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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.


(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9, 1901.
The tragic and wholly unexpected calamity which has befallen President McKinley and the country is of course the overshadowing topic of interest in Washington today. While astute observers of public events had long recognized the possibility of such a tragedy, to the mass of the people it had the bewildering effect of a thing entirely unforeseen. It had been foreseen, it is true, but only in the assassination of the Empress Elizabeth and of King Humbert, which proved the power and wicked daring of the anarchist societies; and it was practically certain that sooner or later this power would be felt in America in precisely the form it has taken. The attempted assassination of H. C. Frick by Bergman, after the Homestead riot, showed that such a deed was not by any means foreign to the thoughts of anarchists in America; and this type of assassin regards his victim as desirable in proportion to the power which he wields. That the thing was planned skillfully and carefully, and that the assassin was ordered by some secret association to commit the crime, was proved to the satisfaction of everybody within reach of daily papers before the news was six hours old. The fact that the assassin is not of the criminal type, that he has been calm and coherent in his testimony, and that his action was deliberate and well planned, all remove this case from the class of crimes committed by half-crazy place hunters like Guiteau, or political antagonists like Booth. It is simply the result of an organized, determined and well considered movement whose object is, by the assassination of persons in power and by causing public calamity of one sort or another, to intimidate and terrorize society with a view to abolishing all social institutions. That is in plain English the anarchist's idea of his duty; and whether he is to be allowed to entertain and obey that idea to the extent which he thinks fit depends entirely upon public sentiment.
It is doubtful if the news could have caused, in the rest of this country, such deep-rooted pain and apprehension as it caused in the national capital. It may be said without qualification that no president has endeared himself to Washington people more than McKinley. His unflinching fact, his invariable serenity, his attention to the wants and pleasures of those around him, have become known to the people of this city in a hundred different ways. Republicans all over the country may have learned during his public life, before and after his coming to the White House, to respect his ability and admire his character. In Washington, which has been his home for many years, he has won the esteem of even his political opponents by his admirable personal qualities.
There are men in power who pride themselves on their ability to say "No," but they frequently say it in such a manner that their interlocutor feels as if he had been kicked. Mr. McKinley could always refuse a favor in a way that made a disappointed one choke down his feelings until he was out of the official presence, and even then he was not always sure that he was disappointed. No one ever had to complain of a discourtesy from Mr. McKinley, as representative or as president. He was placed in many difficult positions, but he always got out of them without hurting any one's feelings more than was absolutely necessary. Another lovable trait in his character is his faculty of remembering and noticing little things of importance to others. If one of his friends had a daughter married or lost a child, President McKinley never forgot to express his sympathy with the joy or sorrow, as the case might be. If he could do nothing more he would send a tactful little note. He was never on his dignity, because his dignity was himself and not a pedestal. He was accessible and approachable from the first of his term in the White House, and he always seemed to know what to say to everybody. Possibly a part of this tact and consideration may be traced to his well known devotion to his invalid wife. Those who are members of the inner circle of Washington society know many charming little stories of this devotion, which are not given to the

