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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 26, 1901.
In the effort to make political capital out of the Schley court of inquiry much of the most ridiculous sort is being daily sent from Washington, and the correspondents whose papers demand sensational matter are aiding without caring anything about partisan politics. There is no politics in the case. Many of Admiral Schley's strongest and outspoken partisans are republicans of national prominence. There is only one question to be settled by the court, and that is whether Schley performed his duty during the naval campaign against Spain as he should have done. A great rumpus was kicked up because Acting Secretary Blackett referred Schley's request as to Rear Admiral Howison's responsibility for a newspaper interview to the court instead of to Howison, and he was charged with having been actuated by animosity toward Schley. As a matter of cold, hard fact he only followed rule and precedent. That Mr. Hackett had not been actuated by animosity toward Schley in any of the preliminary work of the court of inquiry was shown when he requested Judge Advocate Lemly to call his vacation short and return to Washington, in order that Admiral Schley's counsel might be furnished with a list of the navy department witnesses which they asked for last week and which is the duty of Capt. Lemly to prepare. They will receive the list early this week.

There will be nothing ornamental about the room in which the Schley court of inquiry will hold its sittings, except possibly a few draped flags. It is the second floor of the new gunners' work shop just finished in the Washington navy yard. It is a large room about 50x200 feet with bare brick walls and will be used as a workshop as soon as the court gets through with it. In one corner a small room will be partitioned off for the court to use when it desires to go into executive session, and in another corner telegraph instruments will be put in for the use of the newspaper correspondents. About half the space will have chairs for the spectators, who will be admitted by cards. This will be a more formality as the car's will be easily obtained.

According to Mr. B. D. Norton, a Missouri lawyer now visiting Washington, the anti-Bryan democrats have obtained control of the party machinery in that state. To quote his own words: "The gold democrats have secured control of the party machinery in our state, encouraged undoubtedly by the attitude of Governor Dooley, and they will swing things against Bryan when the proper time comes."

That business in the Philippines is improving by jumps and bounds is shown by a comparative statement of imports and exports issued by the war department for two periods of seven months ending Jan. 31, 1901, and Jan. 31, 1900. Exclusive of United States quartermaster supplies, the figures show an increase of 42%, almost double, in the imports of the island, and of 52% more than double, in the exports. The United States did not get as much of this business as it should, but the increase in our sale to the island was 68%. There was a slight falling off in the value of what the island sold the United States. It must be remembered, however, that our trade with the islands is comparatively new. All of the old established business houses on the islands have either European or Asiatic connections, and the people have got to be educated up to the advantage of using American goods and of selling their products through houses with American connections. The wedges are in and it will be strange, indeed, if within a few years we do not control the bulk of the Philippine trade.

There was no surprise in the treasury department when a telegram was received saying that W. F. Hoey, collector of customs of Nogales, Ariz., and his entire force of clerks had been arrested for smuggling Chinese from Mexico into the United States. The surprise came some time ago when the suspicion that the collector was guilty of the smuggling was first reported. Since

then the arrests have been constantly expected. Mr. Hoey came from Muncie, Ind., and when he was appointed about a year and a half ago, Secretary Gage cautioned him to avoid all temptations to wrongdoing because irregularities had caused his predecessor's removal. The collector's office at Nogales will be in charge of a special agent of the treasury until a new collector is appointed, which will probably not be until after President McKinley returns to Washington.

Secretary Root has returned from his vacation and resumed his duties. He found everything moving smoothly in the war department, Col. Sanger having proved a most efficient acting secretary. There is no truth in the sensational publication alleging that important original dispatches relating to the Cuban campaign and which will have a bearing on the Schley inquiry were missing from the files of the department.

Secretary Hay, who made a flying visit to Canton last week, says that both the President and Mrs. McKinley were looking unusually well and were enjoying their quiet stay among old friends and neighbors. Secretary Hay will rejoin his family in New Hampshire and remain there until cool weather.

Poor Farm Seeds.
A bulletin just issued by the department of agriculture of Pennsylvania is devoted to an investigation of the quality of seeds supplied in this state by dealers and others elsewhere. The object was to test the seeds obtained and ascertain as to their purity, life and truth to name. It shows that there are many careless and unscrupulous dealers who handle untested seeds, and in the purchase of them the farmer unwittingly pays an enormous price, and that at harvest time wonders why the Lord gave him weeds instead of clover. The seeds were obtained of 57 different merchants in 23 different towns and were grown in 8 states. There were 243 samples. The tests proved that in some cases considering the amount of germinable seed in a bushel of clover the farmer was paying at the rate of \$217.39 a bushel. Weed seeds were abundant in many samples and mostly so in the clovers.

