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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 30, 1900.

Unless the Chinese government is composed of a lot of the most unblushing liars on earth, Minister Conger and the other foreign ministers at Peking are safe; but even if the ministers are safe, the murder of other foreigners known to have taken place in Peking and elsewhere, make it necessary for the allied army at Taku to march to Peking, take possession of that city, and retain it until satisfaction has been obtained from China. The allied powers are determined that China shall be punished anyway. The fate of the foreign ministers will be an important factor in determining how great that punishment will be; also in deciding whether war will be formally declared against China by the allies. Of course if war is to be declared, President McKinley will have to call an extra session of Congress; but no one knows at this time that any or all of the powers will decide to declare war. Should it turn out that the foreign ministers have been killed, the chances would increase for a declaration of war.

The Republican leaders will meet the Democrats more than half way in making so-called imperialism the campaign issue, although, of course, every person of ordinary common sense knows that there are no advocates of an American empire in the Republican party. The foreign policy of the McKinley administration, which is fully endorsed by the Republican party, is what the Democrats pretend to see imperialism in. They will find out before they get through with it that about seven out of every ten voters in the U. S. are supporters of the foreign policy of President McKinley and believers in the era of Greater America inaugurated under his administration.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee has not been figuring on the election of more than three or four representatives from the entire South, for obvious reasons. Vice Chairman Loudenslager, of that Committee, was therefore somewhat surprised when informed that one and possibly two of the six representatives from Louisiana, might be Republicans. The information first reached him by mail, and he was rather inclined to regard it as the usual rainbow advance notice of an appeal to the committee for funds, but he viewed the matter differently when he was visited by a prominent Louisiana Republican, and assured that there were excellent prospects for carrying one or two districts, and that the party in the state would pay all the expenses without asking the Congressional Committee for a cent. Louisiana has not had a Republican representative since 1888.

The offer of this government to purchase from Spain the two islands of the Philippine group which are outside the geographical boundaries named by the treaty, which ceded the Philippines to us, is one of statesmanlike precaution. The islands themselves are insignificant, but in the hands of a power hostile to the U. S., they might give us a lot of trouble. It was because it was learned that a European nation was anxious to secure these islands for the purpose of using one of them as a naval station, that this government concluded that it would be wiser as well as cheaper to settle the controversy with Spain over the title to them, by buying them, and offered Spain \$100,000 for them which it will probably accept. Of course, it is well known that the omission of those two islands from the Treaty of Paris was an error, and that Spain has no equitable right to claim sovereignty over them but technically they still belong to Spain and the easiest and quickest method of dealing with the matter has been adopted by this government.

Maj. E. T. Ladd, who is Treasurer of the Military Government of Cuba, says there is a strong sentiment in Cuba, especially among the property owners, against the carrying troops from the island early next year. He says the Cuban masses are in no way fitted for self government. The Finances of Cuba are in flourishing condition, there being a surplus of more than \$3,000,000 in its Treasury.

A Book for Boys.

Long ago when we exulted in the name of boy, and before the extreme fashion for reading yellow covered tales of cowboy adventure, hairbreadth escapes of train robbers and cowardly assassinations by desperadoes was set, boys were compelled to be satisfied with tales of Jack Ketch the Robin Hood ballads, and for pictures the esteemed Brother Jonathan. Since then many writers have catered to the natural depravity of the youth, and polluted the fountains of their imagination with a trashy, sensational literature which can do them only harm. It is quite refreshing therefore to read a book for boys in which scenes from nature, description of out of door sports and friendly rivalries in games form the basis. "Rival Boy Sportsman" is the title of a work by W. Gordon Parker of this character which has just issued from the press of Lee and Shepherd, of Boston. The book describes how two boy clubs for their vacation established camps on Brink Pond and entered into a rivalry in hunting, fishing rowing and literary exercises. There is a spice of devilry in the kidnapping of a boy and a delineation of the character of one of them who aided in the scheme which gives a spice to the tale. The descriptions of scenery, of catching a large trout, shooting a panther, sailing a race and rowing with shells, are all cleverly drawn and possess a naturalness which proves the author to be a close observer of the woodcraftman's ways. There is no attempt at moralizing but the effect of evil doing is brought out with excellent shading. No boy of spirit could help being interested in the book and its reading would tend to broaden his understanding and give him large perceptions of nature and her ways. The illustrations are finely drawn and add much to the appearance of the work. The fact that the scene is laid in this county and the native characters drawn from well known persons, whose identity is but thinly disguised by a change of names, will make the book all the more attractive to Pike county boys.

