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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

While brief news items referring to the war college in Washington are frequently published in the newspapers, comparatively few people understand just what the college is—or will be—and, with a view to furnishing your readers an accurate description of the proposed institution, your correspondent called on several members of the "war college board" and from them obtained the following information:

Briefly stated, the projected college will have three principal functions, first, the classification and development of data relative to the fortifications, military armament, etc., of foreign nations and their study from a strategic standpoint, second, the higher education of American military officers, which will include the study and working out of problems of offense and defense both at home and abroad, this work being closely related to that under the first head, and, third, the supervision and coordination of the educational work now being done in the "post" and "special service" schools.

For many years the war department has maintained schools at various army posts where the higher branches of military education have been taught to officers, both the graduates of West Point and appointees from the volunteer service and civil life. The institutions known as "special service schools" include the torpedo school at Willett's Point, N. Y., the artillery school at Fort Monroe, Va., the cavalry and light artillery school at Fort Riley, Kan., the engineer school at Washington, D. C., and the staff and general service school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Their names indicate the character of the instruction given at each. Heretofore these schools have been under the supervision of the lieutenant general and the adjutant general, but it is believed that their direction can be much more advantageously performed by the new college, which will itself be an educational institution and whose faculty and managers will include those officers who are especially fitted for the performance of such duties.

The war college is not new in inception but only an appropriation of \$1,250,000 made by the fifty-seventh congress, of which amount \$900,000 is now available, made possible its immediate organization. The war college board, to which the welfare of the college is intrusted, was appointed by President Roosevelt and is composed of General Young, president, Generals Carter and Bliss and Majors Greene and Beach.

At present the headquarters of the college are in a private residence adjoining the "temporary White House" but surveys have already been made and plans are being prepared for extensive buildings to be located on the grounds of what are known as "the barracks" in this city, and overlooking the Potomac and Anacostia rivers. The present plans, which are subject to some revision, include a single large building for the accommodation of the college proper, flanked by residences for the officers and a club house. The buildings now at the barracks will be replaced with one or more structures in harmony with the proposed improvements. A handsome building for the engineers' school will occupy a portion of the site and an immense parade ground and barracks for the men will complete what promises to be the finest and most extensive military establishment in the United States.

In this connection, it is worthy of remark that in the policy of the present administration, there is evident a purpose to develop the military organization of the United States along lines consonant with the growing importance of the country and to take time by the forelock and strengthen the offensive and defensive resources of the nation in proportion to the increased responsibilities entailed by expansion. Sooner or later the army reorganization law, drafted by Secretary Root, and the military reorganization law, drafted by General Dink, or similar measures, will be enacted and a somewhat heterogeneous military establishment will be reduced into a homogeneous and perfect whole.

News has reached Washington to the effect that the war has requested a conference of European powers with a view to determining a concerted action limiting the power of

the trusts, and it is suggested that the recent acquisition by Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan of extensive interests in the trans-Atlantic shipping industry has done its share to precipitate the contemplated international movement. Action by Russia and other European countries in this direction might have little significance in this country were it not that it recalls the prediction of Lynn J. Gage, ex secretary of the treasury, that the time was not far distant when, by a combination of interests, the European nations would inaugurate a tariff war against the United States. Under the policy of protection, the United States has attained a point where it produces all the necessities of life and could live quite independently of the other countries of the world, so far as imports are concerned, but so rapid has been the progress made that foreign markets are essential to the welfare of American manufacturers and producers and it is in this light that the officials regard the proposed movement with slight apprehension. In voicing his opinion, Mr. Gage stated his belief that the first move in this direction would be taken by Great Britain which would place a heavy tariff on American wheat. The fear of tariff discrimination by Europe has been one of the leading factors in the agitation for the negotiation of reciprocity treaties with France, Russia, Austria, and other countries of Europe and it is possible that this move on the part of the erst may lead to more serious consideration of the reciprocal treaties which now rest in the senate committee on foreign relations. The anxiety expressed at the state and treasury departments today recalls a remark made to your correspondent early this year. He said, apropos of the Kaiser's treaties: "I regard it as essential to the welfare of the foreign trade of the United States that these or similar treaties be ratified by the senate."

The negotiations between the war department and the various have practically suspended to be resumed again in Manila by the governor of the Philippines and a papal delegate. In so far as known the United States has accomplished all that was sought in those matters which have been decided, and there is reason to believe that the eventual outcome of the negotiations will prove mutually satisfactory to the parties concerned.

