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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 22, 1901.
Secretary Long made short work of the absurd story that he saw and approved the proofs of that portion of the third volume of Macley's History of the Navy which refers to Rear Admiral Schley as a coward by ordering Commander Wainwright, superintendent of the naval academy, to strike the volume from the list of text books used. In addition, the secretary made public a statement in which he said: "I know nothing of Macley's intemperate abuse of Admiral Schley and it is absurd to say that I would endorse his language when he calls Admiral Schley a coward. Admiral Schley is no coward. No one in the service who knows him has ever for a moment doubted his bravery or gallantry in action." Of the publication alleging the navy department to be opposed to a congressional investigation of Admiral Schley's conduct in the West Indian campaign, Secretary Long said: "It is unjust to the department to say that it will oppose any investigation of Admiral Schley's conduct in the West Indian campaign. As a matter of fact I wrote a letter to Senator Hale, chairman of the naval affairs committee of the senate, during the last session of congress in which I asked him to have an investigation of this entire Sampson-Schley matter by a committee of senators or a joint committee of both houses."

Gov. Allen of Porto Rico passed through Washington en route to Canton to confer with President McKinley concerning the proclamation declaring free trade between the United States and Porto Rico. Gov. Allen was ready enough to talk about Porto Rico and its steady increase in prosperity and bright future, but he smiled and changed the subject when he was asked if he report that he would resign the governorship and not return to Porto Rico was true.

Mr. William Vaughn, chairman of the Alabama republican state committee, who is in Washington on business, said: "It looks as though the republicans in the constitutional convention of Alabama might have a deciding vote, although they are only 18 or 20 out of 155 delegates. It is already evident that the democrats are badly divided among themselves." On the suffrage plan they have presented two different reports, and the best democrats in the convention and of the state are against the "grandfather" clause. Senator Pettus has declared that its adoption would be unwise, and Senator Morgan has said quite as much. Then there is a perplexity about the payment of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting. One of the democratic members of congress has investigated and found that the negroes in the black belt pay 14,000 poll taxes, where the whites only pay 5,000. To be sure, the negroes are largely in the majority there, but the democrats are not certain that the poll tax provision will give them any great aid in suppressing the negro vote. The convention will probably be in session until Christmas before it straightens out all the tangles."

If Mr. James L. Norris, the District of Columbia member of the democratic national committee knows what he is talking about, Mr. Bryan has lost his hold upon that committee, although he had been generally supposed to thoroughly dominate a majority of its members, as well as upon the Ohio democracy. Mr. Norris declares very positively that he has received letters from a majority of the members of the democratic national committee endorsing the action of the Ohio convention in throwing Bryanism overboard. That declaration ought to furnish Mr. Bryan with material for a little serious reflection because if it be true it means that he has been deposed as the democratic leader.

Secretary Long has approved the report of the naval examining board—the first of its kind for many years—that Lieutenant Arman Hartshorn is morally disqualified for promotion from the engineer corps to the line and recommended to the president that Hartshorn be dropped from the naval list with a year's pay as provided by law. Hartshorn

was appointed to the naval academy from Michigan in 1884 and since April, 1901, has been attached to the receiving ship Independence stationed at Mare Island navy yard.

Col. Dick Plunkett, who lives in Oklahtoma, said, just before leaving Washington in order to be present at the distribution of the lands in that territory, to be opened to settlement August 5th: "I am glad to see that ex-Governor Richards of Wyoming, assistant commissioner of the general land office, is to be in charge of the drawing of lots. This lottery business is a new proposition and if it should not prove successful there would be a flood of complaints. Ex-Governor Richards is a Western man and the settlers know this and feel that he will look out for their interests and give equal justice to all. He has familiarized himself with the location of the tract to be opened up, and I feel that Secretary Hitchcock could have made no wiser selection."

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden followed up Postmaster General Smith's orders for such execution of the law as will shut out all publications not clearly entitled to the privilege of second class mail, with a letter to postmasters informing them that their bondsmen are liable to be held for any losses incurred by the government through their failure or neglect to carry out the law in accordance with the postmaster general's orders.

Arguments Against Woman Suffrage.

