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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., JUNE 17, 1901.

President McKinley's cheerfulness tells the story of Mrs. McKinley's improved condition even better than the assurances of her physicians. He now puts in the usual time in his office. The cordial response of the country to his announcement that he would not be a candidate for a third term has also added to his cheerfulness. Letters of congratulation are still pouring into the White House by every mail. He had a long conference with Minister Conger, the first he has had since Mr. Conger's return from China, on Chinese affairs, which Mr. Conger thinks will now steadily improve. Mr. Conger expects to start on his return to China next month. He predicts that American commerce with China will greatly increase. President McKinley has reappointed Gov. Otero of New Mexico and United States Marshal Foraker. Mr. Foraker, who is a brother of Senator Foraker, has been the marshal of the territory for several terms. Speaking of those appointments, Delegate Rodney of New Mexico said they were entirely satisfactory. He added that he did not expect Gov. Otero to serve out the term of four years, because New Mexico would be a state in less time than that.

Senator Burrows of Michigan is a strong advocate of the election of senators by direct vote, and as he will be chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections he will be in a position to help along anything looking towards a constitutional amendment providing therefor. He said: "I appreciate the difficulty of securing an amendment to the constitution, but when you remember that no less than thirty-five states have expressed their approval, I am encouraged to believe that even an amendment to the constitution is not beyond the range of possibility." Senator Burrows will propose a constitutional amendment to prevent any state being deprived of part of its representation in the senate, by providing that whenever a legislature fails to elect a senator the governor of the state shall order an election by the people to fill the vacancy. Senator Burrows said: "In framing the constitution the fathers arranged that if there should be a vacancy in the house of representatives an election should be held for a member. They also provided that if the electoral college failed to elect a president that duty should devolve upon the house of representatives. It did not apparently occur to them that a legislature might fail to elect a senator, and so they did not provide for that contingency. My plan simply remedies that oversight."

Senator Allison, who has been one of the leaders of the republican party longer than any man now in public life, always has an attentive audience when he talks. Asked who would be the republican candidate for a president, he said: "It would take a wiser man than Solomon to predict what will happen in the next three years, and upon the things that will happen will largely, if not entirely, depend the action of the convention." Asked whether he would accept the nomination, he replied: "No; I would be seventy-five when the convention met. I will stand aside and see the younger men struggle for the honor. It is a great honor, and it will be a great man who can equal the wonderful record which President McKinley has made." Of the acceptance of the Platt amendment without conditions by the Cubans, Senator Allison said: "It is satisfactory not only for us but for the Cubans. The Platt amendment, adopted though it was in the hurry and rush of the closing hours of congress, was drawn with remarkable skill and wisdom. Each word in its various sections seems to have been carefully selected and the whole document could not be improved upon. In course of time the Cubans will undoubtedly have a government worthy of the name, but in my opinion they will continue to rely upon the United States. They will have to do so." Of the general condition of the country Senator Allison said: "I have no doubt prosperity has come to stay. There will be periods of slight depression but on the whole the general tendency will be towards a larger de-

velopment of our resources and consequently a continuation of prosperous times."

Republicans regret that the commissioner of patents has issued a very injudicious order, not to call it by a harsher name, that no hearings will be granted by himself or the assistant commissioner during July and August. This order will impose an unnecessary hardship upon the inventors of the country by delaying action upon their applications for patents. As their business is done at a large profit to the government, the inventors have a right to expect better treatment from the commissioner of patents, and they received it from the late Benjamin Butterworth and other able men who have held the position.

Secretary Root says there will be no immediate reduction of the number of soldiers in Cuba, as the military authority over the island will continue until the Cuban government is established and that will require time; how much will depend upon the Cubans themselves. There is nothing for this government to do but wait until the Cubans are prepared to take charge.

Senator Aldrich spent a day or two in Washington but he said he was looking after private affairs and that his presence had nothing to do with the senate finance committee of which he is chairman, which was authorized at the last session of congress to sit during the recess. The committee may meet in the fall but not earlier.

Another Kansas Letter.

Editor PIKE COUNTY PRESS: The season for wheat has been good, and the farmers are now cutting the early grain. It would be hard to find a more prosperous looking and beautiful farm country than that through which I drove last evening with my friend, Dr. Morris. Reapers and binders were at work as late as eight o'clock, many thousands of acres having already been shocked. Late wheat is just beginning to turn, and in a few days will be a blaze of gold. Corn is waist high, and of a healthy, dark green hue.

