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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., AUG. 6, 1900.
 While the notice of the Chinese government that the foreign ministers in Peking would not be allowed to send or receive cipher messages, on account of the fighting at Tien Tsin, is not officially taken as an answer to Secretary Hay's vigorous demand, through Li Hung Chang, to be put into communication with Minister Congor, it is unofficially regarded as such. There is a difference of opinion whether it is a sort of an eleventh hour bluff to prevent the march of the allied army to Peking, or an open defiance of the allied powers. So far as this government is concerned, it will make no change in the policy of pushing on to Peking at the earliest possible moment. Notice has already been served on the Chinese government that it will be held responsible for the safety of Minister Congor.

Secretary Root has received an important message from Gen. Chaffee, relating to the march to Peking, but for two reasons, it has not been made public. First, it is not desired that the Chinese should have an opportunity to learn anything of the movements of the allied army, and second, it contains details of the lack of harmony among the officers of the allied army, which this government does not care to take the responsibility of making known to the world, because to do so, would be in a measure, to impeach the sincerity of one or more of the powers which are in the alliance, notably Russia and Germany, and to cause friction and diplomatic complications which could do no possible good and might do much harm. There are good reasons to doubt whether the march to Peking has already begun, although some press dispatches have reported the army to be half way to Peking, which those familiar with the grounds and existing conditions consider an impossibility. Li Hung Chang has sent a message saying that the foreign ministers would be sent under an escort from Peking to Tien Tsin, but that story gained no credence in Washington, because nobody believes that the foreign ministers who are known to have twice refused a similar offer, would trust to a Chinese escort.

Since President McKinley left Washington to return to Canton, Secretaries Hay and Long have gone away on their vacation. This makes it as plain as the nose on one's face that no immediate crisis is looked for in China, and that orders covering every possible contingency have been sent to our army officers in China, and our naval officers in Chinese waters.

Col. C. B. Wing, of Cincinnati, who usually knows what is going on in Ohio politics, is in Washington. When asked his opinion of the political outlook in his state, he said: "Ohio will give McKinley and Roosevelt not less than 60,000 majority, and in the present spirit of the people, I should not be surprised so see their majority exceed 100,000."

Mr. Edward Lee Hanscomb, a New York business man who has been spending sometime in Cuba, where he was when the official order for the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention was promulgated, said of the situation on the island: "The people of Cuba are generally well satisfied with the provisions laid down by the administration for the formation of the Cuban government. There is a class of agitators and adventurers, many of whom have been placed in government positions, who would, no doubt, like to build the republic along lines of their own choosing, but the conservative and solid classes are more than willing that the government of the U. S. shall have a hand in launching the new ship of the state, such as editing the proposed new Constitution and looking for a time at least, after the foreign relations of the infant republic."

Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, speaking of the Democratic claims of carrying the state said: "For a long time the Minnesota Democrats took up the word free as a prefix to trade, and they played upon that for the instructions of the voters. It was a failure. Then they took up the same word as a prefix to silver and again they failed of responsive audiences in our state. Having worn out the word 'free' they are now harping on the word 'imperialism,' but their efforts are meeting with just as little success as heretofore.

The Preserver of Simplicity.

Every little while a misguided croaker arises and moans over the decadence of American democracy and the alleged tendency of our younger citizens to throw away the simplicity of our forefathers and take up the manners and customs of effete Europe. These periodical visitations usually occur in the winter months when the sky is black and the landscape cheerless, or some time in the early spring after a long backwash rake season has moved the torpid liver to say things it really does not mean. Then the gentle spring time comes, followed by July's sweltering days, and some fine morning the croaker wakes up to find that "roastin' ears" are ripe at last, and American simplicity and American democratic principles are safe for another season.

Corn on the cob is the great preserver of democracy. To be thoroughly enjoyed it must be gnawed freely in both hands, while juicy grains are torn off by the teeth in a vicious and wholly uncivilized manner. Many attempts have been made by devotees to culture and etiquette to regulate the manner of eating it, but every one of them have been dismal failures. The authorities of table manners claim that the cob should be broken up into two inch sections and held in one hand while the grains are gently nibbled away from the cob, the little finger of the hand in use being held upward at an angle of forty-five degrees, and employed to brush away any stray morsels that may insist upon sticking to the countenance. But all of this is no go. With only one hand in action the cob waddled too much and roasting ears are never enjoyed unless the physiognomy of the consumer is dulled from ear to ear with melted butter, well seasoned with salt and pepper.

No cob should be less than five inches in length, and in many circles of society it is a pleasing custom to add a spirit of contest by seeing who can bite off the most grains at one bite or finish his cob in the quickest time.