public. A man cannot give himself so completely to the task of caring for a beloved and delicate woman without becoming refined and ennobled by the performance of the duty.
This is why, with an interest quite apart from sensation-seeking, great crowds of people thronged the avenues near the newspaper offices and watched the bulletin boards eagerly until past midnight Friday night, for news of the president's condition.
A curious item appears in the news which the war department is giving out. The act of congress which increased the army to 100,000 men caused promotions all along the line; and eventually there were about 900 vacancies in the position of second lieutenant to be filled by the president. The law is that these places shall be filled by giving commissions to enlisted men who pass the examination and by the appointment of men within certain age limits who have served in the volunteer army. The famine alluded to is not due to a lack of applicants. Secretary Root had nearly 12,000 applications to sort over and weed out, and probably every one of the applicants thought he could perform the duties of the position to perfection. The enlisted men had the first chance. About 400 took the examination, and nearly 200 passed and received their commissions. Then many of the former volunteer officers and men were disposed of, by being designated for appointment. It is not known how many of them have been through this experience, but the total runs into the thousands. The trouble seems to be that they cannot pass the examinations. Some of them are complaining that these are unduly severe, but the department says that men appointed in this way enter the service on a supposed equality with West Point graduates and ought to know, if not as much, at least somewhere near as much as the cadet knows at graduation. Many of them probably know more in some ways. But the point is that it is the aim of the department to place in responsible positions men who come from families which attach some importance to education, or who have had the spirit and energy to get an education for themselves; and the examination is the only practical method of weeding out uneducated men who have nothing in common with their brother officers. In short, the education is a sort of shibboleth. The conclusion of the whole matter is that there are said to be at present over 400 vacancies, and nobody who was not in the army during the Spanish war is eligible.
Another difficulty is bothering the navy department. Surgeon General Van Reypen of the navy is trying to find four young doctors who can pass the examination for the position of assistant surgeon in the navy department. It has been hard work of late to find good men for the grade of assistant surgeons, and the medical corps has not been complete since the civil war. The trouble seems to be that the requirements are so great that most of the men who can pass the examination are in private practice and earning good incomes. The navy department also has trouble in getting sailors for cruisers and battleships.
Real Estate Transfers
John C. Warner and wife to Bertha H. Reed, lot No. 433, Milford borough, High street. Consideration \$300.
J. C. Grasmuk and wife to Sylvanus T. White and wife, lot No. 107 and part of lot No. 132, Harford street, Milford. Consideration \$1400.
Edward Luckey and wife to H. H. Souder, Benjamin F. Achey, G. A. Straub, L. S. Lenhart and Charles M. Taylor, separate conveyances to each for one-sixteenth of Abraham Dills, No. 92, Porter. Consideration \$25 each.
Emily B. Thrall and husband to William A. Gehrig, lot Nos. 555 and 574, George street, Milford borough. Consideration \$300.
William A. Gehrig to Ann M. Gehrig, same lots. Consideration \$2.00.
WANTED—Team of good horses, suitable for both farm work and driving. Must be gentle and cheap. G. O. SHIELDS, Port Jervis, N. Y.
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PERSONALS

Elgar Kleinhans of Blooming Grove is in town this week.
John W. Frisler, Esq., of Dingmans was in town Wednesday.
Miss Lila Van Etten has returned to her school work in Bridgeport, Conn.
Ex-Sheriff H. L. Courtright and wife of Matamoras visited here last Sunday.
Mrs. Kathryn St. John of Port Jervis was in town this week for a brief visit.
Henry Gny Carleton, with a friend, Mr. Porter, a member of the New York bar, is a guest in town.
Fletcher Hazelton and Constable John N. DeGroat of Palmyra were in town for a short time Tuesday on business.
Mrs. Martha Turner, having disposed of her goods here, has gone to Middletown, Ct., which place will be her future residence.
Mrs. Martha Noyce and daughter, Belle, after spending the summer in Port Jervis, have returned to town and are again occupying their home on Broad street.
Wilfred C. Lane, Esq., of Hadley, Mass., a graduate of the Yale law school class of '01, who has been spending some time in town, left Monday for New Haven where he will prepare a series of law lectures which he expects to deliver before the students of the Georgia law school at Macon. It is probable he will locate in that city for the practice of his profession.
J. C. Grasmuk and family departed for their New York home this week. For several years they have spent the summer here at their pleasant cottage on Harford street and made many warm friends, who will regret to learn that having sold their house they may for a time withdraw the sunshine of their presence from the town. It is hoped that the many attractions and associations here may create a longing which will at length induce a return.
Does Lynching Deter Crime?
Some discussion has been called out recently by the number of lynchings which have occurred in the past year, as to whether crime does not increase instead of decrease under such regime. It would appear that lynching is no deterrent and that legal punishment would be more effectual. In support of this the Chicago Tribune says:
"The number of lynchings during the present year to date has been ninety-nine. In no other year during the last decade has the number been so large during the same period. Of this total there have been thirteen in the North and eighty-six in the South. This is not stated invidiously, but because the relations between lynching and crime are most conspicuous and most easily studied in the South. If the theory of the advocates of lynching be true, then this unusual increase in the number of lynchings should have been accompanied by an unusual decrease in crimes committed. Has such been the case?
"Far from it. While crime has increased all over the country, it has increased most rapidly in the South, and in the four States, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana, where lynchings are most frequent. In Mississippi the record of the last thirty days shows forty-five murders committed. In other States there has been a corresponding increase. Evidently lynchings do not prevent murder. In the South criminal assault is characterized as 'the usual cause' of lynching, though it is not so, murder being the principal cause year by year. Lynching, however, has been regarded as the remedy for that crime, but, instead of preventing or even decreasing it, it is rapidly increasing, and most rapidly in the sections where lynchings are most numerous and most barbarous. Is it not about time, then, for lynchings to ask why their prescription fails, and for the people of the South to determine that the enforcement of law is a more effective remedy, and that the punishment of crime by the commission of crime is a failure wherever tried?"
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PRESIDENT MCKINLEY SHOT.

