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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
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President McKinley is only seeing those of his callers who have important public business to discuss, owing to Mrs. McKinley's continued critical condition. She is not worse but then neither is she perceptibly better. It is this barely holding her own that is alarming in such a case as hers. Members of the Cabinet are doing everything in their power to relieve President McKinley of the routine executive work by only calling his personal attention to the most important matters.

Senator Pritchard of North Carolina, who is in Washington on official business, said of the McLaurin-Tillman mix-up in South Carolina: "The fight is between Democrats, and I have nothing to do with it, but there is a strong sympathy for Senator McLaurin among business men and manufacturers in our section, who are Democrats. They believe that he represents their interests and the best interests of the south. I am willing to make this prediction, however, both North and South Carolina will soon be in the Republican column, and the day is not far distant when that will take place. Other southern states are leaning that way, too." Senator McLaurin is also in Washington. He expresses absolute confidence that a majority of the South Carolina voters will endorse his position.

Representative Mercer of Nebraska hopes that Attorney General Knox will not take advantage of the authority he has to make a contract for the erection of a new building for the department of justice because he considers the site on Pennsylvania avenue entirely too small and the appropriation available inadequate for the erection of a suitable building. He said on the subject: "I believe that all new federal buildings in Washington should be large, imposing and commodious, built for the future and not for the present. Our forefathers showed splendid judgment when they planned the Capitol, White House and Treasury. There's the Congressional library. It has been admired by thousands. We ought to erect another building for the supreme court and the department of justice near the library. The City Hall of Philadelphia has cost \$21,000,000 so far and the State House at Albany \$16,000,000, but neither is admired as much as the Congressional Library, which cost a little over \$6,000,000. The small amount of money appropriated for the new building of the department of justice will not erect much of a building. It certainly will not make a showing on the small piece of ground owned by the department. I like to see big buildings in spacious grounds. The people are willing to pay for them and that ought to be sufficient."

Secretary Long headed off a scheme of some real estate speculators who have acquired the land that will be needed for the establishment of the naval station on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and have been holding it at extortionate prices by instructing the commandant of the naval station at Honolulu to consult with the United States District Attorney there in regard to proceedings to protect the interests of the government in securing the needed land at Pearl Harbor. By the same steamer, at the request of Secretary Long, orders from Attorney General Knox went to the United States District Attorney to take the necessary steps before July 1 to condemn the land needed for the naval station. This alertness will convince those speculators that Uncle Sam is not an easy mark.

Discussion of Representative Babcock's idea of removing the tariff from all products of the steel trust has brought out some interesting facts about the steel trade. It has been shown that big as the big trust is it by no means controls the steel trade in this country, there being many establishments, some of them employing a large number of men, which have no connection with the trust. It seems to be generally admitted that the removal of the tariff on steel products would not injure the big trust to any marked extent, but it is claim-

ed if would necessitate an immediate reduction of wages in all steel establishments not in the trust. This claim, which is being made by those who ought to know whereof they speak, is causing many who were at first inclined to favor Mr. Babcock's idea to entertain doubts of its wisdom and if it be substantiated by unprejudiced investigation, which a number of members of the House are quietly making, the bill for the repeal of the tariff on steel products will not be supported by a corporal's guard of Republicans in either branch of congress at the coming session. Desirable as many consider it to curb the power of the big trusts, the Republican majority in congress are not going to be stampeded into the support of anything of that sort without carefully considering it from every point of view, and they will certainly not allow any legislation to get through that will reduce the wages of American workmen.

The Cuban constitutional convention reassembles today to consider Gen. Wood's communication notifying them that they must accept the Platt amendment unconditionally before they will be allowed to organize a government of their own. The latest advices indicate a disposition on the part of a majority of the convention to be stubborn, and immediate action is not expected.

School Commencement.
The closing exercises of the Milford schools were held last Monday evening at the court house in the presence of an audience which filled the room to overflowing.