Moike and Jake.

Judging by the remarks frequently made there is a general belief that the two Democratic candidates for representative are disbursing considerable of their spare cash in the effort to secure the nomination. There is a mistake somewhere. For what can they spend money? Not surely to corrupt the incorruptible in the way of buying votes, or for liquids to quench the thirst of those who are never dry. Who ever head of a genuine Democrat who would either be bought, stay bought or washed by anything but water! It must be they are spending their money on Republicans and Prohibitionists, if they are in fact using any. Jake may occasionally buy a little seltzer for the boys after a night spent in harmless sports and Mike possibly on rare occasions treats to soda or birch beer, but only when there are no Republicans or prohibitionists around for they might like something stronger and that would be agin the principles of either candidate. The insinuation that either of them is spending money to influence or stimulate the voters of their party should be promptly repressed. Nobody but a Democrat ever accuses a Democrat of selling himself. After a great Republican victory it is generally claimed that it was obtained by a corrupting of the unwashed and unrefined, but the accusation is always made by members of their own party. When a Democrat changes, he changes from principle and if his party leaders have parodied every so called Democratic principle on which he once stood from under his feet, and destroyed what can be done? We confess it is almost sufficient provocation to derive a real Democrat to drink or desperation when he contemplates some of his party candidates or the rat trap platforms on which they profess to stand. We do not want to be understood however as intimating that any of them are burdening themselves with a load of unnecessary principles in their campaign. The one burning thought is how to get there.

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 Route 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.

What a Tale It Tells.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, its liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at all drug stores.

PERSONALS.

E. Cahill has returned to the city for a time.

Frederick Mink, of Lehman, went to New York Thursday.

Col. A. E. Lewis spent several days in the city recently.

John Baldwin and wife, of New York, are now at Frontenac.

Hon. G. S. Parly and wife are spending a week at Atlantic City.

Mrs. H. M. Couse, of Newark, is visiting the family of Hon. J. D. Biddle.

John Van Etten, of New York, with a friend, is spending a couple of days in town.

Miss Minnie Briner, of Jersey City, is visiting her cousins at the Vanderbank House.

Dr. Peter Hughes, of Brooklyn, is again at Hotel Schanno after a trip through the county.

Mr. Low and wife, of Brooklyn, were guests this week with the family of D. Unsworth.

Rev. Thomas Nichols and family will leave town Monday for an outing in the Adirondacks.

Oliver E. Emery, of Washington, is spending his vacation with his parents on Water street.

Mrs. J. De F. Brower, a frequent guest at the Dimmick House, is spending a season at Tuckahoe, N. Y.

Leroy Kipp recently visited Williamsport and passed a very successful examination before the Board of pharmacy.

Curtis Vander Beck, of Hackensack, a grandson E. Warner is quite ill with jaundice. His mother arrived yesterday.

Mrs. Cora Bendersley, of New York, and Mrs. J. P. Ryan and sister-in-law, Mammie Ryan, of Hackensack, are visiting with Mrs. Temp.

Rev. Harvey Klaer and wife, of Easton, are visiting relatives in town, and Mr. Klaer will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning.

J. Madison Porter and wife, Easton, Pa., came up from the Water Gap Monday on a locomobile in three hours. The last four miles were run in ten minutes. From here they went to West Point and thence will run down the Hudson.

Wm. Padgett, the poet, of Mill Rift, was in town Sunday. He says he fears Leibes has frozen up for good and all and he proposes in the near future to try and warm him with a little home made poetry. We will cheerfully aid William in his philanthropic effort to rescue a perishing mortal, but it is frigidity alone that will preserve some things.

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They Struck It Rich.

It was a grand thing for this community that any firm secured the agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the wonderful remedy that has startled the world by its marvellous cures. The furor of enthusiasm over it has boomed their business, as the demand for it is immense. They give free trial bottles to sufferers, and positively guarantee it to cure Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, and all Throat and Lung Troubles. A trial proves its merit. Price 50c and \$1.

T. Armstrong and Co. have just received a complete line of mens', womans' and childrens' shoes, the finest ever brought in this town, which you are invited to call and inspect, with assurance that any taste or desire as to shape, style and quality can be entirely gratified.

