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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The long period of waiting in the senate is approaching an end and the strain under which republican senators and the correspondents of the republican press have labored is to be relieved. The orders of Senator Lodge in his capacity of manager on the floor of the senate of the Philippine civil bill have been "hold your fire until you see the whites of their eyes," but the whites of a good many democratic eyeballs are now in view and the first skirmish of the republican forces was made on Friday by Senator Pritchard of North Carolina. Behind the smoke of Senator Pritchard's skirmish line Mr. Lodge has been getting his big guns into line and today at two o'clock they will go into action with telling effect. The senator from Massachusetts has prepared his speech very carefully and it is calculated to play havoc in the democratic ranks. Mr. Lodge will admit the cruelties which have been practiced in the Philippines by American soldiers but he will point out that they all occurred one-and-a-half to two years ago. Then he will cite the atrocities practiced on American soldiers by the Filipinos, outrages and barbarities which, to use the senator's own words, "would make a marble saint shiver for vengeance." Space will not permit an enumeration of the frightful atrocities which have been perpetrated on the American boys and which have made their comrades, crazed with the sight of their brothers suffering, overstep in a very few instances the bounds of civilized warfare. I have seen the senator's speech and when the American people have read it their horror at the pictures which have been drawn for their imagination by democratic partisans will be turned to pity and to gratification that the American forces have shown themselves so tolerant, so merciful and so well-disciplined in the face of such frightful provocation. What the democrats have been exultingly contemplating material for the campaign will be shorn of its oratorical flowers and made to stand out as partisan vilification of American soldiers under the furious batteries of the junior senator from Massachusetts.

On Friday the president went to Annapolis and presented to the graduating cadets their diplomas. The presentation was presided by a characteristic speech in which Mr. Roosevelt charged the young men with the responsibilities of their future positions and emphasized the fact that the slightest inattention to duty on their part might result disastrously to the country which they had sworn to serve.

The advent of Mme. Cambon, wife of the French Ambassador, to Washington society on Thursday was the occasion of an unusually brilliant reception at the embassy. Mme. Cambon has not been in this city for a number of years and it is understood that her residence here will be marked by a number of elaborate entertainments in the not distant future. A large number of people in diplomatic and official circles extended a cordial welcome on the evening of her reception.

Round to Marry.

Last Sunday a young couple from Port Jervis on matrimony bent appeared in town but as the clerk's office was closed and they had no license were in a dilemma. This was happily solved by the suggestion that they go to New Jersey where such barriers to the fulfillment of love's dream are not known. Accordingly accompanied by Rev. C. E. Souder of the M. E. church they tied to the bride and across and there under the friendly roof of the toll house, Miss Gertrude Doty and Maurice Baily were soon made one. The ceremony was performed with a ring and the happy couple went their way rejoicing.

A Distinguished Visitor.

Recorder John W. Goff of New York was a guest at the Crissman House a day last week. He was charmed with the beauties of Milford and so thoroughly enjoyed the roads and scenery that he walked to Port Jervis for the exorcise. He stated that he expected soon to revisit our town for a more extended stay. Thus it is ever with strangers who come here. They are entranced with the country and say they seldom find a place which offers so many attractions to a sojourner.

Keep the Balance Up.

It has been truthfully said that any disturbance of the even balance of health causes serious trouble. Nobody can be too careful to keep this balance up. When people begin to lose appetite, or get tired easily, the least imprudence brings on sickness, weakness, or debility. The system needs a tonic, craves it, and should not be denied it; and the best tonic of which we have any knowledge is Hood's Sarsaparilla. What this medicine has done in keeping healthy people healthy, in keeping up the even balance of health, gives it the same distinction as a preventive that it enjoys as a cure. Its early use has illustrated the wisdom of the old saying that a stitch in time saves nine. Take Hood's for appetite, strength, and endurance.

PERSONALS

Mrs. W. E. Peters of New York is visiting in town.

Hon. John A. Kipp of New York was in town a couple of days this week.

C. A. Pellet of Palmyra was at the county seat Tuesday on business matters.

C. W. Bull, Esq., and Frank W. Cross went to New York yesterday on business matters.

Mrs. Emily Henry of Bridgeport, Conn., visited her aunt, Mrs. William McCown, a few days recently.

County Superintendent George Sawyer of Westfall attended the convention Tuesday as an interested spectator.

F. F. White's mother, Mrs. S. E. White, and his aunt, Mrs. C. A. Cole, both of Summit, N. J., are guests with his family on Fourth street.

Mrs. Lena A. Quick of New York is visiting here a few days arranging the business matters of her father, the late P. A. L. Quick, of Delaware township.

Mrs. Jane Picot, a former resident of Delaware township, but who for some time has been living in Newark, New Jersey, after a visit here returned home a few days ago.

