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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 11, 1901.

President McKinley has resumed his regular duties, but his condition has warned him not work too hard for a while. As a precautionary measure, all his social engagements for a week or two have been canceled. He shows no bad effects of his wrestle with the gripe.

Secretary Root is now having a turn with the grip, but his assistants in the War Department are working over time, so as to rush the enlistments under the Army Reorganization bill, which is now in conference, but is expected to become a law during the present week. As there has never been any doubt that the bill would become a law; all the arrangements have been made in advance, as far as possible.

The action of the Republican Senatorial caucus in deciding not to take up the Nicaragua Canal bill until the British government had signified its intentions concerning the amended Hay—Pauncefote treaty, is regarded as a delicate hint to the British government, that the Senate would like to know as soon as possible what it intends doing with the treaty. The House, after passing the Postal Codification bill, will at once take up the Naval Appropriation bill, which is expected to be promptly passed, as there are no features of the bill calculated to call for any extended debate.

Senator Hanna who has a very creditable war record, although he never mentions it in talking, and has not included it in his biography in the Congressional Directory, has been persuaded by Gen. Rassieur, Commander in Chief of the G. A. R., who has been in Washington lending his aid to the Pension Committee of that organization, to promise that he would become a member of the G. A. R.

Secretary Hitchcock is a strong advocate of Congressional legislation for the irrigation of the arid lands of the West. In a letter to the House Committee on Public lands, the Secretary urges the policy of public irrigation, taking the ground that a vast acreage, capable of supporting a population of fifty million people, should not be allowed to remain a desert. In support of his argument he cited the case of Egypt, which has in recent years been practically redeemed from a condition of bankruptcy by a general system of irrigation.

A single Republican Senator voted against the Army Reorganization bill—Wellington, and is not considered a Republican by his colleagues—while four Democrats—Lindsay, McLaurin, Morgan and Sullivan—voted for it.

Senator Perkins seldom loses an opportunity to back up his arguments with a story. Here is one he told, to show why he opposed attempting to prohibit the shipping of intoxicants to the Philippines: "When Alaska was a prohibition territory, everybody was engaged in smuggling. On every ship that went up to Alasha, the firemen, engineers, waiters and sailors tried in every way to smuggle liquor. I was the Representative of a ship that went up there and was wrecked. She sank. We rescued the vessel, and among the goods saved were thirty barrels that formerly contained sugar. In twelve of the barrels there were five gallon kegs of whiskey that had been hidden in the sugar. The sugar had melted, but the whiskey was still there."

Senator Aldrich, Chairman of the Finance Committee, disposed of all the idle talk about the revenue reduction bill being hung up in that committee, when he said that the bill would positively be reported to the Senate in a few days, probably this week.

Senator Proctor, Chairman of the committee of Agriculture, says the Oleomargarine bill will be reported to the Senate this week, and that he will insist upon getting a vote upon it, if it be possible to do so before the end of the session.

The Army Reorganization bill authorizes the President to enlist not exceeding twelve thousand natives of the Philippines for service in those islands, and army officers think there will be no trouble in getting as many recruits among the natives as it may be deemed advisable to enlist. The number is not likely to reach half of those authorized, for a while at least.

OBITUARY.

BENJAMIN METTLER.

After an illness of considerable duration Benjamin Mettler, a life long and well known resident of Sandyston, New Jersey, died at his home Wednesday morning, Jan. 23r. He was born July 18, 1823, and was a son, and the last surviving child, of Matthias and Mary, Hixson, Mettler. He was a man of sterling worth, upright in character, of sound judgment, amiable dispositon and an exceedingly kind and indulgent husband and father His first wife was Elizabeth Stoll who dying, Nov. 28, 1888, he was united in marriage with Ann M. Williams, who, with three children, Mary, Elizabeth and Benjamin, survive him. The funeral will take place from the house tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 o'clock.

MATAMORAS.

The old fashioned supper given by the L. C. U. society, of Hope church, Tuesday evening, was a financial and social success. The supper was like our grand mothers got in "ye olden times," and was largely attended. The proceeds were $25.50.

The L. A. S., of Hope church, the members and their families and a few invited guests, celebrated its 7th anniversary Tuesday evening with a nice supper. The officers elected were President, Mrs. G. H. Laughton, 1st Vice President, Mrs. A. Billman, 2nd Mrs. Chas. Quick, Secretary, Miss Katharine Walls, Treasurer, Mrs. T. G. Spencer.

Miss Jennie Stark, who has been visiting at White Valley, is home.

