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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., MAY 13, 1901.

Secretary Gage declines to say anything for publication concerning the Wall Street crash of last week, but it is known that he felt greatly relieved when the disturbance did not extend outside the ranks of the speculators. As a financier of long experience he knows that there is always danger that these speculative orgies may do great damage to the country when the inevitable collapse comes, by unsettling values and shaking confidence throughout business circles. The government has no control of those things, but there are times when the Secretary of the Treasury may do much toward preventing financial trouble of a serious nature. For that reason Secretary Gage kept a close watch on the Wall Street speculations. He was prepared to do what he could had the necessity arisen, but is very glad that in this case he was not called on to do anything. He is still buying short time U. S. bonds, whenever they are offered at a price that makes it advantageous for the government to buy, and will continue to do so, because thereby he not only puts the money that is in the Treasury back into circulation, but saves interest for the government.

Secretary Root made short work of the official career of a War Department official, who offered to sell copies of official correspondence to the counsel of Neely, who is charged with the embezzlement of Cuban postal funds. The offer was made by W. D. Williams, private secretary for Col. Edwards, Chief of the Insular division of the war department, to Judge Lindsay of New York, who at once reported it to Attorney General Knox. Detectives had no trouble in tracing the offer to Williams, who acknowledged his guilt. Secretary Root at once dismissed him from the government service. He would also have been prosecuted, but inasmuch as the copies he had offered to sell were all recovered and would in any event have been of no value in the case, it was decided that dismissal was sufficient punishment.

Mr. C. M. Schwab, president of the newly-founded steel trust, known as the United States Steel Company, was one of the most interesting witnesses yet heard by the Industrial Commission. He was a very frank and willing witness, giving all that was asked except a copy of the syndicate agreement, which he said he thought was private matter that he would not care to furnish at this time. He said the new company controlled about 75% of the steel products of the country, and expressed the opinion that the consolidation under one head would be beneficial all around. When asked what effect it would have on prices, he replied: "I think the tendency will be towards somewhat lower prices. I do not think there is a probability of higher prices unless something happens." When asked what, if any, effect the talk of the removal of the tariff on steel products would have on his company, he replied: "Reduce the tariff and the wages of labor will be reduced. Labor forms the largest element. Our greatest exports have been in rails and billets, wherein labor is the least factor comparatively, and not in the lines upon which the most labor is exerted." When asked to state what effect corporate consolidation would have on the chances of man for employment, he said: "Opportunities were never so great before as they are now, for men of brain and energy who are willing to work. There was never so great a scarcity of the special men who are required by manufacturers. Men with such exceptional abilities have chances equal to any such men ever had. I doubt, however, if men with small capital have." He said the average wages paid by the Carnegie Company at Homestead last year were \$4 a day. The lowest was \$1.50, but Mr. Schwab said he was ashamed to tell what the highest was.

Minister Conger is in Washington. He declines to discuss the Chinese question, further than to say that he thinks it will be impossible for China to pay the amount of the indemnity that the representatives of the powers have decided to demand.

While it would be obviously im-

proper for the department of state to take any notice officially of the constantly repeated reports of efforts being made to form a commercial combination of the great European nations, for the purpose of making war upon American trade, officials of that department say in private conversation that no such reports would be in circulation had the senate ratified the reciprocity treaties negotiated with European nations, as President McKinley, in public messages and in conversation with senators, repeatedly requested. They add that, in their opinion, it is still possible for the senate to lead off any European commercial combine against us by promptly, at the next session, ratifying such of those treaties as are still alive, particularly that with France.

Officials in Washington cannot, of course, speak positively for President McKinley, but none of them has the remotest idea that President McKinley will take any official notice of the resolution adopted by the Hawaiian legislature, asking for the removal of Gov. Dole, because he has not allowed himself to be controlled by the majority of the legislature.

Hospitals for Consumptives.
Pennsylvania has three consumption hospitals with a combined capacity of about one hundred and twenty beds, and nearly one half of those beds are in wards of general hospitals, supported by the Free Hospital for poor Consumptives. An effort has been made during the year to get a home for this hospital which has been partially successful. A tract of land containing 215 acres has been purchased in the Blue Mountains, near White Haven, and it is hoped suitable buildings can soon be erected.

