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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 8, 1901.
Secretary Gage will as usual remain on duty all the summer with only an occasional day's outing. He is one of the few persons that prefer to take their vacations when the weather is not warm. He moved today to the suburban residence that was purchased and occupied by Mr. Cleveland when he was president, where he will spend his nights and Sundays until the return of cool weather. Secretary Hitchcock and his family are also still in Washington and expect to remain until about August 1st.

Postmaster General Smith, having had his idea of a thorough revision of the rules regulating second class mail matter approved by President McKinley and his fellow members of the cabinet, is giving his personal attention to the revision and his long experience in the newspaper business has fitted him to do the work well. It is not intended that a single legitimate publication shall be hurt by this revision, but the many fake publications, which have been enabled to make money solely because they have been allowed to send their papers and books through the mails at one cent a pound instead of eight cents a pound, which they are likely to have to pay under the new regulations, will be hit hard and there is no doubt of their deserving to be hit hard. The postmaster general has received many assurances of support in his effort to save many million dollars by shutting out of second class mail privileges publications that should not be entitled to them, from prominent editors of papers of false political shades, and he is confident that his action will be supported by practically all of the legitimate papers and periodicals of the country, not only because it will save a lot of money—the revenue from second class mail is less than \$4,000,000 a year, while it costs \$60,000,000 a year—but because every legitimate publisher is interested in shutting out fake publications.

Representative Mudd of Maryland thinks the republicans will be able to elect Senator Wellington's successor. His friends think he has a chance to be the man. He said: "The legislature is now republican. A portion of the senate and all of the house will step down. The democrats will have a slight advantage in the number of hold-overs in the senate, but the chances are in our favor notwithstanding the new ballot law, the object of which is disfranchisement of illiterates. In every county in the state republicans are waging an educational campaign, and by ballot time many of these now practically disfranchised will know how to mark the tickets. The difficulty confronting republicans is not as great as we anticipate. Although the matter of the republican candidate for the senate has taken no definite shape as yet, the convention which will meet in Baltimore August 5 will not instruct. The republican policy has been against instruction. It is thought to be better to suppress agitation along that line until after the election."

A historic relic was shipped from Washington to the Buffalo exposition several days ago that will have more than a passing interest for thousands of visitors. It is an old shoe eighteen inches long and seven inches wide that was made by the father of General U. S. Grant and was for several years previous to the civil war a part of the sign in front of the tannery of Grant & Perkins at Gatons, Ill.

President McKinley announced before leaving Washington that he would issue the proclamation declaring free trade between the United States and Porto Rico on and after July 25 in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Porto Rican legislature as soon as he gets an official copy of that resolution. It is understood that Gov. Allen will in person carry an official copy of the resolution to Canton.

An erroneous idea seems to have gone abroad in connection with the official statement that the commissioner of patents and the assistant commissioner would grant no hears during July and August, that the

work of the entire patent office was suspended. Speaking of the matter, a member of the firm of C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, which probably does more business before that office than any other firm, said: "Very few applications for patent, perhaps not more than one in a hundred, will be delayed by the fact that the commissioner of patents will take a long rest this summer. The vast majority of cases are decided by the one hundred and forty examiners without appeal to the commissioner in person."

Regret over the resignation of Mr. Charles G. Davis as comptroller of the currency, which has been tendered to take effect Oct. 1, is by no means confined to official circles. He has filled a difficult position in a manner highly creditable to himself and satisfactory to the business world, but in view of the fact that he purposes beginning an active canvass for a seat in the senate early in the fall, it is felt that his course in resigning was wise. The talk about his being the administration candidate for the senate is ridiculous. The administration has no candidate for the senate in Illinois or any other state.

