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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 5, 1901.

Those who had calculated upon making democratic political capital out of the Schley court of inquiry, because Schley happens to be a democrat, are beginning to see that their calculations will not be realized. The navy department would have been glad to have ordered a court of inquiry at any time within the last three years had Admiral Schley asked for it, and now that the court is to be held it will render every official aid possible to Admiral Schley in order that light may be thrown upon the dark places in the naval campaign which resulted in the destruction of Cervera's fleet, and if it is shown that the department was wrong in its assumption that Schley disobeyed orders without properly explaining his reasons and that he displayed a lack of judgment at a critical period, no where would there be more satisfaction than in the navy department. Every record of the department has been thrown open to Capt. Parker, who is one of Schley's counsel, in order that he may have access to every scrap of official evidence that will be laid before the court. Judge Advocate General Lemly of the navy, who will be judge advocate of the Schley court of inquiry, has gone away on a vacation and will not return until Sept. 1. His subordinates will arrange all the details, such as making a list of witnesses who will appear before the court, etc.

Secretary Gage is now the only member of the cabinet in Washington, the rest of the members, excepting Secretary Wilson, who is making a personal inspection of the corn and wheat crop of the west, being on vacation.

The United States Civil Service Retirement association, an organization formed a year or so ago to secure congressional legislation for the retirement on half pay of aged, infirm and incapacitated civil employees of the government without expense to the government, has recently been reorganized and now seems in a fair way to accomplish something. While the association doesn't figure on asking congress to provide the money to pay the pensioned employees, the bill it will have introduced will provide for government control, collection and expenditure of the pension fund, which is to be obtained by deducting a small percentage—it is estimated that three per cent. will be sufficient—from the salary of each civil employe of the government. This plan seems to be free from the objections which have killed all previous attempts to secure civil pension legislation, and no good reason for congressional opposition has yet been brought forward. It only proposes authority for government employes to do what the employes of several big corporations in this and other countries have been doing for some time.

A communication declaring war against the United States has been received at the war department but no call for troops has been issued and no excitement is visible in Washington. The letter, which was mailed in Chicago and which might have been written by Dowd, reads as follows:

"To the Government of the United States—

"In the year 1898 the God of This Earth fought a battle with Spain with the use of the United States Army and Navy under the command of the Almighty God of Heaven. The government officials of America, although well aware of that, undertook to rob the Almighty God of the honor of the Battle and induced their servants to turn down the holy person of the God of This Earth and brand him a liar and lunatic and deprive him of every means of making a living in this country, which in all is a conspiracy against the government of the Almighty God of Heaven. Therefore, the Government of Almighty God is compelled to declare war against the United States of America and punish that Gang of Conspirators as they deserve. As Supreme Ruler of the twenty-four oldest races, I have raised my Godly Government flag over the International Flag of the twenty-four oldest nations.

Yours,
God of This Earth,
Representing the God of Heaven."

Possibly there will come a time when great battles will be fought without noise; at any rate, there are men who think so. An officer of the bureau of ordnance of the war department said on this subject: "We have had several proposals by alleged inventors looking towards the manufacture of a noiseless or soundless powder, but they never came to anything. None of them had any samples to submit and consequently no tests have ever been made of a soundless powder. Every once in a while some one thinks how nice it would be if there were a soundless powder and writes to know if we would like to have such an article, and that is as far as it ever goes. Personally I do not think it is possible to produce such an article. All explosions produce concussion, and concussion produce sound waves."

Adjourned Court.

An adjourned term of the several courts was held Monday, August 5, with President Judge Parry and Associates Klaer and Houck present.

Petition of Emma and Levi Hopps, minor children of Samuel Hopps, late of Greene, deceased, for guardian, T. N. Cross appointed and bond in \$200 approved.

Petition of Milford and Dingman railroad company for filing bond for use of person or persons entitled to damages for taking land for railroad purposes in Delaware township. Bond in \$500 approved. The land is adjacent to Cave bank and supposed to belong to the Van Auker estate.

Inquest held on body of C. W. Caveny by C. C. Shannon, Esq., approved.

Petition of Mary Laughlin, administratrix of Ann Healy, deceased, for sale of real estate in Palmyra granted.

Petition of L. B. Hissam, administrator of the estate of John Hissam, deceased, for sale of real estate in Milford borough granted.

Petition of Alfred Devlin, guardian of Henry J. Becker, for private sale of interest of said minor in real estate of Christiana Wiegand, deceased, in Westfall for the sum of \$116.66. Bond of guardian in \$250 approved and sale ordered.