While Attending the Buffalo Exposition He Received Two Bullets from An Assassin's Pistol.
Friday evening, Sept. 6 the startling and shocking announcement flashed over the wires to almost every part of the civilized world that President William McKinley had been shot while standing in the Music Hall at Buffalo receiving the people. Probably before this time nearly every person in this country is fully acquainted with the details of that cowardly and murderous assault. How the president, while standing surrounded by friends smilingly greeting the people as they passed shaking for one brief moment his hand, was twice fired upon by an assassin who held a pistol in his hand concealed by a handkerchief. The two shots took effect, one striking the second rib and inflicting a comparatively minor injury; the other entering the abdomen and causing a most serious and dangerous wound, and from which the gravest results were likely to ensue.

After the first shock his condition has been steadily improving and he is now thought to be entirely out of danger.
From every source, from all nations and from people in every walk of life from the highest to the lowest have come expressions of horror at the wholly unwarranted attack on the life of our nation's ruler. When Lincoln was shot by the fanatic Booth nearly forty years ago it was at a time when mighty passions were disturbing the country which had just emerged from a terrible civil war. Society was in a ferment, politics disturbed the minds of all and while the act could not be justified, such acts never can be, there was at least a shadow of pretext for the deed. Twenty years ago Garfield met a like fate at the hand of one who sought revenge for a fancied neglect of his importunings. Disappointment nerved his hand and fired his lunatic brain to commit the gravest crime known to the law. But now the country is at peace, in the high tide of prosperity, no wrangling elements or discordant factions striving in a mastery of passion for supremacy. The assassin of McKinley had no grievance against him or his party. There were absolutely no grounds, either personal or public, on which to rest the slightest reason for the murderous act.
Leon Czolgosz, who fired the shots, as he says, aimed them not at an individual but at an organized government as personified in President McKinley. He had no personal grievances against him, no discontent over the condition of the country, nothing but a desire in conformity with the teachings of the society called "anarchists" to strike down all government, regardless of individuals or consequences. For such opinions which their exponents attempt to enforce in this manner there can be no charity, nothing but utter abhorrence and a determination on the part of all citizens in every land who have a spark of patriotism to wipe from the face of the earth those who resort to such means to illustrate their so-called principles. That this feeling has been aroused throughout the world is evident from the general expression, and if there is a providential aspect to this case it may be that the violent act will be the means of awakening such horror at the repulsive deed and the incendiary sentiment which engendered it that the nations will rise in their might and crush out the last vestige of anarchy in the whole civilized world.
Two barrels good roasted Rio coffee 12 1/2 cts. per lb.; one barrel Mocha and Mocha mixture roasted 18 cts. per lb. at W. & G. Mitchell's.
Johns and DeVos paints at W. & G. Mitchell's.

BRIEF MENTION.