There are in this state about six thousand deaths annually from the dread disease, which means that there are at all times about ten thousand people suffering from it. The disease is contagious, hence the great need to isolate and give proper care and attention to those suffering with tuberculosis. It is said that if every consumptive in the land could be removed into a hospital the disease would die out in a few years. There is, therefore, most urgent need that funds be provided to erect a place where those afflicted may receive care and treatment, and to solicit such aid a report has been sent out. The treasurer is Edward A. Millar, 404 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

Christian Endeavor Bulletin.
Secretary Hatch of India tells of a Christian Endeavor society in Bombay that has a "nail-cleaning" committee that cleaned twenty nails each for one hundred and twenty boys: a very necessary, but often neglected, part of the cleanliness that is next to godliness, in a very dry and dusty land, where the boys wear no stockings. As a voucher for the committee's work, one boy stretched forth his hands to show the new secretary ten nails as clean as any in Bombay.

The largest Christian Endeavor society in Utah is in the State penitentiary, and is doing splendid work, with the strong backing of Mr. Robert J. Jessup, of the Salt Lake Tribune, who did similar work for the penitentiary at Santa Fe, and has plans for Boise City, Id., and Deer Fork, Mont.

One of the greatest civic triumphs of late is that achieved single-handedly by John Ming, a Chinese Endeavorer, in Salt Lake City, over the Chinese gambling houses. He was persecuted, his life threatened, and discouraged by warm Christian friends. But, with tears streaming down his face he answered, "That gamble must go if I die." And it did go.

The lowering device used by Undertaker Wood is a vast improvement over the former method of depositing caskets in the grave by lowering them down with straps. The machine does the work slowly, noiselessly and uniformly.

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.

The most effective little liver pills made are DeWitt's little early risers. They never grip.

PERSONALS

Mrs. C. O. Armstrong spent part of the week in New York.

Thos. A. Heiler of Salamanca, N. Y., briefly visited at Milford last Friday.

Alfred Marvin, Esq., of Matamoras with his wife, visited Milford Wednesday.

Frederick Boudel and wife of New York are registered at the Hotel Fauchers.

Mrs. Octavia Van Wyck and son George are at their summer cottage on Ann street.

Mrs. McGregor, living on the state road in Delaware township, fell last week and broke her arm.

J. Emmet Wickham of Port Jervis drove to Milford Tuesday and was a guest at the Crisman House.

Wm. H. Hulsizer of Honesdale, D. D. G. M., paid Milford Lodge, F. & A. M., a fraternal visit last Saturday evening.

Prothonotary John C. Westbrook, Jr., and wife visited the former's parents in Blooming Grove a few days this week.

Mrs. Dr. King, who has been several weeks in town with her mother, Mrs. Marie A. Pinchot, returned to her home in Grand Rapids, Mich., this week.

Mrs. Marie Isabelle Hemingway of New York, who has previously spent the summer near Burcher's Glen in Lackawaxen township, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Elkanah Custard, now residing with his son, Ellis H. Custard, at Topoka, Kan., is visiting in Easton, his former home, for the purpose of transacting business. He will not remain here.—Free Press.

Miss Cornelia Van Etten, residing on Broad street, suffered a stroke of apoplexy last Sunday morning which has left her in a critical condition. By reason of her extreme age little hope is entertained of her recovery.

A coaching party, consisting of M. H. Kulp and wife of Shamokin, W. B. Posten and wife of Wilkes barre, Mrs. and Miss Adams of Stroudsburg and Charles Bart of Wilkesbarre, were at Hotel Fauchers Wednesday.

Robert Hanschke, editor of the Erie Press of San Antonio, Texas, Otto Koenig, who is connected with the Westliche Post of St. Louis, Mo., and Charles Mayo of New York were guests at Schanno's over last Sunday. They drove up from the city on Tuesday and confess to having had a rather moist journey.

A party of Paterson gentlemen, consisting of Calvin Tennisberry, M. D., Frank E. Agnew, M. D., John H. Hopper and Eugene Emly, Esq., the latter of whom was prosecuting attorney in the trial of the assassins of Miss Bocheiter, came up last Saturday for a few days' vacation at the popular hotel of Ran Van Gorden in Dingman's Ferry.

Real Estate Transfers.
G. Frank Rowland, treasurer, to Howard P. Kinsey et al., Abram J. Coolbaugh, No. 85, 200 acres. Consideration, taxes.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Van Pike Telephone company, charter.

Commonwealth to Frank Schorr, commission Justice of Peace.

Jason Cortright and wife to trustees of Methodist Episcopal church of Westfall, 2 acres; Lackawaxen. Consideration \$25.

Marie Isabelle Hemingway, executrix, etc., to John L. Burcher, 92 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$1.

Edward J. Greening and wife to Ulrich Ergenburger and wife, 49 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$11.50.

Colin H. Seymour and wife to Coe S. Decker, lot 154, Matamoras. Consideration \$150.

Not Abandoned.