The following is from an address delivered by Louis F. Post of Chicago before the National Suffrage convention in Minneapolis: "I do not feel so competent to answer the arguments against equal suffrage as to wonder at them. It is said that women have not the time and strength to vote. As for strength, I have voted for years and I have not found that it takes much strength to take up a piece of paper and give it to a great muscular man, who drops it into the ballot box for you. As for time, the objectors say you should influence your husband and sons, but it is easier to go to the polls and cast a vote yourself than to get your husbands and sons to go. They say it will brush the bloom from womanhood, and then these same objectors fall to praising Queen Victoria, her wise government, her womanliness, her faithful wifehood and motherhood. If a woman can govern a nation and still be a good wife and mother, and best of all keep the bloom of womanhood, why cannot the average woman cast a vote and do it?"

"Suffrage is a right and not a privilege. That it is a right of every individual is the only basis for woman demanding it. If it is not a right but a privilege that may be granted to men and withheld from women, be granted to the white and withheld from the black, be given to those who have red hair, kept from those with black hair; if it may be rightfully granted to the millionaire and kept from the day laborer, rightfully extended to those who can read and withheld from those who cannot, or to those with a college education and from those who only have a common school education, if these are the only bases on which women claim a share in the process of government, then the fundamental argument for woman suffrage disappears."

Reason far back enough on the privilege line of argument, and you soon come to that fetid of tradition, the divine right of kings."

A Children's Frolic.

Last Friday afternoon a lover of children could not have failed to appreciate the very pretty sight that would have greeted the eyes of a chance visitor to the Jordan House. Gathered around a May pole or enthusiastically hunting peanuts were found a party of children royally entertained by Mrs. Jordan. The tiniest tot, Master Eversel Unsworth, triumphantly carried off the first prize awarded for the greatest number of peanuts found. The delicious refreshments served as a grand finale to a delightful afternoon for the little ones and Mrs. Jordan's hospitality will long be remembered by them.

Two barrels good roasted E.P. coffee 12 1/2 cts. per lb.; one barrel Mocha and Mocha mixture roasted 15 cts. per lb. at W. & G. Mitchell's.

PERSONALS.

John Wohlfarth of Shohola was in town Tuesday.

Miss Bird Williamson is visiting friends at Lackawaxen.

Ex-Justice George Geyer of Matamoras was in town on Thursday.

Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, was in town briefly last week.

John De C. Van Etten of New York is home on a two weeks' vacation.

May Vanderbeck of Hackensack, N. J., is visiting E. Warner, her grandfather.

Will Armstrong of New York is enjoying his summer vacation with his family here.

Harrison Watts of Matamoras drove a very nice looking mare down to Milford Tuesday.

J. W. Chamberlain of Lehman was in town last Saturday and called on a few of his many friends.

J. C. Grasmak of New York visited his family, who are occupying their cottage on Harford street, over last Sunday.

Geo. H. Wheeler of New York is a guest in town. His mother and sister Sarah, who accompanied him, have gone to Huntingtower in Delaware.

W. E. Willis and family of New York, who for several years have occupied a cottage on lower Ann street, are now at the Bluff House for the summer.

Emerson Davenport, a brother of Mrs. E. S. Wolf, who has been in town for some months, left Tuesday night for Ionia county, Mich., which he will make his future home.

Mr. Edsall H. Cole, the Jersey avenue coal and lumber dealer of Port Jervis and Mr. D. H. Rose of the same place were in town Wednesday afternoon for a short drive.

Roswell H. Carpenter, Esq., of Brooklyn has been stopping a few days recently at Brookside Villa. He is a son of the late Rev. Hugh Smith Carpenter, who was well known in this community for many years.

Driving Park Opening.

The formal opening of the driving park will take place tomorrow, Saturday, when it is expected some speedy horses will be shown. There will be three classes: the 3.00, 2.45 and 2.30, trot or pace, and a purse of \$25 will be given in each. The races will be called at 2 p. m. Rose Wreath, the famous Delaware township mare, will go an exhibition mile.

Following are the entries in the several classes:

2.30 CLASS.
Waltanna, Arthur Slade, Port Jervis, N. Y.

2.45 CLASS.
Major C., O. D. Carr, Goshen, N. Y.

3.00 CLASS.
Lady Goldsmith, George Horton, Milford, Pa.

Maude H., John R. Thornton, Milford, Pa.

Topoy O., Benjamin Kyte, Milford, Pa.

Major B., J. York, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Kitty B., J. H. Brown, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Political Ciphers.

At a recent town meeting held in Philadelphia, where some 15,000 people made a public protest against the present city administration and nominated an independent candidate for district attorney, one of the speakers, ex-District Attorney Graham, urged the women present to join with the men and help elect J. F. Rothenel, Jr., the candidate named. We have all learned that the influence of political ciphers, no matter how respectable, is too flimsy to be valuable on election day.