We drove southeast of Arkansas City, and as we reached the foot of the flint rock ledges I looked up at the winding road and saw a cow boy start down. He was mounted on a white pony, carried a yellow "slicker" behind, wore a sombrero, boots, spurs, etc. Seeing we had already entered the trail, he drew up between two gnarled elms. Horse, rider, road and trees were very clearly outlined against the cloudless blue sky of the east, the last rays of the sun gilding the whole picture and accenting the shadows. From the ledge top we could see twelve miles or more in any direction. Undulating hills were everywhere crowned with grain or striped with woody stretches, orange orange hedges, pastures and cornfields. Of the birds seen and heard, turtle doves, quails, meadow larks and thrushes were most common, though orioles and other handsome birds are plentiful.

The doctor found his little girl patient at the farm doing well, which fact added materially to our contentment of mind as we started back. On approaching the ledge top a large horse fly lit on the off broncho, and before you could say Jack Robinson a pair of shiny hoofs sent the whip out of the socket. Then they wanted to run. The doctor seemed willing, but didn't like the looks of the turns in the side hill road below (neither did I, to be honest). So he just headed them for a barb wire fence, and in they went with a crash and a snort, but failed to carry the four strands. The fence got first blood, but the traitor doctor got second—with the whalebone. In justice to the doctor I must say he doesn't drive livery bronchos as a rule, for he owns some grand horses, among them the great stallion Synobolus, 2.11, which is quartered in town.

W. G. PARKER.

June 12th, 1901.

P. C. Rotan, 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.—6-22-11.

PERSONALS

Levi Lord of Lord's Valley transacted business here Tuesday.

Moses C. Westbrook of Blooming grove and daughter, Carrie, were in town Tuesday.

Dr. Edward A. Talmadge of Philadelphia has been a guest of Dr. Kenworthy for several days.

Van C. Peters and wife and W. D. Miller and wife of Stroudsburg visited Milford Wednesday.

T. R. Crosby, who has been absent some weeks visiting, has returned and is again with his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Scudder.

Dr. H. E. Emerson and wife and some twenty-five other Milford people enjoyed the excursion to New York Wednesday.

N. C. Detrick, who has been rusticating in town for several days, left today to accept a position in the Hotel Breslin at Lake Hopateong, N. J.

Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyck, who is not enjoying very good health, and daughter, Hanny, expect to go to Atlantic City next week for a few days.

Miss Alice Hogan, who taught very successfully at Edgemoor last winter, closed her school May 2 and is now with her people in New York for the summer.

Frank B. Tirrell, Miss Hattie Horton, Miss Etta Kipp and Mrs. Jennie Shearer attended the wedding of Miss Emma Kipp and Guerdon Pellett which occurred at Wilsonville Wednesday.

J. F. Molony, poet, philosopher, humorist, politician, writer of snake tales, fish stories, and all around wit, kicked up a dust with a bicycle in town a day this week. The sun went down red that evening.

Mountain Peak Series.

Rev. C. E. Scudder will hold a series of afternoon camp meetings services in the grove near Union school house, Dingman township, beginning Sunday, July 21, and continuing for six Sabbaths. There will be special music at each service. They will be called the "Mountain Peak" series and each service will be based on a suitable text. Following is the order:

July 21—"The Ark Upon the Mountain." And the ark rested upon the mountains of Ararat.—Gen. 8: 4.

July 28—"Moses in the Mountain." And the Lord called unto him out of the mountain.—Exodus 19: 3.

Aug. 4—"Joy in the Mountain." Let Mount Zion rejoice.—Psalm 48: 11.

Aug. 11—"Elijah on Mount Carmel." Gather unto me all Israel to Mount Carmel.—1 Kings 18: 19.

Aug. 18—"Transfiguration on the Mountain." Jesus taketh Peter, James and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and is transfigured before them.—Matt. 17: 1-2.

Aug. 25—"Prayer in the Mountain." He went up into the mountain apart to pray.—Matt. 14: 23.

A Highly Honored Student.

Edwin Hill, a son of Dr. C. S. Van Eiten of Rhinebeck, N. Y., received honorable mention in a declamation contest at the commencement exercises of the Riverview military academy at Poughkeepsie last week and also captured four first prizes: The memorial, a gold medal for the highest general average, the senior classical for the highest mark in classics, the senior mathematical, and the one for English composition and literature. A Poughkeepsie paper says he was "the star of the occasion." He graduated last year at the head of his class in the Rhinebeck high school receiving the regent's count of 84, the largest ever given a student at the school.