Quite a number of papers throughout the state have been publishing a story that Williams' Grove, the famous Picnic Resort, may be abandoned, owing to a recent fire having burned out several of the buildings. There is absolutely no truth, whatsoever, in the rumor. There were but three buildings of any size burned, and these will all be replaced on a much larger scale. Work has been commenced and the Grove will be ready to receive visitors by June 10.

The Great Cranberry Picnic is not looking for new grounds but will be held at the same old spot, Williams' Grove, August 28 to 31, 1901. From The Daily Journal, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Tuesday, May 7.

OBITUARY

MRS. NATHAN EMERY, JR.

After an illness of several weeks, Lydia, wife of Nathan Emery, Jr., died Sunday, May 13, of heart disease which had its inception in an attack of grip. She was born Dec. 4, 1841, near Dingman's Ferry and was a daughter of G. Abram and Eleanor Steele Van Anken. On her nineteenth birthday she was united in marriage to Nathan Emery, Jr., by Rev. Robert Pitts, pastor of the Reformed church at Dingman's. For a number of years they resided at that place, then for a few years near Milford, then for several years in New Jersey and in 1889 they returned to this place which has since been her home. The mother of a large family, domestic cares engrossed her time and attention, and in all respects she was a model wife and mother. Happy and affectionate in disposition, faithful to every household care, ever solicitous for the comfort and welfare of her family, obedient in her intercourse with neighbors, her life is an open page which may be read with pleasure and profit. She is survived by her husband, one half sister, Sarah W., wife of George Mollineux, of Missouri; one brother, Henry B., of Dingman's Ferry, and seven sons: Elmer, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Harry, in Texas; Frank, of New York; Oliver E., of Washington, D. C.; Fred, of Colgrove, Cal.; Saul, of Port Jervis, and Benjamin, of Bayville, L. I.

The funeral, which was private, conducted by Rev. C. B. Carpenter by reason of the illness of her pastor, Rev. Thos. Nichols, was held at the home at 10:30 Wednesday and interment in the Milford cemetery.

MRS. CATHARINE WOLFE.

Mrs. Catharine Wolfe died at her home in Greene township Sunday, May 12, after a brief illness. She was born Oct. 23, 1805, at Weingarten Baden and when a child came to this country with her parents, Christopher and Julia Rohrbacher, who located in Greene. She married Rev. Charles L. Wolfe, a prominent minister in the M. E. church, who died in 1873. She is survived by the following named sons and daughters: George, of Mounds, Indian Territory; Julia, at home; Louise, wife of Isaac Kipp of Sterling, Wayne county; Margaret B., wife of Geo. A. Sweeney of Milford, and Francis, of Greene.

The funeral was held Wednesday and interment in the Evangelical cemetery at Newfoundland, Pa.

MAY ARMSTRONG.

Miss May Armstrong, after an illness of several days of pneumonia, died at the home of her sister in New York early yesterday (Thursday) morning. She was born in Milford May 27, 1861, and resided here nearly all her life. She is survived by one brother, Thomas, and two sisters, Wilhelmina, wife of P. F. Steele of Milford, and Sarah, wife of Joseph S. Purcell of New York. The remains will be brought to Milford for interment and the funeral will occur at her late home here on Sunday.

MRS. PRISCILLA V. QUICK.

Mrs. Priscilla V. Quick died at the home of Benj. Vauxoy in Westfall township last Sunday morning of general debility aged about 68 years. She was born in New Jersey, her maiden name being Kilpatrick. She first married a man named Cox and her second husband was a Mr. Quick. Two brothers, Joseph of Cahoon, N. Y., and Ebenezer, survive.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. C. E. Scudder, was held Wednesday and interment at Coleville, N. J.

LAFAYETTE CRONE.

Lafayette, a son of Gilbert Y. and Emma J. Albright Crone, died at the home of his parents in Delaware township Wednesday, May 15, of consumption, aged about 30 years. He is survived by his father, two sisters, Anna, wife of G. Y. Crone, Montague, N. J., Della, wife of Geo. Jagger, and four brothers, William Gilbert, John and Albert, all residing in Delaware township. The funeral was held today.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending May 16, 1901:
Mr. L. Cono Gaylor.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Subscribe for the Press.

BRIEF MENTION.

The notes of the whip-poor-will were heard here Tuesday evening.

A. F. Grosse of Nieheerck pond will sell all his goods and chattels at public sale May 21st.

Mrs. McKinley is critically ill and the contemplated trip to the north-west has been abandoned.

Miss Jemima Bull returned home this week after a visit with friends in Stroudsburg and Bushkill.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy received this week a handsome two seated buckboard for pleasure purposes.

The bill to remove the capitol from Harrisburg to Philadelphia was killed in the house last week.