Bond of Delaware valley railroad in \$5,000 to H. L. Davenport for land in Delaware offered for approval. Objected to for the reason that same is not stamped and that only one of the sureties named resides in the county.

Objections to approval of same were also filed by the Milford and Dingman railroad.

Bond to J. Victor Rosenkrans by same in sum of \$1,000 offered and also petition by same corporation to have amount of bond to be given Jacob Van Auker fixed and also for viewers to assess damages. Bond fixed in \$300.

The court adjourned to Saturday, Aug. 10, at 11 a. m. to enable parties to perfect the bonds tendered or to present new ones.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ANN E. FINGER.

Mrs. Ann E. Finger, widow of the late Jacob Finger, for many years a resident here, died last Sunday in Newark at the home of her daughter, Mary, wife of James Van Auker. She was a daughter of Michael Polers and was born in Philadelphia about seventy-six years ago. While she was yet a child her parents moved to Bushkill in this county where she lived until her marriage with Jacob Finger, when they removed to this borough and resided here until his death in 1873. Besides her daughter, one son, William, of Middletown survives her. The remains were brought here Wednesday and interred in the Milford cemetery.

ASTONISHED THE EDITOR.

Editor S. A. Brown of Bennettsville, S. C., was once immensely surprised. "Through long suffering from Dyspepsia," he writes, "my wife was greatly run down, suffered great distress from her stomach, but she tried Electric Bitters which helped her at once, and, after using four bottles, she is entirely well, can eat anything. It's a grand tonic, and its gentle laxative qualities are splendid for torpid liver." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach and Liver troubles it's a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 10c at all druggists.

PERSONALS.

Thomas N. Cross of Greene was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Hon. F. A. Kessler of Matamoras was an attendant at the Glen camp meeting Sunday.

G. H. Langton, postmaster of Matamoras, spent a day in town the first of the week.

B. F. Killam, Esq., of Paupac transacted professional business at court last Monday.

Paul Schanno and wife of Stroudsburg spent last Sunday at Hotel Schanno in Dingman.

Mrs. Bessie Jennings, matron of the East Stroudsburg Normal, is at The Homestead for her vacation.

J. F. Potter of Pittsburg, searcher of titles for the state forestry association, was in town this week.

John De C. Van Etten, with the C. & St. P. R. R. in New York, after spending his vacation here, has returned to business.

Ralph B. Thrall and wife of Seymour, Conn., were in town this week on matters connected with their landed interest here.

C. C. Ehall, Esq., of Stroudsburg and T. A. Allen, engineer of the Delaware valley railroad, were in town last Monday attending adjourned court.

Miss Millicent Crissman of Bergen Point, N. J., who has been visiting relatives and friends in town for several weeks, returned home last Sunday.

Hon. John D. Biddis and family camped this week at Twin Lakes. The Misses Bertha and Lucy Williamson went out Wednesday to enliven the party.

Frank Wells and wife of Atlantic, Ga., who have been visiting relatives here for a couple of weeks, left Tuesday for home via Buffalo where they will visit the exposition.

W. S. Hopps of Greene and S. B. Hazleton of Palmyra, representative citizens from the western part of the county, were here a couple of days recently to attend a meeting of the republican county committee.

Dr. Alexander Hadden of New York, president of the Forest Lake association in Lackawaxen township, and Mrs. Hadden visited the family of J. H. Van Etten a couple of days this week.

Real Estate Transfers.

Hannah J. Dingman et al. to Charles A. Hogart, water rights in Delaware township. Consideration \$1.00.

Heston N. Angle and others to Susan F. Snyder, 63 acres, Delaware, part of John C. Angle farm. Consideration \$50.

John H. Heater et al. to James E. Nyce, right, title and interest to 29 acres, Lehman. Consideration \$100.

James E. Nyce and wife to Egypt Mills Club, same land as above. Consideration \$100.

Saturday's Races.

The following entries have been made for the races at the driving park tomorrow, Saturday, and no doubt there will be some excellent sport:

In the stockholders' race—Prince R., J. B. Westbrook; Lizzie McCoy, E. N. Bourne; Maude H., John R. Thornton; Jupiter A., John R. Thornton; Frank W., W. F. Chol.

In the free-for-all—Prince R., J. B. Westbrook; Dewey, Howard Stearns; Prince B., J. Ketcham; Little Dick, Byron Williams.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Aug. 10, 1901:

Miss Baldwin, Mrs. J. Wilson Moore, Miss M. D. Dewitt, Molly Dammeyer, Miss Laura Johnston, Miss Lizzie Leonard, Mrs. Mary Watkins, Dr. Leonard White, Leonard Caputo, Adam Gladfelder.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.