Of course, it is quite true that some timid and conventional souls insist upon cutting off their corn with a sharp knife before eating it, but these are but a microscopic minority, and only hidebound and bigoted worshippers of etiquette, or those from whom the fire and the teeth of youth have departed forever. From all such, democratic simplicity is entirely safe, and will continue to be as long as the corn crop is big.

Shall we Abandon Territory?

Bryan would give absolute independence to the Philippines. This of course means that the flag shall be furled and the army recalled. Will he explain how this can be done? Is there any constitutional provision for alienating American territory? If there is one constitutional argument against acquiring territory there are a dozen against abandoning territory. The Rebellion settled that question once for all. As well talk abandoning Texas, Alaska, Kentucky or Ohio. Methods of administration are legitimate questions for party differences, but to deny a fact solemnized by treaty and ratified by Congress is to betray unpardonable ignorance of the powers and functions of government.

Twin Trusts.

The alliances of Bryanism and Tammany Hall has given birth to twin trusts.

Mr. Bryan stands for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and is therefore the sponsor for the great Silver Trust, which would unload all its product upon the Government.

Mr. Croker, head of Tammany Hall, is the shield for the Ice Trust, a squeeze that is about the nearest that could be devised.

With such a pair of troublesome twins on her hands, old Dame Democracy cannot look forward to a very pleasant summer.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Who is William J. Bryan?

He is the candidate of the Democratic party.

He is the platform of the Democratic party.

He is the Democratic party.

The Democratic campaign this year is to be a campaign of, by and for William J. Bryan.

Who is this man Bryan who is the whole thing in Democratic politics?

He is a Populist from Lincoln, Neb.—Kansas City (Mo.) Journal.

Full stock of men's and boys' hats at T. Armstrong & Co's.

PERSONALS.

Paul Schanno was in town yesterday. He travels for Hennessy Bros.

Mrs. George E. Jennings spent a couple of days in Stroudsburg last week.

George Senman, county commissioner of Wayne, is making a visit in town.

Ned Kleinhaus, who is temporarily stopping at Blooming Grove, was in town Sunday.

Will and Lanty Armstrong came up from New York last Saturday for a short visit.

George Wiesler, connected with Turf, Field and Farm, is spending a month in this vicinity.

Miss Lella Gregory has been spending a week with her friend Mabel Van Etten, at Dingmans.

Miss Lizzie Cochran, of Ridgewood, N. J., after a visit of several weeks in town, returned home Tuesday.

Hon. J. D. Biddis after spending a two weeks vacation here with his family returned to his desk at Washington yesterday.

S. D. Van Campen, a prosperous business man, of Deckerton, N. J., with his daughter, Elizabeth, visited friends here Sunday. He was en route to Stroudsburg.

Bertha Kleinhaus, who is spending her vacation at Blooming Grove, drove to town this week and was accompanied on her return by Eva Van Etten, of New York, who will visit there several days.

SANDYSTON.

On Friday I took in the excursion to Coney, and as the day was fine, all had a chance to have a good time and judging from the expressions of many on the return trip they enjoyed the outing to its fullest extent. The greatest good humor prevailed, even when stalled near Waterloo, but when that engine raised that grade, he gave us an exhibition of fast riding on a rickety track that some of them went forget. It was a pleasing sight to see the gents with their best girls pour out of the train at Hoboken and rush to the boat, all anxiety to reach Coney Island and its fakes. At night the same happy crowd trooped off of the boat but not with the elastic step they had in the forenoon. Sinking into their seats happy and tired, and long before Waterloo was reached many were sleeping soundly. A group of boys said to hail from Deckerton thought it smart to yell, at all sleepers, at the top of their lungs and this was all the violations of good manners that came under my observation during the trip.

George Jager while manipulating a hay fork, had his little finger torn off or so badly lacerated that it had to be taken off.

The Flatbrook Valley Sunday school Association will hold their annual picnic in the grove of Victor E. Bevan near Peters Valley on Thursday Aug 23.

Miss Susie Clark daughter of William Clark, of Matamoras, Pa., but formerly of this town, died at Morris Plains on Thursday last, aged about 30 years. Interment at Peters Valley on Saturday.

The gent and lady, who thought that it would be dark in passing through the tunnel, on Friday were mistaken to the great amusement of those sitting in the rear of our car. But he got a good hug, and she was satisfied.