A complete line of Mens fine shoes and Oxfords at T. Armstrong & Co.

FATALITY OF SNAKE BITES.

Just now there is some newspaper discussion as to the efficacy of a serum, discovered by Dr. Calmette, of Paris, which is claimed to be an antidote for the bites of poisonous snakes. That universal and wholesome dread of these reptiles and their fangs, and their undeniable presence in considerable numbers in this county, and other surroundings, may detract from the pleasure which many find in roaming through the woods cannot be gainsaid, but that their is no great danger, judging by the past records, of persons and animals being bitten, may be confidently asserted. Enquiry from a number of life long residents of the county, men who have traversed the woods in all directions, fails to disclose very many instances of people being bitten by rattlesnakes or the more dangerous because it gives no warning, copperhead. Several instances are known of persons having been bitten but there seems to be but one well authenticated case of a fatal result a d that was of a boy in Porter township, a son of Esquire Clark who some two years ago was killed by a rattlesnake. It was found he had been bitten several times in his contact with the reptile which it was supposed he had taken in his hands and being some distance from home had received no aid. The idea that rattlesnakes will attack persons, without great provocation is an error and the farsome tales of contests and combats with snakes are fakes. They cannot strike at a distance of more than two thirds their length, two or three feet at most, are sluggish in their movements, willing to escape, and usually give warning of their presence by rattling. Of course if approached within striking distance, or if stepped on, they will bite, but instances are exceedingly rare. Of all the persons enquired of none knew or recollected, of any dogs or animals dying from the effect of snake bites except in two cases. One was of a dog which had come upon a nest of copperheads and after killing a dozen or more was so badly bitten that it died and another was of a cow which was found dead and a large rattlesnake near. Death in this instance however may have resulted from other causes. Dogs on being bitten and there are many such cases recalled, will bury themselves in the mud or earth, and beyond some swelling of the parts suffer no great inconvenience. Bathing the parts with a decoction of white ash bark and binding the braised bark on the wound is an old and efficacious remedy in cases of animals being bitten. There seems therefore to be much greater dread than actual danger to persons of being bitten and the instances of animals, cattle, which roam the woods, and dogs which rush through the woods regardless, being bitten are comparatively very rare indeed. It is assumed that animals detect the presence of snakes by their scent and thus avoid them. Horses it is well known are exceedingly sensitive of their presence and so are dogs but many dogs do not hesitate to attack a snake and with one or two vicious jerks tear them to pieces. If, in the encounter, they happen to be struck they will, if allowed, promptly apply a remedy which instinct tells them will cure. A case is known where a bull dog seemed to have a passion for hunting snakes and was frequently bitten, on two or three occasions his fights were observed. He would invariably after an encounter whether bitten or not run to where a large white ash tree stood near a slough, burrow in the mud for a few hours and come out triumphant apparently none the worse for his adventures. Instances of oxen being bitten, while being driven in meadows are told and beyond a slight swelling they suffered no inconvenience.

It would be a happy deliverance if in writing a chapter on snakes the historian could say as did the one who wrote of Ireland. There are no snakes in Pike, and, if Mr. Parkers suggestion of offering a bounty is adopted the time may soon come when there will be very few. It is known that some dens which formerly sheltered many of the loathsome reptiles are now deserted and were pains taken to visit their habitations in early spring when they crawl out, shot guns and a little dynamite would soon make them very scarce.

BRIEF MENTION.

E. Pinchot does not materially improve in health.

Charley Enchere at the Jardin House tomorrow night.

Green township has a new post office called German Valley.

Remember Mother Goose Bazar at Brown's Hall next week.

Four Girls were drowned in the surf at Ocean City Tuesday.

King Humbert, of Italy, was shot and killed by an assassin last Sunday.

Aug. 14 is the date of Miss Lallah St. Johns violin recital. Make a note of it.

J. E. Lauer killed a rattler Monday which sported thirteen balls and was 4 feet 6 in. long.

The Presbyterian fair held last evening was successful. Considerably over \$100 was the net result.

John J. Lauer, who recently sold his farm, has moved in the house recently occupied by J. T. Armstrong dec'd.

The Duke of Saxe, Coburg Gotha, second son, of Queen Victoria, of England, died of paralysis of the heart Monday night.

Henry Canne has the contract for removing the Pinchot homestead building back on the lot to location near the centre of the block.