Milford Hand Laundry.

The undersigned has opened a laundry on Centre Square Milford, Pa., in the store room formerly occupied by Geo. Damman, 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.

J. L. GODFREY.

Subscribe for the Press.

Postic Justice.

A Jerseyman, who went out for a pleasure-drive with his sweetheart not long ago, received a needed though severe lesson on the necessity of being humane to animals in this day and generation. It was a very hot day, and when the drive was about half over the horse became balky. The driver thereupon lost his temper and gave the animal an unmerciful beating. Then the trouble began. A constable saw him and promptly arrested him for cruelty to animals. He was unable to pay the money, and his companion settled the business for him. Then she went home and wrote him a note, and this is what it said: "When a man will so brutally beat a horse and so easily lose his temper, a woman marrying him would take the chance of the same treatment." And the rest of the note released him from the engagement.

Most people will be of the opinion that the young lady in question did exactly right, and that she was fortunate in discovering the disposition of her fiancé before instead of after marriage. Insensibility to the pain of another is not a trait which is particularly desirable in either a husband or a wife. While, of course, it is not to be inferred that every man who will beat his horse will also beat his wife, cruelty to animals so vitiates the moral nature that those perceptions upon which a sense of justice depends are blunted. The intimacy of marriage is so close that happiness can only exist where there is mutual forbearance, together with a certain sensitiveness to the feelings of others. The man who does not possess this sensitiveness may not be actually cruel to either wife or children, so far as physical maltreatment is concerned, but he will say and do things which are quite as brutal as a blow with a whip would be. There a dozen considerations which are likely to restrain from wife-beating—the opinion of his neighbors, custom, fear that his wife may invoke the law, fear of retaliation by her relatives, or merely the fact that it is not usual for American husbands to express their sentiments in that way. But if his nature is essentially cruel he will find ways to torture those dependent upon him which are worse than physical pain. The true test of a man's character is not to be found in his actions when he is restrained by public sentiment or fear of consequences. He is his real self when he is free to act, to indulge meanness, or passion, or cruelty, toward some creature which cannot retaliate and has no means of defence. The Jerseyman who is the unenviable hero of the incident above recorded was subjected to this test, and apparently he failed. He may have had an idea that by his lack of consideration for his horse he was showing a manly and stern strength of character which would impress the girl in the seat beside him. Some men have an idea that women rather admire those who are capable of cruelty. These men are trying to fit sixteenth century ideas into twentieth century civilization. It cannot be done. It is true that women admire a brave man, and often the man in question is a soldier or a hunter, but there is a very fine distinction between the brave man and the man who is ready to inflict pain. What the modern girl sees to admire in the soldier is not his willingness to shoot other men, but his readiness to be shot himself; not his murderous impulses, but his sacrifice of personal safety. The kind of woman who would like a man better after seeing him act cruelly toward a helpless animal is not fit for a civilized country.

Republican Committee Organized.

At a meeting of the Republican County Committee held Saturday evening, Aug. 3d, all the members were present, viz: H. B. Reed, A. W. Balch, Jr., H. O. Kipp, Frank Harding, W. A. H. Mitchell, S. R. Hazelton and Wilmer S. Hoppe. An organization was effected by electing Dr. H. B. Reed, chairman, H. O. Kipp, secretary, and Frank Harding, treasurer.

The J. W. Pepper Piano Music Magazine.

Published at 8th and Locust streets, Philadelphia, is one of the newest magazines in its field. Nobody can complain of not getting the worth of their money, as it publishes 31 pieces—10 vocal and 11 instrumental—making 64 pages of the best music and all of it original and written by the most popular composers of today. Price \$1.00 per year.

BRIEF MENTION.

There was a heavy downpour of rain here Tuesday night.

Rev. W. R. Nell of Jersey City, a former pastor, will occupy the pulpit of the M. E. church here next Sabbath.

P. A. L. Quick lost his fast horse Monday afternoon. It was sired by Old Rysdyk and was a handsome, speedy and valuable animal.

Between the Boer war and the Branchville stage route horses are apt to remain scarce and high. Channey Watson lost another horse this week.

Rev. S. Morris of Port Jervis preached an interesting sermon at the camp meeting held in the Glen last Sunday. The attendance, considering the threatening weather in the forenoon, was very good.