There is no doubt that many women, especially the tax payers, desire to have the ballot purified, and honest officials in office.

Yes, they are quite ready to take a hand in driving off the pack of hungry wolves who feed from the public crib. Will Mr. Graham or any practical politician inform the women of Pennsylvania how they can aid in bringing about better conditions?
IDA PORTER BOYER.

TRANSPORTATION OF CATTLE.

Neglect of Animals in Transportation Diseases the Result.

The problem of the proper transportation of cattle is, like many other questions connected with the treatment of dumb animals, essentially a modern question. In times when each country must feed its own, and the only way of getting cattle or sheep or horses from one place to another was to drive them in herds, under the care of a drover, the problem was in one way simple. The animals could not travel more than a certain distance each day without definite injury, which would probably be visible to the prospective purchaser when they arrive at their destination. It was to the interest of the drover, therefore, to be very careful.

With the advent of cattle-trains, however, it became possible to transport all sorts of live stock round the world if necessary, in less time than it used to take to cross a state. The railway takes the Texas steer and lands him in Chicago in a space of time which must seem to his bewildered brain an eternity, but is really but a few days. His treatment on route cannot well be so cruel as to depreciate his ultimate value in any way which the purchaser can see; moreover, in such cases the purchaser often buys on faith, and pays without seeing. So long as most of the cattle get through all right, if a few die of neglect, or lack of water, or some other cause, the seller's reputation is good. The property interest cannot be relied upon in this matter of proper treatment of dependents. It was estimated in the old days of slave-trading that if half the cargo got through the dreaded Middle Passage alive there was a profit. The property interest was no safeguard there. It never protected any creature which could be ill-treated by a thoughtless or cruel person with no immediate punishment. It is one of the characteristics of the callous and cruel man, as a rule, to be short-sighted. He seldom sees that in the long run, humane treatment is profitable.

In this case the trader and railway man do not suffer much even when their treatment of cattle is absolutely cruel. It is the public which will suffer, and it is the public which will therefore have to take the matter in hand. There is a great difference in the systems of various railroads and dealers in their treatment of cattle and sheep, and some are much more humane than others. But it is not so very long since sheep were packed like sardines in close cars, without a drop of water during long journeys, in the hottest of weather; and cattle were subjected to the same treatment.

Such conditions breed filth and disease; and diseased meat is not safe for anybody to eat. It will probably never be possible to ascertain the number of deaths which have resulted from the eating of impure or diseased meat, and for every death from this cause there are many victims of disease. Sometimes the ailment is obscure and insidious, but it is nevertheless there. Some time ago there was a scare about trichinae which resulted in many people becoming Jews or Mohammedans where pork was concerned, but much of the beef which comes from cattle-trains where the animals are packed together in filth, discomfort and thirst is not a bit more fit for human consumption than mescal pork. In these days no man can tell where his butcher gets the meat which is confidently bought and eaten by his customers. It may be good, or it may not. It is time that the treatment of cattle, on trains of transportation and in sheds, during the time before they are killed, should be regulated by law, and that everyone concerned in their transportation and care should be required to see that they are in conditions as nearly healthful as the difficulties of the case allow.

A Poor Millionaire.

Langy starved in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by all druggists.

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

Oil cloth and linoleums at W. & G. Mitchell's.

BRIEF MENTION.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jocelyn at Glenside Sanitarium last Sunday morning.

The five day excursion tickets at \$7.75 are on sale Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week.

Charles Whitaker of Delaware is seriously ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. H. Hornbeck, in this borough.

Sullivan county is complaining of a paucity of boarders and not nearly the usual complement is said to be present within her confines.

Associate Judge E. R. Eshody of Carbon county will be a candidate for congress this fall against L. H. Barber.

Rev. E. N. Smead of Princeton Theological Seminary will preach the next and following Sabbaths, July 28 and Aug. 4.

Mrs. Kruger, wife of former President Kruger of the South African republic, died at Pretoria last Saturday after an illness of three days of pneumonia.

Boxes in the grand stand at the driving park were sold Tuesday evening to Dr. W. B. Kenworthy, F. C. Plasse and J. R. Thornton. The latter also secured the privileges for the sale of soft drinks.

The ball game last Saturday between Port Jervis and Milford was won by the former. Score 11 to 1. In the game Monday between Milford and a picked nine from the town the former won by a score of 20 to 11.