Real Estate Transfers.

William B. Schutte, administrator of Geo. F. Schutte, to Claus Gronwaldt, 85 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$600.

George Geyer, administrator estate of Gottlieb Mulheisen, to Adam Bilger, two lots, Mataunora, Nos. 17 and 19. Consideration \$565.

H. C. Toomey to Egypt Mills club, 294 acres, Lehman. Consideration \$1.

Thomas Carlin to Mary Frisby, 2 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$50.

Advertisements in the Press.

FOURTH OF JULY.

WILL BE CELEBRATED HERE BY FIREMEN.

Parade, Races, Games, Fireworks. Enlivened with Music by Erie Band.

The Fourth of July celebration in Milford is in the hands of energetic committees of firemen who are striving to furnish a day of amusement and entertainment. The following programme has been agreed on:

A grand parade in town at 10 a. m. There will be a number of fan-tastics and all desiring to participate are invited. The former line of march through the principal streets will be adopted.

In the afternoon at the driving park the following events will occur: Greased pole contest, prize \$1; sack race, \$1 prize; wheelbarrow race, \$1 prize; foot race, 220 yards, \$1 prize; bicycle race, three prizes aggregating \$10, open for local riders only.

If persons out-of-town desire to race a special prize will be arranged.

Base ball game, admission to grand stand, 10 cents. There will be a booth for the sale of soft drinks on the grounds.

In the evening fire works will be displayed from 7.30 to 8.30 at the post office corner and from 8.30 to 9.30 at Centre Square. The firemen's ball will take place at Brown's Hall in the evening.

Come every body and enjoy the day.

A Lyceum Meeting.

Through the courtesy of D. V. Drake we were allowed to inspect a copy of the *Steamboat*, a little eight-page paper temporarily published here by Geo. R. Boster. The issue is of June 18, 1887, and contains an account of a meeting of the Milford Lyceum at which the late Col. Henry S. Mott presided. John D. Biddis was down for an essay but other matters claiming attention he was absent. The meeting, however, like Mary's little lamb, concluded to linger until Mary did appear, and so continued the essayist to report subsequently. A committee, consisting of J. H. Wells, Wm. Crawford and R. B. Tirrell, was appointed to decide on the merits of a debate which followed on the question, "Resolved that the man who drinks whiskey should take out a license instead of the one who sells it." The affirmative was maintained by John Kluer, Evi S. Decker and M. M. Cady, and the negative by D. A. Wells and Eli Cuddeback. After deliberation the latter were declared winners on the merits. The various arguments pro and con would no doubt make interesting reading could they be reproduced but no points made by the different speakers are given so this generation is deprived of the effulgent light no doubt shed in the debate.

Two in Jail.

William Fink of Shohola was brought to Milford Monday by Constable George Burgard on a commitment issued by Frank Keller, justice of the peace, and confined in jail. The charge is an assault on the person of a young girl named Burgmeister, which offence is alleged to have been perpetrated last Saturday night.

Early Tuesday morning Thomas Gibbons of Milford township was placed in the jail on a surety of the peace charge made by A. J. Nye, who was recently considerably damaged by Tom one evening at his home. Esquire H. L. Canne issued the papers which were served by High Constable E. C. Wood. Bail was fixed at \$150, which Gibbons failed to furnish.

Girl's Club Entertainment.

Next Thursday evening, June 27, at Brown's Hall will be held a novel and original entertainment under the auspices of the Girl's Club, whose Easter sale was so successful. There will be a "Japanese Wowing and Wedding," a unique pantomime, a "Rainbow Fantasy," brilliant in its effect, songs from the Geshu and from the Amser. Tickets at 25 cents and reserved seat at 35 cents are now on sale at Armstrong's and at Emerson's pharmacies. A souvenir will be given with every lady's ticket.

FOR RENT—Furnished house on Harford street, Milford, 2 rooms. Apply to A. Helms, Armstrong's store, or Dellmora cottage, next door to Sawkill House.

Subscribe for the Press.

BRIEF MENTION.

A horse power lawn mower has been bought for use on the driving park grounds.

The Milford Lyceum is now open daily in the afternoon for the accommodation of those desiring books.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian church Sunday, June 23, morning and evening by Rev. J. W. Louden of Dingman's.