Secretary Hay and Senator Concha have had their final meeting in regard to the treaty with Colombia and nothing further can be accomplished until Colombia shall have approved the steps already taken.

Handled a Snake.

Because Michael Lobes of Jersey city has more recklessness than sense he enjoyed a trip to the Port Jervis hospital this week to be treated for a rattlesnake bite. Several men up at Greeley Sunday were enjoying themselves tantalizing a rattler which they had in a barrel when Lobes to show his courage seized the snake with his hand to lift it out. The snake quite properly resented this familiarity and evidently thought it was in better society when alone so it took hold of Lobes' finger who dropped it forthwith and sought antidotes for his bite. If he lives it is possible this experience may also cure him of a little foolhardiness.

Real Estate Transfers.

Louis Wilson to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Doty, 1/2 acres, Palmyra, \$200.
Henry T. Gumble to Emil A. Gumble, 97 acres, Palmyra, \$1800.
Harry J. Atkinson et al. to Elizabeth M. Phillips, lot on Big pond, Palmyra, \$140.
John Anderson to John A. Philman, 1/2 interest in 250 acres Westfall, part of Sylvanus Seeley, No. 13, \$400.

It Buries the World.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It's various tests have been on pneumonia, hemorrhage, pleurisy, bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup, hoarseness and whooping cough it is the quickest, surest cure in the world. It is sold by all druggists who guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Large bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

PERSONALS.

Dr. C. W. Roberts has been regularly registered here as a physician.
Hon. John D. Biddis and wife visited at Branchville a couple of days this week.
Kurt Rudolph Sternberg, manager of the Deerport brew company, was in town Tuesday.

A marriage license has been issued to Frank L. Halsted of Port Jervis and Florence Lord of Matamoras.
Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook, Jr., and George Mitchell were at Blooming Grove the first of the week.

The Misses Blanche Cross of this town and Anna Klauer of Stroudsburg are on a two weeks visit at Asbury Park.

County Surveyor Frank Shorr has been trailing his "iron string" down in Delaware a couple of days this week.

Mrs. John C. Warner and child, after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Hackensack, returned home this week.

L. J. Williams of Scranton spent last Sunday with his family in town, who are guests with Mrs. A. M. Mettler on George street.

Samuel Loberis, ex-county commissioner of Lackawanna county, visited his brother, Dr. C. W. Roberts, here a couple of days recently.

Edward Kanevce of Newton, president of the Merchants national bank of Newark, has been appointed treasurer of the Prudential Life Insurance company.

Miss Bird Williamson of New York, who has been visiting several weeks in the family of Ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook, went to Atlantic City yesterday to spend the rest of her vacation.

The Plain Truth.

The conception of modern journalism conveyed in the recent address by Mr. H. F. Garrison of the Brooklyn Eagle before the Sphinx club of New York was as elevated and noble as it was just and true. His special topic was the value of quality in newspaper circulation, his contention being that high quality based on honesty, intelligence, dignity and legitimate enterprise, makes a paper far more valuable to both its readers and advertisers than a circulation swollen by fake advertisements, lurid type, crooked morals and cheap sensationalism. He said the quality of a paper and the character and standing of the people who read it are factors of far more importance than the question of how many papers are printed. It is not so much the number of papers that go out of the press room which should be carefully examined, as the fact where those papers go and who are the people who read them. Are they read in the homes by every member of the family? Are they read for information and instruction to become the source of our knowledge of contemporary life, or are they read as one would a handbill to be instantly thrown away and forgotten? These are pertinent questions for the advertiser and properly solved will demonstrate that advertising does pay.

Dr. Reed Injured.

Driving home Tuesday from the tennis court on his place, which is down along the river, in a wagon in which were several members of his family, Dr. Reed was thrown out with the others, by the horse being choked by the Dutch collar he was wearing which caused him to stumble at a place where the roadway is very narrow with a steep bank on either side, and the Doctor had his leg quite badly injured. The others, except a young lady guest who was bruised, fortunately escaped serious results.

Ye Bugge's Lament.

"Alas! ye krayage bugge, he cried,
"Alas! Attack! Oh! Woe!
Ye summer gyrl! I neverly dyed
Rev she did leete me goe."
—Philadelphia Press.