In vegetable seeds such as onion, sweet corn and cauliflower, the cauliflower was found to contain a large proportion of cabbage seed; the onion seed contained also timothy, clover and cabbage; of the 23 corn samples three fell below the standard of germination, one being as low as 53 per cent. The prices varied greatly and in no manner corresponded with the germinative power of the seeds. There were found thirty-five different kinds of weeds represented in the seeds examined.

The conclusion reached is that there are farm seeds placed on sale that are exceedingly poor and even worthless, and it was concluded that even with these tests the worst conditions of the matter were not reached. Some law that will prevent the sale of inferior seeds is suggested, such as requiring every seed producer or dealer to affix to every package or bulk of grasses, clovers and other forage plants a guarantee stating the percentage of purity and vitality, and that all vegetable seeds be marked with the year of the growth. Such a law might drive out inferior seeds and cause greater care in cleaning seeds. The farmer might have to pay a higher price but in the end such seed would be far cheaper than the low-priced which he now buys and uses.

Real Estate Transfers.
E. T. Riviere to Hartman Van Piper, 157 acres, Thomas Heinberg, No. 100, Porter. Consideration \$1.
Commissioners to Frank White, Horace Kleinhaus, Blooming Grove, 402 acres. Consideration taxes.
Frederick Buddenhagen and wife to Rudolph Buddenhagen, 100 acres, Lackawanna. Consideration \$100.

To Save Her Child.
From frightful disfigurement Mrs. Nannie Galloper of La Grange, Ga., applied Bucklen'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, Bruises, Skin Eruptions, Ulcers, Burns, Scalds and Piles. 25c. Cure guaranteed by all druggists.

PERSONALS.

P. G. Wagner of Bushkill was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Augusta Boyd of Port Jervis, a former resident here, is a visitor in town.

Will Armstrong and wife of New York are guests with the parents of the former on Second street.

John Baldwin and wife, who have been frequent visitors at Milford, are now at Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Miss Sadie Wheeler of New York has been a guest with the Armstrong family on High street this week.

Rev. Thos. Nichols and family returned Wednesday from Owego where they have been visiting for several days.

Wm. D. Evans of Carbondale, deputy collector of internal revenue for this county, made a business visit here this week.

John Kleinhaus of Blooming Grove and Edward and Bertha attended the sale of the Kleinhaus property here last Monday.

Prof. de Rialp with a party of friends from Brink pond, where he has a residence and is spending the summer, dined in town Tuesday.

William Gregory, who formerly resided in Dingman township but is now a citizen of Boston, Mass., has been visiting his brothers in town for the past week.

Miss Bertha Williamson drove to Branchville Tuesday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Roe. She was accompanied by Miss Lila Van Etten, who went to Newton to spend a few days with friends.

Killed in the Erie Yard.
Horace J. Van Gilder of Matamoras was fatally injured in the Erie yard at Port Jervis last Sunday afternoon. He had been working on the yard engine and when it was run on a siding he left the cab and took a seat on the footboard of the pilot. Some cars nearby were started and collided with the engine so violently as to start it and Mr. Van Gilder was thrown on the track in front of the cars, one truck of which passed over his body crushing his legs and abdomen. He died soon after removal to the hospital. He was born in Luzerne county, this state, over 64 years ago, enlisted upon 16 in the 56th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was in the battle of James Island, the sieges of Fort Wagner and Charleston and was discharged in 1865. In 1872 he married Miss Dosta E. Zeinas and soon after entered the employ of the Erie, in which service he has since been. He was a member of Hope church, of Carroll Post, G. A. R., and of the B. of L. E. The funeral took place Wednesday, conducted by Rev. Gross, and interment in Laurel Grove cemetery.

Ticket Scalpers Win.
In an application for an injunction made by the D. L. & W. R. R. to restrain sixty-one different ticket scalpers in Buffalo from dealing in special Pan American excursion tickets, issued by that road, Judge Hassel of the United States Circuit Court denied the application because the Lackawanna is a member of the Trunk Line association known as the "pool," which combines to fix rates in violation of law and therefore is not entitled to redress in an equity court, and must be relegated for redress to its remedies at law.

