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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 6, 1901.
No better evidence of executive ability can be shown than the smooth working of a great business establishment during the absence of its executive head. The government of the United States is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, business establishments on earth, and although President McKinley, its executive head, and five of his chief assistants are on the other side of the continent, the business of the government in Washington is running as smoothly as a well regulated clock.

The post office department is after some of the alleged oil companies, which are flooding the mails with alluringly worded circular letters, promising all sorts of extravagant profits on money invested in the stock of those alleged companies. To find the evidence to warrant issuing a fraud order against this class of schemes is difficult and slow, but the postal inspectors are old hands at that sort of work and expect to succeed. Meanwhile, those who have money to invest would better be very careful about how they put it into oil schemes conducted by men who are strangers to them.

A scheme that is being advertised in this country is thus exposed in a report to the department of state, from L. W. Osborne, United States Consul General at Apia, Samoa: "I have from time to time made investigations, and if there are any minerals—either gold, silver, mica, nickel, zinc, tin or any other—in these islands, I have been unable to find them or to find any 'Gold Mining Company of Apia,' as reported in the United States papers, the records do not disclose the fact, and the officials have no information on the subject. No steamers, schooners, or other vessels are engaged in transporting sand or ores to Sydney or to San Francisco, or elsewhere; no such persons as those named as constituting the 'gold mining company' are known here, and, in my judgment a tremendous swindle is being perpetrated, and the public ought to know the facts."

Surgeon J. F. Jones, who has just returned from the Philippines, brought a young Filipino, son of the Governor of Bohol, under the Spanish regime, about twenty years old, with him for the purpose of arranging to have him thoroughly educated in English. Dr. Jones thought some arrangement could be made with the war department to pay the educational expenses of this young man out of the Philippine revenues, but after considering the matter in all its bearings, it was considered best not to establish such a precedent, and Dr. Jones will privately arrange for the young man's instruction in English. He is a good Spanish scholar.

When a man goes into a thing himself, his advice to others to do so carries additional weight. Mr. A. T. Gohar, recently mustered out of the army, after considerable service as an officer in the Philippines, is now in Washington, on his way back to the islands, of which he said: "I became convinced that there are excellent opportunities in the Philippines for young men. It is to all intents and purposes a new country, and will be developed rapidly by the Americans in the next few years. Several San Francisco corporations have been organized to operate in the islands, and I have offers from certain of those corporations, one of which I have accepted. I must be back in the Philippines by July 31. The copper and gold mines in the islands offer excellent opportunities for Americans and American capital. The large reserves of timber likewise present a very attractive field for American enterprise."

The war department hopes to be able to submit plans for legislation to congress at the next session that will result in closer relations between the National Guard of the states and the general government, and in more clearly defining the status of the National Guard. At present the status of the National Guard is such that when a young man enlists therein he can have no clear understanding of what his duties or responsibilities toward the national government are, who can order him out in time of war or

where he may be ordered. It is by no means an easy problem, but the department hopes, with the co-operation of the officers of the National Guard, to reach a solution that will be satisfactory enough to be approved by congress. It is desired that the National Guard shall be an auxiliary of the regular army, which can at once be put in the field when there is necessity therefor, without the delays which occurred at the beginning of the war with Spain.

Officials of the department of state deny that they have been informed by Mr. Montague White, Boer agent in the United States, that Mr. Paul Kruger, late President of the Transvaal republic, would visit this country in October, although Mr. White was quoted as having said that he was told at the department that the officials of this government would meet Mr. Kruger cordially as they would any other foreign visitor, but that he would not be received officially.

An Important Suit.
"The Edgemore club, of Pike county, has a novel and important suit on hand. This club has a large holding of land on Silver Lake, near Dingman's Ferry, and until recently the members supposed that none questioned its right to a large portion of that beautiful body of water. A suit, however, has been brought in the Pike county courts by a man who claims to hold ownership in the whole bottom of the lake by a patent granted him. The suit is now on trial. The outcome will be watched with interest by club owners and those who suppose they own lands and are likely to have their own titles affected. It is said that there has never been a decision in this state on this question."

The above, which is taken from the *Stroudsburg Times*, will be news indeed to people of this county. No suit has been brought and so far as we know none is in immediate contemplation. It is possible that a question may arise as to the right to patent about eighteen acres of the lake, which quantity seems to have been unpatented by the early patentees of the lands surrounding and waters of Silver Lake, and this will raise the question of the right to patent water exclusively if the matter is ever brought to a suit.

OBITUARY.

