	—	3
Delaware	3	2	7
Dingman	3	3	3
Greene	6	8	10
Lackawaxen	5	3	12
Lehman	3	7	8
Milford Boro	3	2	7
Palmyra	2	8	2
Shohola	—	3	8
Westfall	10	5	17
Totals	39	41	77
Total Births	80		

Tickets to Points on Long Island R.R.

The Erie company has placed on sale at the Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, tickets to all points on Long Island reached by the Long Island railroad at very low rates through to destination.

A TRAVESTY ON LAW.

Tuesday evening Harry Garretson, of Dingmans, who claims to be a Fish Warden, saw little Walter Rottler fishing in the Delaware near Milford and when the boy came ashore arrested him for having in his possession a bass less than nine inches in length. We understand that Rottler did not catch the fish but that it was given him by another boy. He was brought before Wm. Angle esq., who held him to bail for the alleged offense of having the fish in his possession. The complaint was not sworn to and no warrant was issued, the whole proceeding being of a highly informal character. The law providing that bass less than nine inches shall not be taken may be a proper enactment, and, if enforced on persons old enough to be presumed to know that there is such an act might be commended, but to punish on a child and hale him before a justice and place him under bonds seems like a highly ridiculous performance. We suggest that the officious warden post notices in the river warning the boys against the danger of appeasing their hunger by taking the juicy worm on the hooks of little boys, lest they be placed on exhibition in a magistrate's office and perhaps in alcohol to be evidence against the kids in court. Such zeal simply brings the law in disrepute and makes a farce of it. There are numerous, willful violations of the fishing laws and the Sunday laws made by men and grown up boys and the Warden would have his time far better occupied should he attempt the suppression of such flagrant and open infractions.

To Aid Fusion.

The Patrons of Husbandry, through their Legislative committee have issued an advisory circular to the patrons and farmers, of Pennsylvania "irrespective of party affiliations or factional associations in the support of fusion members of the Senate and House of Representatives in districts where the rights of the people have been persistently disregarded by the local leaders of the dominant party" and that members be chosen from the most competent and trust worthy citizens who will exert every honest effort to redress the wrongs under which the farmers have suffered. They have also retained counsel to advise in such legal matters as may arise.

Congressional Talk.

The Eastern Free Press commenting on the Democratic congressional situation in this county says "Pike has several candidates for the honor of nomination by the Democratic conference. They are Edwin F. Peters, of Bushkill, and Joseph J. Hart who has already served a term in the House of Representatives. It is said that the coming out of Peters and Hart, the latter especially, was to head off Cass Ball Esq., of Milford, who is strongly mentioned as a Congressional candidate."

Excursion Tickets to Charleston, S. C.

On account of the National Educational Association Convention to be held at Charleston, S. C., the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to Charleston S. C. on July 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, good to return on or before September 1st, 1900, continuous passage in each direction except stop over will be granted at Washington on return trip within limit of ticket, by depositing return portion of ticket with joint agent, and payment of fee of one dollar, at the low rate of \$25 for the round trip from Port Jervis. It

Didn't Marry for Money.

The Boston man, who lately married a sickly rich young woman, is happy now, for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills, which restored her to perfect health. Infallible for Jaundice, Biliousness, Malaria, Fever and Ague and all Liver and Stomach troubles. Gentle but effective. Only 25c at all drug stores.

Excursion to Kansas City, Mo.

On account of the National Democratic Convention at Kansas City, Mo., the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to Kansas City, Mo., on July 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, good to return to July 9th, 1900 at \$28.75 for the round trip from Port Jervis.

A complete line of Mens fine shoes

and Oxfords at T. Armstrong & Co.

BRIEF MENTION.

Howard Reed fell from a cherry tree Tuesday and was quite badly shaken up.

American trade with China has been especially heavy in the chief towns of the present hostile district.

There will be preaching at the Sawkill school house next Sunday, July 1st at 2:30, the weather permitting.

A marriage license has been issued to William E. Major, of Layton, N. J., and Laura Wilson, of Fairfield, Illinois.

The Chinese troops have gained a victory over the allied forces, but many missionaries heretofore supposed to be killed are safe.

It is desired that the sporting public understand that the laws will be vigorously enforced especially those relating to violations of the Sabbath.

John Wanamaker, ex-Post Master General, is reported seriously ill at his home in Jonkintown, but hopes are entertained for his recovery. His ailment is chronic.

Edwin Everhart, a fast young man of Scranton, is in prison charged with an attempt to procure the murder of his father because he refused to longer furnish him with money.