Garrett Brodhead of Delaware was in town Wednesday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Nathan Emery.

The jury in the Sussex county courts this week acquitted E. B. Kintner on the indictment charging bribery.

The will of Daniel Brady late of Westfall, probated this week, bequeaths all his property to his daughter, Margaret Hoffman.

Miss Julia Wolfe of Greene, a sister of Mrs. G. A. Sweeney, is seriously ill of paralysis and slight hope is entertained for her recovery.

We have received from the Pennsylvania state college an invitation to be its guest during the meeting of the state board of agriculture, June 5, 6 and 7.

The report of the First National Bank of Milford just issued shows loans and discounts, \$19,535.57; individual deposits, \$27,106.75, and undivided profits, \$839.28.

The condition of Mrs. McKinley is very critical this morning. She is unconscious, has frequent sinking spells, which are followed by slight rallies and her death is hourly expected.

The will of Heinrich Gotte, deceased, late of Lackawaxen, was probated this week. It divides all his estate to his wife for life and at her death to his seven children or their survivors.

Mrs. Alice Dimmick Carpenter, a daughter of Milton Dimmick, deceased, who formerly resided here, died in a sanitarium at Goshen this week and the remains were brought here Wednesday for burial.

All varieties Thorburn's reliable garden seeds in bulk at Mitchell's.

President Franklin Carter of Williams College, Mass., tendered his resignation at a recent meeting of the trustees to take effect Sept. 1. He has been its president for twenty years and assigned as reason for his action that the college might be benefitted by a change.

Chase & Sanborn's Old Homestead Java coffee at Armstrong & Co.

Charles F. Drake of Lookout and Miss Mabel M. Moore of Aldenville, both of Wayne county, were married at the bride's home Wednesday, May 8, by Rev. H. A. Smith. The groom is a son of Seeley S. Drake, who formerly resided in this county. The couple visited a few days recently with R. D. Sayre, an uncle.

Lister's standard fertilizers at Mitchell's.

Rock Spring Creamery butter, 25 cents a pound, can be obtained at Kye'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. 5-8-11

Five chests young Hyson tea 60c. lb., worth 75c., at W. & G. Mitchell's.

A Brainless Ass.

In our January paper we published the remark of a prominent Boston gentleman that the man who voluntarily rides or drives a horse mutilated for life by docking proves that he is a brainless and heartless ass.

On this January 30th we receive a letter from a California editor, in which he says:

"ALAMEDA, California.
I protest on behalf of the ass. It has been my fortune to become more or less intimately acquainted with various and sundry specimens of the genus asinus, and never have I seen one that did not possess more brains than any of those fool humans who mutilate horses. No, sir, on behalf of the ass I protest. He is a gentleman and a scholar as compared with the idiots who dock horses' tails. Yours for humanity,
G. F. WEEKS.

From Our Domestic Animals.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS.

The one hundred and thirteenth general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States met in the Calvary Presbyterian church in Philadelphia yesterday. One of the several important matters which will come up at the session is the proposed revision of the Confession of Faith. The assembly will decide whether it is expedient, and if so a committee will be appointed to take up the matter.

HISTORY OF REVISION.

A brief history of revision will be of interest. Ten years ago the general assembly appointed a committee of twenty-one to undertake the work, and finally the proposed changes were submitted to the 230 presbyteries. For adoption, a two-thirds vote of the 230 was necessary. Chiefly through failure of many of them to vote on the matter, the project failed.

For a long time it lay dormant. The controversy over Dr. Briggs claimed attention, and its result was to emphasize the divergence of opinion between the conservative and radical thinkers of the church.

But at last year's assembly the discussion was reopened by request, and the moderator was empowered to appoint a committee of fifteen to correspond with the various presbyteries and report at the present session. The assembly made the moderator the chairman. The committee held four meetings, and received reports from 200 presbyteries. The majority of those indicated a strong sentiment that some changes in the Confession were advisable. There was not a majority, however, agreed upon any particular way of making the changes.

A few thought a new creed was necessary. Some advised that the Confession remain, and that a supplemental statement, covering all doctrines, be added. Others desired a declaratory statement which should take up only the disputed points, together with additional chapters on matters which have arisen in late years, such as foreign missions, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the love of God for all men. There were those who advocated alterations in the text of the Confession, according to the plan of ten years ago. The remainder, fifty or sixty presbyteries, advised that the whole matter be dropped.

QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED.

The questions to be brought before the present assembly, after hearing the report of the moderator's committee, are in effect as follows:

1. Shall a committee be appointed to consider what changes should be made, and to report to the next general assembly?

2. If so, what instructions shall be given to the committee; that is, which of the plans proposed as to the manner of making the changes shall be adopted?