MRS. DR. JOHN KELLY.
About a week ago Mrs. Kelly, being an ardent lover of out-of-door sports, a skillful fisherman and withal an excellent shot, went, as has been her custom, for an outing for a few days up to the home of E. A. Greening in Dingman township. Soon after through inadvertent exposure she contracted pleurisy and pneumonia rapidly developed which terminated fatally Wednesday. She was born at Sound Beach, Ct., Feb. 10, 1842, her name being Sarah A. Lockwood. She subsequently married a man of the same surname by whom she had one son, Frank, who is now employed with the New York *Tribune*. Her husband dying, Dec. 19, 1878 she married Dr. John Kelly in New York, who was then practicing in that city. In 1880 they removed to Fairview, Bergen county, N. J., where they remained until 1885, when they came to Pike county, which has, with the exception of a couple of years, since been their home. About two years ago they came to Milford to reside. Mrs. Kelly was a member of the Congregational church of her native town. She is survived by her husband, the son above mentioned, her mother and one brother, William Burr, residing at Sound Beach. The remains were brought here yesterday and taken to her native place today for interment and the funeral services will be held there.

Subscribe for the Press.
The Republican county committee met last evening and fixed Saturday, July 13, as the time for holding the Republican primary election in the county.

Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Rev. E. A. Hamilton, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Deckertown, died Wednesday after a protracted illness, aged about 53 years.

The bill to submit to a vote the question of removing the capitol to Philadelphia failed to pass. Representative Westbrook voted against it, and he voted in favor of the Guffey bill which likewise failed.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. C. S. Van Wyck is stopping at Brookside Villa.

Almer Terwilliger of Brooklyn is spending the week with his family in town.

Mrs. Augusta King of Lackawaxen is visiting friends here this week.

F. F. White of Summit, N. J., who is building a house on Fourth street, was in town this week.

W. Frank Finger of Trenton, N. J., visited his mother and sister here a few days recently.

Frank and Gerald Lewis left town last week for Canada, where they have several mining claims.

A. L. Cronk and A. J. Rotoson and son have gone to work on the new Stroudsburg-Bushkill railroad.

E. L. Van Etten of New York recently spent a couple of days visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Wood.

Howard Reed of the University of Pennsylvania is spending a few days with his family at the Ancho-ago.

Mrs. H. S. Mott of Washington, D. C., is visiting her father, District Attorney D. M. Van Anken, for a day.

Mrs. George Warner of Bridgeport, Ct., was a guest for a couple of days this week at the Sawkill House.

Mrs. Justin Lanchantin of New York is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Helen E. Heller, on Harford street.

Prof. Henry K. Boemer of Newtown is in town this week looking after several pianos which he keeps in proper tune.

James W. Pinchot of New York and Prof. H. S. Graves of New Haven were at Grey Towers for a few days this week.

Dr. Dudley and George H. Hankins of Middletown, N. Y., visited ex-Assistant Post Master Horace O. Kipp over last Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Price of Branchville was a guest in her father's, ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrock's, family for a couple of days this week.

Rev. Thomas Nichols and wife will leave town next Monday for a few weeks vacation, part of which will be spent at Germantown, Pa.

Mrs. Paul Humbert, with her two young sons, is again occupying her cottage on upper Water street, after having spent the winter in Brooklyn.

Mrs. C. H. Van Wyck was called to Washington this week by the illness of her daughter, Miss Happy. She was accompanied on her return by Mrs. H. S. Mott.

George Schreiber, who has been in the employ of John Zimmermann in New York during the past winter, is home with his family in Delaware for a couple of months.

Mr. Weber, who at one time managed the Bellevue Hotel here and who has since been a frequent visitor in town, spent a couple of days this week at the Vandermarck Hotel.

Elmer Emory of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who has been spending several days with his parents here, departed for his home last Monday evening, and Oliver, who has likewise been a guest with them for a short time, left for Washington, D. C., Sunday afternoon.

Shun Such Chances.
People having money to invest would do well to investigate carefully before placing it in any of the numerous schemes now being extensively advertised such as oil wells, gold, copper, silver and other mining enterprises. Many circulars are being sent out setting forth the advantages to be derived from investing in the stock of these so-called companies. They are persuasive and plausible and offer large inducements for making money rapidly after the works are developed and the unwary may be deceived. Keep out of them if you do not want to be swindled.

Improved Proverbs.
All's not old that titters.
Circumstances alter fates.
Modesty is the best policy.
Quecks are stubborn things.
Home was not built in a day.
A rolling gath gathers no remorse.
Charity uncovers a multitude of sins.
Society's the mother of conversation.
It's a wise girl who knows her own mind.
Let us eat, drink, and be married, for to-morrow we die.
—CAROLINE WELLS, in *The Smart Set*.