Mrs. Bertha Reed has entered into an agreement with H. W. Buchanan to purchase the two lots on Broad street adjoining the court house. It is reported that a dwelling will be erected on them in the near future.

Rev. E. N. Smead, a past graduate of Princeton seminary, who has very acceptably supplied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church here for two previous Sabbaths, will continue in that capacity until further notice.

S. W. Palmer of Stroudsburg, a contractor on the Delaware valley railroad, was in town Tuesday. He states that the grading is completed to Bushkill and that the ties and rails are being laid as fast as possible.

An explosion, supposed to be of gasoline, on Locust street in Philadelphia Monday evening destroyed five buildings, killed twenty people and injured scores more. Many other houses in the vicinity were badly wrecked.

Last week's illustrated *Leslie's Weekly* contained on the page entitled "People in the Public Eye" an excellent cut of Edgar Van Etten, general manager of the Boston and Maine railroad. A brief sketch of his career as a railroad manager accompanied it.

W. F. Kimball of Matamoras was lodged in jail here one day last week on a commitment issued by Justice A. W. Balch, Sr. The charge is that of assault and battery preferred by Edwin Kimball, his brother, and failure to give bail for his appearance resulted in his incarceration.

The Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany died Monday evening, Aug. 5. She was the eldest child of the late Queen Victoria and was born Nov. 21, 1840. She married in 1868 the crown prince of Prussia who afterwards became Emperor Frederick III of reigned Germany.

Frank McCarty of Montague was arrested Wednesday morning on a warrant issued by Esquire Canne, charging him with having broken into Vandermark hotel Monday night and taking therefrom a jug of whiskey, which was found in his possession in the barn connected with Brown's building. He was committed to jail.

Through the courtesy of Officer Wood Howard Wager was enabled to enjoy the hospitality of the lock up over last Sunday, which was further extended by the chief burglar for 48 hours. The original complaint was made by Wager's mother, who alleged that he beat her. There ought to be a whipping post for such cases.

The strike of the steel workers, which was assumed last week to be settled because of the willingness of the men to accept the decision of J. P. Morgan, failed to be finally concluded because Mr. Morgan withdrew the offer alleging that it had not been accepted with sufficient promptness. The struggle may now be long and costly to both sides.

D. L. Hardenbrook, owner of Shobola Glen, has discovered what he thinks a valuable deposit of clay and shale banks on his property. The material is excellent for making paving brick and sewer pipe. The owner proposes erecting a \$75,000 plant for manufacturing sewer pipe and has already received an offer to buy all he can produce.

To Save Her Child.

From frightful disfigurement Mrs. Nannie Gallagher of La Grange, Ga., applied Backlen's Arnica Salve to great sores on her head and face, and writes its quick cure exceeded all her hopes. It works wonders in Sores, Blisters, Skin Eruptions, Cuts, Burns, Scalds and Piles. 25c. Cure guaranteed by all druggists.

Laughter and Long Life.

It may be that some enthusiastic and laborious German statistician has already accumulated figures bearing upon the question of length of life and its relation to the enjoyment thereof; if so we are unacquainted with his results and yet have a very decided notion that people who enjoy life, cheerful people, are also those to whom longest life is given. Commonplace though this sounds, there is no truth more commonly ignored in actual everyday existence. "Oh, yes, of course, worry shortens life and the contented people live to be old," we are all ready to say, and yet how many recognize the duty of cheerfulness? Most persons will declare that if a man is not cheerful he cannot make himself so. Yes this is far from being the case, and there is many a man who is at present a weary burden to his relatives, miserable through the carking care of some bodily ailment, perhaps, or some worldly misfortune, who, if he had grown up into the idea that to be cheerful under all circumstances was one of the first duties of life, might still see a pleasant enough world around him. Thackeray truly remarked that the world is for each of us much as we show ourselves to the world. If we face it with a cheery acceptance we find the world fairly full of cheerful people glad to see us. If we snarl at it and abuse it we may be sure of abuse in return. The discontented worries of a morose person may very likely shorten his days, and the general justice of nature's arrangement provides that his early departure should entail no long regrets. On the other hand a man who can laugh keeps his health and his friends are glad to keep him. To the perfectly healthy laughter comes often. Too commonly, though, as childhood is left behind the habit falls, and a half-smile is the best that visits the thought-lined mouth of a modern man or woman. People become more and more burdened with the accumulations of knowledge and with the weighing responsibilities of life, but they should still spare time to laugh. Let them never forget, moreover, and let it be a medical man's practice to remind them that "a smile sits ever serene upon the face of Wisdom."—London *Lancet*.

