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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 23, 1900.
Secretary Hay's able and adroit handling of the diplomatic end of the Chinese trouble is far sighted statesmanship of the highest order, which will in the end pay big dividends in dollars and cents as well as in the goodwill of the Chinese. He has treated the Chinese Minister at Washington in an open frank manner, implying confidence in him as a man, and the belief that his government was doing the best it could under the circumstances, while the Chinese ministers at all the European capitals have been and are being treated as though they were spies to be watched and to even have their free use of the telegraph in communicating with their government curtailed. The result is that today China regards the U. S. as the only friend she has among the nations with the possible exception of Japan. The Chinese Minister is deeply grateful for Secretary Hay's acceptance of the telegram from Minister Conger, as genuine, and his continued assertion of his belief in the good faith of the Chinese government, in the face of official European doubts and sneers. The European governments all have selfish reasons for wishing to throw discredit on the Chinese government, while we have not.

Hon. Chalmers Turner, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, is in Washington on leave of absence, and will go to Canton this week to see President McKinley. He says the people of this country cannot appreciate the high standing as a world power, President McKinley has given the U. S. with the great nations, and he believes the U. S. will necessarily play an important part in the final settlement of the Chinese troubles, because it is the only nation which has the absolute confidence of the governments of all the nations concerned, including that of China. Mr. Tower doesn't believe the reported declaration of war against China, by Russia, which he thinks grew out of the declaration of a state of siege by the Russian government, which is about equivalent to our martial law putting a disorderly section under military government to restore order.

Brigadier General, Charles F. Humphrey, now Chief Quarter-Master at Havana, who distinguished himself as Gen. Shafter's Chief Quartermaster in the Santiago campaign, has been assigned to duty on the staff of Gen. Chaffee, now on his way to China to take command of the American troops, Gen. Chaffee will not learn of his promotion to be Maj. General of Volunteers until he reaches Nagasaki, Japan, where his final orders will be cabled to him. He is due there this week.

Mr. John T. Hartman, a prominent lawyer and active Republican of the State of Washington, who is now visiting the National Capital, said of the political outlook in his state: "The Republicans will score a big victory in Washington this year. McKinley and Roosevelt's plurality will not be far from 6,000. Four years ago Bryan carried the state by 13,000. In 1898, the Republican plurality was 3,500. We are sure to add considerably to the 1898 figures this year, and if Bryan talks anti-imperialism too much there's no telling how great the victory will be. Every Republican in the state favors expansion, and I doubt if you could find a dozen Democrats in Washington, who, down at the bottom of their hearts, do not believe it is the right policy. Not only are we going to carry the state for McKinley and Roosevelt, but we are going to carry it without asking the National Committee for a single dollar, for a single sheet of campaign literature or for a solitary orator. More than this, we are going to help some money to contribute to help along the cause in more doubtful states."

Senator Burrows is in Washington on business. He says the campaign hasn't started in Michigan yet, but that the state is all right both as to Presidential electors and Congressional districts, and that McKinley and Roosevelt's plurality in the state will not be less than 50,000.

DeWitt's little early risers are famous little pills for liver and bowel troubles. Never give.

Nature's Rare Gift.

No country possesses so many beautiful woody plants as the United States. They are generally found growing where they thrive best, and any desirable kind found growing by the roadside that can be made to produce a proper form of growth should be preserved and improved. The law passed by some states for the protection of shade trees, where town or city authorities may mark such trees and shrubs as it is desirable to have preserved, and making it a criminal offense to destroy these thus marked, are steps in the right direction and should be adopted in every state.

There is nothing which adds so much to the comfort of the traveling public as well shaded trees, and a comparatively short time is required for our most rapid-growing trees to reach the size to afford considerable shade. Whether we live to enjoy or see others enjoy their beauty or not, in suitable soil more than one generation will be benefited by them. If every land owner would trim up and care for a few trees found growing by his roadside, or plant a few each year where none are now growing, it would be but a short time before our country would be noted for the beauty of its roadways, as well as for the general comfort and beauty of the homes of its common people.

The New Five Dollar Bill.

The first of the new five dollar silver certificates have been printed and are in the treasury for circulation. From an artistic point of view they are said to be among the prettiest ever printed. The face of the bill bears the portrait of the typical American Indian of other days. On one side of this portrait is the blue seal of the treasury and on the other side a big letter V and the word "Five." These are printed in blue. The figure 5 is repeated over the bill. On the front of the obligation it is found in each corner. The back of the bill contains considerable scroll work, two large open spaces and the usual lettering.