Miss Bessie Armstrong opened the exercises with a piano solo, "The Monk's Prayer," which was followed by introductory remarks and prayer by Rev. C. B. Carpenter. The primary school, Miss Lizzie Rochotte, teacher, then gave a number of recitations and songs.

A piano solo, "La Jovense," by Miss Myrtle Ryder introduced the Schocopes school, Miss Florence Rochotte, teacher, which gave songs and a dialogue, and the part closed with a piano solo, "Dainty Lass," by Miss Maude Klein.

Joe Lattimore opened the exercises of the secondary department, Daniel H. Hornbeck, teacher, with a piano solo, "Jack Straws," which was followed by dialogues, recitations and a flag drill and closed with a piano solo, "Ave Maria," by Miss Lulo Jardon.

The Gypsies' Festival given by the intermediate department, L. B. Westbrook, teacher, was a very pretty play with Lewis Gregory as chief, who acquitted himself very creditably.

Commencement exercises of the grammar grade, Prof. J. C. Watson, teacher, consisted of the salutatory by Miss Cora Struble, class history and will by George Turner and valedictory address, Geo. Lattimore, Rev. C. E. Scudder made the address to the graduates and Hon. J. J. Hart presented the diplomas.

The parts were all well taken and where each one evinced such appreciation of the efforts bestowed on them by their excellence in the performance of their several parts it would be invidious to distinguish.

The teachers deserve praise for their work and the scholars commendation for success in displaying its effect.

Street Commissioner Emory has been putting gravel on the streets this week.

"A financier is a man who makes lots of money, isn't it, father?"
"No, Freddy; a financier is a man who gets hold of lots of money other people have made."

Mrs. W.—I didn't know that Mr. B. had a title.
Mr. W.—Neither did I. What is it?
Mrs. W.—Well, his servants say that everything comes addressed "James B. C. O. D."

P. C. Rutan, the bicycle dealer and repairer, is prepared to sell wheels from \$5 up on the installment plan at both his Port Jervis and Milford rooms. A discount given for cash payments. His shops are the resort of all wishing bicycle sundries and needing repairs to wheels, which are made in a skillful, workmanlike manner.—E-32-14.

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

PERSONALS

Mrs. Fred Gumble is visiting her parents at Wilsonville, Pa.

Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyeck is sojourning at Brookside Villa.

Dr. R. G. Barclay and wife went to Honolulee this week for a brief visit.

J. O. Ryder and wife of Matamoros spent last Sunday here visiting friends.

Will Armstrong, with the *Iron Age*, New York, spent last Sunday with his parents.

E. L. Van Etten of New York spent last Sunday with his aunt, Miss Cornelia Van Etten.

Dr. Persifer Frazer of Philadelphia passed through town Wednesday on his way to Silver lake where he has a summer cottage.

Miss Mary Stall of Orange, N. J., is making a ten days' visit with her cousin, Miss Bertha Williamson.

Mrs. H. E. Emerson and daughter, Madge, returned with Miss Bertha Kleinhans to Blooming Grove last Saturday for a week's visit.

Miss Hannah Van Etten of Conasaugh recently returned home after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Frank Singmaster, at Washington, Iowa.

Mrs. S. M. Craft of Red Ridge farm in Milford township, who has been quite indisposed for many weeks, was in town Tuesday enjoying improved health.

Rev. S. Morris was in town Tuesday calling on former acquaintances and friends and was the guest of Mrs. A. A. Van Anken. He also favored the Press office with a pleasant little visit. He went from here to Dingman's on a visit which since he has not favored with a call since he was pastor there over four years ago.

Mrs. Chas. Whiting of Attleboro, Mass., who has been visiting here for some time, was called home last week by the death of Lura, her two and a half year old daughter, who has been for some time in a Boston hospital. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. G. M. Slauson, who will remain with her several days.