A BIG YEAR FOR GOLF.

Champions of the Game to Play in June.

Never before in the history of golf has a season opened with such bright prospects as are now in evidence. The year 1901 promises to be a record breaker along golfing lines in more than one respect. Not only are the manufacturers increasing the amount and raising the standard of their golf supply output, but a large part of the general public hitherto uninterested in the great Scotch game has given golf its attention, and directly resultant have been wholesale additions to the several hundred golf clubs scattered about the different states in the Union.

Three primary reasons are generally ascribed as the cause of this golfward flocking tendency evinced by so many persons. First has been placed the value of the exercise derived from the necessitated walking and striking. Second comes the companionable nature of the game, which endears it particularly to those inclined toward sentiment. The third is the facility provided for coming directly in contact with nature in all her freshness and glory. The golfer is probably favored more in this last respect than is the devotee of any outdoor other sport.

A Great, Big, Hard Fact.

Not long since David B. Hill and Grover Cleveland wrote letters to one of the leading Democratic organizations of Baltimore, which was celebrating its birthday, giving their views as to what was necessary to be done to restore Democratic supremacy. Mr. Cleveland as usual indulged in glittering generalities and advised that the first thing to be done must be to make the Democratic party "truly, honestly and consistently Democratic." Mr. Hill went further and pointed out several important things Democracy must be sure to do and do well, and these important things were each and every one of them a repudiation of Democratic principles as laid down by the "Chicago platform" of 1896. It's a fact, very sad that prominent Democratic leaders can see no way to success except by a repudiation of Democracy as she has been taught for several campaigns, but it's a fact, a great big hard fact.—Clinton (Mo.) *Republican*.

Real Estate Transfers.

Edward Luckey and wife to Theodore Lee and others, undivided one-sixteenths to each, of Abraham Dills, No. 92, Porter, 103 acres. Consideration \$100.

Mary Schaefer to Edward J. Greening, land in Shohola, 49 acres. Consideration \$1150.

Marie Cortright and others to William Cortright, undivided 3/4 farm in Lehman, 129 acres. Consideration \$4500.

Commonwealth to Geo. H. Banks, commission as Justice of the Peace.

Catharine E. Seymour to Frank E. Wilkie, lot 410, Matamoros. Consideration \$300.

James C. Rose to Stephen Trowbridge, lot in Westfall. Consideration \$63.

Thomas Armstrong and wife to the Pike County Driving Park and Athletic Association, land in Dingman township, 85 acres. Consideration \$3000.

The Milford Library.

Rev. C. B. Carpenter was in New York last week to select books for the Milford library to be established by Jas. W. Pinchot, and purchased about 1200 volumes comprehending standard works, history, poetry, miscellany and works of fiction. It is also intended that there shall be a department especially intended for young people to be known as the juvenile department. Mr. Pinchot, who has been in Milford this week for a few days, preparatory to a visit of several weeks in England, will on his return in August, it is said, complete his arrangements to have the library opened to the public.

Severe forest fires prevailed a few days ago up in the Rattlesnake region. Hundreds of acres burned over.

The stock market has been wild this week and stocks, especially Northern Pacific, went up with a bound. The reaction came Wednesday when two hundred and fifty million dollars of rise was wiped out in an hour. A panic was barely averted and many speculators were ruined, while others made fortunes in a moment.

BRIEF MENTION.

Dr. H. B. Reed has recently purchased a neat runabout wagon.

The summer boarding house of M. McConnell near Lord's Valley was burned last week.

Work has begun on the new transcripts which are to be added to the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The Rock Spring Creamery of Montague, N. J., has opened for business and is now receiving about 4,000 pounds of milk daily.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank of Milford held Tuesday John C. Warner was appointed assistant cashier.

Lawrence Sibley, who with his parents spent a month at the Homestead last summer, was drowned Monday at his home in Victoria, Texas.

Jacksonville, Fla., suffered a loss of fifteen million dollars and several lives by a fire which devastated the business portion of the city last Friday.

Walter L. Anglin has very successfully passed his examinations at the Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia and is now taking a course in a special branch.

Charles B. Westbrook, for many years a popular salesman in a Port-Jervis store, has retired to a stock farm near Sussex, N. J., which he will in future conduct.

A special meeting of Milford Lodge No. 344, F. & A. M., will be held tomorrow, Saturday, evening. District Deputy G. M. Hulsizer of Honesdale will pay a fraternal visit.