Tried to Steal a Horse.
A young man giving the name of McCoy arrived in town last Saturday and after telling fairy tales about himself and his uncle hired a horse Sunday morning of T. Nelson, proprietor of Brookside Villa, with which he goes to Port Jervis as he alleged and meet his mythical relative. He came down town, passed on to Dingman's and over the bridge there to New Jersey. Nelson, becoming suspicious at his failure to return, began making inquiries over the telephone and finally got on his track. In company with Officer Wood he went in pursuit, overhauled the youth near Lafayette, N. J., where the sheriff of Sussex county had intercepted him, and regained possession of his horse. The young man, who then gave the name of William R. Stewart and claimed Bensonhurst, N. Y., as his home, acknowledged that he had hired the horse with intent to take it to Jersey City and sell it. He readily came back and was locked up in jail where he is now. His conduct would seem to indicate that he is either crazy or a fool or both.

A Serious Smash-up.
Wednesday night as parties were returning from the dance at Raymondskill, just as they emerged from Mott street they were met by a wagon driven at a rapid rate by H. C. Clark of Hainesville, N. J., with two companions, which came in collision first with a wagon containing the musicians. Both vehicles were badly damaged and Clark's horse breaking loose plunged into a team just in the rear driven by John Daumann, injuring him and also Milo Gibbons who received a severe cut over one of his eyes. Clark had his collar bone broken and altogether it was a serious mix-up and will be quite expensive for some one.

Pleasant for the Farmers.
The prospect of a wheat crop exceeding by 101,000,000 bushels that of 1900, and by 8,000,000 that of 1899, makes things look pleasant for the farmers of the United States and causes a feeling of comfort to the railroad men and the traders. Even the man who will have to buy wheat for bread ought to be able to rejoice over the prospect that there will be plenty on the market.—Clinton (Mo.) Republican.

Excursion to Binghamton.
The Erie railroad has arranged a delightful family pleasure trip to the beautiful Parlor City and its picturesque Ross Park on Sunday, July 21. The fare is so extremely low that everyone can go and take their entire family. Children will be taken at half rate. Do not miss this first enjoyable outing trip this season. Grand special train will leave Port Jervis at 7:30 a. m. Fare, round trip, only \$1.25.—7-19.

Bids for Hauling.
Bids will be received until Monday evening, July 15, by the secretary of the Independent School District of Milford for hauling coal from Port Jervis, 22½ tons to be delivered at Milford, and 2½ tons at Schoepes. H. E. Easman, Secretary.

PERSONALS

C. W. Ball, Esq., wife and daughter are on a visit down the county.

Mrs. Edward T. Reed and son Harold of Port Jervis are visiting friends here.

Miss Louisa C. Newman is quite seriously ill at her home on lower Broad street.

Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyck is quite indisposed at her summer home, Brookside Villa.

C. N. Bollen of Brooklyn has recently been visiting friends in Dingman township.

George Simons of Hawley was a guest with the family of G. A. Sweepener over last Sunday.

Mr. Carpenter, connected with the Penn Mutual Life company of Philadelphia, is a guest with Dr. Kowalchey.

Howard Reed, who has been in a Philadelphia medical school during the past winter and more recently at Cambridge, Mass., is at his home, The Anceorage.

Harry Reed was a guest with his parents last Sunday, having wheeled up from Bethlehem where he is taking a practical course during the summer in the rolling mills.

A. J. Gilchrist, wife and child of Brooklyn, N. Y., have arrived in town and will spend the month of July here. They are domiciled at Mrs. Turner's on Ann street.

Mrs. P. J. Girard and family of Brooklyn are making a visit in town, the first since removing seven years ago. Her husband was formerly manager of the gold watch case factory here and is now employed in a factory in Brooklyn.

Changed with Murder.

Witness Hull of Carbonate, Pa., is in jail at Honesdale charged with having killed Edwin Schoonover near Lake Lodore in Wayne county June 26. The two attended a picnic there that day and were both intoxicated. They were last seen together going toward the place where Schoonover's body was found a week later. He having failed to return to his home in Scranton after the picnic, search was instituted which resulted in showing that he was last seen in company with Hull at the lake and that Hull after returning home the day of the disappearance had the next day left leaving no indication of his intentions. He was however found near Moscow, on the D. L. & W. railroad, Monday where he was visiting a relative, arrested and charged with the murder which he denied having committed. Schoonover had been stabbed in the neck and abdomen and blood was found on Hull's coat when he was arrested. He was seen also to have blood on his shirt and clothing the day of the murder after it was committed, which he explained by saying he had been in an affray with a Honesdale man. Schoonover had considerable money in his possession and a watch and chain all of which was missing when his body was found, and it was said Hull had offered one for sale, but no money was found on his person when arrested.

