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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Those politicians and editors who have been banking on the president's political inexperience and predicting that, sooner or later he would make what they were pleased to term a "serious break," are likely to suffer disappointment. In the opinion of republican leaders in Washington, one of the shrewdest moves in Mr. Roosevelt's political career will consist of the conference which will take place in Oyster Bay tomorrow when, at the personal request of the president, the leaders of the party will meet to confer on the policy which the former will advocate in his speeches during his western tour. An examination of the personnel of the conference will reveal the fact that the president has taken the men who represent every shade of economic opinion within his party. From the center of tariff revision movement comes Senator Allison of Iowa while the extreme opposition is represented by Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island. From the conservative middle ground comes Senator Hanna, who will add the weight of his political experience and great sagacity to the politico-economic conference. Senator Spooner of Wisconsin is presumably thoroughly familiar with the sentiment which prompted Representative Babcock to offer a tariff reduction bill in the last session of congress, and Senator Platt of New York represents the financial opinion of the country. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Platt of Connecticut, will ably represent the New England interests while the president's great confidence in the judgment of the former will help to facilitate the work of the council. It is reasonable to assume that, after such a conference, the president will be in a position to express the concrete views of his party as becomes a great party leader, and his speeches throughout the west will be listened to with keenest attention as expressing all that is best in the foremost rank of republican thought.

Considerable relief is felt at Senator Platt's frank expression in regard to his attitude toward the president with reference to the proposed indorsement of Mr. Roosevelt for the nomination of 1904. Senator Platt says that he believes Mr. Roosevelt deserves the nomination and that he thinks he will get it. On the other hand, the senator doubts the advisability of bringing the subject up at the New York state convention, for purely local reasons. As governor of New York, Mr. Roosevelt made enemies who might oppose the resolution indorsing him, and, while they are not sufficiently numerous to accomplish its defeat, the senator believes it would be wiser not to precipitate a show of hands at this time. Apparently, he believes that by the time Mr. Roosevelt has completed his present term he will have won over at least the majority of his enemies and that at that time a personal indorsement would prove unanimous and for that reason a greater compliment. Those who are familiar with the comprehensive grasp which Senator Platt has, and practically always has had, on New York politics, will think twice before they permit their enthusiasm for the president to lead them to oppose the senator's judgment, but, whether Mr. Roosevelt is personally indorsed by the New York state convention or not, the members of the party will realize that he has won the cordial approval of the large majority of republicans.

Secretary Wilson returned to Washington Friday, and, when seen by your correspondent, assured him that he had been so interested in the fate of the corn crop, on his recent western trip, that he has no time to observe the political situation. He did say, however, that he regarded the talk of defeat for Speaker Henderson, should ex-Governor Hoar be nominated by the democrats, as idle. "There is not a democrat in Iowa," he added, "who could defeat General Henderson." In a general way, he said, the political situation was encouraging and that there was good reason for predicting republican success, although he added that he had learned far more from the newspapers than from personal observation. He expressed great gratification at the excellent corn crop which he said was not a record breaker, but very satisfactory and he believed would result in reducing the price of beef. He expressed some apprehension, however, as to the effects of the cold snap which had just been reported from Omaha and feared it would result in a considerable amount of soft and shrunken corn.