In the Stroudsburg Times contest for the most popular teacher for a free trip to the Pan-American exposition, Miss Anna Klauer, a teacher in the schools there, received 1536 votes.

At the hearing before Esquire Olmsted last Saturday W. F. Chol, J. J. Poulton and Sam Fether, arrested for assault and battery on complaint of H. Koehler, offered no evidence and were bound over to appear at court Tuesday they gave bail in \$150 each.

Geo. A. Sweepster, G. F. Rowland and W. F. Beck as a committee went to Easton Wednesday to attend a meeting of similar committees from the other counties in this congressional district to fix a basis of representation and rotation for the office of congressman in the Eighth district.

Mrs. Ewart of Lackawaxen, whose husband was killed on the Erie near Rowlands some three weeks ago, died Thursday, June 19th. Since the death of her husband she had shown signs of mental unsoundness and arrangements were about completed to remove her to Danville asylum. She leaves five children, the eldest being only nine years old.

The golf links at the driving park are completed and will be opened for public use next Tuesday. They comprise 1822 yards. The committee has fixed the following prices for their use: Season tickets, \$5; stock, \$3.50; daily use, 35 cents. Juniorholders will be charged half rates for season tickets.

Our Poor Muddle.

An unfortunate situation seems to exist in the Borough respecting the overseers of the poor. By the death of one a vacancy exists, and by the acts of the other in tendering a conditional resignation, afterwards withdrawn, a question may be raised as to his standing. The poor treasury is practically empty and emergency may arise when funds are absolutely necessary, and there are some doubts as to the power of one overseer, supposing him still to be such, to levy a tax. The law requires that the duplicate shall be issued before August first and there is no session of the court until August when another overseer can be appointed. The law of 1877 seems to impose the duty of petitioning the court whenever a vacancy exists in any borough office but the council failed to do so at the June term.

There would seem to be two ways out of the difficulty, either to have a session of the court prior to August 1st to make an appointment, or to have the acting overseer make the levy and issue the duplicate, which can be signed by the other overseer when appointed. If two magistrates approved the levy it might be sufficient though there does not seem to be any warrant for this in boroughs. At all events some action should be taken that money may be raised to supply the needs of the poor fund.

ALL THE NEWS OF SPORTS.

A Department Which Will Please All Who Enjoy Athletics.

The great Philadelphia Sunday "Press" has arranged to devote a special section each Sunday to the sporting news of the day. This section is certain to be heartily welcomed by those who are interested in outdoor pastimes. In this manner the news is conveniently classified for the reader and he is able to quickly and readily find the report of any athletic event in which he may be interested. "The Press" has long been noted for the accuracy of its sporting news and this same high standard is maintained in the sporting section of the "Sunday Press" with the added advantage of the news being kept well together. Baseball, yachting, cricket, rowing, horse racing, college athletics and all kinds of sports on land and water are featured by "The Press" both daily and Sunday. It prints more and better sporting news than any other Philadelphia paper.

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

SOMETHING NEW.

Showing a Few Object Lessons in the Humane Kindergarten.

The gossips say that the earth is a ball and that statement will do for a mere hard fact. But ever since electricity grided it, it has been to the mental vision a vast plain, with an extent of two hundred million square miles, from the very center of which rises a high mountain from whose very top the seer may daily observe the whole.

With such an area for observation, it would be strange if there were not always something notable to report, and this morning what especially catches our eye is a point in the city of New York. There lives in that city a lady who is not only a lover of animals, but willing to work and make personal sacrifices to show her affection. So great has always been her sympathy with horses especially, that, speaking in the metaphorical sense common to poets (and are not lovers and philanthropists poets?) she laughingly declares that she was "born in a stable."

This lady, Mrs. Myles Standish, having a country place in the Berkshire Hills, was especially impressed by the thoughtless and ill-instructed treatment of horses among the rich, and casting about for some means for helping this, she was inspired to gather some of the boys of the neighborhood into her own stable and instruct them in the needs and proper treatment of these good friends of man.

The experiment was successful, and, as every idea with life in it may grow, this small beginning became a movement in New York, which has for its aim the conversion to humane methods of thinking and acting, of the entire generation.

The movement has nothing to do with schools; its founder and her helpers may be said to have simply gone into the streets, picked up the children and organized them into an army of workers under the name of "Our Animal Protective League." This army is divided into chapters, of which the latest report describes seventeen with such names as, "Tiger Chapter," "Young Defenders," "Knights of the Round Table," "Dewey Chapter," "Lioness Chapter" (this chapter consisting of girls) and, beautiful to relate, there is a "Deaf-Mute's Chapter."