Origin of "Whig."

Several reasons have been assigned to account for the word "Whig" universally known to all the English speaking people. By some the word is supposed to be a contraction of a longer one, "whiggamore," which in some parts of England and Scotland, especially Scotland, signifies a drover or herder.

It was in 1579 that the word first became common in the British Isles, when the struggle was in progress between the peasantry and the aristocracy to have or not to have the bill passed by parliament to exclude the Duke of York from the line of succession. All who were opposed to placing the duke in the line of succession were derisively called "whiggamores" or "drovers," just as the city date of today speaks of the "grangers," the "graves," the "chin whiskers" and the "hay-seeders."

But Scotch tradition gives altogether a different reason for the existence of the word. It is this: During the early religious wars in Scotland the weakest of the factions used the words "We Hope in God" as a motto. The initials of these words were placed on their banners thus: "W. H. I. G.," and soon all the followers of that clan were given the title of "Whig," which was afterward attached as a party nickname.

Hats for Horses.

The Washington Humane Society has been advocating the bonneting of draught horses, and has been so far successful that most of the horses used by large business firms in that city are now going about with bonnets on their heads. The headgear in question is of straw, shaped like a farmer's hat, with two holes for the ears of the horse, and a brim wide enough to shade the eyes. It is tied neatly under the throat and may or may not have a damp sponge in the crown to keep the head of the animal cool.

The old-fashioned farmer may be inclined to laugh at this innovation, and declare that when he has any old hats to throw away he will put them on his scarecrows, but, after all, it is cheaper to buy a ten cent hat (actual cost) than to convey the horse to the stable when it has a sunstroke, and such an occurrence is by no means uncommon in any city during the hottest part of a summer day. The hat will last for a considerable time, not being likely to go out of fashion or blow into the river, and it may save serious injury to a valuable animal.

From a purely economic point of view it may be argued, therefore, that if the nervous strain on the horse in a city or on the farm can be lessened, he will last longer and do more work. It is not necessary to dwell upon his sufferings if no steps are taken to make him comfortable, for the subject is rather a painful one, and the economic argument alone is enough. A horse is very much like a man in his inclinations and capabilities. If he is contented and free from nervous worry he will work hard and not feel it half as much as if he is continually harassed by petty torments. Horsemen know how quickly the temper of a horse is spoiled by teasing and all of the things that irritate, worry, torment and madden anything that has nerves, intense heat is perhaps the most effective. It was once said that the temperature of the infernal regions would alone account for the character of their ruler if he had to live there all the year round. Heat in the crowded and noisy streets of a city, beating down upon the unprotected head of a horse or man, causes in a limited number of cases, fatal prostration, and in numerous instances, induces exhaustion, nervousness, irritability, bad temper, and loss of vitality. When the horse wears a hat these evils are to some extent averted. The hat is a good investment and farmers might save their beasts much suffering and themselves loss and annoyance by adopting this protection, both from the sun and tormenting little gnats, which are likely to swarm around a horse's ears at this season.

Real Estate Transfers.

Jacob DeYoe and wife to Louis DePlasse, land for road in Westfall. Consideration \$1.

A. J. Quick and Frank Dilger, agreement for sale of lot No. 1, Ma'amoras. Consideration \$1850.

G. Frank Rowland to James H. Thomson, release of heirs in 5 9-10 acres, Lackawaxen.

James H. Thompson and wife to Harriet E. Weller, 5 9-10 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$350.

Wm S. Banta with J. G. Hilliard, agreement for sale of ½ interest of lands in Shohola, Blooming Grove, Dingman and Lackawaxen, Shohola Falls property, 7764 acres. Consideration \$5,341.61.