Miss Olive Kelly is visiting at Deposit, N. Y.

Harry Eager is quite ill with typhoid-pneumonia.

Mrs. M. Palmatier and daughter, Hazel, of Jersey City, who have been visiting relatives here, have returned home.

The L. C. U. Society will meet this week with Mrs. Jessie Martin.

The new gasoline lights in Hope church were used for the first time Wednesday, and are far superior to the former method. There are 14 burners and they give the church a very handsome appearance in the evening.

Mrs. Fred Heppy is quite ill at her home.

A Proverb Social will be held next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Billman, under the auspices of the C. E. S., of Epworth church.

Miss Angela Orce has been quite sick with grip, also W. Myers, the new merchant, and Master Donald Wilkin.

N. G bharbt, of Richmond Hill, L. I., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. M. Leicht.

Mrs. Ed. Lord, after few days spent in Paterson, has returned home.

At the camp fire entertainment Friday evening, Miss Hazel Hornbeck favored the audience with a solo, which greatly pleased her friends.

Our people were pained to hear of the death of Ethel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs. Rounds, which occurred at Bound Brook, of diptheria. She was born here six years ago and was a very pleasant child. The afflicted parents have the warm sympathy of this community. S.

DINGMAN'S FERRY.

A donation will be given at the home of G. Y. Crone Thursday, Jan. 31 for the benefit of the pastor of the M. E church. It is hoped all will come and with very liberal inclinations.

Miss Lizzie Howey, of Edgemere, is visiting her parents this week.

Miss Mabel Van Etten spent Sunday with her friend, Kate Titman.

The Misses Whittaker and Fanny Titman spent a couple of days recently with Lehman friends. S. O.

A Deep Mystery.

It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phebe Cherley, of Peterson, Ia., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my housework." It overcomes Constipation, improves Appetitite, gives perfect health. Only 50c at all drug stores.

PERSONALS

Charles Mayne recently visited the town.

Miss Katie Klein is visiting friends in New York.

Ellis Lewis was in the city a few days recently.

Madam Tissot is spending the week in New York.

Lorenz Goetz, of Greeley, spent Thursday in town.

Joseph Bensley, of Lehman, was at Milford yesterday.

Frank Seitz is among the number under the care of a physician.

Leroy Kipp wrestled this week with a liberal allowance of grip.

Among the sick are Mrs. L. W. Armstrong and Mrs. Lydia A. Brink.

Mrs. Fannie Westfall is visiting friends in New York and New Jersey.

Rev. C. S. Ryman and wife visited the family of H. B. Wells this week.

Arthur Davis, of New York, is visiting the family of D. A. Unsworth.

J. H. Ludwig has been confined to the house this week with a severe cold.

John W. Kilsby, of Delaware, has gone to New York for a visit of several weeks.

G. M. Babcock, the Union Traveller made an agreeable call at this office Wednesday.

Dr. John J. Case, a dentist well known in this section, died at Newton N. J. Monday.

George Slawson and wife have returned after a visit of some weeks at Attleboro, Mass.

Mrs. Arthur N. Roe, of Branchville, is visiting the family of ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook.

Winter Tours to California

The Erie Railroad is an important link in the Great Railway Systems that connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and the passenger Department of this popular road is up-to-date in every appointment, having all the luxuries of modern travel to offer the thousands who contemplate "crossing the continent" this winter to the land of "Sunshine and Roses." This being the closing year of a century of wonderland and astounding progress, brings to mind the gigantic undertaking of joining the two oceans with bands of iron; American history, in its triumphs of progress, gives no event of more thrilling interest than the scene on May 10th, 1869, which attended the laying of the last rail that banded the continent and welded the great oceans. Over this and the other great transcontinental route since constructed, the future generations may travel in sumptuous palaces to the most perfect climate in the world, and a state rich with gold and precious jewels.

Round trip ticket by a great variety of routes, bearing limit of nine months, with liberal stop over privileges are available and particularly desirable for California travel. For complete information call on or address the Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, N. Y.

The equestrain statue of General J. A. Logan, made by Franklin Simmons, the famous American sculptor, has arrived in Washington, and workmen are engaged in placing it on the handsome pedestal in Iowa Circle. President McKinley has promised Mrs. Logan that he will preside at the unveiling exercises and deliver a short address. The unveiling will not take place until the weather is suisable for an out door meeting.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for week ending Jan. 28, 1901:

Ladies—Mrs. Katie Compton.