When our B. E. consolidated the Fuller and Fisher schools, a year ago, and effected a saving of 200 dollars to the town all thought it a wise thing to do. At a recent meeting it was voted to re-open the school and now 100 dolls is asked for to put the building in repair and this with 75 dollars or more for books, will cut quite a figure in our school money. Better call a meeting and reconsider the re-opening of that school and move to consolidate the two schools in the eastern part of the town.

I am told by one of the officials of the Farmers, Mechanics and Tradesmen picnic Association that they have secured the grounds on Savage Point, an excellent location and will hold their annual picnic sometime in the latter part of this month. These grounds have a large frontage on the lake and are only a short distance from their former grounds.

Eugene Major is the happy possessor of a young son, which arrived on the 5 inst.

QUESTIONS FOR TAXPAYERS.

Mr. Editor:
 As a tax payer I would like to ask a few questions. How is it the school directors are trying to buy land of the M. E. church for a school building as the school district now has on Catharine street a plot of ground one hundred and eighty feet on said Catharine and one hundred and sixty feet deep, and a lot on Ann street sixty feet on said Ann street and one hundred and sixty ft. on Fourth street. It would seem as though the lot on Catharine street was large enough for a building to accommodate all the schools of this borough for a long time to come and it has cost quite a little money to grade and fill the lot, that is now done. Now the question is would the lot on Catharine street sell for much more than the lot on Ann street? We will just suppose lot on Ann street would bring one thousand dollars and the one on Catharine street one thousand and five hundred, now the question is which would be the one to sell for the best advantage of the tax payer? Sell the lot on Catharine street you will have five hundred dollars more than to sell the one on Ann street; sell the one on Ann street and you will have one thousand dollars and one hundred and five feet on street and one hundred and sixty feet in depth of land more than you would have after the fifteen feet was bought from the church property. Now the cost of this fifteen feet by one hundred and sixty is to be three hundred dollars and the School Trustees are to put up and maintain a good iron fence between school property and church property, and also to be the expense of moving the dead off the said land and to have the court make an order to remove the dead to some cemetery, so you see that the difference in the two properties in cost and size is in favor of the Catharine street property. Then the everlasting taxes for building a school building. Tax payers look to the matter. If the Treasurer has only five hundred dollars in hand at the close of the last fiscal year how are the schools to be run this year on a six mill tax? It is not likely the State appropriation will be any more than last year the tax was ten mills, so all the show of cutting down the tax is too thin, or it looks so to me, A TAX PAYER.

A Canoeing Party.
 A party of three Philadelphians will canoe down the Delaware River, from Port Jervis, N. Y., starting on August 13. The party will consist of Dr. C. Stoddard Saylor, James O. Hinchman, M. D., and Walter Douglas Stewart, Esq. At the stern of their canoe, which was recently built under the direction of Dr. Saylor, while on a recent visit to his home in Schuylkill Haven, Pa., will be floated an American flag which was a part of the decorations used at the Republican National Convention recently held at Philadelphia. This particular flag floated immediately over the table used by Senators Hanna, Walcott and Lodge, while they respectively presided over the convention. The party expects to make the trip from Port Jervis to Philadelphia in about twenty days. They will stop at all the principal towns and resorts on the way, and at a selected place below Easton they will meet a party of ten from Philadelphia and go into camp for about ten days, after which they will continue on their journey down the river to Philadelphia.

Unclaimed Letters
 Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Aug. 11, 1900.
 Ladies—Miss Marion Brown, Miss Belle Clark, Mrs. Esray, Mrs. J. N. Jones, Miss Mary A. Johnson, Miss Nellie Konway, Miss Newell, Miss M. H. O'Brien, Miss Martha Wallace Miss Rhoda Waterman.
 Gents—Max Friedman, Wm. M. Peacher.
 Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
 CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

To Save her Children
 From frightful disfigurement Mrs. Nanrie Gallagher, of LaGrange, Ga., applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve to scald 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. 35c. Cure guaranteed by all druggists.

Hats and caps. Latest Styles at T. Armstrongs & Co's.

BRIEF MENTION.

John Tremp is quite ill at his home on Water street.

Mrs. J. P. Ryan has returned to her home in Hackensack, N. J.

Prof Edward Westbrook, of Ridgewood, N. J., is visiting the family of his uncle John C. Westbrook.

Strable has just received two car loads of grain, feed and flour.

Mother Goose Bazar netted the ladies of the Episcopal Church \$300.

J. Simpson Africa, of Huntington, formerly a prominent Democratic politician, is dead.

Milford was well represented at the Conductors Clam Bake at Shoh-ko Glen Wednesday.

Mrs. John R. Thornton had her hand badly bruised, and one bone broken, by a window sash falling on it, this week.