Ex-County Commissioner Wallace Newman is ill at his home on Broad street.
The Georgia minstrels played to a full house in Brown's Hall Monday evening.
George N. Cole will open a fresh kiln of lime at Montague to-day, September 13.
A rumor current in town says that a wedding will take place here early in October.
The story entitled, "A Little Heroine," is from the pen of a Miss only 13 years old.
Mary, widow of William A. Brodhead of Delaware Water Gap, died last Monday at the age of 85 years.
Grading and curbing has been done around the Episcopal church which will add much to the appearance of the grounds.
John Wolf, the Harford street shoe dealer, will soon have a new line of fine footwear which he will sell at popular prices. He invites inspection and comparison.
Miss Esther J. Howell, who has been visiting friends here for several days, was called this week to the bedside of her sick sister-in-law, Mrs. James Howell, at Pon Argyll.
Emma Goldman, the notorious anarchist speaker, was arrested in Chicago Sept. 10. She admits having met Czolgosz for a short time but denies complicity in any plot to shoot the president.
C. O. Armstrong's new home on Ann street is being rapidly developed. Builder H. Canne has the contract and the house will be a decided improvement in that already attractive part of the town.
Work is rapidly progressing on the new house to be erected for Mrs. Bertha H. Reed on Centre Square, and before long a handsome structure built under the supervision of A. D. Brown & Son will adorn the premises.
An adjourned term of court, over which Hon. Allen Craig is expected to preside, will be held Tuesday, September 17th. This will be his first sitting in this county and his term will ordinarily expire Jan. 1, 1904.
Some grading has been done near Cave bank by the Milford and Dingman railroad company and a little piece of track laid. It is a problem when it will be connected with the track laid at Matamoras ten miles from it.
W. W. Weston, one of the most prominent business men of Honesdale, was found lying dead in the bath tub in his home early Tuesday morning. Heart disease is assumed to be the cause. His age was about 70 years.
Dennis McLaughlin has followed a fashion set by Squire Canne in Dingman township and enclosed his premises on upper Broad street with a tasty rustic fence built of cedar poles. The effect is quite unique. Painter Wood did the work.
Norman B. Dreber of Stroudsburg has been appointed by Judge Allen Craig official stenographer of the several courts of this county. He is a grandson of the late Judge Dreber of Monroe and has the reputation of being very proficient in his profession.
"A Drone and a Dreamer" is the title of a new book just published written by Nelson Lloyd. The characters portrayed are taken from Pike county people, which should give the work, aside from its literary merit which is highly praised, a local interest.
William Stewart, confined in the county jail on a charge of horse stealing, has contracted scarlet fever in a mild form. Any one now contemplating such infraction of the law as might result in incarceration in the county hospital will take the chances of a double punishment.
Judge Shay in the common pleas of Schuylkill county has decided that the county treasurer has no authority to charge and retain for the use of the county a commission on money received for liquor licenses. The borough is entitled to receive its full share with no deductions for commission.
There are several pronouncements given of the name Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley. One is as if spelled "choolcosh," another "schollgosh." He is said to be a Russian Pole and they have some unpronounceable combinations of letters in their names. A good humpen halter would take the kinks out of his.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

Rev. Thos. Nichols Asks for Dissolution of Pastoral Relations—Rejoins at Parting With Him Expressed.
At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation held Tuesday evening presided over by Rev. Geo. Gillespie of Port Jervis to elect delegates to Presbytery which convenes at Liberty next week, George Mitchell and John C. Wallace were appointed.
At the request of Rev. Thomas Nichols they will ask that body to dissolve the pastoral relations existing between him and the church here. This step he deemed expedient because of his continued ill health which prevents an immediate resumption of his labors. Mr. Nichols during his pastorate here of several years has greatly endeared himself to his people and it is with deep sympathy and profound regret that they assent to this termination of his active work in this church. It is fervently hoped that with a release from the cares of a pastorate his health may improve and that he may be spared many years to be a laborer in the great work of saving souls.
At the meeting a letter was read by the moderator from the pastor stating at length his reasons for preferring the request that the pastoral relations be dissolved. In it he spoke kindly of his pleasant intercourse with the people, his love for this church and his extreme reluctance to separate from it, but felt it incumbent because of his feeble condition to ask that his resignation be accepted. Elder Ebenzer Warner spoke warmly of his affection for the pastor whose labor had extended for a longer period than that of any other during his fifty-two years' connection with the church. He was followed by Elder George Mitchell who gave some very interesting and significant facts relative to the temporal and spiritual prosperity of the church since the incumbency of Mr. Nichols, whose pastorate has extended over eleven years. During the year prior to the beginning of his work here there were 70 names on the church roll of members and this year shows 122 names, a very large increase. The donations for church benevolences for the year preceding his coming amounted to only \$30, and for the last year, \$180, showing a marked advance. Elder William Mitchell also expressed the deep sorrow he felt over the circumstances which impelled the present action, his love and respect for the pastor who has been so faithful in his labors and whose work has been crowned with such gratifying success. The moderator, Rev. G. E. Gillespie, spoke feelingly of the high esteem and respect he had for Mr. Nichols, that it was like the love for a father, and that it was so deep he had selected him to perform the solemn function of baptizing his child. He also paid a high tribute to the scholarship, good judgment and wise counsels of Mr. Nichols and said there was no one among the members of this presbytery whose advice was more earnestly sought, whose judgment was more mature or who reasoned more clearly and delivered his thoughts with more succinctness than did Mr. Nichols. All the younger members had implicit faith in the soundness of his views and in the cogency of his reasoning and looked up to him with respect and admiration both as a scholar and an exemplar of the religion he professed.
A committee, consisting of John C. Wallace, J. H. Van Etten and George Mitchell, was then appointed to draft suitable resolutions to be presented on behalf of the church to the presbytery and after prayer and the benediction by the moderator the meeting adjourned.
\$1 to New York on Sept. 15th.
Sunday next, September 15th, the Erie will run a special train to New York at the popular rate of one dollar for the round trip, leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m. arriving in the City at 10 a. m., giving over nine hours in which to take in the sights in and around greater New York, as the special train returning will leave West 32d street at 7.40 p. m., Chambers street, New York at 7.45 p. m., and Jersey City at 8 p. m. Remember the fare, only one dollar for the round trip, and train leaves Port Jervis Sunday, Sept. 15th, at 7 a. m. sharp.
Oil cloth and linoleums at W. & G. Mitchell's.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