Clean up Your Premises.

Every householder should now see that their premises are put in good sanitary condition. The hot weather is here and neglected places are apt to breed unpleasant smells. Weeds should be cut down and disinfectants applied where necessary. Let every one take a little care in this direction and the town will be made much more attractive and pleasant. It should hardly be worth while to call attention to this, for every one with perceptions as to the proprieties of the season and the desirableness of a healthy and comfortable habitation ought to be prompt to take the little care requisite to obtain this end.

Queens of the Garden.

Another wonderful flower-piece has been secured by the publishers of the "Great Philadelphia Sunday Press," and will be given free with copy of "The Sunday Press," next Sunday, July 29. The size of this picture is 10 by 30 inches. It is a splendid panoply, one of the greatest works of Sanbon, and represents a cluster of the most beautiful flowers of the season. Its distribution is certain to cause a sensation, as the supply will be limited you will make a mistake if you do not order next Sunday's "Press" from your newsdealer in advance.

Protect the Trees.

Another "pest" is threatening the life of maple and other splendid shade trees. This time it is the electric current which escapes from the trolley wire threading their way through so many of our village streets and country highways. Let road supervisors and town boards carefully consider this when asked by the transportation lines for franchises to use the thoroughfares. Protect the trees.

Excursion to Chautauque, L. S.

On Friday July 27, 1900 the Erie will sell excursion tickets from Port Jervis, to Chautauque, N. Y., at the low rate of ten dollars for the round trip, good going on train No. one leaving at 11:35 a. m. train No. 5 leaving at 5:15 p. m. or train No. 7 leaving at 10:15 p. m. good to return to Saturday August 25, 1900. Return only \$10. for round trip. 27

PERSONALS.

Judge Hoffman, of New York, is a guest at Villa Ina.

Mrs. John C. Cornelius is in town for a visit of several weeks.

Geo. Wheeler, of New York, passed a few days here recently.

Sheriff Vandermark lately made a business trip to New York.

Miss Ruth Gamble, of New York, is visiting with her brothers.

Mrs. John C. Westbrook is sojourns in town at her home, on Fourth street.

Charles Metz, Sr., of New York, is spending this week on his farm here.

John Whittaker, of Dinwiddie, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. D. H. Hornbeck.

Miss Hattie Horton has gone for a visit of several days with relatives in Chester, N. J.

Miss Lizzie Cochran, of Ridge-wood, N. J., is a guest in the family of J. C. Westbrook.

The young people of the Reed and Klor families have gone camping out to Porters Pond.

Commissioners Clerk, George A. Swepensier, has been spending the week in Green township.

Mrs. John C. Wallace, who has been ill for several days, is now in fairly good health again.

Hon. J. D. Biddis, of Washington, arrived in town this week to spend his vacation with his family.

The Misses Ann and Bertha Klor, of Stroudsburg, after a visit with relatives here, have returned home.

Mrs. Arthur Wolf, of New Orleans, a sister of the late postmaster Jas. S. Gale, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Arthur Roe, of Branchville, who has been visiting her parents, J. C. Westbrook and wife, returned home Tuesday.

A large party from Bachs Riverside Hotel drove up this week and partook of the excellent cuisine of Hotel Fauchera.

Prof. Jacob Kleinhans, with his family party of campers, has pitched his tent near town and will deliver these parts for a few days.

H. Bissell, who holds a position with the American Book Co., of New York, is passing his vacation as a guest at the Bluff House.

Mrs. Wheeler, of New York, came up this week and was met here by Mrs. Adams, of Hunting Towers, at which place she will visit several weeks.

Miss Millicent Crissman, of Borgon Point, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Crissman. We are pleased to chronicle that Mrs. Crissman has nearly recovered from her recent illness.

El. Johnson, a salesman for Strait Bros., of New York, for the past ten years, and who is well known here has bought out a laundry business in Phillipsburg, N. J. and will remove there.

C. B. Staples Esq., R. J. Wallace, of Stroudsburg, Geo. M. Eckert and M. C. Kline, of Allentown, with their wives, enjoyed a drive up the valley the first of the week and made their headquarters at Hotel Fauchera.

Additional Local Matter.

Showers and horse races do not work well together.

The Milford and Matamoras engineers are surveying again.

Skunk farming ought to pay, there are (scents) enough in it any way.

The postponed race will occur today and tomorrow at the Tri States Driving Park.

Forest and Stream says wild hogs are a nuisance and their importation should be prohibited.

Barber Wohlbrandt has placed a new chair and lavatory in his shop both of which will aid to the comfort of his customers.