White Tax Turned Yellow.

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty of Lexington, Ky., when they saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered terribly. His malady was yellow jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Electric Bitters, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured." A trial proves its matchless merit for all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only 50c. Sold by all druggists.

She Didn't Wear a Mask.

But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Bucklen's Arnica Salvo. Then they vanished as will all eruptions, fever sores, boils, ulcers, carbuncles and felons from its use. Infallible for cuts, corns, burns, scalds and piles. Cure guaranteed. 25c at all druggists.

The Park Case.

Subject to appeal to the supreme court the recent decision of the superior court in the case of Commonwealth vs. Hazen, which really involved the constitutionality of the act incorporating the Blooming Grove park association, settles the rights of that corporation to protect its lands from those who would trespass on them at will for the purpose of hunting or fishing.

The Press has always contended that owners of lands in this county should have equal protection with the park. There seems no reason why a man owning unimproved lands should not have the right to say who might and who might not hunt or fish over it. As the law now stands such owner is practically helpless to protect himself. He must stand and look on while those who choose, probably not owning a foot of land in the state or paying any taxes, roam over his property and shoot the game or take the fish thereon. The opponents of this idea claim that to exclude them is to deprive them of their natural rights, which are, to shoot and fish wherever they please. That is, that while a man pays taxes on land, and has for years, yet if he wants to exercise any other control over it, as saying who may or may not share its benefits, he becomes a selfish monopolist and infringes the rights of those who without leave or license wish to occupy it in common with him. The argument is used that game and fish are not subject to property rights, are fera naturae, and belong to whosoever can get them, regardless of the fact that in order to do so the hunter or fisherman becomes a trespasser.

Had farmers and land owners the right to prevent trespassing by stringent laws their lands might be leased to those who are willing to pay for the privilege of shooting or fishing over them and they would thereby derive substantial benefit and be aided in paying their taxes.

Our county is naturally adapted to game. The Blooming Grove park association breeds it largely and protects it, but it cannot prevent its game and fish from escape and the moment it crosses its lines it becomes common property. Now if the adjoining owners could protect their lands and designate who, if any one, should enter on them they would be largely benefited by the efforts of the park people to propagate game and fish. Other associations in the county would become interested in protecting and breeding game and fish and upon our county would become in fact and not in name merely a paradise for sportsmen.

These men spend their money freely. They pay well for their privileges and pay cheerfully if they can have the sport. Should they not be encouraged to come here? Is not their presence with their well filled pocketbooks of far more value to our people than the theory of an inherent right to trespass? The Blooming Grove park association has its charter rights established, call it an absolute monarchy or whatever you please; its lands are protected, its members may enjoy them exclusively. Now extend the same privilege to the citizens of the county and others owning lands. Let them have just as exclusive control of what they own. Our member of the legislature can engage in no more worthy occupation in the next session than in an endeavor to give his constituents the same rights to control their property as are enjoyed by outsiders.

Cruelty to Animals.

The Branchville stage driver was compelled to change one of his horses Tuesday morning because it had a sore neck. Evidently the S. P. C. A. or some member of the Band of Mercy is looking after the comfort of animals here. The act is specific on this matter and among other provisions it is an offense to wantonly or cruelly ill treat, overheat, beat or otherwise abuse any animal, or to torture or maim any horse. The fine may be \$200 and imprisonment for a year.

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BRIEF MENTION.

King Edward is slowly improving in health.

The town council has advertised for bids to finish the borough building.

The M. E. church Sunday school enjoyed its annual picnic at Raymondskill Falls yesterday.

A water motor is being installed in the Presbyterian church to furnish power to pump the vocalion.

Two new residences in process of building situate on George street are those of Geo. Smith and Mrs. Gottrig.

Francis Murphy recently advised in an address the closing of all saloons—meaning the ones between the noses and chins.

John W. Mackey, the last of the four bonanza kings of California, died in London last Sunday morning aged about 70 years.

Port Jervis board of trade is trying to secure a glass cutting industry in which A. E. O'Connor of Hawley is interested. Hope the effort may succeed.

The sum of \$200 has been raised in Phillipsburg, N. J., to appeal the case of Grether, now under sentence of death at Stroudsburg, to the supreme court.

The dwelling of Samuel Vennle at Lord's Valley was struck by lightning last Tuesday during a thunder storm and parts of the building considerably shattered.