George H. Mc Carthy, of Dingman township, has sold his milk route to Tobias Nelson who will in future serve his customers.

The engagement of Florence Coose, of Jersey City, who is well known here, and Harry Bissell, of New York, has just been announced.

Wm. Ting, Lee, or perhaps Prince Tuan in disguise was in town this week looking over the ground with a design of washer, washee. He claimed to hail from Newton, N. J.

Ernest Hendry and Irving Wilson were brought from Lackawaxen yesterday by Erie policeman Kelly charged with stealing a ride on a freight train. Justice Angle fined them \$5, which was paid.

The Charity Enchre at the Jardon House Saturday evening was a very pleasant and, for the Catholic church, profitable affair. It was under the management of Mrs. Whitney.

Nicholas Fagan and Patrick Haley two hoboes were placed in jail here recently having been committed for ten days by Esq. Shannon, of Lackawaxen, charged with being on and traveling on cars of the Erie without paying.

The record breaking weather of the past week has been a prolific cause of suffering. Violent storms have followed in its path and great damage has been done in several parts of the State by lightning, wind and hail.

The Pittston Gazette came out with a Jubilee number last week in celebration of the semi-centennial of its founding. The make up was very attractive and the matter interesting as showing the progress of that borough during fifty years.

Four spoons and a dozen towels in some way became missing at the recent Presbyterian fair. It is presumed that they were sent away with lunches and through oversight not returned. If those having them will kindly return to Mitchell's store they will confer a favor.

Bryan and Stevenson were formally notified of their nomination Tuesday. In the speeches accepting all mention of free silver was carefully avoided and imperialism pushed to the front as the paramount issue. They know the people cannot be twice fooled with the same gaz.

The Fair of the Ladies Aid society of the Presbyterian church netted \$130. They desire to thank the many who took part, and especially the young ladies who by their presence and earnest effort contributed so largely toward making it one of the pleasantest and most successful fairs ever held by the church.

Miss Lallah St. John's violin recital which occurs in Brown's Hall Aug. 14 will be a noteworthy event in musical circles. The eminent talent which will assist her Marie Katharyn E. St. John, Miss Marie Louise Gumac, Dr. Ben Van Etten Dolph and others gives assurance of a rare treat. Remember the date August 14th.

National Encampment G. A. R. Chicago, Ill.
 On account of the nation's 100th anniversary Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Chicago, Ill., the Erie will sell special round trip tickets from Port Jervis to Chicago, Ill., on August 25th, 26th and 27th at the low rate of \$17 for the round trip. The tickets are for continuous passage going and returning, and good for return to August 31st, and by depositing the ticket with the joint agent at Chicago, on or before September 2d, and paying a fee of fifty cents an extension of return limit may be had to September 31st, 1910. Remember the fare from Port Jervis is only \$17 for round trip.

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

OBITUARY.

JOHN CURTIS VAN DER BECK.
 Death is forbidding in all his aspects, whether he comes to the old whose allotted time has been reached, to the middle aged who are active in life's pursuit or to the young who are just entering its springtime with the opening flowers and the fresh roses of youth around the pathway. On them hopes and aspirations are centered, they become the joy and stimulus of friends who live in and for them and who see in their growth and development the perpetuation of family traits and a binding of ties which reach back into the past and far away into the unknown future. The loss of such comes with withering force to the fond parents whose very life blood seems to chill, as the great dispensation falls on their heads and bathes their hearts with a grief which only long years of repining at the severity of the stroke partially dispels. The memory of the familiar footsteps lingers, the sound of the once happy voice fades but slowly from the recollection and the name of the dear one is never obliterated until the evening shadows fall and they too join the innumerable throng, and go to meet the loved ones on the other shore.

John Curtis the beloved, and only son, of Stephen G. and Carrie, Warner, Van der Beck, of Hackensack, N. J., died at the home of his grandfather, Ebenezer Warner, on Broad street, in this village where he was visiting, Sunday afternoon, of congestion of the liver, with other complications, after an illness of one week. Aged about twelve years. His case at the outset did not seem serious but an operation became necessary which was performed early last Friday morning and he rapidly grew weaker until the end came. He was a bright boy of pleasant disposition and his demise comes with crushing force to the fond parents and grandparents whose idol and hope he was. Besides his parents one sister survives.

The funeral conducted by Rev. Harvey Klaer, of Easton, Pa., in the absence of Rev. Thos. Nichols, was held Wednesday afternoon.