Joseph H. Bromley, of Philadelphia, has just completed a handsome and commodious home near Silver Lake and several loads of furniture for it passed through town this week.

Theodore William, the son of Frederick Lockwood and wife, was baptised last Sunday in the Episcopal church. Four generations were represented, the great grandfather being Wm. H. Eno.

A ball belonging to Henry Tisse, being led along Water street last Saturday evening, badly frightened several ladies by his antics, and one was somewhat injured by a fall in her endeavors to run away.

The New York Journal says the investigation of the ice trust in New York by the Grand Jury this week was a farce. The foreman was a Tammany man and would not allow any information to be brought out.

Thirty-five people were killed in a railway wreck last Sunday on the Macon branch of the Southern railway in Georgia. The train ran in a washout, the wreck caught fire and the whole train except the sleeper was burned.

A Morris county farmer who raises sheep told only the other day, with in earshot of the "Era," that he had just sold his wool clip, unwashed, for 22 cents a pound, adding that under the Cleveland regime he sold his wool for 12 cents.—Dover (N. J.) "Iron Era."

Hon. David B. Hill is one of the Democratic Vice Presidential possibilities and it may be that he will be forced on the ticket because of the necessity for the party to carry New York. He is probably the strongest man that could be named from the Empire State.

Rev. Andrew J. Meyer, pastor of the Methodist Reformed church, of Montague, and Miss Lucia, a daughter of the late Dr. Henry Miller, of Albany, N. Y., were united in marriage Thursday, June 22. The ceremony took place in the Fourth Reformed Church, of Albany.

The commencement exercises of the East Stroudsburg Normal School took place this week. The address was made by ex-Governor Hon. Robert E. Pattison. There were sixty-three young lady and twenty-nine men graduates. William W. Ramsey was salutatorian and Laura B. Geiser valedictorian.

More contributions to our institution of learning have been made under the present administration than any other period in the history of the country. Education is receiving its full share of the profits of prosperity, and education will contribute liberally to the sentiment for good government.

The Chinese minister has proposed an armistice, and that no more American troops be sent to China. The request was referred to the President who declined to consider the proposition. Colliers at Norfolk were ordered to be in condition for Chinese service which indicates that the trouble may be of long duration.

Crocker, the Boss of New York Democracy, is violently opposed to trusts—so he says—and is virtuously indignant over the turpitude of Carroll and Van Wyck in becoming tentacles of the octopus and compromising Tammany. He proposes to make an example of some one. As Mr. Crocker holds 1,500 shares of Ice Trust Stock he may wreck his righteous wrath at home.

The Sheep Industry.

Enquiries were recently sent out asking for information in regard to the number and value of sheep now as compared with four years ago, in order to show the difference in effect between free wool and protection. The following table exhibits the result and is an object lesson for sheep growers:

Reports received	963
Sheep owned in March, '96 (Wilson law Free Wool period)	1,458,904
Sheep owned in March, '00 (Dingley law Protection period)	2,501,215
Increase, 1900	1,042,311
Percentage of increase	71.44
Average value per head, March, 1896 (Wilson law Free Wool period)	\$1.76
Average value per head, March, 1900 (Dingley law, Protection period)	\$3.30
Increase of value per head 1900	\$2.14
Percentage of gain in value per head for 1900	121.60

Crop Conditions.

Crop statistics show that over five million acres of winter wheat have been cut for forage or plowed under this spring and the condition of that remaining declined over six points in May.

There is also a reduction of half a million acres in spring wheat and its condition June first was not so good as last year. The average of oats sown this year exceeds that of last about three per cent, and the average condition is also good.

Rye show as a general reduction of over four per cent, but Pennsylvania shows an increase over shortage of 10 per cent, accounted for sowing of spring rye on winter wheat plowed under on account of winter killing.

The condition of the apple crop is exceptionally favorable and the peach crop promises to be phenomenal, all the peach growing states reporting a condition far above the average.

A Suggestion for the Churches.

It might be desirable for our churches to have the service Sunday evening at say 5 p. m. instead of later. During the warm nights of July and August the necessarily lamps cause considerable heat, and insects are more annoying. Church goers could just as easily attend, and would then have their evening at home with the family. We think the change might be appreciated at all events there is no harm in offering the suggestion for consideration. The plan has been adopted elsewhere and has worked very satisfactorily. The number of attendants was increased and generally the change seemed to be favorably received.

Teachers Hired.