Dr. H. E. Emerson has an exhibition at his pharmacy a couple of horned toads from Arizona presented by his friend, Henry Guy Carleton. They are curious specimens.

The Philadelphia Ledger, formerly owned and published by Geo. W. Childs, has been sold to A. S. Ochs, who already owns the Times of Philadelphia and New York.

Saint Swithin's ghost has been on deck pretty continuously this week. If the old saint is in a dry place he is evidently willing to allow us mortals a full share of moisture.

According to recently compiled figures the world's ships carry 180 million tons of merchandise a year. Of this total one quarter, by weight, is coal and one tenth is wheat.

Trains are running as usual on the M. & M. R. R. The engine paid its school tax and got loose. Reports are that surveyors are now locating a new line so as to avoid that hitching post.

It is said that Panama hats "impossible to be told from the genuine" can now be bought for \$1.25. The Connecticut industry in hats has been greatly encouraged and even horses are now wearing Panamas.

Madison A. Garvin, a democratic member of the legislature from Adams county, who voted for Senator Quay's reelection, was denied a renomination and strongly condemned and repudiated by a resolution adopted by the democratic convention of that county Monday.

St. Swithin's day, July 15, is named in honor of Saint Swithin, bishop of Winchester. The transfer of his remains having been delayed forty days by rain, it was believed that a rainy St. Swithin's day portended as many consecutive days of rainfall.

The East Stroudsburg post office was broken into last Saturday morning, the safe blown open with dynamite and \$600 in stamps and money taken. The charge used was heavy and did considerable damage to the room. It was fired just as a long freight train was passing.

The Wayne-Susquehanna senatorial matter has not yet been settled. At the last meeting the conference adjourned to meet at Honesdale Aug. 4th. The nomination of Col. Pratt previously made by the Susquehanna conference and a bogus Wayne conference has been disclaimed by the nominee.

John W. Gates, who tried to corner Chicago grain the other day, did turn an honest little penny of about a million and a half dollars. This was not as much as Mr. Gates had hoped to make out of the speculation, but it is thought that it will enable him to keep the wolf from the door.

A Poor Billionaire.

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

Driving Park Races.

Threatening weather last Saturday prevented a large attendance at the races, but those who braved the possibilities of a shower saw some fine sport.

The starter was Hon. J. D. Biddis, Judge, P. N. Bourneque and A. D. Brown.

The entries and time are given below:

2:30 CLASS.	
Jaybird, b g, John R. Thornton, Milford.....	4 1 3 1 1
Dovey, b g, H. Stearns, Port Jervis.....	3 4 4 4 0
Topsey D., s m, B. Kyto, Milford, Pa.....	1 3 3 2 2
Clara, b m, J. York, Middletown.....	2 3 1 2 3
Time, 2:33, 32, 33 1/2, 32 1/2, 36.	
3:45 CLASS.	
Prince B., blk g, J. Ketcham, Matamoras.....	9 1 1 1
Major B., b g, B. Williams, Port Jervis.....	1 2 2 2
Cyclone, b g, W. H. Balms, Port Jervis.....	3 3 3 3
Time, 2:47 1/2, 42 1/2, 47 1/2, 49.	
3-MINUTE CLASS.	
Maud, b m, B. E. Brown, Milford, Pa.....	1 2 2 1 3
Rube, s g, W. Dassenbergy, Dingman's.....	2 1 1 2 1
Dan, A. D. Brown, Milford.....	3 3 3 3 3
Time, 3:15, 12, 13 1/2, 15 1/2, 03.	

Truth-Telling Papers.

Archbishop Ireland, in an address before the National Educational Association, made a strong plea for truth-telling in the newspapers. He charged the "yellow sheets" with being largely responsible for the outbreak of hostilities with Spain, and denounced their "unguarded and reckless" stories from the Philippines "purporting to tell of dreadful deeds of cruelty and injustice for which, on examination, no foundation in fact is found." He characterized the newspaper as the greatest educator of the day, and pleaded for truth in its publication.