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

Saturate a piece of flannel with paraffin, rub it lightly over picture frames, mirrors, mantels and the piano let it dry and flies will not alight on them. They do not like the stuff.

In the matter of the rule to show cause why Sheriff's sale of property of John Frederick, dec'd, late of Matamoras, should not be set aside the court in an opinion filed July 31 discharged the rule and confirmed the sale.

It is rumored around town that the survey now being made for the Milford and Matamoras railroad is with the view of extending the road to Nick. Hendens dam, up in Dingmans, to secure ice to bust the Tammany trust.

The Democratic canvas for representative is warming up to blood heat. Father Tris has issued a circular in German, favoring Lynn to which Westbrook replies strongly intimating among other things that the pastor tells a falsehood.

The Stroudsburg State Normal has the most healthful, beautiful picturesque location in the State. In seven years there has not been a single case of serious sickness. The water is pure mountain spring besides an artesian well.

Thomas Simons, of Greene, recently had an argument with his wife which became so warm for her in its results that she had a warrant issued for the arrest of her better half, and, unless the matter is settled, a jury will adjust their differences.

A person was arrested at New Hope last week for seining the Delaware river. He, with four other men, using a large net caught 134 pounds of striped bass, or rock fish, in one pool, one of which weighed nineteen pounds and was thirty-two inches long. The fish were sold at fancy prices in the city markets.

Twenty-five invited couple attended the private dance at the Grand View House Wednesday evening. Stephen Clunes orchestra, of Port Jervis, furnished the music. Ice cream and cake was served by the genial proprietors of this new house which is rapidly growing in popularity. The Rambler was favored with an invitation and with the others present had a first rate time.

To Save Her Children.

From frightful disfigurement Mrs. Nannie Galleger, of LaGrange, Ga., applied Becken's Arnica Salve to great sores on her head and face, and writes its quick cure exceeded all her hopes. It works wonders in Sores, Bruises, Skin Eruptions, Cuts, Burns, Scalds and piles. 25c. Cure guaranteed 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.

The quicker you stop a cough or cold the less danger there will be of fatal lung trouble. One minute cough cure is the only harmless remedy that gives immediately results. You will like it.

A Panther Story.

John Whittaker, an aged resident of Delaware township, who came to this county, with his father, sixty-nine years ago, relates how a panther, probably an ocelot, was caught soon after they arrived, which was perhaps the last specimen of that savage brute in this vicinity. His father drove up from Paterson a white faced cow which had a calf resembling its mother and they were turned out on the farm bought by Mr. Whittaker, Senior, and now owned by the Adams and called Hunting towers. One evening young John was sent to bring up the stock and the calf was missing. He found blood and evidences of a struggle and went back and reported to his father who immediately set out in search of the missing calf. They found where it had been dragged along and on a flat rock was a pool of blood. Following the trail they finally came to a large log behind which lay the partially devoured calf covered with leaves. They went back and procured of Andrew Schriff, who lives on what is now called Silver Lake, but was formerly known as Schaffs pond, a large bear trap. This was set near the dead calf, carefully concealed and fastened with a hickory withe to the log. That same night a fearful commotion and screeching was heard and the elder Whittaker loading his gun with a ball and nine buckshot proceeded with two of his neighbors to the trap. The animal was fast in its iron jaws and three shots were fired before it succumbed. It was seven feet long from tip to tip and as Mr. Whittaker recollects had three dark rings around its tail, was of a tawny or reddish grey color and was marked with elongated black edged blotches. Previously when his father was one day in the woods the animal had followed him and several times crossed his path perhaps, as he thought, with the design of attacking him. No animal of a like character and size has been seen or caught since, as he recollects, and this was likely the last of the panther Moticians in this region.

The Fad of the Year.

Everybody who is anybody, and that means all nice people, is interested in the poster decorative idea. It has so many forms that it would be almost an endless task to attempt a list, but the Great Philadelphia Sunday "Press" has taken hold of one possibility that is certain to get everybody in this section talking. With every copy of the Philadelphia "Press" of next Sunday (August 5) will be given free a beautiful picture, size 20x28 inches entitled "The Maids of Fair Japan." It is by Arter, and that guarantees its quality. As a picture it is well worthy of framing but if you wish to be in the swim you will take a pair of scissors, cut around the lines of the girls' faces and then paste the picture on a dark background of any material. Try it and you will have the most striking poster effect of the year. It will be necessary to make certain early this week that you get next "Sunday's Press," because the demand is certain to be tremendous and the supply will be limited.