At a meeting of the directors of the Independent school district held last Friday evening the former teachers were all re-elected: (Salary.)
John C. Watson, Principal, \$40.
L. B. Westbrook, Intermediate, 30.
D. H. Hornbeck, 2 Primary, 30.
Lizzie Rochotte, 1 Primary, 30.
Flora Rochotte, Shopkeeper, 30.
Oliver S. Pitney was appointed janitor at a salary of \$100.

Dingman township directors have employed J. F. Hogan for Battle-snake and Dora Rochotte for the Franklin school, and hire the remaining teachers to-morrow.

Two Acrostics.

B ad money.
Ruin and wretchedness.
Yellow politics.
A absurd doctrines and theories.
N o more good times.
M ore work, more wages.
C redit, confidence, certainty.
K inder of factory fires.
I ndustry's best friend.
N ow and always a Protectionist.
L arger exports, heavier trade balance.
E ssential to the country's welfare.
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Wild often receive painful cuts, sprains or bruises for accidents. Bucklen's Arnica Salve, will kill the pain and heal the injury. It's the cyclist's friend. Cures Chafing, Chapped hands, Sore Lips, Burns, Ulcers and Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Try it. Sold by all Druggists.

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PARIS EXPOSITION LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

PARIS, FRANCE, JUNE 14, 1900.

I see in a Paris paper this morning that Senator Hale characterized the Paris Exposition as a "bad performance." This was the opinion of M. Renon, of all expositions; he decried them and blamed women for them. Let anyone recall his own impressions of the Chicago Exposition. Nine out of ten will first think of the Midway Plaisance attractions; a majority of visitors will recall the tawdry insubstantial architecture, the fireworks, the Ferris wheel, and a wilderness of show-cases differing little from those of the great stores in many cities of the United States. Well, the Paris Exposition is not substantially different from this. Its Midway Plaisance is not cramped, it is scattered here and there in different parts. There is a great display of architecture that will be torn down. There is a Ferris wheel and the Eiffel tower. There is the same bewildering array of show windows with their seductive display of frocks, furniture, jewelry, hats, bric-a-brac, all arranged to tempt the modern Eve and swell the tide of luxury and extravagance, as M. Renon might think, though he would say it better. If all this is so why do people go to Expositions? Because Expositions are tremendously advertised, and because the human heart and foot is always in pursuit of sensation; always seeking the will-o-the-wisp novelty. Because the world loves to be humbugged a great many times, coveting after each deception it will not be caught again, but ever hungry for the next thing. The Paris Exposition, like all the rest, is a mammoth advertising scheme, and France has of course the hog's share of the advertising and Paris will profit immensely by the show. The part played by our country here is, in comparison, far from conspicuous. We appear only here and there by an exhibit marked by an American flag and there is nearly always adjoining us or across the aisle from us an exhibit of the same class by another country, it may be Italy, Hungary, or Belgium that vies with us or eclipses us in richness and taste and extent of display. Of course this means nothing to those who think, or know that the United States exhibit is nothing more than the "day-out" of some firm or firms that strive to find or increase their business on this side of the water. But to the average tourist from rural France, Germany and Belgium who make the bulk of those who see the Exposition and who know as little about the United States as a horse does of astronomy, the impression is that Belgium and Italy have more taste and better things than the United States, and that France has everything. These International Expositions are much like the hospitalities of the Fox and Stork. How can our country, considering the three thousand miles of sea and the even more obstructive miles of railroad under the peculiar French management compete with France or other contiguous countries? The way to get even with them will be to have our next Exposition at Cape Nome.

Anyone who has traveled in Europe knows that the French are the greatest, most skilful and most mobile robbers on the continent. A contract for a dinner is followed by an over-charge for the napkin and the plate. A ride in a cab means invariably an additional payment to the driver. Shopkeepers and officials in the railways seeing that you are American and knowing your ignorance of the money and carelessness about little things will not always return your full change. You must watch them all the time. Their nonchalance when detected is fine. Their faces are too red to show a blush. The American Commission here is somewhat luxuriously installed. They have not denied themselves in fine desks and chairs and carpets, and quite luxurious offices. "Republican simplicity" is not very severe here. It may be "good business," as we say, to let all the world know that we live well when we are at home in Paris. On the other hand it may be that the whole American official entourage is here on a junket.

Reports show that over fifteen hundred lives have been saved through the use of one minute cough cure. Most of these were cases of gripe, croup, asthma, whooping cough, bronchitis and pneumonia. Its early use prevents consumption.

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