William Metz, proprietor of the Grand View Hotel in Dingman township, who has been spending the winter in New York, was married recently and last Friday accompanied by his wife returned home.

Miss Nellie Bosler of Delaware and John Doty of Stroudsburg were married at the M. E. parsonage in Port Jervis Tuesday by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Chadwick. Andrew Albright and Miss Edith Cross, both of Delaware, were present when the knot was tied.

Bret Harte's Poem.

Perhaps the most popular poem of Bret Harte, who died recently in England, is the one given below. It made him famous and has been widely read:

PLAIN LANGUAGE FROM TRUTH.
FUL JAMES—1870.

Which I wish to remark,
And my language is plain,
That for ways that are dark
And for tricks that are vain
The heathen Chinese is peculiar.
Which the same I would rise to explain.

Ah Sin was his name,
And I shall not deny
In regard to the same
What that name might imply.
But his smile it was positive and childlike,
As I frequent remarked to Bill Nye.

It was August the third,
And quite soft was the skies,
Which it might be inferred
That Ah Sin was likewise;
Yet he played it that day upon William
And me in a way I despise.

Which we had a small game
And Ah Sin took a hand;
It was curfew, the same
He did not understand;
But he smiled as he sat by the table,
With the smile that was childlike and bland.

Yet the cards they were stacked
In a way that I grieve,
And my feelings were shocked
At the state of Nye's sleeve,
Which was stuffed full of aces and bowers,
And the same with intent to deceive.

But the hands that were played
By that heathen Chinese,
And the points that he made
Were quite frightful to see;
Till at last he put down a rigger hower,
Which the same Nye had dealt unto me.

Then I looked up at Nye,
And he gazed upon me,
And he rose with a sigh
And said: "Can this be?"
We are ruined by cheap Chinese labor!"
And he went for that heathen Chinese.

In the smoo that caused
I did not take a hand,
But the floor it was strewn
Like the leaves on the strand
With the cards that Ah Sin had been
In the game "he did not understand."

In his sleeves, which were long,
He had twenty-four packs,
Which was coming it strange,
Yet I state but the facts;
And we found on his mat, which were
taper,
What is frequent in tapers—that's wax.

DIRECTORS' CONVENTION.

A Class and Exciting Contest for County Superintendant.

The triennial convention of directors for the election of a county superintendant convened at the court house Tuesday and was largely attended, all the directors but two being present. Superintendent Sawyer called the body to order and read a direction to the boards that they retain the reports of high schools until the new boards organize. There are but two in the county, at Milford and Matamoras. Nominations for chairman of the convention were then made and Hon. B. E. Brown of Milford and Hon. John F. Englehart of Matamoras were named. Geo. C. Knauling was appointed to receive and read the ballots and Dr. H. E. Emerson and W. Vatterlein to record them. The count showed Brown 26 and Englehart 34. On assuming the chair, Judge Englehart in a neat speech thanked the convention. The roll called showed 61 directors present, four not having voted.

For secretaries, P. B. Clark, Esq., of Porter, Dr. H. E. Emerson of Milford, H. F. Briscoe of Delaware and E. B. Labar of Matamoras were nominated. On balloting Labar and Emerson were declared elected by the tellers appointed to count the ballots, Geo. A. Knauling and Walter Vetterlein.

The salary of the superintendant to be elected was then agreed by the convention to be left to be fixed by the act of assembly. Nominations for county superintendant were then made and L. B. Westbrook and John C. Watson named. The directors were then called and voted viva voce and the tellers announced the result to be Westbrook 33, Watson 31.

Mr. Westbrook was then called and in a brief speech thanked the convention for the honor conferred. Mr. Watson was also called for and in a few graceful words accepted the result as declared.

The retiring county superintendant, Geo. Sawyer, at the request of many directors addressed the convention with a few fitting remarks, after which on motion it adjourned.

Lucian B. Westbrook, the successful candidate, is a native of Delaware township and a graduate of the East Stroudsburg state normal school. After teaching in his native township several terms he was elected teacher of the intermediate department here where he has been successful in the position.

Prof. John C. Watson, who was defeated by a narrow margin, is the present principal of the Milford high school. He is a graduate of the Shippensburg state normal school and has taught in the Milford schools for several years with marked ability.

The High Falls Hotel.

The High Falls Hotel at Dingman's Ferry will be open for the season under the management of Philip F. Falmer, Jr. The young man, though without extensive experience in the business, is pleasant, courteous and has the tact to maintain the popularity which it enjoyed under the care of his lamented father. It will be gratifying to the interests of that section to know that the league will not be closed and that it will still continue to be a centre of prosperity which will radiate its benefits in the community.

Mrs. Beattie Leesch of New York visited a few days recently with the family of Hy. T. Baker, Esq., and will be the guest of Mrs. Dr. J. C. Price in Branchville for a time before returning home.