Gentlemen—G. G. Whitney.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

J. R. Thornton, who recently purchased the Dimmick House, has assumed control, and is busy making extensive interior repairs. Miss Fanny Dimmick has removed to her cottage on Ann street, and will rest from the cares of the management, which have so long beset here.

Dress making in all branches Will go to the house or do the work at home. Addres MARY LUDWIG, opposite Sawkill Mill, Milford, Pa.

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THOSE OTHER EXPENSES.

(From Our Sandyston Correspondent.)

Talk about hard times in this section led me to thinking that there were expenses that might be cut off for the financial benefit of the town. We have not in this town a first class school house, that contains all the necessary apparatus for successful work in a school room. And there is not a decent sized playground attached to any of the 8 school buildings in the town. All sit almost in the road. If the State Board of Health should inspect the out buildings on our school grounds, the Board would condemn every one, with possibly one or two exceptions. If a move is made to build a first class school house, the movement is promptly voted down, the people claiming that their taxes are too high already, and other expenses are too great, when, in fact, they are paying 16 times more for unnecessary things than they do for schools.

Let us see what those other expenses are. First, we are supporting 3 hotels whose gross income is about 7,000 dollars and the question arises, who pays it? Some will say the traveling man and the drummer. The traveling man does not travel, and as for the drummer, he is almost always a temperance man, so there is little paid from the above classes to support our hotels To simmer the whole thing down, we are paying it our selves and claim that taxes and other expenses are keeping us down.

Other states have no hotels in the rural districts or at small R. R. stations, and if a wet hotel is an actual necessity, at the county seat, license one or two and that would do without having every second or third door an entrance to a hotel, or what is worse, a saloon, as is the case in many of the towns in this county

Again we are supporting 4 churches, and pay out about $2,000 more, when one church, centrally located, would answer all purposes. Thus we are nearly paying $10 000 per annum, and this steady drain is now being felt, and yet the people can not see where those other expenses come in. Other townships are in about the same fix, and any one can easily find what the sum total would be, for the county, and for which, not a dollar of financial benefit is derived.

In many states rural hotels are abolished, and none permitted at the small R. R. stations. Just look over Sussex county and see how many villages or R. R stations there are without either a hotel or saloon, and you will find them very few. I believe this State allows a county to vote license or no license, and if so, let a vote be taken, and wipe out the rural hotel and every saloon.

Hazing at West Point.

The manly sport of hazing at West Point has received a rather rude shock at the hands of the Congressional Committee. The members apparently did not enter into the full spirit of the methods employed to test the courage and endurance of lower class men by means of the numerous diversions employed, and expressed their disapproval in forcible language.

The investigation will probably be the means of repressing to a great extent the exuberance of some of the embryo soldiers and may, to a certain degree, have a civilizing influence on that government institution. The facts as developed show clearly that it needs a strong dose of correction.

Queen Victoria Dead.

Queen Victoria, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India, died at Cowes, Isle of Wight, at 2 o'clock Tuesday of Paralysis. She was born May 24, 1819, and on June 20, 1837, was declared Queen of England, William III having just died. She married her cousin Prince Albert, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, February 10th, 1840 His death occurred December 14, 1862. Her reign has been long and eventful embracing many important events in the nearly sixty-four years since she ascended the throne. Wisdom and discretion have marked her career and endeared her name to the millions over whom she swayed the queenly sceptre.

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BRIEF MENTION.

The Ladies Club met last evening with Mrs. J. J. Hart.

Port Jervis village has 9285 population, a gain of 53 in ten years.

The county auditors report in full will appear in the Press in the issue of Feb. 1st.

The Delaware Legislature is in a dead lock on the election of two United States Senators.

John Wolf, the shoe merchant, is under the doctors care with a threatened attack of pneumonia.

Daniel D. Everett, of Montague, whose wife recently died, is quite ill with symptoms of pneumonia.

Ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court James P. Sterret died at his home in Philadelphia th's week.

Mrs. Charles Custis, who has been ill for several weeks, does not materially improve, and her condition gives her friends great concern.

The depot at Lackawaxen was burned yesterday morning A dog overturned a table, on which a lamp was burning, or knocked the lamp off the table, and that originated the blaze.

Notice is given that an effort will be made to repeal that part of the special act of assembly for Pike county which fixes the fees of the county auditors.

At a meeting of directors of the Odd Fellows Life Insurance Company, held in Allegheny last week, it was concluded to wind up the affairs of the concern

It is said the coal combine will reduce the price of that essential commodity 25 cents on a ton to the yards, and that consumers will be given a similar reduction.