A marriage license has been issued to Theodore Watts and Estelle Adames, both of Matamoras. They were married by Rev. T. G. Spencer Tuesday evening.

During Wednesday afternoon showers lightning struck a large chestnut tree along the river road near the Bauer farm, sending splinters in every direction.

Simon Titworth spent a season in the lockup recently for using profane and obscene language. There are others who richly merit a dose of the medication.

Hon. E. Pinchot does not improve in health and his situation is very critical. He occasionally rallies for a few moments recognizes friends and then relapses into a comatose condition.

PICKED UP BY THE RAMBLER.

Look out for the next dance! Has the blight struck potatoes? Where was our Sandyston friend last week?

Harvest is about finished, and the farmer is glad.

When the mercury climbs up to ninety in the shade it is warm enough for us.

The sons of sunnItaly are with us almost daily grinding out sweet music by the bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood Jr., of Matamoras spent Sunday with friends across the river.

Mrs. L. D. Rosenkrans and friend, Mrs. House, of Newton, spent several days over here with friends.

We sometimes meet a person who thinks he owns the earth because he is driving a hired rig. I am always sorry for the poor horse.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the M. E. church Sunday evening had the pleasure of listening to an excellent sermon delivered by the pastor who chose for his text the words "Where art thou."

War always has a tendency to raise prices. How about tea now since all hands are enjoying? themselves in China. But the English drink ale, the Germans beer, the French and Italians wine, the Russian some other kind of burning stuff, and our own Uncle Sams boys get along with almost anything.

City papers are giving accounts of great activity in military circles on account of the trouble in China. Why? What is all the racket about? Here are four or five of the most powerful nations on the globe pouring men into China. What for? Has any one of them declared war against the celestial empire? No. So far there seems to be nothing certain about how many foreigners, if any, have been killed, barring the murder of the German minister, and Germany will without a doubt pull a one or two to pay for it. It looks now that before the eastern question is settled a general war will result and all who participate will want the biggest slice, and the Chinese empire will be no more.

The Sussex Register among other items of old local history published the following last week. June 26, 1878. An article from the Port Jervis Gazette tells the story of a stone quarry on the farm of J. B. Patterson near that town which was opened 35 years ago, and then abandoned. It was considered a fine place to get hearthstones and whoever wanted a stone got it free of cost. One man went from Deckerton to get stone to flag his cellar bottom, ignorant of the fact that he had on his own farm a quarry which he afterward sold for \$20,000. The stone used for the cell floors and porch in the Sussex county court house were taken from the Port Jervis quarry and delivered in Newton for 18 cents per foot, though the trip required three days, and was made over a road that resembled a dry brook.

A fire originating in the barn of John Wallace, at Milford, spread to adjoining property, and three other barns were burned, causing a loss of \$4,000.

Excursion Extraordinary, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Return.

On Saturday evening August 4th, the Erie Railroad Company will run a popular and very low rate excursion to above named points, leaving Port Jervis at 7:30 p. m. and arriving at the great natural wonder of the World early Sunday morning. Just think of the rate, it is cheaper than staying at home being only \$3 to Buffalo, or Niagara Falls, and \$4 to Toronto, Ont. and return. The Buffalo, and Niagara Falls, tickets are good to return on special train Sunday night or on regular trains except train No. 10 on Monday August 6th, the Toronto tickets will be good for going passage from Niagara Falls Monday August 6th, via the George Ronto to Lewistown, thence by the magnificent steamers of the Niagara River Line to the Queen City of Ontario and good to return to leave Toronto, in season to start from Niagara Falls on or before Wednesday August 8th 1900. Think this over as you certainly cannot afford to miss this low rate excursion, and remember the train leaves Port Jervis Saturday evening August 4th at 7:30 p. m.

For Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' fine shoes and ties go to T. Armstrong & Co.

BRIEF MENTION.

Remember the Ladies fair at the Presbyterian church August 2nd.

A progressive euchre party was given at the Sawkill House Monday evening.

The Presbyterian Sunday school did not picnic in Commins Grove yesterday, because of the rain.

Five hundred tons of butter were destroyed Monday by the burning of a cold storage warehouse at St. Paul, Minn.

See notice of the Erie R. R. Excursion to Niagara Falls at \$3. or Toronto, Ont., at \$4. for round trip in another column.

Ex-President Cleveland will not support Bryan and advises Democrats either to vote McKinley or remain away from the polls.

WANTED—A house with or without modern improvements, unfurnished. Will buy or rent. Address ROBERT W. REED, Milford, Pa.