Prosperity at Pocono Farm House.
 Proprietor Rose, of the Pocono Farm House in Matamoras, says the present is the best season he has ever had. He has now 68 guests and 25 more are expected this week. His season, too, began nearly a month earlier than usual, on June 4th. Among the attractive features of this well managed house are the Saturday evening progressive enchre parties from 8 to 10 o'clock, followed by dancing until 12.

Proprietor Rose is of the opinion that he is in common with other hotel proprietors in this locality has profited by the work of the summer committee. Several of his guests have come to him through their recommendation.

Pocono Farm House was recently enlarged by the construction of a third story, giving a large number of additional rooms.

The Conductors Clam Bake.
 Notwithstanding the very warm weather Wednesday a crowd numbering approximately 2500 people enjoyed the conductors bake at Shoh-ko Glen. The affair was well conducted, the bake excellent and was partaken with a hearty relish. The conductors certainly understand as well how to please the people when off duty as they do when punching tickets on the trains and are an agreeable gentlemanly set of men to meet socially. The crowd was orderly and nothing occurred to mar the general enjoyment. A number from Millort, among them Wm. Angle, Sheriff Vandermark, John Dauman and Benj. Kyte and family were present.

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

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.

PICKED UP BY THE RAMBLER.

On September 24 1873 the new hotel of John Y. Clark, at Hainesville, was opened with a grand hoop. When the doctors disagree, the undertaker divides. Surely the voters now have a chance to judge between the different candidates for legislative honors. The letters or circulars published last week told their own story and history is repeating itself.

The new iron bridge at Dingmans will soon be open for travel, and those who are compelled to cross the river there will feel that they live in the age of prosperity. The hill on the Jersey side leading to the ferry is far from a good road.

Last week several local papers with large headlines told a great long yarn about the bravery of a Mrs. Ramsey, of Duttonville, N. J. Here is what the Sussex Register has to say about the affair: Numerous papers have printed the story sent out from Port Jervis that Mrs. Ramsey, of Duttonville, had lashed a rattler. The yarn was highly embellished, but as a matter of fact she was scared out of Jim Dutton's private patch of blackberries after he had repeatedly threatened her with imprisonment for larceny. Now he proposes to release a boxful of live mice in the hope that they will prove more efficacious than snakes. It doubtless amuses Jim Bennett and Wally Wheat to see the way their yarns are swallowed hook line and sinker by the greedy newspaper men but should they go down to Duttonville they might receive an immersion in a watermelon patch or the mill pond for stories that will scarcely stand muster even in snake-land. The above is pretty tough on Jim Bennett and the Gazette as well as some others who wasted a long article with large headlines. But the thread of the millpond is the worst as Duttonville has a pretty large and deep one.

Prof. Jacob Kleinhaus captured a 4 lb. bass Friday morning.

The Rambler and Chas. Mc Carthy, of Raymondskill had the pleasure to kill a genuine Pike County copperhead the other day.

Sehanno Bros. for some time kept a Waterbarrel by the spring near the Hotel place along the river road. It was a great convenience to the traveling public. But some smarties (they are known) took the barrel and dumped it over into Chas. Mc Carthy's potato patch and threw the pipe after it. What did they gain by it before they got home?

The River road is a favorite for automobiles now a days.

Another day after this appears in print and the agony will be over and either Mr. Lynn or Mr. Westbrook will carry the standard of the democracy of old Pike County.

Dances, entertainments and straw-rides appear to keep the young people busy.

I often wonder why there are no open air services in this town on Sunday evenings. Port Jervis has them and the facilities in this town for an evening service to be held out of doors during July and August are such that they could be held without trouble. I think the attendance would be larger than that is now at the services held in the churches.

An Old Adage.
 The old Romans were wont to say that a politician was one who so served his God as not to offend the devil. Wonder if Mike and Jake and Ed and Jo in their activity this week are bearing in mind that saying, and which party will be most pleased with their efforts. The weather has been hot but refrigerators like compared with the warmth of the Democratic campaign in this county. It is said that the general distribution of the profits on beef and merchandise will largely compensate shrewd farmers in this section this year for any shortage in the buckwheat crop. The wise ones have made hay while the sun shone. There will be a total and permanent eclipse after tomorrow night and somebody will be sadder, wiser and considerably poorer. Devil take the hindmost.

The wolf in the fable put on sheep's clothing because if he traveled on his own reputation he couldn't accomplish his purpose. Counterfeits of DeWitt's witch hazel salve couldn't sell their worthless selves on their merits, so they put them in boxes and wrappers like DeWitt's. Look out for them. Take only DeWitt's witch hazel salve. It cures piles and all skin diseases.