PERSONALS

Philip B. Clark, Esq., of Porter was in town Monday.
E. W. Pierson of Lord's Valley was in town yesterday.
E. A. Gumble has been appointed postmaster at Gambles, Pa.
Hon. John A. Kipp of New York attended the land sales this week.
Harry Terwilliger of Lakewood, N. J., is spending the week in town.
Mrs. A. C. Spackman of Lehman called on friends here the first of the week.
R. V. Slawson of Bowling Green, Kentucky, is paying his annual visit to friends in town.
H. H. Sanderson of Walpole, Mass., a former resident of Delaware, was in town yesterday.
Ernest C. Wood and Charles Brink were at Mast Hope the first of the week painting county bridges.
P. N. Bonrique and family, Mrs. Frances A. Westfall and Miss Lydia Brown are camping at Twin Lakes.
C. D. Wallace of Stroudsburg came up with the democratic contingent to keep the crowd in political equipoise.
Mr. Weightman with his family of Brooklyn is spending a few days at Conasaugh with his daughter, Mrs. Jas. P. Van Etten.
George Sweazy, who has been traveling for the Warsaw blues tone company of Buffalo, N. Y., will spend a couple of months with his mother in Sho'ola township.
Rev. Chas. B. Carpenter of Tenafly, N. J., a former rector, participated in the anniversary services of the Episcopal church here last Sunday. Mrs. Carpenter accompanied him on his visit.
Rev. E. M. Smead has been absent this week attending the meeting of Prosebytery at Palisades, N. Y., and visiting in New York. Elder John C. Wallace also attended the meeting of Prosebytery.
Mrs. O. B. Van Wyck and son, George, who have spent the summer in their Ann street cottage, left this week for a visit of two weeks at Atlantic City after which they will return to Washington, D. C.
John C. Westbrook, in view of his removal to Branchville, N. J., will have a sale of household goods at his residence on Fourth street on Monday, Sept. 29, beginning at 10 o'clock. For full description of articles see posters.
A party comprising Mrs. J. F. Foulke, Miss Mae E. Foulke, S. L. Foulke and wife of Stroudsburg and Theodore G. Wolf and wife of Scranton, who have been on a driving tour to Lake Mohawk and other points, passed through town recently on the way home and remained over last Saturday night at the Crissman House.
Its Twenty-fifth Anniversary
The exercises commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Church of the Good Shepherd here and the unveiling of a beautiful stained glass window presented by St. Mary's class of the Sunday school took place last Sunday in the presence of a large audience. The clergymen present were Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., Bishop of Pittsburgh, who preached a most excellent sermon, his subject being "Witnessing for Christ," Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, D. D., Bishop of Delaware, Rev. C. B. Carpenter of Tenafly, N. J., and the priest-in-charge, Rev. Pelham St. George Bissell.
At the evening service a class was confirmed and the sermon preached by the Bishop of Delaware, who made an eloquent address. He said that the world now needs not a religion of professions or a religion of words but a religion of deeds. The learned Bishop intimated that the two former kinds of religion were the easiest to practice and the kinds most in vogue but he asserted that they were not the kinds which wrought much good in the world.
A Person's Noble Act
"I want all the world to know," writes C. J. Baillong of Ashaway, E. I., "what a thoroughly good and reliable medicine I found in Electric Bitters. They cured me of jaundice and liver troubles that had caused me great suffering for many years. For a genuine all-around cure they excel anything I ever saw." Electric Bitters are the surprise of all for their wonderful works in liver, kidney and stomach troubles. Don't fail to try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is guaranteed by all druggists.

POWERS OF CORONERS

Judge Morrison of the McKean county common pleas court has decided that a coroner has no power to make the county liable for the services of a physician employed to enable him to determine whether or not an inquest should be held. The county is only liable for the payment of a physician's services where an inquest is actually held. The coroner, however, may himself inspect the body and make such inquiries as will tend to inform him whether a crime has been committed and for this the act of 1897 gives him a fee.

REFUSED TO INCORPORATE

Judge Arnold of Philadelphia has refused a charter of incorporation to the Christian Science church on the ground that it is as shown by the writings of Mrs. Mary B. Eddy a money making scheme. He holds that under the doctrines as laid down in her text book the so-called First Church of Christ, Scientist, is a corporation for profit, organized to enforce the sale of Mrs. Eddy's books by its members, which is a matter of business and not of religion.

\$1 SCRANTON EXCURSION SEPT. 21

Sunday next, September 21st, the Erie will give the people of Milford and vicinity another opportunity to visit Scranton and the coal fields at the low rate of one dollar for the round trip. The tickets are good either to Lake Ariel or Scranton on special train leaving Port Jervis at 8:13 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 21st, arriving Scranton at 12:30 noon. This will be your last opportunity to visit this season and no doubt a large number of our people will improve this grand opportunity to visit the coal fields on Sunday next.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Sept. 20, 1902:
Miss Nellie Cowley, Mrs. Phoebe Watters, Mr. Benj. G. Ehlmanns.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

NOT DROPPED FOR LIFE

"I was treated for three years by good doctors," writes W. A. Green, McDonnellville, O., "for piles and fistula, but when all failed Rocklan's Arnica Balm cured me in two weeks." Cures burns, bruises, cuts, sores, scabs, eruptions, salt rheum, piles or no pay. 50c at all druggists.

DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE

Eighty Ballots Without Making a Nomination
The town was invaded this week by prominent democrats from the twenty-six congressional districts who assembled to nominate a candidate for congress. They came Tuesday so as to be on the scene early and get the ground work mapped out, the pitfalls dug, and the wires laid and in working order.
Monroe was represented by Dr. Jos. H. Shull, her candidate, who was supported by F. W. Ellenberger, Hon. R. F. Schwarz, Wm. Andre, Harvey Huffman, Esq., and W. Ellenberger. C. O. Wallace also came up to lend his aid.
Carbon county sent Hon. E. R. Embody, her candidate, who had the active support of Jos. J. Sweeney, senatorial aspirant of Lansford, John O'Donnell, East Mauch Chunk, Joseph Fitzgerald, Beaver Meadow, D. J. Pearsall, Mauch Chunk, and Hon. E. P. Williams, Weatherly.
From Northampton came Hon. Howard Mutchler of Easton, the present congress, James Young, C. F. Hemmingway, Edward Murphy, John H. Blair, Hon. E. H. Laubauch, Henry Kramer, W. A. Mutchler and Ex-Postmaster of Easton P. C. Evans, Esq.
Pike was largely represented not only by the local contingent but also by such staunch war horses as Ex-Senator Lat. Rowland of Lackawanna; Associate Judge John F. Englehart of Westfall.
The democratic congressional conference for the 26th district met here Wednesday and was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by Hon. Lat. Rowland of Pike. A temporary organization which was subsequently made permanent was effected by electing as chairman Geo. A. Sweeney, secretaries D. J. Pearsall of Carbon and H. Kramer of Northampton. The credentials were then presented and the following were named as conferees:
Carbon—Hon. E. P. Williams, D. J. Pearsall, John O'Donnell.
Monroe—Hon. R. F. Schwarz, F. W. Ellenberger, Wm. Andre.
Northampton—P. C. Evans, Henry Kramer, Hon. E. H. Laubauch, C. F. Hemmingway, James Young.
Pike—Hon. Lat. Rowland, Hon. J. F. Englehart, G. A. Sweeney.
A motion made by Hon. E. H. Laubauch prevailed that in voting voting the counties be called alternately beginning with Carbon.
Nominations of candidates were then made as follows: E. P. Williams of Carbon nominated Hon. E. R. Embody, Hon. R. F. Schwarz of Monroe Hon. Jos. H. Shull, P. C. Evans of Northampton Hon. Howard Mutchler, Hon. J. F. Englehart of Pike G. F. Rowland.
The convention then proceeded to ballot and five ballots were taken resulting each time as follows: E. R. Embody, 3; Jos. H. Shull, 2; Howard Mutchler, 5; G. F. Rowland, 3.
A recess was then taken until 2 p. m.
At the afternoon session four ballots were taken with a like result save that in the 6th Carbon voted for Shull and the conference then adjourned to Thursday morning.
Up to yesterday afternoon eighty ballots had been taken without making a nomination. There was no change except a couple of breaks by Carbon to Monroe, each county voting for her own candidate. Thursday afternoon the conference adjourned until 8 in the evening.
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A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Gladys Barnett entertained a number of friends at the Sawkill House last Friday evening at a progressive grand party in honor of her birthday. Prof. Ed. Westbrock of Ridgewood, N. J., captured the first gentlemen's prize, a silver handled shaving brush; Howard Reed the second, a pillow, and George R. Bull the booby, a burnt leather pocket book. The first ladies' prize, a bureau cover, was won by Miss Pamela Reed and the second, a Gibson pillow, by Miss Louise Klier. Of course the refreshments were a notable feature.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

George E. Horton to Louis Ragot, 4 acres, Milford township, \$45.
Charles D. Wallace to Moses C. Nyce, 7 acres, Lehman, \$420.
Frank R. Olmsted to Frank M. White, 50 acres, Dingman, \$100.

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BRIEF MENTION.