Miners returning from the Klondike estimate that the output of gold from that region this year will reach twenty-five million dollars.

A game of ball was played here last Saturday between the Milford and Edgemere clubs which resulted in a score of 8 to 3 in favor of the former.

Charles Edward Thornton and Miss Lillie Beck, a daughter of John C. Beck, were married Wednesday by Rev. C. B. Carpenter, rector of the Episcopal church.

The Dispatch reproduces correctly heavily loaded editorials from a Philadelphia paper as its own course of inveighing against the policy of President McKinley in China.

Thunder storms on Monday caused great damage in several sections of the State. Several barns were burned by lightning, corn fields washed out and a number of persons were killed.

Young girls are attractive in pictures, but when four or five frame themselves in the post office door just at mail time most people would much more admire the grouping with other surroundings.

John C. Albright has resigned as Constable of Delaware township. No successor has been appointed. There are now three townships, Porter, Delaware and Shohola, without proper peace officers.

The fine rain this week has freshened vegetation and will be excellent for lately mown lands and pastures. It will help corn and make buckwheat jump along toward the palatable cakes, but it was not propitious for the races or picnics.

James W. Pinchot has begun removing the furniture from the old homestead corner Broad and Harford preparatory, it is said to removing the building back on the lot and fitting it up for a library and rooms for the Forestry school from Yale.

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of a complimentary from the Port Jervis Tri-States Driving Park Association and regret that the rains interfered with the anticipated pleasure of attending and also with arrangements of the patrons and proprietors.

Kane, the shoe man, of Port Jervis, has a new ad this week explaining why his trade increases. He could give no more satisfactory reason if he took a column of space. His goods recommend themselves and hence are recommended by all who wear them.

There will be a private dance at the Grand View House Wednesday evening Aug. 1st. This is the first entertainment which that House, so rapidly growing in popular favor, has offered and no doubt those fortunate enough to receive the coveted cards will spend a very pleasant season.

The Vantine House has been giving a series of dances which have been well patronized. The surroundings are agreeable and the proprietor has spared no pains or expense in making the grounds as well as the house, attractive. Such enterprise deserves and should receive public encouragement and patronage.

The Mother Goose Bazar to be given by the Womens Guild of the Episcopal church in Brown's Hall August 8 and 9 will be a very enjoyable affair. The booths will represent scenes and characters from the rhymes of the venerable and familiar old dame, the music will be excellent and the prices of admission are popular. So all may be amused and at the same time aid a good cause.

The Democratic Contest.

Edwin F. Peters, of Lehman, was in town Wednesday looking after his fences. There seems to be little life, so far, manifested in the Congressional matter the representative contest being decidedly to the front. However, the aspirants for Congress are said to be active in their respective interests and have a good ground swell started which will give some one a bath at the outcome. Peters is sanguine that if he secures the conference he can land the nomination. He was to a certain extent unknown by the people in the county but his recent contact with them has made an extremely favorable impression and this coupled with the some what prevalent belief that in the event of his success Pike may again be honored by the selection of one worthy and well qualified for the position gives his candidacy a prestige in the face of the fact that his competitor has held the position and is well known throughout the county.

A Rare Musical Treat.

Miss Lallah St. John, of Port Jervis, has decided on Tuesday evening August 14 as the date for her violin recital in Brown's Hall. She will be assisted by Mrs. Kathryn Eldred St. John, Soprano, Miss Marie Louise Guemaer, contralto, and Dr. Benj. Van Eiten, Dolph, basso. It is seldom, outside the large cities, that people have an opportunity to listen to musical talent of such high order. Each of the above forms part of the small company which stands prominently to the front in the ranks of amateurs and might well be included among those professionals whose names are household words. We profess no special aptness for musical criticism but the established ability of the above quartette to fully satisfy those who appreciate fine playing and singing is our warrant for saying that none such will be disappointed hearing them on the above mentioned date.

A Long Silence Broken.

William C. McCarty a former resident of Milford, whose absence for many years has been a mystery has recently written a line to the Port Jervis Gazette, presumably from New Mexico as the paper says after returning from New York City where he had been on business. He had spent a day in Port Jervis and wrote concerning its attractions as a place for summer boarders. He is a brother to John H. and A. V. McCarty, of Dinwiddie township, where he was born and lived until he entered the employ of the late John H. Wallace.

Interesting Lecture on Missions.