If the discussion can be kept to these questions, it is believed that the committee will be appointed, and instructed to proceed on the lines of a "declaratory statement," as described above, with additional chapters on modern questions. There is a possibility, however, that the members will wander into discussion of the specific doctrines involved. This would result in confusion, and perhaps in the failure of the whole movement for revision.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

Teachers' examinations for 1901 will be held as follows:

District	School House	Date
Shohola	Shohola	June 2
Lackawaxen	Lackawaxen	June 4
Dingman	Union	June 6
Milford	Pugh School	June 7
Palmyra	Red (Paupack)	June 11
Greene	Kippstown	June 12
Big Grove No. 1 (Westbrook's)		June 13
Dalawazo	Cole's	June 17
Lehman	Meadow Brook	June 18
Westfall	Matamoras	June 20

Teachers desiring certificates should attend the public examinations.

All directors and others interested are cordially invited to be present at any of the examinations.

GEO. SAWYER,
Supt. Pike Co. Pa.
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Now is the time when crop and lung troubles prove rapidly fatal. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results is one minute cough cure. It is very pleasant to take and can be relied upon to quickly cure coughs, colds and lung diseases. It will prevent consumption.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Shad fishermen have the blues. Too much river.

Andrew Yeiser was in town Monday making arrangements to have his railroad ties rafted.

Cider or some other kind of jags were very much in evidence within the past week, even on the Sabbath.

Lots of Jerseyman were in town last Monday.

Glad to hear of the appointment of the editor of the Press as commissioner.

Joe West is able to be about.

Is this town going to have a wedding in the near future? Ramor has it the contracting parties have been spiced before.

Doing damage to public property by accident may be excusable, but malicious mischief should be prosecuted.

Our local undertakers have been kept busy of late.

By the death of Mrs. Nathan Emery this town loses another of its prominent residents.

Glad Clarence Dewitt fills the position as telephone operator in the central office again "Sanny" knows how to handle the plugs and does not keep you waiting. The old switchboard seems to have outlived its usefulness.

Gumble Bros. are going to show us how to raise truck. If they are as good farmers as they are butchers they will make a success of it.

Strangers begin to arrive in town to live up things.

Considerable interest is manifested by the friends of Edwin Kintner and Elmer Everitt, recently indicted by the Sussex county grand jury for several offenses, as to what the outcome of their trials will be.

Frank Seitz now draws the lines over a matched team of Arabians, recently purchased of J. B. Van Tassel. He has also purchased the black mare of Bon. Kyte's.

Geo. Horton thinks he should put up a sign at his stable, calling it "The White Horse Livery Stable."

Evi Brink of Tuttle's Corner was in town Tuesday. He brought over a fine native beef, which was purchased by J. E. Boyd.

\$1 Memorial Day Excursion.

Memorial Day, Thursday, May 30, 1901, The Erie will run a special train leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. arriving in New York at 10 a. m. Returning special train will leave 23rd street at 7.25 p. m., Chambers street at 7.45 p. m. and Jersey City at 8 p. m. Fare at the popular rate of one dollar for the round trip.

Here is an opportunity for the people of Milford and vicinity to see the sights of Greater New York on the opening day of the season as all the seaside resorts will be in full blast on this day; there will be matinees at all theaters, a grand G. A. R. parade, also baseball games both morning and afternoon at the Polo grounds, New York, and Washington Park, Brooklyn, between the St. Louis and New York clubs, and the Pittsburg and Brooklyn clubs.

Don't forget the date, May 30, and the fare, only one dollar from Port Jervis to New York and return. Special train leaves Port Jervis 7 p. m., sharp—5-24

SUMMER BOARDERS SECURED.

How Judicious and Inexpensive Advertisements Can Be Made to Pay by Using a Selected Medium.

The Brooklyn Daily Eagle is the ideal resort medium. It reaches the people you want to reach. Its circulation is the largest in Brooklyn, and goes into the best homes in the entire City of New York. Its name stands for excellence, quality, fairness and an unparalleled advertising reputation. Its resort rates are equitable; its monthly rate so low that you can afford to keep before the public every day.

The Eagle maintains two free Information Bureaus for Resorts—one in Brooklyn and one in the heart of the shopping district of Manhattan. They distribute your circulars, tell visitors about your home, and in every way further your interests.

An advertisement in the Eagle, supplemented by the free service of its bureaus, is almost a sure investment.

Upon application listing blanks, rate cards and further details will be sent.

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Rooms 28 and 29,
Eagle Building, Brooklyn, N. Y.