Had Mr. Ireland attempted to enumerate the instances of wilful lying and the creation of scandals and outrageous stories out of nothing, his task would have been an impossible one. Such yellow papers as the New York Journal, the New York World and the Chicago American, have all too large a reading circle for the good of the country. The number of such papers, while their influence is considerable, is, however, small probably bearing about the ratio that the common slanderer and liar bears to the balance of humanity. The majority of newspapers, newspaper managers, and newspaper men can be justly described, as Mr. Ireland says, as "honest and honorable, one of the nation's most precious inheritances," as against the few who "place notoriety and puff above truth and virtue."

Standing Prosperity.

A wise wag once said in response to the toast:
"Here's to your prosperity. May you stand it like a man."
"That is a better sentiment than you think it is," said he.
"It takes a clever man to stand adversity. Any fool can stand prosperity. Any fool can stand adversity, he has to."

A Live One.

Keep pushing ever upward.
Work with smile and not with frown.
It takes a live fish to go up stream;
Any dead one can float down.
—Record-Herald.

Candidate for Treasurer G. A. Swepensier is up in the county putting a few riders on his political fence.

Consent to the Pennsylvania and allied railroads to construct a tunnel under New York so that New Jersey and Manhattan might be connected has been refused by the board of aldermen.

The coroner's inquest in the case of Albert C. Lattimer, who was shot in his house in Brooklyn July 9th, supposedly by a burglar, has returned a verdict that the wound was inflicted by some person unknown.

The Best Linctament for Strain.

Mr. F. H. Wells, the merchant at Deer Park, Long Island, N. Y., says: "I always recommend Chamberlain's Pain Balm as the best linctament for strains. I used it last winter for a severe lameness in the side resulting from a strain and was greatly pleased with the quick relief and cure it effected." For sale by A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.—10-31

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Clear days are scarce of late and farmers begin to complain about harvest wasting, hay spoiling, ground too wet to work corn, and potatoes getting nipped with the blight.

Who swiped Henry Cortrights two broods of young chickens?
So the S. P. C. A. has invaded our borough.

A traveling band of musicians invaded our town last Tuesday and in the evening discoursed some pretty good music on our streets.

The habit of throwing waste papers and circulars on our streets should be discontinued. It is a nuisance at the best.

Dr. Roberts is making marked improvements of his property on Ann street.

J. B. Hendershot, Esq., fish and game warden of Sussex county, N. J., has kindly sent us a copy of the game laws of New Jersey for 1902.

Large numbers of city people are now sojourning among us and our streets present a lively appearance. How about those seats the Press is advocating.

One week from tomorrow occurs the democratic primary. No doubt there will be a pull between Hon. D. M. Van Auker and George B. Bull, Esq., for the office of district attorney, but the most pulling will be done by Elijah Vandermark, who expects to capture the nomination to be one of the next board of county commissioners. Queer, is it not, that when once entered into the field of politics a man always is entitled (?) to more.

It is not always good policy to load too much behind one horse. It might cause a serious accident.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Registration of Births and Deaths from December, 1901, to June, 1902.

DEATHS.	
Males	Females
Blooming Grove.....	2 0
Delaware.....	6 1
Dingman.....	1 0
Greene.....	5 4
Lackawaxen.....	4 1
Lehman.....	1 3
Milford Borough.....	3 3
Milford Township.....	2 2
Palmyra.....	2 2
Porter.....	2 0
Shohola.....	3 3
Westfall.....	5 9
Totals.....	36 26

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Males	Females
Blooming Grove.....	5 8
Delaware.....	1 0
Dingman.....	5 0
Greene.....	6 4
Lackawaxen.....	6 5
Lehman.....	2 4
Milford Borough.....	1 3
Milford Township.....	1 0
Palmyra.....	4 6
Porter.....	4 0
Shohola.....	2 0
Westfall.....	10 7
Totals.....	44 35

Total deaths, 62.

Total births, 79.

Captain Putnam B. Strong and May Yobe, the actress who recently called him a cur because as she alleged he had appropriated her jewelry, are enjoying each others society again just as if nothing had happened. Probably nothing much did except to compel his mother, who is now lying at death's door because of the scandal and disgrace he brought on her, to redeem the pawned jewels. The whole dirty affair should now be tabooed.

George Du B. Dimmick of Scranton, a son of the late Ex-Attorney General S. E. Dimmick and a brother-in-law of Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, has been absent from home a month and rumors are that the contemporaneous disappearance of Miss Amelia Cross, a book keeper in the office of Condensed Milk company, of which he was manager, was not altogether accidental. Both the parties were originally from Wayne county.

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