It is gratifying to know that our chief executive will recover. The only thing unfortunate about the affair is that his assailant is liable to get off with slight punishment. He should be hung.
The Georgia Minstrels had a full house Monday evening and judging from the noise the audience must have been satisfied.
Mrs. J. B. Webb and family, who occupied the Col. Noyce cottage for the past two months, have returned to New York.
Mrs. Clute is taking in the sights at Buffalo this week.
Mrs. Joseph Shimer of Montague was a visitor here over Sunday.
Ed Boyd has so far recovered as to be able to attend to business again.
Our board of health is keeping things on the move. How about those overlasting mud holes?
Saturday afternoon's shower spoiled a very exciting horse race on the driving park. "Mouse" was an easy winner the first two heats but the heavy track after the shower lost her the race.
Those inclined to shake their feet had a chance to do so Wednesday evening at the Grand View hotel.
It is reported that close confinement begins to tell on Will Kimball, who is an inmate of the county jail charged with assault on his brother, Edward, of Matamoras. William refuses food and acts queer.
Street ornaments should be painted.
Our carpenters have been busy all summer and it looks now as if there would be no scarcity of work till snow flies.
One load of railroad ties and four rails passed through here this week to be used on the new railroad near Cave bank.
Surveyors have been busy the past week locating a road on the other side of the river. Will the Delaware valley railroad miss this town?
Brown's Hall looks safer since the plaster has been removed from overhead and replaced with ceiling.
Tomorrow, if the weather permits, there will be a big attendance at the driving park. Everybody is anxious to see a mule race.
OBITUARY.
MISS GERTRUDE VAN GORDEN.
After an illness of long duration Miss Van Gorden died at the home of her parents in Diagonman's Ferry Tuesday morning, September 10th. Her ailment was Bright's disease. She was a daughter of Randal and Hannah Decker Van Gorden and was born about 25 years ago. Her home has always been in Delaware township, though born in Lehman. She was a most exemplary young lady, a consistent member of the Reformed church and active in Christian endeavor society. Of an amiable disposition she won many warm friends who alike with those near and dear to her will deeply deplore her departure. Just in the full blush of womanhood when the vista of life seems brightest and hopes are most sanguine it is sad that such bereavements must come and the blossoms which promise much of joy and fruition be blighted and wither away.
Her sorrowing parents, a brother, Warren, and four sisters, Hattie, Linda and Lottie at home, and Lizzie, wife of Floyd S. Bevans of Westfall, survive. The funeral services will be held today, Friday, at the house at 2 p. m. and interment in Milford cemetery.
A Night of Terror.
"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from pneumonia before morning," writes Mrs. S. H. Lincoln, who attended her that fearful night, "but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, which had more than once saved her life, and cured her of Consumption. After taking, she slept all night. Further use entirely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.
WANTED—Five men to clear timber land at Mashpaugon lake, 5 miles east of Milford, G. O. SHIELDS, Port Jervis, N. Y.