"Fishing on the Picturesque Erie" is a handsome little booklet which gives abundant information concerning the ponds and streams adjacent to that popular road.

The Voorhees bill to permit the people of the state to vote on the question of removing the capitol to Philadelphia seems likely to pass. On a test vote Tuesday in the House there were 110 for to 47 against the bill.

Rock Spring Creamery butter, 25 cents a pound, can be obtained at Kite's market. This creamery, located in Montague, N. J., has secured the services of an excellent butter maker, and its product will be first class.

The not repealing the special act fixing the fees of county auditors of Pike has passed and henceforth our county auditors will receive \$3 for each day spent in performing their duties and mileage once a week to and from their homes.

B. C. Smith, who was recently appointed fire warden for Greens, Palmyra, Blooming Grove and Lackawaxen townships, having declined because of his contemplated removal to Gouldsboro, Anthony Floss of Greene has been appointed in his stead.

L. A. Marthis and Jacob McCarty were ordained elders in the Reformed church at Montague last Sunday morning. Obadiah Bevans and Charles Gran will be ordained elders next Sunday evening in the Hainesville church and J. A. Grau and Alonzo Depne deacons.

Through the courtesy of James Campbell, factory inspector of the state, we are in receipt of his report for the year 1900. The special reports from the inspectors of the several districts show that the manufacturing are all busy and business is excellent and prosperous.

Rev. Thomas Nichols, pastor of the Presbyterian church, is not enjoying very good health and his condition would seem to indicate that a cessation from labor and relinquishment for a time of pulpit work might be beneficial. All will join in a fervent hope for his speedy restoration to health.

Richard Humbert is making considerable addition to "The Marguerite," his new summer boarding house, on Water street. It is pleasantly located and has a nice outlook. Mr. Humbert has a curiosity in the shape of a stem bearing cotton bolls one of which matured, which he raised last year. It is genuine Pike county cotton.

Recently, Benjamin Kite, of Milford, purchased of D. L. B. Smith his sorrel road mare, Topsy O. She was bred and broke by Oran Obly, of Stewartville, N. J. She is of Abdallah stock, and standard bred. As a three-year-old she trotted a full mile over the Allantown, Pa., track in 2:33. As a road horse she has few equals and is perfectly safe for a lady to drive.

BOYS' GUILD ENTERTAINS.

A Pleasing Programme Rendered on Monday Evening.

Monday evening, May 6th, was a red letter event for the Boys' Guild. The youngsters held the boards at Brown's Hall and highly amused and entertained the large audience present, aided of course by some maturer talent. The address, written by Geo. W. Turner, was an interesting history of the guild entertainingly told, and showed its growth while giving some pleasant descriptions of its outings. The program, given below, was well rendered and the shadow pantomimes provoked up roars of mirth especially with the juvenile part of the audience. All the numbers were encores and cheerfully responded to.

PROGRAMME.

Mandolin Solo, Miss Harriet W. Horton.

Shadow Pantomime, "Amputation Like Winking or the Wonderful Ravier."

Vocal Quartette, Messrs. George W. Armstrong, Geo. R. Bull, Theo. H. Baker, Vivian Struthers.

Vocal Solo, "Araminta," Mr. Josiah F. Terwilliger.

Shadow Pantomime, "Regular Hash or the Boarding House Conspiracy."

Vocal Solo, Mr. Geo. R. Bull.

Violin Solo, Miss Fanny A. Dimmick.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. Otto von der Heyde.

Shadow Pantomime, "The Madcap Barber or the Unfortunate Victim."

Accompanists, Misses Wood, Cross and Poillon.

Notes Against Dead Men.

Notes for large amounts against men dying and leaving big estates seem to be quite numerous recently. Some years ago one appeared against Stephen Kistler of Stroudsburg for \$25,000 which after investigation was pronounced a forgery. It was originally given for \$250 and after raised.

In 1886 one was sent to an Easton attorney against the late Thos. M. McIlhenny of Stroudsburg for \$8,000. It was never paid.

In 1900 one appeared against Henry Fulmer of Easton for \$89,000. It has not been collected and last April another for \$75,000 against the same person was sent to an Easton attorney for collection.

One for \$91,000 was recently sent for collection against the estate of John I. Blair, deceased. These notes, the letters written, and envelopes in which they were mailed are all said to bear evidence that they were sent by the same parties and that a woman is connected with them. There is a suspicion that the one recently found against Abram Nesbitt of Kingston, Pa., may be traced to the same source as the others. A peculiarity is that the letters are mailed on trains so as to prevent the locating the senders and in none of the above cases has the alleged holder appeared to substantiate the note. Any one holding a genuine claim for so large a sum would very likely appear to enforce it.