The Easton Anglers' association has recorded a revocation of authority of Hiram Miller as policeman.
Frosts Sunday night damaged tender vegetation back on the hills. Corn was also somewhat injured.
Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer has designated Friday, Oct. 17, as autumn arbor day.
The republican congressional conference for the 26th district will meet at Stroudsburg tomorrow, Sept. 20th.
Both candidates for governor, Ex-Judge Pennypacker and Ex-Governor Pittston, are now making a tour of the state holding meetings.
W. S. Doherty, who created so much disturbance in New York while chief of the police department, has just been elected leader in the Ninth district.
Jacob Place, proprietor of the Mountain View Hotel near Bushkill, was found dead in his bed Sunday morning. He was a recent candidate for county commissioner.
Porter township draws \$234 school money from wild lands. If even that amount was spent on schools the rising generation there might learn that Andrew Jackson was a defunct party.
The additional conferees, appointed under the rules by Senator Quay to terminate the dead lock in the Wayne-Susquehanna senatorial district, voted for Col. Pratt and thus gave him the nomination.
Coal was sold this week in Philadelphia for \$12.50 a ton and dealers say the prospect is that it will go to \$25. They do not think people will give more than that price but will then begin using bituminous.
John F. Plunkett of New York, a summer visitor, died at a boarding house in Dingman township last Tuesday night of pneumonia aged about 30 years. His remains were taken home next day for burial.
Judge Scott at Easton last week in his charge to the grand jury said, "Every year the court expenses exceed \$20,000. Upon calculations I have made in several different years I am able to say with a great deal of certainty that at least \$5,000 or \$6,000 of this expense are the result of the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors by those who hold the privilege from this court."
A very perfect and safe system of car lighting of acetylene gas has been inaugurated, and the Erie railroad company are having a number of coaches equipped with the apparatus for an exhaustive trial. If the new light, which is much more brilliant than gas or electric light, is found to be thoroughly practicable it will be introduced generally on the Erie system.
Six men, who are alleged to have broken into an Erie freight car below Lackawanna and who were being brought here to jail, escaped from Constables Kelly and Feldman yesterday in Port Jervis and came here. Four were arrested by Policeman E. C. Wood in a cornfield above town and two were taken in town. They were all locked up to await complaints.

DIRT AND DEVIL IN CHURCHES

The Monroe county ministerial union at its meeting held last week adopted resolutions condemning church fairs and festivals. Rev. Mack of the Cherry Valley church said "fairs and festivals are sometimes held in the main audience room of a church. In this way you admit both dirt and the devil in the holy of holies. It is non-Biblical to support the church by means of fairs and festivals. There must be something wrong with the spirit of the giver if he must have something in return to please his palate, such as ice cream, cake and candy."
The following resolution was then passed:
"That church fairs and festivals foster a wrong idea of giving to the cause of the Lord; that they are detrimental to the actual growth of the church; that they are unchurchly and they should not be tolerated, save only where the extreme poverty of the congregation necessitates them."

CUT THIS OUT AND TAKE IT TO A. W. BALCH AND SON, MATAUNORA, ALL DRUG AND GENERAL STORES IN PIKE COUNTY AND GET A BOX OF CHAMBERLAIN'S STOMACH AND LIVER TABLETS. THE BEST PHYSIC. THEY ALSO CORRECT DISTURBANCES OF THE STOMACH. PRICE 25 CENTS.