Monday, July 23, was the 122nd anniversary of the battle of Minisink fought near Lackawaxen between Brant and his forces and a company of 150 Orange county militia, over forty of whom were killed in the fight.

The barn of John Wohlfarth in Shohola was struck by lightning July 20 and with most of the contents consumed. The loss, partially covered by insurance through the agency of Hon. J. J. Hart, is about \$1,500 and the policy of \$1,000 has been paid.

One reason offered as an inconvenience of the new fashion is that every lady horse will be bound to stop in front of every polished window to see whether her hat is on straight. It is urged that such conduct will provoke great delay to the ordinary course of business.

At the adjourned hearing held July 20, after hearing the evidence, Chief Burgess Wolf fined Fred Myer \$3 and William Miller and George E. Hoffman \$5 each. This is the matter which arose out of the Fourth of July scrap with some young men from Matamoras and Port Jervis.

Rev. M. Seymour Parry of New Brunswick, N. J., who is supplying the church at Cuddebackville, N. Y., for the summer, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church here last Sunday and left a very favorable impression on his hearers. His sermons are succinct and well delivered.

Bass fishing here is excellent and many good catches are being made. The fish are of fine size and run quite uniform. Not many trout have been taken this season and the size has been small. Drouth last summer and the low water in winter which allowed the streams to freeze to the bottom probably killed most of the fish.

The heat in the western states this week was the worst in their history. At several places in Missouri, Iowa, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky the thermometer rose to 108. The corn crop will probably be seriously affected and it is predicted will be one third less than the usual product of the corn growing belt, which is about two billion bushels.

Bonds have been tendered to and accepted by H. L. Davenport and J. Victor Rosencrance by the Milford & Dingman railroad for damage to lands in Delaware township and that company has done some work during the past two weeks in the vicinity of Cave bank. Later developments may inform us as to the real motive for this activity.

The parties who have recently purchased the electric light plant, the gas company and the trolley road in Port Jervis are said to contemplate building an electric road to Milford within the next year. Such a step will show them to be level headed business men who understand how to make a profit. It would be an excellent happening for Port Jervis if this promise is fulfilled and would greatly benefit Milford likewise.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

Prominent Clergymen Present—A Joyful Occasion.

Dedicatory services held in the Church of the Good Shepherd Wednesday were largely attended. Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, bishop of Pittsburgh, was present and preached the sermon. He was rector here when the church was organized and services held in the old court room. The sermon was reminiscent of the early days of the church and full of interest. The music, which was an especial feature of the occasion, was excellent. The solo by Miss Tate, a singer in the Brick church, New York, "My Song Shall Be of Thee," was beautifully rendered and in exquisite taste. The quartet composed of the Misses Corbett and Patty Bidlis and Messrs. Ed Crissman and Vivian Struthers was especially fine.

The visiting clergymen who participated in the services were Archdeacon Coxo of Scranton, Dr. Rogers of Brooklyn, Rev. Gardiner of Lancaster, Rev. Rowland A. Sawyer of Carbonale and Rev. Martin Stockett of St. John's church, Dingman's. The services throughout were beautiful and impressive. The several articles dedicated were the baptismal and window, donated by Dr. H. B. Reed and Mrs. Reed memorials to Edward J. Reed and Mrs. Pamela Austin Howard, mother of Mrs. Reed; the pulpit, organ and choir stalls, donations from the congregation; a handsome brass lectern, a memorial to Lancaster W. Armstrong; altar furnishings, cross, alms basins, memorials to Isaac F. Baker, Ann E. Baker, Edwin J. and Christopher Baker; altar book rest and candlesticks in memory of Margaret S. Godney, mother of Mrs. J. J. Hart.

The church since the addition of the two transepts affords much more room for the growing congregation and they also add greatly to its interior beauty. The organ and choir occupy the one on the right and the one on the left contains the baptismal font.

In the afternoon a reception was tendered the bishop on the lawn of E. H. Noyes.

At the afternoon services Dr. Coxo preached the sermon, Bishop Whitehead made the address to the candidates and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Porter and the Misses Girard, daughters of former burgess, P. J. Girard, were confirmed, and the following named infants were baptized: Charles Edward Kenworthy, Marian Lillian Thornton and Theodore Beardsley Fuller.

The fete given by Miss Noyes was a most enjoyable occasion and was greatly enjoyed by the parish. The Bluff House orchestra discoursed fine music during the event.