August Wiegand, wife and others to Fred H. Wiegand, lot 45, Matamoras. Consideration \$446.

Julia A. Nills and Floyd M. Stevens to Pierre M. Nills, executor, agreement for settlement of estate Justin Nills.

Julia A. Nills to Pierre M. Nills, 13 acres, Delaware. Consideration \$2.

Going to Klondike.

George Armstrong, who was up in Klondike last year, will leave again for that country in a day or two. The steamer he will try to catch sails Wednesday the 24th. No word has been received from Howard Poulton, who accompanied Armstrong last year and remained there during the winter, and it is assumed that he has changed location. George will go directly to his claim, which was taken up last year, and will begin active operations to secure a pile of the yellow metal. In this effort his friends all hope he may be very successful.

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BRIEF MENTION.

The Baptist church at Blooming Grove was dedicated last Wednesday, July 10.

There will be two full moons this month. One occurred on the 1st and the other will be the 31st.

The foremen added about \$75 to their treasury from the proceeds of the Fourth of July sports and the ball in the evening.

Two hundred Tribune fresh air children came up Tuesday and are now domiciled with families in Port Jervis and Matamoras.

The republican primary for Milford township will be held tomorrow at the office of Dr. H. B. Reed. By order of T. Nelson, town committee.

The Press has been designated as the official newspaper of this county in which all notices emanating from the United States District Court shall be inserted.

The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation will hold their annual fair in the basement of the church Thursday, Aug. 23. Fuller particulars will be given later.

Rev. Homer MacMillan of Hackensack, N. J., will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church morning and evening next and the succeeding Sabbath, July 14 and 21.

Mr. D. R. Hill knows very well that as the case stands to-day, it is a toss-up between S. G. Cleveland of New Jersey and W. J. Bryan of this country.—Brooklyn Standard Union.

The Democratic politicians are so fully occupied in making bad predictions that they have no time to explain why their predictions never come true.—Polar Bluff (Mo.) Republican.

Henry Wohlbrandt, in order to meet the demands of his growing business and more speedily accommodate customers, will have an assistant in his barber shop after next Monday.

Some evil minded person plugged up the pipe conveying water to the Hotel Seitz last week which occasioned considerable inconvenience. Such maliciousness merits severe punishment.

Nearly twenty young men connected with the Yale school of forestry are in camp over in Dingman township enjoying the pleasure of an outing while pursuing that branch of practical study.

W. H. Layton of Delaware and Miss Nellie Corbitt of Lehman were married in Port Jervis recently. We tender congratulations and hope their pathway may be rose strewn and flower bedecked.

If Southern statesmen improve the chance held out by an element of the Republican party to jump onto the robber tariff they will buck square against the policy and interests of Southern business men.—Little Rock (Ark.) Republican.

The boarder crop in Milford is not up to the average yet and our people are making various guesses as to the reasons for the falling off. Many think it due to the Pan American exposition and that later arrivals will be numerous.

The governor has signed a bill making it willful trespass to hunt, trap and take game birds or game animals on cultivated lands. Also a bill increasing the number of challenges in the trial of persons charged with misdemeanors, except perjury and forgery.

B. E. Brown, democratic candidate for associate judge, in company with Geo. R. Quick has been out on a campaign tour in the county for several days. It is whispered that "Rod" has an eye on a chair in the commissioner's office and is becoming acquainted with the voters.

Thieves, thugs and disreputable characters are said to rule at Coney Island without any police interference whatever. There has not been a single arrest this year for violation of the excise law and no denials have been raised in three years. Pickpockets thrive and the laws of morality and public decency are grossly violated.

Mrs. Maria Ormiston of Montague, N. J., is dead at the age of 84 years, 6 months and 28 days. The funeral took place Monday and interment was made in the Mettler cemetery in Saydyston. Deceased was the mother of Mrs. Arthur Myer of Montague, with whom she resided. She is also survived by a daughter, Annie, wife of Isaac Landy of Port Jervis and a son, William, supposed to be in Canada.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

There was a nice parade here on the Fourth and a fine crowd at the driving park and a couple of beautiful little fights to wind up the day.