While They Talk We Do Business.

The astronomers at the Court of Spain in the fifteenth century proved quite to their own satisfaction, first, that the earth was not round, and secondly, that, if it were, Columbus could not sail around it or even half way around it. But even while they were proving this, Columbus went ahead and did sail half way around and discovered a new world. The Free-Trade press proves daily to its own satisfaction that we can never have an export worthy of the name; that we cannot sell our goods to other countries so long as we maintain our Protective Tariff system and refuse to let the rest of the world come in and monopolize our home market; and while they talk we go on selling our goods to other countries to the extent of more than a million dollars worth a month. There is nothing in any way remarkable about this divergence between the facts and the claims of the Free-Traders. We have grown very familiar with Free-Traders. We have grown very familiar with Free-Trade arguments and Free-Trade theories, which conform to everything but facts. If the Free-Traders undertook to conform their theories to facts, there wouldn't be any Free-Traders, and we would be deprived of some very interesting fiction. So, perhaps, things are all right as they are, especially as most of the people of the United States are too much occupied with the business which they owe to our Protective policy to pay much attention to what the Free-Traders are saying.

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.

Two barrels good roasted Bio coffee.

12½ cts. per lb.; one barrel Maracato and Mocha mixture roasted 18 cts. per lb. at W. & G. Mitchell's.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

It will take farmers all summer to gather their hay.

Horton's white "Rambler" is a beauty.

Get ready for tomorrow's horse race. There will be lots of sport.

Some young chaps are liable to get into trouble with our board of health if they are not careful.

It took nearly two thirds of a column in a nearby paper to give an account of a game (?) of base ball.

Bill Kimball has gotten into trouble with his brother. Billy didn't mean to.

Did you hear the Rev. Mr. Morris of Port Jervis preach at the camp meeting last Sunday? If not you missed a good old fashioned sermon.

The supply of free beer is cut off for the present and candidates are not sorry, although some feel rather sore.

The number of boarders here is on the increase, even in the Hotel Hissam.

Will intoxicants rob a man of his wits? Some late developments have shown such to be the case.

Channey Watson and P. A. L. Quick each mourn the loss of a horse this week.

Jas. A. Rundle of Montague is never happy unless he pulls the reins over a "fast un." His latest purchase is a horse from the stable of Greg Porter of Port Jervis.

It never pays to conceal truth.

The Greatest of Steamships.

Some idea can be obtained of the dimensions of the steamship Celtic, which made her way slowly and cautiously up the not overfast channel of New York harbor by stating that her displacement tonnage is 10,300 tons more than that of the Great Eastern, which was so great a marvel that thousands came to New York city simply for the purpose of seeing her. If the Celtic were placed upon Broadway she would completely fill that thoroughfare from side to side, her upper deck would be on a level with some of the higher business structures and her pennant would reach to the eaves of some of the skyscrapers. Furthermore, she would reach from bow to stern the length of some seven Broadway blocks. Her trip across the Atlantic seems to have demonstrated the accuracy of the theory of some of the marine engineers that great size, with proportionately large keels, will serve practically to overcome what has been the chief discomfort of ocean travel, the rolling of the ship. One of the passengers informed the writer that there was scarcely any rolling motion, and that not once during the entire trip was it necessary to use racks to protect the dishes upon the dining table. Some allowance, however, must be made for the fact there were no storms, or even strong winds upon this passage.

The earning capacity of this gigantic vessel is yet to be demonstrated. Her owners did not care to bring over or to take back a heavy cargo upon the first trip. If the Celtic demonstrates that the greatest profit is to be found in a comparatively slow steamship, the Celtic being intended to make the passage in about seven days, with an enormous cargo capacity, then, in all probability, that will become the prevalent type, excepting that some of the lines will build a few very fast ships for passengers who can afford to pay high rates and for freight that will bear a heavy traffic charge. What would happen were the Celtic to meet with accident here involving dry docking, must have been a serious question for her owners. There is nothing in the vicinity of New York which could receive her, and it is doubtful whether there is any dry dock on the American coast that can float her.—Philadelphia *Press*.

Their Secret Is Out.

All Sadierville, Ky., was curious to learn the cause of the vast improvement in the health of Mrs. S. P. Whitaker, who had for a long time endured untold suffering from a chronic bronchial trouble. "It's all due to Dr. King's New Discovery," writes her husband. "It completely cured her and also cured our little granddaughter of a severe attack of Whooping Cough." It positively cures Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis, all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all druggists.