Modern Education.

A school teacher in Sheffield received the following from a complaining parent a few weeks ago: "Sir,—Will you please for the future give my boy sum easter somes to do at nites. This is what he brought home to or three nites back: 'If fore gallins of bere will fill thirty-pint bottles, how meny pint and a half bottles will nine-gallins fill? Well, we tried, and could make nothing of it at all; and my boy cried and sed he didn't dare go back in the morning without doin' it. So I had to go and buy a nine-gallon cask of bere, which I could ill afford to do, and then we went and borrowed a lot of wine and brandy bottles, besides a few we had by us. Well we emptied the cask into the bottles, and then counted them, and there were 19, and my boy put the number down for an answer. I don't know wether it's rite or not as we split sum while doin' it. P. S. Please let the next some be in water, as I am not able to buy any more bere.'"—*Bangkok Weekly Mail*.

Mrs. Ferris of New York, whose husband is a cousin of the late Mrs. Dr. Kelly, was in Milford this week, and accompanied the Doctor to Connetquot on his sad mission. They left yesterday to make the necessary arrangements and Undertaker Chas. G. Wood went with the body this morning.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

A nice spell of weather.

The street sprinkler will be in demand very soon.

Vegetation looks fine.

Autos are out.

Lots of new rigs in town. The runabout of Dr. Reed's is a beauty.

Louis Croone of Millville is working for Ed. Brown.

Miss Josie Chatillon is spending a few days in New York.

Louis Rudolph of Middletown, N. Y., spent Sunday in town.

Glad to see the familiar face of Doc. Steele on our streets again.

Have you seen Ben. Kite's new trotter? Benjamin now is in it. Dogs to win the blue ribbon at the Pike County Fair, and his horse to win the first race on the new track. Providing the other fellow's horse lets him get ahead.

The new gas plant put in by Mitchell Bros. gives satisfaction.

Our street lamps have been polished up.

Would like to say a few things about Montague but dare not trespass on forbidden ground. Where is "Observer" with his regular news budget?

Judge Kliner has cleared the grounds surrounding his spoke factory of rough timber. He took advantage of the water and made spokes to fill his orders.

So far the catches of trout have been light. Shad appear to be quite plentiful although the run is not overly large.

According to the statement two townships, Milford and Porter, raised no poor tax, but the rest of the county was not so fortunate. I do not know how many poor are supported by the county, but by the amount of tax raised, it either takes considerable money per head or there are quite a number of poor.

A new kind of horses was seen on our streets the other day. They resembled razor backs.

The other day I heard this question discussed: Does the law of this state compel a person not a resident of the state to pay a license here when he peddles and retails goods of any kind not of his own raising or manufacturing? Will the Editor of the Press kindly inform us? [The borough ordinance ordains that all foreign dealers in merchandise and their agents, having no permanent place of business in said borough, shall obtain a license, etc. (Ed. Press.)]

New Court Opened.

The new Middle District United States Court was opened at Harrisburg Monday afternoon in the presence of a large number of people, attorneys from every county in the new district. The commissions of Hon. R. W. Archbald as judge, of District Attorney S. J. M. McCarrall and Fred C. Leonard Marshal were read, the rules prevailing in the western district were temporarily adopted and a committee appointed to draft new rules for the court. The next session will be held at Williamsport during the week beginning the second Monday in June. Hon. Lyman D. Gilbert addressed the court in welcome to Harrisburg and Judge Archbald responded. A banquet was given by the Dauphin county bar in the evening to the new court and invited guests. During the session the following appointments, among others, were made: J. H. Van Etten of Milford, Commissioner; A. T. Searle of Honesdale, Referee in Bankruptcy for Wayne and Pike.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS.

An Offer Which Will be of Great Interest to All Presbyterians.

The best news of the Presbyterian General Assembly, which will be held in Philadelphia beginning May 16 and continuing about ten days, will appear from day to day in "The Philadelphia Press."

Rev. Dr. S. S. Glean, of Pittsburg, will have charge of the reports and the paper will be mailed to any address postpaid throughout the assembly sessions (from May 13 to May 25 inclusive) for 25 cents.

A "Spider Web Fete" will be held at the home of Mrs. Otto von der Heyde next Tuesday evening. The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church have it in charge. Admission 25c.

Fine canned peas, equal to French, 12 1/2 c. a can at Mitchell's.