Mrs. John Gillespie, who is connected with the Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church, made a very instructive address in the church here last Monday afternoon. Her talk was a description of a tour made by her several years ago through Japan, China and India. Her impressions were given in clear vigorous language and did much to arouse interest. She is a very graceful and entertaining speaker, and her audience was well repaid for the hour spent in listening.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending July 28 1900.

Ladies—Mrs. L. E. Smith (2), Miss Hattie Green, Mrs. E. L. Ford Jr., Miss Laura Feldman.

Gents—Mr. Detrick, J. Dudley Mason, Master Haro Usher. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Real Estate Transfers.

James W. Laner and wife to John A. Philman and John Anderson, 292 acres Westfall con. \$2,100.

Jacob B. Westbrood, Treasurer, to J. H. Van Eiten, 150 acres, Dingman township formerly pro property of J. S. Wildridge. Assignment of same to J. H. Van Eiten and wife to Emily Gilchrist con. \$1.

A Poor Millionaire.

Lately starved in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by all druggists.

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

PARIS EXPOSITION LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

PARIS, FRANCE, JULY 9, 1900.
Nothing in France is so typical of France as the exhibition, for it is at once superficial, to the eye and sound to the understanding, full of tinsel sights and unmeaning gaudy side by side with the loveliest forms of art and the most admirable results of industry and of education. Such at least were my thoughts as I came out of the Palais de Congress after spending an hour in the Social Economic section. Outside were the aimless crowd, the gilded domes and plaster decoration, the amusements, the gossip and laughter. Inside you were in another atmosphere—an atmosphere of knowledge and utility and peace. Here under some very attractive forms is offered to you the most diverse information of which one example will suffice. The corner devoted to the Russian temperance movement is charming in its simplicity, novelty and instructiveness. All about you are diagrams showing the success of the government's propaganda against spirit-drink in the Russian empire; and a very pleasant young Russian lady, dressed in black, with dark eyes and fair hair, not more—as I suppose—than twenty, will answer in the most delightfully broken French, such questions as you may care to put. But the eye and the heart are even more interestingly drawn by the model "debit de the"—a public house, if one can say so without paradox, than by the amiable Russian. It is fitted up exactly as it is seen in thousands of Russian villages. The shop, not unlike the section of a log hut, has at one end a short counter with hard-boiled eggs, lead colored, glass jars of sweets and preserves, and bottles of kvass, a non-alcoholic drink made from barley with something of the taste of elder; while behind the counter is a side-board containing cups and tea-pots. At the opposite end of the shops is another counter with papers and periodicals, and behind that, a book-case filled with books. The middle of the shop is occupied by tables where the tea or kvass is leisurely consumed, where village politics are debated, or where a game of draughts or dominos is played by the motley customers. The rest of the furniture is simple and characteristically Russian, that is to say rude, with a dash of orientalism; a noble brass samovar filled with ever-boiling water behind the counter at one end; a brass ewer under a tap and a comb hanging beside it from a piece of string close to the entrance; a homely ficed, loud-ticking clock fixed to the wall and the never-absent coloured prints of the Czar and the Czarina. Guess now how much a cup, or cups, of tea under these humanizing conditions costs, less than two cents. The price hangs on the wall—a tiny measure of tea, 1 kopeck; two pieces of sugar, 1 kopeck; a slice of lemon, 1 kopeck; a tea-pot of boiling water, 1 kopeck; and three kopecks are not quite two cents. What a vast organization this state propaganda is it may be appreciated by the fact that though five years ago when it was started the state paid \$100,000 in subventions, in 1899, with its influence penetrating all over Russia, the state subvention was \$1,000,000, and the propaganda does more than establish these tea-public houses. It gives thousands of concerts and conferences and entertainments. The effect is known to be enormous, and what with Tolstoffs writings—the Czar's philanthropy, and the propaganda, Russia in a few decades ought to have one of the most civilized peasantries in the world.

Adjudged Court July 26.

Win. F. Beck, assignee, vs. Adam G. Frederick, admr. Rule to show cause why sheriffs sale shall not be set aside. A argued and decision reserved.

Commonwealth vs. Charles H. Quinn. Rule for new trial. Rule absolute and new trial granted.

Attachment issued against Winnie. Bourne to appear and give bail for appearance in court when case is called.

Our Small Coins.

The Director of the mint states that there are \$16,629,323 of 5-cent pieces and \$9,952,592 of 1-cent pieces outstanding. This gives an idea of the enormous number of these little coins necessary to transact the business of the country. Since the coinage of these pieces began the total number that have been coined is, of 5 cent pieces, \$17, 991,298; 1-cent pieces, \$10,073,316.