William Blackmore, of Palmyra, was brought to Milford last week and lodged in jail. He is charged with enough misdemeanors to keep him guessing for some time.

An overturned stove in the residence of Dr. Custis last Sunday night made lively work for the inmates for a short time; but the fire was extinguished with little damage.

James Mollineaux, of this Borough, and Wilson S. Van Auken, of Lehman, have been drawn on the United States District Court, which opens Feb 18, in Philadelphia

Borough officers to be elected at the coming election are two councilmen, an assessor, auditor, justice of the peace, overseer of the poor, judge and two inspectors of election.

Mr. Cleveland's efforts to pull the Democratic party out of the mire would receive more applause if Democrats could forget Mr. Cleveland's share in putting it into the mire.—Kansas City Journal.

A fire destroyed the old shed or store room, on "Pop" Carries place Brink Pond last week, so well known to fishermen. Had the wind been in a different direction his house would probably have burned too.

The Honesdale Presbyterian church is in debt debt $4,100 and efforts are being made to cancel it. The church here is free from debt and has funds in the treasury, besides some $500, toward an organ fund.

Col. Morry R. Hamilton, for twenty-five years State Librarian of New Jersey, died Wednesday. He was born May 24, just one year after Queen Victoria, and was precisely the age of ex-Prothonotary John C. Westbrook.

A meeting of the Driving Park Association will be held at the Crissman House this evening. All stockholders and others interested are particularly requested to be present as business of importance will be proposed.

Judge Lynch in an opinion handed down this week in Luzerne county holds that a man owning property on a lake has no right to reserve the water fronting on his property for his exclusive use and fence it off to prevent others rowing on it.

Dr. George L. Rundle, of Passaic, N. J., was struck by a train last Sunday night near Delawanna and had his spine broken which caused his death Monday morning. He was a native of Walpack N. J., and was a brother of James Rundle, of Montague, N. J.

Remember the meeting of the Hatchet Society of the Presbyterian church this, Friday, evening. The committees appointed at the last meeting will make reports and definate arrangements will be concluded for the supper, which will be given February 22nd.

The Ship Subsidy Bill.

Senator McMillan, who has been classed by some newspapers as an opponent of the Ship Subsidy bill, which is again the unfinished business of the Senate, thus defines his attitude toward the measure: "I have been for the bill from the begining and, in connection with several Senators, urged certain amendments solely for the purpose of perfecting the measure in such details as seems necessary, and which will doubtedly improve the prospects of the bill. I will give the measure my earnest support, and have little doubt that every Republican Senator will do the same." The amendments referred to by Mr. McMillen, have been agreed to and the bill is to be considered when ever appropriation bills are not before the Senate, until disposed of. There is little, if any, doubt of the passage of the bill.

Notice to Purchases of Tickets, Erie Railroad Company.

All local one way tickets sold by this company on and after February 1st, 1901, will be good only for passage beginning on day of sale or on next day. Commencing same date, regular local round trip tickets will be good for going passage beginning on day of sale or next day, and for return passage on day of sale or within thirty days next thereafter. One way and round trip tickets issued prior to February 1st, 1901, and subsequent to December 1st, 1895, will be accepted for continuous passage under regulations in effect at time of issue. On and after February 1st, 1901, no stop-overs will be allowed on tickets of any description, regardless of date of issue, except regular summer tourist tickets. D. I. Roberts General Passenger Agent. f15

Those Other Expenses.

Our Sandyston correspondent aptly illustrates the direct financial drain in a community which prevents much needed improvements from being made. The schools and churchs suffer, to say nothing of the misery entagled in the many homes and the added burdens of taxation imposed to support and pay for the pauperism and crime engendered. But the trouble is such temperance lectures are not heeded. Those who mainly help support the business have too little regard for themselves or their families to desist, and those who do not are mostly satisfied to talk about it without actively opposing. They have not the moral stamina to enforce their convictions. Usually they leave such matters to the women and then when they are defeated, smile and say "I told you so."

Republican Caucuses.

The Republican caucus for Milford Borough will be held at the Club Rooms Monday evening January 28, 7:30 p. m. JOHN C. WARNER, Borough Committeeman.

The Republican caucus for Delaware township will be in the town hall, at Dingman's Ferry, Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 2 to 7 p. m.

The Republican caucus for the township of Milford will be held at the office of Dr. H. B. Reed, in said township, on Monday, Jan. 28th, from 2 to 4 p. m. TOBIAS NELSON, Township Committeeman.