Each chapter has a grown person to lead it, so that it is thoroughly organized and managed, with regular meetings and much enthusiasm. Indeed, in the report it is stated that "thousands could at once be admitted to the membership of the league, but they could not yet be taken care of or properly organized. In the meantime the league seeks to make every chapter member a responsible, active and expert force in practicing and spreading kindness to animals. Every member, besides having a thorough training in general humane methods, the care of dogs, cats, etc., is taught by actual demonstration all the points of harness and harnessing, and is on the alert for tight check-reins, improperly adjusted harness, and badly shod or overloaded horses, at the same time seeking courteously to have the fault remedied, without formally reporting it, where possible."

Into this league are imported all sorts of elements of interest, which seem to make of each chapter a real club; and within it are a baseball club with a number of teams; a glee club under direction of Mr. Henry Burleigh, soloist at St. George's; a scrap book committee which pastes animals' pictures into books and presents them to the children's hospitals. And there is a swimming club. A "field club" is to make nature studies in country in summer outings.

Actually, the chapters expect to camp out for some weeks this summer. This organization costs something. Besides a great deal of work, there was expended for it last year over five thousand five hundred dollars.

Now, what have their promoters got for their money? Practically a great, growing, ramifying society of children, a society filled with interesting pursuits and companionships, and founded upon the principle of loving kindness to all living creatures.

These children are, according to the proverb, the fathers (and mothers) of a very large number of the coming men and women of New York. Are they not certain to be a real factor in raising the grade of its civilization?

Is there any city with a population so highly humanized to need this influence? CRESTON SAND.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

City dailies now arrive in town long before noon. Charley is a hustler.

The result of the celebrated Kennedy trial shows that it is hard to convict on circumstantial evidence.

Eugene Hance has about recovered.

Henry Lambert is out again after a long and severe tussle with rheumatism.

The new switchboard in the central is a beauty and the patrons of the local company should have good service now.

I agree with Brother Warren when he draws the line on converting heathens. Begin at home first.

Squire Olmsted held the boys for the grand jury. The accused are not worried in the least.

So it seems to be settled that the eagle will sore m here on the ever glorious Fourth. A little misunderstanding where to hold the games, etc., seems to be a bar of perfect harmony now, but all will come out right.

"Observer" of Montague seems to have forgotten the Press. I am sorry, as we are so close to Montague. We would like to hear from there. Is it true that a farmer over there had some pigs got a cider jag on? And did or did not several pigs die from the effects of indulging in too much apple juice?

Pretty rough when a young man (?) goes out with his best girl and he calls her a lobster on the street.

Ed. Wolf has removed his steam saw mill to South Canaan, Wayne county.

"Barnum," the horse jockey, has been located on the gypsy camp ground the past week and as usual did a pretty good business. Jake was not in it this time.

We are going to have the pleasure of listening to a couple genuine temperance sermons, or lectures, rather, next Monday and Tuesday evenings. No doubt a large crowd will gather to hear a lady speak but how much good will it do.

Growlers are apt to make things lively some times. At least such seems to be the case in a certain quarter in this town.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE S. CORTRIGHT.

The Plainfield Courier-News of June 8 contains a notice of the death of Mr. Cortright, which occurred in that city June 7. He had been ill since last November with paralysis caused by a gun shot wound in the side received in the war, where he was in seventeen hard fought battles, being a member of Company D, First Division, 6th Corps, and was wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania. He was born in Milford about fifty-seven years ago and was a son of the late Samuel Cortright, for many years a justice of the peace and a prominent citizen here. After leaving the army he settled in Hawley and engaged in business, where he married Miss Emma Conkling. Subsequently he was an express messenger on the Erie and was afterwards an employe of the Standard Oil company and removed to Plainfield, N. J., about nine years ago. His wife and two daughters, Miss Katie, at home, and Mrs. John D. Holmes, of Downsville, N. Y., survive him. His sisters, Mrs. Charles Mitchell and Mrs. Fannie Drake of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Page of Burton, Kansas, and Mrs. S. Augusta Beach of Chicago, also survive. The funeral was held Monday, June 10th. The News says he was a Christian man and notes that he had many friends who will regret his demise.

Seven Years in Bed.

"Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Pease, of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but, "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

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