Real Estate Transfers.

Michael Eisenberger to Carrie Eisenberger, lot 59, Matamoras. Consideration \$125.

Frank B. Field and wife to Noah W. Reid, 126 acres, part of Luke Broadhead, No. 15, Delaware. Consideration \$1 and exchange.

Noah W. Reid to David H. Miller, same land. Consideration \$1.

Millicent J. Remy et al to Frank L. Remy, 19 lots, Matamoras, Nos. 276, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 384, 386, 388, 40, 41, 42, 636. Consideration \$1600.

John L. Caverly and Daniel E. Schoonmaker to William P. Dabois, 181 acres, Dingman, formerly Capt. Young farm.

Andrew P. Cook and wife to Henry Campbell, undivided 1/2, 362 acres, Lehman. Consideration \$1.

Some New Laws.

The governor has signed a bill making it a misdemeanor for any person connected with any line of telegraph or telephone within this state to use or cause to be used, or make known or caused to be made known, or in any manner divulge the contents of any telegraphic or telephonic dispatch and prescribing a punishment therefor.

Also an act to provide for the attendance and for reports of attendance of the children in the schools of this commonwealth, providing for their enumeration, the appointment of attendance officers, defining truancy and incorrigibility as disorderly conduct, providing penalties for the same and providing for the disposition of such children and withholding a part of the state appropriation from districts not enforcing the act.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

The Fourth of July celebration and the incidental scraps enriched the borough treasury thirteen dollars.

The numerous dances coupled with the hot weather make some of the young people look tired.

There was quite a pretty race on upper Harford street last Sunday afternoon. Fortunately there was nothing in the way or there might have been trouble.

When a horse starts to run it would be advisable to use both hands in the effort to check him, and to lay aside the whip.

Our base ball nine has its vicissitudes. Saturday it got walloped and Monday came out victorious.

Wm. F. Kimball of Matamoras is visiting friends here. He has the distinction of having set up the first issue of the PIKE COUNTY PRESS when the paper started nearly six years ago.

One of our ministers, though a very busy man, yet takes the time to visit the youth confined here in the jail. Such little deeds of kindness will have their reward.

Fred Beck went on the excursion to Binghamton Sunday.

Rattlesnakes are reported a very fall crop at Dark Swamp.

A grand time and plenty of sport is expected at the driving park tomorrow afternoon. Rose Wreath alone is worth going a long way to see.

The editorial in last week's Press defining cruelty to animals fully answered our question.

Some people here must drink considerable beer judging by the number of wagons carting the stuff in town. Why not start a brewery, if only to produce for home consumption. No better water than we have can be found in any town.

Democracy and Republicanism.

Very few of us can show a perfect specimen of the jewel of consistency, but the most conspicuous examples of inconsistency are the editors who call their papers "The Republican" or "The Democrat," and then refuse to publish an occasional article on woman suffrage.

A democracy or a republic is "a country in which the people make their own laws and choose their own governors." A democrat or a republican is a person who professes to believe that the people of his country have a right to make their own laws and choose their own governors. Unless a man is feeble-minded or insane he can hardly deny that women are "people" and yet there are thousands of so-called democrats and republicans who strenuously refuse to let the feminine half of the people have any hand in choosing their own governors or making their own laws; and if they happen to be editors they emphasize their inconsistency by naming their papers "The Democrat" or "The Republican."

However, there may be some excuse for them. Once when I was a public school teacher I asked, in a written examination, for the definition of a democracy or republic. One little girl wrote: "A democracy is a country where the people make their own laws and 'chews' their own governors."

May be the anti-suffrage editor of "The Republican" or "The Democrat" spells "choose" the way my little pupil spelt it, and his need is the same as hers, a little more education.

LIDA CALVERT ORENCHAIN.

Pan-American Excursion Tickets. Until further notice the Erie will sell the five day excursion ticket from Port Jervis to Buffalo on Tuesday and Thursday of each week at the low rate of \$7.75 for the round trip. Remember these tickets are good for five days including day of sale, but are not good in parlor or sleeping car. The regular fifteen day excursion tickets to Buffalo are on sale every day at \$11.50 for the round trip.

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 well all Eruptions, Fever Sores, Boils, Ulcers, Carbuncles and Felons from its use. Unavailable for Cuts, Corns, Burns, Scalds and Piles, Curo guaranteed. 25c at all druggists.

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