Paul Schanno and family of Stroudsburg were guests at Hotel Schanno over last Sunday.

Whooping Cough.

A woman who has had experience with this disease tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: Our three children took whooping cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops. — Jessie Pinkey Hall, Springville, Ala. This remedy is for sale by A. W. Baly's & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

BRIEF MENTION.

The Hotel Faubers opened for the summer Wednesday.

Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson died at his home in Washington May 6.

Bret Harte, the novelist and author, died in England last Sunday after a long illness of throat trouble.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Milford water company held Monday the former board was re-elected.

Over seventy fins had been taken at the fishery near Milford Wednesday night. Some of the fish weighed 7 and 8 pounds.

Dr. W. B. Knorworthy is laying a flagstone walk in front of his premises on Broad street with Lint West supervising the job.

Superintendent Luther Hill recommended last week that the Fishery school in Sandyston, N. J., be closed for lack of scholars.

Congressman Amos J. Cummings died at Baltimore May 2 after a protracted illness. He was a printer, editor, soldier and congressman.

Robert Findlay has commenced the erection of a cage on Harford street and when completed it is said he will have the bird for occupancy.

Mrs. J. A. Revoyre is having her shop and house on Broad street adorned with fresh paint. E. C. Wood and his assistants handle the brushes.

The county commissioners have contracted the building of the abutments, wing walls, etc., for the bridge near Hotel Seltz to Dunham Gregory for \$336.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Nellie Staples of Bushkill and James Hazen of Delaware and to Ida J. Shafer and William Morrison, both of Blooming Grove.

Hon. Joshua S. Salmon, representative of the fourth New Jersey congressional district, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home in Bounton Tuesday. His age was 56 years.

S. J. McEwen, a son-in-law of our townsman, Arthur B. McCarty, has gone into the hotel business in Chicago at 4700 State street. He was with Captain Clark on the Oregon at the Santiago fight.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Milford Delaware bridge company held Monday a majority of stockholders not being present no election was held and the former president, managers and treasurer retain office for another year.

According to some Carbon county papers the sentiment among democrats there is strongly favorable to Judge Craig for renomination and against the aspirations of Ex-Congressman Barber for the position. Judge Craig is certainly a most excellent official.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Grace Hurd Richards of New York, who has been a summer guest at the Sawkill House and is well known by the young people here, to Charles A. Skidmore of the same city. The wedding will occur June 3rd.

The will of J. B. Westbrook, probated last week, divides all his property, real, personal and mixed to his wife for life in trust for his children unless in case of her remarriage when she shall have the use of one-fourth the income and names her sole executrix and guardian of his minor son.

To prevent turkeys indulging in their propensity to all sit on one nest when becoming broody it is suggested that barrels be provided and when one begins setting to place a board loosely in front so that the others cannot enter but so that the inmate can easily push it over and emerge when she desires. By watching for a few days and thus keeping the others out the matter can be adjusted so that one will have her nest undisturbed.

Shedders at His Past.

"I recall now with horror," says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann of Levanos, O., "my three years of suffering from kidney trouble. I was hardly ever free from dull aches or acute pains in my back. To stoop or lift mail sacks made me groan. I felt tired, worn out, about ready to give up, when I began to use Electric Bitters, but six bottles completely cured me and made me feel like a new man." They're unrivaled to regulate stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Perfection satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

THE PARK GAME CASE.

Some Unwarranted Strictures and Derogatory Insinuations Noted.

The Dispatch last week contained a letter over the signatures, "Justice," censuring the United States court for its ruling in the indictments against several members of the Blooming Grove park for an intent to violate the Lacey act by removing game out of the state. The reasoning of the letter reminds one of the old poetic logic:

If a man who turnsips cries,
Grieve not when his father dies,
'Tis a sign that he would rather
Have the turnips than his father
Suppose a man forms in his mind
the intent to commit an assault and battery on another and at a distance of a few hundred feet expresses such determination and accompanies it by a pugilistic attitude but is checked before starting on his errand, could he be convicted of the crime of assault and battery?

Judge Archbald simply decided that an intent not carried into effect does not constitute a crime when the act of congress says the intent must be fully consummated. Penal statutes are always strictly construed. A court does not make the laws, it construes them, and if no offense as defined by an act had been committed "Justice" would be probably the loudest squealer in the bunch if he was apprehended for an alleged offense and the court should direct his conviction, not for its commission but for his presumed intent.

"Justice" says "the court finds that Mr. Smith did violate the law but not far enough to commit a crime," yet "Justice" would have Mr. Smith convicted of the crime which he did not commit because such is "Justice's" idea of justice.