KNOWLEDGE OF BIRDS

The Value, Destruction and Preservation of Birds
From the manuscript of a book on general biology, by Prof. H. A. Sars, department of zoology, the Pennsylvania state college, State College, Pa.
The economic features of birds:
Injurious. A few birds destroy poultry, but the goshawk, great horned owl, and osprey are the only species of raporial birds that are more injurious than beneficial. Many eat fish; others eat fruits and grain, but of the birds around the farm none but the English sparrow justify suppression. All others more than pay for their slight damage by destroying obnoxious insects, weed seeds, etc.
Beneficial. Birds yield to mankind eggs, feathers, down and choice flesh food, besides guano—a valuable fertilizer. They are the chief natural factors in suppressing insects and certain weeds, and there are none that do not have some beneficial features. Also, their ethical value and the pleasures given by their songs and presence should not be forgotten. In nature they perform an important function scattering seeds.
It is erroneously thought that the bee bird, or king bird, should be exterminated because it eats bees. Careful examinations of scores of stomachs have proven that it eats but few workers. It eats many robber flies, which destroys bees, and it kills it's suppressing many other kinds of obnoxious insects. It should be preserved, even in the apiary, for its economic effects. Many other species of birds deserve specific mention, but information concerning them can freely be gained from the publications of the division of biology, of the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.
The decrease of birds: From the second annual report of Dr. Wm. T. Hornaday, director of the Bronx, N. Y., Zoological Park, we learn that the decrease of birds in Pennsylvania during the last fifteen years has been fifty-one per cent. They are decreasing rapidly, while injurious insects are seriously increasing. One reason for the increase of insects is the decrease of birds. For both their ethical and economic features our native birds should be preserved. The history of the native organisms of America will become the same as that of the European species in their country. Twenty-three kinds of birds, in the British Isles alone, have become exterminated during the past century.
Among the greatest causes of the decrease of birds are the actions of mankind, either directly in destroying them, or indirectly in failing to provide for their preservation.
Some of the steps that can be taken to induce birds to colonize about the premises are the following:
1. Do not shoot them or permit them to be shot or frightened.
2. Erect nesting boxes. In these ten or more species may nest.
3. Prohibit unusual noise around the premises during the nesting season, particularly while birds are selecting sites for nests.
4. Provide nesting material for use in constructing nests.
5. Put out trays of water and mud for robins, swallows, etc., to use in building.
6. Erect and preserve old posts, stumps, and logs with holes in them.
7. Suppress prowling cats and dogs.
8. Plant a few extra fruit trees and berry bushes. Give the birds their share of fruits to pay for destroyed insects.
9. Plant some of the native fruit-bearing shrubs and trees around farms. These may be service berry, raspberry, blackberry, elder berry, wild cherry, choke-cherry, mulberry, haw, grape, and hackberry.
10. Permit a secluded corner to grow up as a thicket for shy birds.
11. Feed and water during times of scarcity of food and water, both in winter and in summer. Give grain in the straw to quail in winter.
12. Discourage egg collecting and needless slaughter of birds.
13. Discover and check their natural enemies, which vary with locality.
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FORTUNE FAVORS A TEXAN

"Having distressing pains in head, back and stomach, and being without appetite, I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes W. P. Whitehead of Kennedale, Tex., "and soon felt like a new man. Infallible in stomach and liver troubles. Only 50c at all druggists."

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

We often hear of cranks, but when a person gets so far gone as to take up a column and a half in describing a little one horse ball game he must be a double crank.
Miss Lottie Lane of Montague has been spending a week with Mrs. V. McCarty on lower Harbor street.
James Beck and wife spent last Sunday at Mill rift.
So the venerable John C. Westbrook is going to leave us and take up his residence at Branchville. Although John C. has not been seen on our streets as much of late as formerly yet his many friends will greatly miss him and all hope that the change will do no harm.
It will take some people another week to completely recover from the effects of attending the firemen's parade in Port Jervis last week.
Mrs. Ida Sarvis and family of Newburgh, N. Y., were guests of Mrs. Ann Palmer recently.
The young people of Montague will hold their annual picnic at High Point tomorrow. A few from here are favored with invitations.
Victor Bevans of Sandyston passed here on his way to Carbondale, Pa., where he expects to shop a couple of days.
Brother Warren, your Sandyston roads are out of sight for an auto. Take the river road from the Montague line down an auto would want wheels three feet high and steel tires to get over it and the Montague end of the road is no better.
Man is born for trouble. But there are some who seem to have more than their share.
Otto P. Quick, after being confined to the house for some time with a sore foot, is able to travel on our streets again.
The English Branches
Hon. W. S. Kirkpatrick, acting president of Lafayette college, takes the very sensible view that thorough instruction in the ordinary studies should be the aim.
"These," he says, "are the English branches. In mathematics there should be arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and mensuration. Elementary science should be pursued as far as possible. The history of our own country and of England, from which our system of law has been so largely derived, should be thoroughly taught. Book-keeping should not be overlooked. I would also add one or more modern languages, preferably German or Spanish, the latter in view of the field opening to American enterprise in our recently acquired Spanish possessions.
"The object of a public school education should be both to discipline and strengthen the mental processes of the pupil and also to furnish him with an equipment for practical life, and the means of successful competition in the avenues of business and useful labor."
As showing where some of the profits of coal mining come in, the city of Reading has been buying bituminous coal from West Virginia for use in the schools and finds the transportation charges on this coal brought some 250 miles is \$1.30 a ton, while it costs \$1.40 to get a ton of anthracite from Schuylkill county to Reading, a distance of less than 40 miles. The same disparity in the cost of haul exists here. The charge for carrying a ton of coal from Scranton to Port Jervis is greater than to New York.
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