Elkanah Custard, who many years ago resided in this county and who is a son of the late William Custard, but who for a number of years has lived in Easton, was a visitor in town last week. He now resides in Topeka, Kansas, where his son is connected with a newspaper. While here he was a guest with his cousin, Dr. C. S. Costis.

OBITUARY.

ALBERT B. MIDDAGH.
After an illness extending over some months and gradually failing vitality induced by age Mr. Middaugh passed away at his home in Delaware township Tuesday morning. He was born nearly eighty years ago in Luzerne county and was a son of David and Elsa M. Cool Middaugh. His ancestors were prominent in early affairs and his connections were among the representative people of this section. When about fourteen years old he came to Lehman to reside with his uncle, Albert G. Broadhead, and since has always lived in that and the adjoining township of Delaware. January 2, 1849, he married Hannah A. Everitt, also a member of a widely known and distinguished family, who survives him. He is also survived by two sisters, Eliza Ann, who is Mrs. Hampton, of Illinois, and Margaret J., widow of the late Wm. Angle of Delaware, and a brother, John C., of Nebraska. Four children, John H., and Mary E., wife of J. W. Van Gorden, of Wyoming, Daniel H., and Mary A., wife of Isaac Smith of Delaware, also survive. The funeral was held Thursday and interment in the cemetery at Dingman's.

Didn't Marry for Money.
The Boston man, who lately married a sickly rich young woman, is happy now, for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills, which restored her to perfect health. Infallible for Jaundice, Biliousness, Malaria, Fever and Ague and all Liver and Stomach troubles. Gentle but effective. Only 25c at all drug stores.

New line hats and caps at Mitchell's.

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

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NEW FISH LAWS.

The Season for Fishing, the Manner of Catching and the Penalties for Violations.

The act just approved by Governor Stone makes many changes in the fish laws and is very comprehensive. It defines what are game and food fish, designates how they may be taken and provides penalties for violations. It would be well to preserve this article because it may not appear again soon on account of its length.

Following are those specified as game fish:

Salmon, brook trout, black bass, green or Oswego bass, crappie, grass or strawberry bass, white bass, rock bass, blue pike, pike, perch, Susquehanna salmon, wall eyed pike, pike pickerel, sun fish and nunsallonge. The food fish are designated as follows: Shad, white fish, herring, alewife, sturgeon, striped bass or rock fish.

Game fish may be caught with rod, hook and line, or with hand line not having more than three hooks; food fish, with any device not specifically prohibited. The penalty is a fine of \$20.

Brook trout may be caught from April 15 to July 31. Lake or salmon trout from January 1 to September 1. Bass, perch, pike, salmon, sun fish and muscallonge, June 15 to February 15. Penalty, a fine of \$10 for every fish caught.

No white, rock, crappie or grass bass less than five inches long, no speckled trout less than six inches, no black bass less than seven inches, no salmon, wall eyed pike, rock, pike, pickerel or muscallonge less than nine inches in length shall be caught under penalty of \$10 for each fish.

One person shall not catch or kill more than fifty brook or speckled trout in one day under penalty of \$10 for each fish over fifty.

Eel pots may be used in waters not inhabited by trout.

It shall be lawful to fish with nets for carp, cat fish, eels and suckers in waters where there are no trout in March, April, May, October, November and December. Any other fish caught in the dip nets must be returned to the water under penalty of fine of \$10 for each fish kept.

It shall be lawful to use fyke nets in waters where there are no trout in March, April, May, October, November, December, and in waters inhabited by shad in March, April and May, but only eels, carp, cat fish and suckers can be caught. Penalty, a fine of \$25 and forfeiture of the nets.

Seine nets may be used any time of the year to catch carp, cat fish, eels and suckers in waters not inhabited by trout, and the owners of such nets must give bond in the sum of \$200 to restore alive other fish taken under penalty of \$100 fine and three months in jail.

Herring, alewife, shad, striped bass and sturgeon may be caught from January 1st to June 30th.