The Republican caucus for nominating township officers for Dingman township for the February election will be held at the house of E. O. Bolletot on Thursday, Jan. 31, from 2 to 4 o'clock p. m. CHARLES B. MCCARTY, Committeeman.

Real Estate Transfers.

Charles B. Staples, trustee, and others to Commonwealth, Abram Dehoff 405 acres and David Beecher 406 acres, Porter, con. $950.35.

Abram D. Brown and wife and B. E. Brown and wife to Porters Lake Hunting and Fishing Club, James Lockey 265 acres, Porter, con. $964.

Truman S. Osborn and wife and John B. Williams, executor of Jeremiah Williams, deceased, to John D. and Charles Houck, 95 acres, Greene, consideration $125.

Brought Good Fortune.

A small item in his own paper lately brought amazing good fortune Editor Chris. Reiter, of the Saginaw (Mich.) Post and Zeitung. He and his family had the Grip in its worst form. Their doctor did them no good. Then he read that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds was a guaranteed cure for La Grippe and all throat and Lung troubles; tried it and says "Three bottles cured the whole family. No other medicine on earth equals it." Only 50c and $1. at all drug stores. Trial bottles free.

FEMALE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

In an address before a Teachers Conference held in New York State, Prof. DeGarmo of Cornell University, made the following statement:

If the public schools of the country are to be maintained at their present high standard, the prevailing vital defect of women holding nearly every teacher's position must be remedied, even if it is necessary for the national Government to interfere and compel the school boards of cities and towns to appoint a proportion of male teachers; to compel the women teachers to undergo proper preparation and stricter examinations; and to maintain adequate salaries. The entrance of women into the profession has put salaries so low that no self-respecting man will attempt to found or preserve a family on the pittance he receives."

This statement is remarkable as emanating from so intelligent a man as the eminent Professor. If our School System lacks aught, it is more, not less, womanly influence injected into its methods. Not only in school teaching, but in school government, an equal representation of men and women on our school boards; our school economy demands the mother element in conjunction with the fatherhood too preponderant at present in our local boards of control.

It is not clear upon what basis the Professor arrives at his premise that men are better prepared for teaching. Statistics show more girls than boys graduated from our public schools. In Pennsylvania the proportion is two to one. The report of the National Commissioner of Education gives 3,361 males and 4,267 females who are students in Pedagogy in Co-Educational Institutions. In Pennsylvania Normal schools, the list of graduates who intend to teach number 966 females and 547 males. Other states about the same proportion.

The National Government need feel no cause to interfere to "compel stricter examination." In the Normal School course of preparation, and in all examinations for teachers, men and women applicants undergo the same public test, and stand upon the same educational plane. No Normal Issues differentiating certificates for male and female students.

Too frequently young men enter the teaching profession as a means to an end,—a stepping stone financially, while preparing for other vocations. Woman is the natural educator; man lacks the instinctive knowledge of child-nature essential in the mental training of the young. In primary grades especially, men rarely achieve success. The modern Professor is out of place in the child-garden, and seeks the domain of the higher grades where salaries loom in misplaced proportion.

The entrance of women into the profession has not lessened the income of male teachers, since there is no record of the latter having received greater average renumeration than now. In 1893 the average monthly pay for male teachers was $44.76; in 1899 it has increased to $45.25.

To the suggestion that the National Government "compel school boards to maintain adequate salaries," we are in hearty accord. And in the National Government lies the remedy. In school teaching as in every occupation, a disfranchised class is helpless and a menace. Let the ballot accompany the diploma, and the salaries of teachers, and all wage-earners like equipped, will speedily rise to the high plane where skill and ability command recognition irrespective of sex.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Instruction, Pennsylvania, (than whom there is no higher authority) displays much acumen and liberality in his report which says:

"The schools are largely taught by women, and unfortunately they are not as well paid for their work as men. From the days in which a band of pious women lingered last around the cross and came first to the open sepulchre on the morning of the resurrection, woman has been doing missionary work, seldom getting equal pay for equal work alongside of her stronger brother. May the present agitation in her favor produced abundant results in better pay."

The noble tribute and unselfish praise of one of our best of teachers.

IDA PORTER BOYER.

When the stomach is tired out it must have a rest, but we can't live without food. Kodol dyspepsia Cure "digests what you eat" so that you can eat all the good food you want while it is restoring the digestive organs to health. It is the only preparation that digests all kinds of food.