A Jolly Camping Party.

Prof. Jacob Kleinhaus, with several very gentlemanly and intelligent boys from Baltimore, who comprise a camping party, came down last week from Edgemere and spent a couple of days up on the Culdeback farm. Tuesday they left, in canoes, for the Water Gap and will occupy about a month in making the trip, camping and fishing along the river. The boys are a robust crowd and thoroughly enjoy the life. The canoes used were made by Charles Hazen, of Blooming Grove, who accompanies the party, and are models of grace and workmanship.

Real Estate Transfers.

Antoinette Whittaker and husband to Horace E. Gilbert, lot 375 Matamoras, consideration \$900.

Mary E. Hughes to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, No. 353 Betsy Mills 401 acres, No. 350 Eleanor De-pue 306 acres, No. 98 Richard Ridg-way 401 acres, Blooming Grove consideration \$765.62.

Agnes Daermann and husband to Philip C. Kinkel, part of Garret Cottinger, 150 acres Dingman Twp., consideration \$50.

In India, the land of famine, thousands die because they cannot obtain food. In America, the land of plenty, many suffer and die because they cannot digest the food they eat. Kodol dyspepsia digests what you eat. It instantly relieves and radically cures all stomach troubles.

PICKED UP BY THE RAMBLER.

Eugene Hance drives a new horse. Charles Metz, Sr., has returned to the city.

Katy dids are heard. So look out for frost in six weeks.

Miss Josie North, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting R. D. Sayre and wife.

George Slavson did a fine job painting the residence of Geo. Horton.

The berry crop must be up to the average judging by the quality and quantity brought in town daily. Our local fishermen have not met with very good success of late. A change of bait might make a difference.

The lower end of the glen appears rather lively and some evenings rather noisy. And it is not boys or men who make all the noise either.

The Editor of the Press should not object to a group of pretty girls obstructing the door of the Post Office. He should wait until they had his gossip out.

The Riverside House over in Montague as usual is filled with summer guests. The Bellevue has several, but none are registered at the Springdale Farm House.

Rev. H. E. Atwood, of Dingmans, preached to a large congregation in the M. E. church Sunday morning. He took for his text: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Who will occupy Pike county's chair in the Hall of the Legislature at Harrisburg next winter? is a conundrum which puzzles the brain of more than one citizen of this county at present.

The Rock Spring Creamery, of Montague, is getting a reputation for its product. Moses Devore, the leading ice cream man of Newton, gets his cream from there, and he says it is the best he ever used.

Miss Louisa Young, of Montague, who successfully taught the Union school, in Dignan township, two years ago, and last year school No. 1, in Montague, has been engaged by the E. of E., of Vernon, Sussex Co., at a salary of \$37.50 per month.

The Montague correspondent of the Sussex Register in giving the names of the proposed members of the Lightning Baseball Club, I think omitted several names which should have been added to the list. There is a Dan, a John and another George who should be members.

It appears that some fishermen are unfortunate enough to sometimes catch a black bass less than nine inches long, and the question confronts them: What shall I do with it? If returned to the water the fish dies, if I keep it and am found out then there is trouble. I believe the law says: That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons at any time to kill, sell, expose for sale or have in possession any black bass measuring less than nine inches in length, or any trout measuring less than six inches in length.

So the poor fisherman is better between the devil and the deep sea.

Primary election is near. There appears to be fun between the two candidates for representative. Circulars sent out by one candidate attacking the other in any way as a rule do not bring the desired result, but work the other way. History shows that.

Chief of Police Ernest Wood has painted and put up a large sign at the Grand View House.

Andrew Yetter, of Blairstown, called here Monday. Andrew hopes for the early completion of the new bridge at Dingmans.

The entertainment at the M. E. church Tuesday evening was well attended. The selections rendered by the singing school showed that the class is progressing. The views presented by Mr. Carpenter were very interesting.

New Jersey is getting a reputation. It appears to be the home of the trusts, and now it seems it is the home of the Anarchist. The slayer of the king of Italy left Paterson in May. He did his job, but it isn't likely he will come over here again.

The crop of rattlesnakes appears good, judging by the number of skins shown on our streets.

Is the lamp on the corner of Mott street marked? It gets hit pretty often.

It will surprise you to experience the benefit obtained by using the dainty and famous little pills known as De Witt's little early risers.