Outlines may be used to catch cat fish, eels, carp and suckers from sunset to sunrise only. Penalty, \$25 fine.

The penalty for catching young sturgeon not yet of spawn-bearing age at any time is \$20 for each fish.

Owners of dams in rivers and streams must erect fishways under a penalty of \$50 for every month they neglect to do so after an order from the fish commissioners. Where dams at present exist the cost of erecting fishways must be paid by the fish commissioners.

Persons operating race-ways or flumes in streams must place a screen at the upper end of the flumes or race-way, under penalty of \$50 per month.

Fish-ways must not be obstructed with nets under penalty of \$50.

Game or food fish cannot be sold except during the period of catching and for six days afterwards under a \$10 fine.

It shall be unlawful to purchase or sell brook trout at any time, but this does not apply to trout raised artificially. The penalty is \$25 per fish.

Brook trout bred artificially may be sold at any time for stocking purposes.

The penalty for catching game or food fish out of season is \$10 per fish.

Trespass on state fish hatcheries is punishable by a fine of \$25.

The use of explosives for fishing purposes is punishable with \$100 fine and six months in jail.

It is unlawful to plant in any waters of this state German carp under \$100 fine.

Fish wardens and other officers

BRIEF MENTION.

The democratic primary will be held Saturday, Aug. 3d.

Rev. S. Morris notes many improvements along the Port-Jervis road as well as in town since his last call here.

Sixteen members of the Ladies' club of Milford drove to Bushkill Tuesday and enjoyed a dinner at the Peters House.

The Sterlingworth Supply Company of Easton has the contract for the eight steel bridges on the Delaware valley railroad.

Kurt Rudolph Sternberg has been appointed by the trustee in bankruptcy manager of the Deerpark Brewing company and the business will be continued as usual.

The school directors of the Independent District of Milford met last Tuesday and organized for the ensuing year by electing B. E. Brown, President, Dr. H. E. Emerson, Secretary, and Danham Gregory, Treasurer.

Rev. L. L. Taylor, a former pastor of the Reformed church at Port Jervis, but lately of Montclair, N. J., has accepted a call to the vacant pulpit of the Puritan Congregational church of Brooklyn, N. Y., at a salary of \$3000.

The Driving Park and Athletic Association contemplates erecting a fence along the track next fall. It will be eight hundred feet long and seven high. Advertisements are being solicited with which to adorn its exterior.

President McKinley has issued a statement regarding the suggestion that he might be a candidate for a third term in which he says: "I will say now once for all expressing a long and settled conviction that I not only am not and will not be a candidate for a third term but would not accept a nomination if it were tendered me."

Children's day exercises were observed in Dingman township last Sunday afternoon, William Angie superintendent, and were of a very interesting nature. The school is large and enthusiastic and has several efficient workers, among them being John Darling and wife.

The body of Florence Debevoise, who probably committed suicide May 2 by throwing herself in the Neversink river at Port Jervis, was found floating in the stream at Tri-State last Friday and recovered. It is said that her father, who now lives near Greenville, at one time resided in Milford.

T. J. Morris of Nanfleck, Pa., teacher of languages in the high school there and a son of Rev. S. Morris of Port Jervis, has been invited by friends to be their guest on a trip to San Francisco, Cal. They go as delegates to the National Convention of the Epworth League which meets in that city July 18th.

One of the finest young maple trees on Centre Square was badly barked Tuesday by a horse attached to a beer wagon from Port Jervis. The fire for suffering a horse to remain in such manner as to gnaw, bite, rub, or mutilate, a tree is \$5 and it should be imposed. In this instance the team was left without being tied.

The firemen are arranging for a grand fourth of July celebration and have appointed committees to secure the necessary funds. Already sufficient has been subscribed to insure the success of the project and we will no doubt witness a glorious jubilee on that day. Details and program will be given when further arrangements are completed.