Unclaimed Letters.
Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Aug. 31, 1901:

Miss Blanche Myers, Miss Mary Mackey, Miss Clara Brandis, Miss Clara A. Boock, Miss Maggie Coyle, Mr. J. Beer, John Townsend, H. H. Bernard, Japato Max.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Public Sale.
Charles Bannars will sell at public vendue on the Brade place in Delaware township on Thursday, Sept. 5, beginning at 10 o'clock, a lot of household furniture, kitchen utensils, beds, bedding, stoves, barrels, etc. Also 400 sheaves rye, 40 bundles straw, buckwheat and potatoes on the ground, 3 shoats and 80 chickens.

WANTED.—Team of good horses, suitable for both farm work and driving. Must be gentle and cheap. G. O. SHIELDS, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Pet Animals.

It has sometimes been argued that the keeping of pet animals is one way to develop the humane instincts of people in general. Like other practices, however, this one is good only when it is not abused, as it frequently is. When one considers the number of miserable little beasts yearly trapped, captured, and bred in cages for the amusement of mankind, it seems as if some better method of amusement might be devised.

Of course, there are people who make friends and companions of their pets, and although nobody can be absolutely certain about animal psychology, it may be that the dog, horse or bird derives an amount of pleasure from contact with the superior mind which more than repays the loss of freedom. In the case of a highly bred dog or a saddle-horse it is almost certain that this is so. But these are in the minority when the whole number of domestic animals is considered.

In the first place, it is certainly cruelty to take a wild creature out of its natural environment and place it in a cage where it can have little exercise, no natural companionship, and often no suitable food. It is entirely possible for people living in a country town or small village to tame squirrels, birds and other wild things without in the least interfering with their freedom, if they choose to use a little patience. Most wild animals will come where they are not afraid of being hurt. The red squirrel can be coaxed to come from his hole and eat corn from the hand of a human being, and birds of all kinds are easily tamed in the same way. One who has once enjoyed the delight of winning the confidence of the wood-folk will never again wish to keep any of them in a cage.

The animal which is bred for the purpose of domestication, like the lap-dog, the Persian cat, the white mouse, or the canary, is usually inferior in intelligence to the wild animal, for the very good reason that it does not need as much brains to be fed, petted and put to sleep as to get one's living in the midst of a throng of enemies. There are two ways, however, in which the keeping of these animals can be made beneficial to children and adults. One is by making companions of them, developing all the intelligence they have, and the other is by choosing pets of a sort whose intelligence is already considerable. Children should be encouraged to be kind to their pets and to make friends with them, and this cannot be done unless there is intelligence on the other side. If the comfort and well-being of animals is studied it will be good for the master as well as the pet, for altruism generally works in that way, but candor will compel most people to admit that nothing of the kind is usually done.

Kleinhaus Property Sold.
Following are the properties sold last Monday at the partition sale of the real estate of the late Jacob Kleinhaus, deceased, with the prices and purchaser's names:

Five lots fronting on Ann street, numbered 264, 270, 291, 298 and 319, each lot 60x160 feet. Five lots fronting on Catharine street, numbered 315, 299, 290, 271 and 268, each lot 60x160 feet, E. P. Kleinhaus and John Kleinhaus, \$4800.

Two lots fronting on Eighth street, numbered 874 and 873, each lot 40x160 feet, T. R. J. Klein, \$216.

Four lots fronting on Eighth street, numbered 870, 869, 868 and 876, each lot 40x160 feet, J. C. Schorr, \$140.

Four lots fronting on Ninth street, numbered 870, 869, 868 and 876, each lot 40x160 feet, Philip C. Kinkel, \$206.

Four lots fronting on Ninth street, numbered 912, 913, 914 and 915, each lot 40x160 feet, except lot 912 being 30 feet wide in front and 66 feet in rear, Philip C. Kinkel, \$145.

A piece and parcel of land situate in Blooming Grove township, containing one acre and thirty perches, strict measure, John Kleinhaus, \$190.

New Steel Plant.
A new steel plant, to employ 1500 men, is to be built at New Castle, Pa., with a capitalization of \$2,300,000 to compete with the United States Steel Corporation. This goes to help prove that the so-called "trusts" under Protection engender competition, which benefits consumers and workers alike.

WANTED.—Five men to clear timber land at Mashipocog lake, 6 miles east of Milford. G. O. SHIELDS, Port Jervis, N. Y.

BRIEF MENTION.

Better unnecessary Protection than not quite enough.

The public schools of the borough will open September 3d.

A number of rafts passed down the river the first of this week.

Brown's Hall is being greatly improved by a new pine ceiling.

Tomorrow is the last day of summer and then the festive oyster will have an inning.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held its annual picnic yesterday at Raymondskill.

Sir Thomas Lipton has reached the pinnacle of fame. He has a highball named for him.