Police Officer Wood had a rather hard time taking knooks and what is more, having his finger bitten.

Mrs. Clements Bell of Hainesville recently spent several days here with friends.

Another Pike county teacher, W. H. Layton, has gone and done it—got married.

H. M. Bull now carries the extra mail between here and Dingman's.

Here is a clipping taken from last week's Sussex Register which has the merit of novelty at least:

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 16, 1871.
Ran away from Josiah Woodbury, cooper, his horse placard for seven long years, Masury Old Moll, alias Trial of Vengeance. He that lost her will never seek her; he that shall keep her I will give two Bushel of Beans. I forewarn all persons in town or county from trusting said Trial of Vengeance. I have hove all the oil (shoes) I can find for joy, and all my neighbors rejoice with me. A good riddance of bad ware. Amen!
JOSIAH WOODBURY.

Daniel Fisher is reported seriously ill at the home of William Hubbard.

Milford's one overseer of the poor has laid a five mill poor tax, so prepare to pay it.

The Bluff House orchestra attracts a crowd every pleasant evening.

Two opposition hand organs enlivened our streets this week and gave joy to the juveniles.

Occasionally a man is seen on the streets carrying a golf outfit. This is something rather novel in town.

Some person lost a black jacket along the river road last Sunday. At least H. L. found one.

Mr. McCoy, alias Stewart or something else, will not be able to hire a horse again very soon. Sheriff Hotalen of Sussex was too quick for him.

Our stages seem to have plenty of business and there appears to be considerable rivalry between the Port Jervis lines. Opposition is the life of trade.

Since our ball players got so badly left on the Fourth they have concluded that "practice makes perfect" and they are giving the game considerable attention. It is to be hoped that they will make it interesting for some of the visiting nines in future.

Only \$17 to Chicago and Return.
On account of the Baptist Young People's Union, of America, International Convention at Chicago, Ill., the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to Chicago at \$17 for the round trip on July 23, 24 and 25, good returning when vied by joint agent at Chicago to July 30, except if ticket is deposited with the joint agent at Chicago after July 30, the return limit may be extended to August 24 on payment of a fee of fifty cents at the time of depositing the ticket. These tickets will be good to stop over at Buffalo either going or returning for ten days by depositing the ticket with the joint agent at No. 60 Exchange street, Buffalo, and paying a fee of \$1 at the time of depositing the ticket.—7-19.

The sign board at the top of Milford hill, where the roads part, should be more descriptive. It is an important point for travelers and the sign should be prominent and contain more explicit directions, showing which road leads to various places, as for instance to Greeley, Rowlands, Lackawaxen, Blooming Grove, etc. All sign boards should contain reasonably full directions to the several points to which the roads most directly lead. They are to inform strangers and they should not be left guessing at a cross road.

Howard A. Worman of Bath has been appointed general superintendent of the Delaware Valley railroad and C. E. Ratter of Easton freight and passenger agent and auditor. A locomotive has been obtained and three passenger and freight cars. It is expected the road will be in operation this month. The trip to Bushkill from Stroudsburg will be made in forty minutes including stops. The road has but a one per cent grade.

Reports from nearby sections indicate that fruit is in poor condition. The cherry crop is almost a failure. Apples and pears will be scarce. Gardens are not promising; peas are very scarce; the bugs have largely destroyed cucumber and squash vines; beans do not look well and gardens generally are disappointing. The hay crop will not be large and oats seem to be affected with rust. Corn is small and the bugs are having their way with potatoes. Rather discouraging for tillers of the soil.

She Didn't Wear a Mask.
But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Then they vanished as will all Eruptions, Fever Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Carbuncles and Felons from its use. Invaluable for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Scalds and Piles. Cure guaranteed. 25c at all druggists.

Fine canned peas, equal to French, 12½c a can at Mitchell's.