A committee comprising Geo. A. Sweepeniser, G. Frank Rowland and W. F. Beck has been appointed to meet similar committees from the other counties composing the eighth congressional district to fix on a basis of rotation for the office of congressman and also determine the number of conferees which each county shall be entitled to in the Democratic conference.

The Delinquent for July, published by the Butterick company of New York, is on our table and is truly a handsome number. The fashion plates are something to please the eye and satisfy the taste of any woman while the three-color illustrations of the article on the Pan-American exposition are gems of the printer's art. The magazine also contains considerable interesting reading matter in the way of short stories and would be an agreeable companion to consult in willing away a little leisure time.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Sorry to hear of the accident which befell Charles Cortright of Montague Sunday. While driving along the Clove road his horse fell and broke its neck.

Gottfried Wieland's bear is growing right along. Some time in the distant future there will be a supper given at the Brick house with bear steak on the menu.

It seems "Rambler" hit somebody last week. Sorry, but as no name or locality was mentioned in the item complained of I do not see where the hit comes in, unless "A guilty conscience," etc.

Harvey Kyte of Newark is spending a week at his home here.

Edward L. Van Etten of New York was in town over Sunday.

Rev. C. E. Scudder of the M. E. church has reason to feel proud of the large congregations that attend his church.

Some kind of an exhorter or whatever you might call him passed through here Friday morning telling the people to prepare for the other world. I am afraid his advice fell on heedless ears.

So far two democrats have announced their willingness to be associate judges. Ed. Brown has a notion to try conclusions with them and see if he can't capture the nomination.

Considerable stir was occasioned early Tuesday morning when Dory Bosler, high sheriff of Dingman township, came into the borough and with the assistance of Geo. Smith arrested Fritz Poillon, Warren Chol and Sam Fallon on warrants issued by John Olmsted, Esq., for assault. Geo. Gregory prosecutor. Geo. Gregory furnished a rig for all hands to take a ride to the squire's office for a hearing, which was adjourned until tomorrow.

A lot of very tired youngsters came out of the court house Monday evening. I do not know if it is good policy to keep young children up till nearly midnight or not. It is tiresome for some older people; how must it affect the young.

Ben Kyte is the owner of a dog that can kill rats almost as fast as you can count.

Real Estate Transfers.
Winifred C. Horn to George Wehinger, lot No. 438, Matamoros. Consideration \$1000.
Geo. Danmann, Treasurer, to Commissioners, 153 acres, Delaware. Consideration, taxes, formerly assessed to L. Chatillon.
Commissioners of Pike county to Horace O. Kipp, same land. Consideration \$1.
Horace O. Kipp to W. W. Kimme, same land. Consideration \$1.
Augustus F. Groesch and wife to Esther Friedlander, land in Delaware and Dingman, 312 acres. Consideration, exchange.
Danham Gregory and wife and George Gregory and wife to August Halfman, 40 acres, Westfall. Consideration \$170.
John W. Frazier to Evangelina Donaldson, lot in Dingman's Ferry. Consideration \$170.
E. Vandermark, trustee, to John Hogart, lots Nos. 129 and 134, Matamoros. Consideration \$550.
Teachers Wanted.
One principal and three teachers for the schools of Milford borough, and one teacher for Schoopes school for nine months. Also janitor for Milford school buildings for same time. Applications will be received by the undersigned until June 27, 1901.
H. E. Emerson, Secretary.
Milford, June 12, 1901. 6-21

Caught a Monster Rockfish.
Samuel Snyder, of Easton, while fishing in the Delaware river at Foul Rift, recently caught a rockfish or striped bass that weighed 16 1/2 pounds. The fish was caught with a trolling line and it took Snyder twenty-five minutes to land his catch.

Milford Hand Laundry.
The undersigned has opened a laundry on Centre Square Milford, Pa., in the store room formerly occupied by Geo. Danman, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the business with promptness and in a neat careful manner. A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.
JOHN L. UOCHLAY.