Caterpillars have invaded Port Jervis and are destroying the trees. There are many small ones in evidence here as shown by the nests in fruit trees.

Mrs. E. Vandermark, wife of the sheriff, was taken seriously ill Tuesday and her condition was reported very critical with little hope of recovery.

A township in Susquehanna county will try the experiment of centralizing its schools. The children will all be conveyed to a new graded school at Herrick Centre.

Take a day off and come to the driving park tomorrow and enjoy the races. There will be lots of sport. See the program and entice elsewhere printed.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed in the Presbyterian church here next Sabbath morning. Preparatory services will be held this, Friday, evening.

The United States is showing other nations how to become self-supporting and industrially as well as politically independent. Japan learned it from us and is a better customer than before.

The indications would seem to point to a late fall. Verdure is still very fresh and crops are not forward. It is hoped that frost will be delayed until everything has ample time to ripen.

The committee on revision of the Westminster confession of faith convened at Saratoga Wednesday. It represents the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Minton of San Francisco presides.

The Protective Tariff of the United States is intended to protect the industries of this country, not of other countries. Other countries have the same right to protect their industries and are welcome to use it.

Colonel Marvin D. Wheeler, chief post office inspector under the Harrison and Cleveland administrations, died recently at his home in Hancock, N. Y. He visited our town several times in the performance of his duties.

Quite a large party of guests from the Eddy farm near Sparrowbush came down on a raft Monday evening. They greatly enjoyed the ride and the scenery, which appears very different from the river than from the road.

At the public sale of Milford bridge stock last Monday belonging to the estate of the late Sarah Brown, twelve shares were disposed of. Six shares brought \$28.25 each and six brought \$26.35 each. Barbara Canne was the purchaser.

The man who was coxswain that tin plate could never be made in this country is now urging the reduction of duty to cripple the metal manufacturers. If putting on the duty would not protect how can removing it have any effect? Answer.

A coal train was wrecked Monday on the Erie at Mounpaun Rocks by breaking in two. Through the action of the air brakes the first part was stopped and the rear cars ran into it throwing several cars down the embankment. Traffic was delayed several hours.

The school of forestry which has been conducted here during the summer by Professor H. S. Graves of Yale University, assisted by Prof. Tuomey, broke up this week and the several members returned to their homes well satisfied with the results of their studies.

John Bushwaller, foreman of a bridge gang, and his assistants, Jas. Smith and William Hall, while taking down an old bridge over the abandoned canal near Indian Orchard, were precipitated in the bed below by the sudden collapse of the structure. All the men were quite severely injured.

HO! FOR THE RACES.

Tomorrow a Great Day at the Driving Park.

The list of entries for the races at the Milford driving park tomorrow will be attractive to lovers of sport. There are a number of horses on the program which have good records and some, not heretofore shown on this track, which are said to be very fast. Dr. Hughes of Brooklyn will be the starter. Following are the entries:

First Race—2.45 class, trot or pace, purse \$25:
Doc, A. J. Dillon, Port Jervis.
Maude H., J. R. Thornton, Milford.

Prince B., J. Ketcham, Matamoras.
Billy G., Charles Grey, Gosben.
Topsy O., B. Kyo, Milford.

Kitty B., J. H. Brown, Tri-States.
Major B., Jacob York, Port Jervis.

Second Race—Free-for-all, trot or pace, purse \$25:
Frank W., W. F. Chol, Milford.
Major C., O. H. Carr, Goshen.
Doc, A. J. Dillon, Port Jervis.
Major B., Jacob York, Port Jervis.
Dewey, Howard Stearns, Port Jervis.
Jozaba, J. A. Rundle, Montague.

Third Race—Stockholders' race, trot or pace, prizes:
Maude H., J. R. Thornton, Milford.
Frank W., W. F. Chol, Milford.
Lizzie McCoy, P. N. Bournique, Milford.
Nanno, Chas. Mayo, Milford.

The Act Unconstitutional.
Judge Edwards of the Lackawanna county courts has rendered a decision that the bicycle sidepath act of 1899 is unconstitutional. The act provided for the construction and maintenance of sidepaths along highways and levying a tax on bicycles. The judge in his opinion says: "The act is unconstitutional that we are surprised it passed the legislature and the scrutiny of the law department or the state government. Its enactment was undoubtedly due to a laudable desire on the part of the legislature to serve the interests of the wheelmen of the state and to secure good roads. In following the decisions of several other judges who have declared the act unconstitutional, we do not wish to be understood as deciding that the purpose and subject-matter of the act are not within the purview of the constitution. It is lawful to tax bicycles and it is lawful to use the money raised by such taxation in providing sidepaths and in the improvement of the public roads of the commonwealth; but the work must be done by such officers as are recognized by our organic law, or, at least, it cannot be delegated to anybody in the face of a constitutional prohibition."