"Justice" indulges in innuendoes and insinuations that in some way by "invitations to officials of the court to visit the club house" the court was bribed or influenced in its decision of the case. A fair criticism of the decision of a court is perhaps permissible but an attempt to traduce the character of a judge by intimating that because some member of his court has accepted hospitalities he has been corrupted is much nearer malicious libel than it is an attempt to commit a misdemeanor or an actual crime.

Dr. Kalbfas deserves commendation for his attempts to enforce the laws and should have the assistance and open sympathy of all law-abiding citizens in such efforts but if he allows his zeal to outstrip the law or is mistaken in his judgment as to what is an offence against it, he cannot nor would he expect courts to vindicate his errors by punishing men innocent of any statutory crime. Were the defendants other than members of the Blooming Grove park association would "Justice" be wielding his defamatory pen with such vehemence in condemnation?

Real Estate Transfers.

John Wohlfarth to George P. Haas and wife, 20 acres, Shohola, \$3.

Commissions as justice of the peace to John A. Fisher, Dingman, Frank Keller, Shohola, and Edwin Howell, Blooming Grove.

Nathan Hooker to Amanda C. Gilpin, 1 1/2 acres, Greene, \$1.

Warren Brink to John M. Smith, 8 acres, Greene, \$25.

Commissions to William H. Stoddard, Lehman, and Henry Dewitt, Lackawanna, as justices of the peace.

Daniel V. Brodhead to Savannah V. Ford, 9 acres in trust for use of Matthew and Lewis Campbell, Lehman, \$350.

William D. Cole and others to Adelle, wife of John C. Watson, part of lot No. 559, Milford borough, \$1.

All Eyes On Texas.

Great in Texas. Her vast cotton crops and marvelous oil discoveries amaze the world. Now follows the startling statement of the wonderful work at Claco, Tex., of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. "My wife contracted a severe lung trouble," writes Editor J. J. Eger, "which caused a most obstinate cough and finally resulted in profuse hemorrhages but she has been completely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, and all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

Advertisement in the Pages.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Ed. McWade of the Port Jervis Union was in town Sunday.

Prof. Kemler of Matamoras was down Sunday looking for camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seltz have returned from New York.

Thomas Armstrong has begun work on the abutment of the Sawkill bridge near Struble's mill.

Wm. Struble ran another raft of railroad ties down the river Saturday.

The Grand View House is now open. The proprietor and his bride arrived Friday and they were treated to a first class tin pan serenade.

Sheriff Geo. Gregory now owns the finest turnout in town, the white rambler and gray team.

Where is the son of Sunny Italy? Everything else points toward spring, even thunder showers are here, but he has not arrived.

No doubt some of our population will go to Port Jervis Tuesday and attend the circus.

It sometimes pays to hold an office when the holder and his wife can take an occasional three days' outing at the expense of the tax payers.

This town has an establishment where home made bread, pie and cake can be purchased.

Pretty rough when a man is declared elected to an office and then counted out.

A little yellow dog raised Cain around a laundry in this town. He destroyed more than the hides from a dozen dogs like him would be worth.

Some one proposed buying counting blocks to keep tally with. How about it?

The Sussex Register, always noted for its original sayings, some time ago contained some thing like this: "Lie, steal, drink, and swear. When you lie, let it be down to pleasant dreams. When you steal, let it be away from immoral associates. When you drink, let it be pure water. When you swear, let it be that you will patronize your home paper, pay your subscription, and not send your job work away from home."

Louis de Berthe is busy repairing trotting sulkes. It won't be long before we will see some of the speedy horses of this vicinity on the driving park.

OBITUARY.

CHARLES OTT.

After an illness of some months of kidney troubles Mr. Ott passed away Monday afternoon, May 5, at his home in Delaware township. He was born at Wittenburg, Germany, April 22, 1838, and was a son of Christian and Rosina Gebhardt Ott. His parents immigrated to this country in 1847 and after living in 1840 came to Pike county to reside, where they purchased a farm and spent their days. Charles, while yet young, went to New York and secured employment in a hotel, which business he followed for many years, becoming the proprietor of a German hotel at No. 5, Greenwold St., and where he amassed a considerable fortune. He was a man of quiet habits, close business application, of strict probity and with warm friendships, a most excellent neighbor and citizen. In 1897 he relinquished business and came to this county to live on the old homestead farm, which he purchased.

He first married in 1869 Miss Anna L. Elmasser, who died in 1884. Three children, Christian T., David and Louis, all of New York, survive by this union. In 1895 he married, second, Miss Margaret Blum, who with one child, Nicholas, survives him. Living brothers and sisters are Frederick of Delaware, Mrs. Frederika Boeck and Annie, wife of J. A. Blatt, of New York, Pauline, wife of G. J. Gebhardt of Dingman township, and Emil of Newark, N. J.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For ulcers, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by all druggists.

Hon. Henry S. Harris, ex-congressman, died suddenly at his home in Belvidere, N. J., May 2 of apoplexy.