While haying a short time ago George Roberts of Ateo, Wayne county, ran his mowing machine over a quail's nest. The mother bird was killed. Mrs. Roberts took the eggs and placed them under a hen. Five little fellows now four weeks old are an attraction in C. J. Weaver's restaurant window. They are pretty little birds, active, tame, and expert fly catchers.—Wayne Independent.

Robinson Shepherd of Edgemere, Delaware township, has contracted to sell his farm, including a large portion of Silver lake, to the Edgemere club. By this purchase the club becomes the owner of that beautiful sheet of water known as Schaff's pond, also at one time called Shohola pond, and later called Silver lake. It is a fine property and there is no more attractive lake in the county.

Crop reports are more favorable. Late corn has greatly improved and indications are that the prospective yield will be largely increased. Potatoes are promising a much better yield than anticipated and buckwheat will be good. Apples will be scarce. Oat crop is poor. Pastures are excellent. Peaches will be plentiful but not of extra quality. On the whole the prospect is much more favorable for farmers than was anticipated a few weeks ago.

WANTED, TO RENT.—A small farm in this county. Address giving terms, this office.

Great reduction in shirt waists at T. Armstrong & Co.'s. Prices now 39c, 55c, 66c and 80c.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

How fast rumors circulate and how many false reports are started! Do those who engage in this realize how much harm they may do.

The weekly showers arrived on time last week as well as the smashup.

These are times when there are plenty of places to attend to enjoy oneself and spend a little money. Church fairs, picnics, dances, and next week the Port Jervis street fair and the Stroudsburg fair.

Every lover of horses should attend the races tomorrow. There will be fine sport.

J. E. Boyd, the butcher, is yet confined to the house, though gaining quite rapidly under the treatment of Dr. Brockley.

We regret to learn that the condition of Charles Whittaker, who is ill at his sister's, Mrs. D. H. Hornbeck's, does not improve.

Anyone desiring Delaware river oysters should call on Dick Steele.

County Commissioner W. F. Beck was in Greene this week on official business.

Can it be possible there are chicken thieves in town?

Rambler has recovered from his recent surprise and those making the most fuss over almost nothing are most surprised of any.

Grey Towers will soon be occupied for a season by the family of Jas. W. Pinchot. They were expected to arrive home on the Deutschland Wednesday.

Autos have ceased to be a curiosity here.

The Bluff House has over a hundred guests.

The fever scare has died a natural death. The fever died but fortunately none of its victims did.

What has become of Montague Observer.

A Pleasant Evening.

A very enjoyable dance was given by Mrs. Bradford at Woodtown on Wednesday evening, August 21st, in honor of her young lady boarders. The dance was musical in more senses than one, the instrumental being represented by the Misses Ditch and Miss Essie Scanton, and the vocal by Senor de Rialp's party and Miss Maude May who obliged them with several melody selections. Quite a number of eligible young men were present and the young ladies had ample opportunity to practice their wiles on the artless countrymen who were present. Mr. Ed. Corson's skillful manipulation of the violin made the evening pass very swiftly and it was with a sigh of regret that the merry party broke up in the wee sma' hours of the morning. The rooms were tastefully decorated with golden rods and ferns and over the dining hall entrance a large sign of "Welcome" done in immortelles made everybody feel quite at home. The dining hall was thrown open for the dancers and the parlor, which was decorated in pink and white, served as a sitting out room. Grandma Kindes made herself quite beloved dispensing lemonade and sweeties among the dancers. Over fifty people were present, the majority being young men who made good use of their time with the many charming young ladies present.

Will Not Submit.

London Trade Journals are prematurely rejoicing over the prospect of a Tariff warfare between Germany and the United States. This rejoicing of the third party is inspired by the confident belief that the Reichstag will pass the Government Tariff bill. But the vigorous agitation that has sprung up among the German masses over some of the monstrous provisions of this bill—especially the barbarous increase of duties on breadstuffs and meats—is not likely to be without a powerful effect upon the Reichstag. The German manufacturers and merchants who are interested in the export trade will not submit to the agrarian Tariff without an energetic struggle.—Philadelphia Record.

What a Tale It Tells.

If that mirror of yours shows a wretched, sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin, it's liver trouble; but Dr. King's New Life Pills regulate the liver, purify the blood, give clear skin, rosy cheeks, rich complexion. Only 25c at all druggists.