

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Roosevelt continues to improve slowly and it is believed that he will be able to use his injured leg next week, when he will review the Grand Army parade, on the 8th. After doing so, he will return with Mrs. Roosevelt to Oyster Bay to remain for two weeks. Secretary Cortelyou told your correspondent Saturday that Mr. Roosevelt hoped to secure absolute rest at Oyster Bay and to be free from all callers except such as he might summon on important business. If he can secure the retirement which he desires at his summer home, he would prefer staying there to going to some resort in the mountains, but if his friends will not permit him to rest on Long Island, he will be forced to go to some more inaccessible point. After remaining two weeks in Oyster Bay, the president will return to Washington and occupy the temporary White House until election day when he will go home to vote, and it is hoped that when he returns to this city again, the renovated White House will be in a condition to receive him and his family.

The most interesting development in Washington this week consists of the extensive changes made in the diplomatic corps, announced at the state department Saturday. Mr. Charlesmen Tower, now ambassador to Russia, is to become ambassador to Berlin. Mr. Robert S. McCormick, now ambassador to Austria-Hungary, is to become ambassador to Russia. Mr. Bellamy Storer, now minister to Spain, becomes ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Arthur S. Hardy, now minister to Switzerland, becomes ambassador to Spain. Charles Page Bryan, now minister to Brazil, becomes minister to Switzerland and David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, becomes minister to Brazil. The most notable feature in these new appointments is the thoroughness with which the president has put into practice his policy of rewarding merit in the government service. All of the men appointed to important posts have served the country creditably at lesser posts. Instead of their being selected because of their political influence and their ability to sway local public opinion they are selected because Mr. Roosevelt believes that, having rendered efficient service, they deserve promotion, and because, having gained diplomatic experience in the past, they will be in a position to further the interests of the United States in the countries to which they are assigned better than would an inexperienced man. No more direct denial of the statements that Mr. Roosevelt has abandoned his civil service position could have been made than is contained in the announcement of these appointments. Mr. Thompson, the only appointee from civil life, is a man of known ability and he is appointed to a post of minor importance where he can gain his experience without serious loss to the country, as might be the case had he been appointed to a European court, while he has the assurance that, so long as President Roosevelt's policy is carried out, faithful service in Brazil will gain for him promotion in the diplomatic corps.

There is manifest a certain apathy in the campaign which is the occasion of some anxiety to the republican leaders. Chairman Babcock was recently in Washington and stated that the only danger to republican success was in the "stay-at-home" vote. He said he had good grounds for believing that no votes would be lost to the party by the conversion of the voters to democratic doctrines, but there was an element of danger in too great confidence on the part of those who were reluctant to go to the polls and vote, except in close campaigns. The democrats are considerably worried at the prospect of the loss of two votes from Texas. No steps have been taken this far toward electing a successor in the late Representative de Grafenried and the selection of a congressman for governor will leave another vacancy in the delegation.

One of the weakest points in the democratic arguments, as pointed out to your correspondent by a prominent republican recently, is the fact that even were the people to return a democratic majority to the house it would be impossible for the democrats to enact any anti-trust measure in accordance with their wishes. There is no possibility of the democratic securing control of the senate until at least

two congresses, after the thirty-seventh, shall have expired. Therefore, the only hope of anti-trust legislation is in the election of a safe republican majority in the house. With the president and congress both republican there is reason to anticipate that some conservative, but effective, remedy, not destructive of the trusts, but corrective of trust evils, will be placed on the statute books. Moreover, with some democrats still shouting "16 to 1," others favoring measures which are essentially socialistic, and still others advocating a gold standard, there would be no hope of sensible legislation from that party.

The Philippine Commission has certified to the fact that peace has been established in the islands and the president has signed the order for a census. This is the last toll of the death-knell of the democratic "issue" known as "anti-imperialism." Democratic predictions have proven false on every hand and democratic arguments have been stultified, while the progress of events in the Philippines has gone serenely on and by the time the fifty-eighth congress convenes the administration will be able to lay before it facts which will enable intelligent legislation providing for an even greater autonomy than the islands now enjoy, notwithstanding the fact that the present conditions there are far superior to anything they experienced under the dominion of Spain. Reports indicative of great prosperity are constantly being received by the insular bureau of the war department and the announcement that the money which will be paid for the friars' lands will not go out of the Philippines will be expended for the establishment of seminaries, colleges, the repairing and building of churches, etc., gives increased reason for the belief that prosperity in the Philippine islands, under the protection of the United States has come to stay.

Real Estate Transfers

- May Holbert to Ida Louise Ross, lot on Westcote pond, Lackawaxen, \$25.
- Ann Hoaly by Mary McLaughlin, administratrix, to M. J. McAndrew, town lot in Palmyra, \$225.
- M. J. McAndrew to Mary McLaughlin, same lands, \$235.
- John Yennis to Annie Yennis, lots 755, 756, Milford, \$2.
- George W. Conestack to Richard Paul Pflin, 40 acres, Lackawaxen, \$500.
- George Rotalle to Martin Hatton, 1/2 acre, Delaware, \$20.
- G. Frank Rowland, treasurer, to county commissioners, 100 acres, Lackawaxen, warantee Ganett Cottleger, taxes.
- Commissioners to Ezra A. Cass, same land, \$1.
- Mason D. Newman to Charles A. Newman, interest in part of lot No. 160, Milford, \$1.
- Walter A. J. Newman and others to Harry T. Baker, same lot, No. 160, Hartford street, \$300.
- Charles A. Newman to Harry T. Baker, land in Milford borough, adjoining above, 1-5 acres, \$2.

Quail in Town

Boys will be almost beside themselves with impatience for the law to be off of quail for there is a large levy here in town. They were probably hatched on the town plot and have not yet been frightened away. It is a pity they could not remain without molestation so that a number of these beautiful birds could be added to the attractions of the place. Only let our high constable strictly enforce the law relative to shooting on the town plot and the birds may be happy and safe.

Excursion to Middletown.

On account of the Firemen's Parade which is to be held at Middletown, N. Y., Thursday, October 9th, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Post Jervis to Middletown on October 9th, good returning on or before October 10th at the low rate of 55 cents for the round trip.

America's Famous Bessies

Look with horror on skin eruptions, blotches, sores, pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It purifies the face. Eczema or salt rhinum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains. Infallible for piles. 50c at all druggists.

PERSONALS

Charles Kenworthy of Philadelphia is a guest with Dr. Wm. B. Kenworthy.

James Slawson of Candor, Tioga county, N. Y., and Moses Slawson of Venango county, Pa., visited friends here a few days ago.

Lafayette James of Lackawaxen was in town recently on business matters connected with the settlement of his father's estate.

W. A. H. Mitchell has been drawn to serve as a grand juror in the United States District Court which meets at Scranton Oct. 20th.

Ernest C. Wood is attending court at Newton this week as a witness against Charles Wirtz, whose trial takes place in the Sussex courts.

County Commissioners Nills, Beck and Albright with their clerk, G. A. Swope, attended a meeting of county commissioners of the state at Gettysburg this week.

Marriage licenses have been granted to Miss Harriet W. Horton and Frank B. Threlk, both of this borough, and Miss Katie Eichbaum and Sylvester Smith of Lackawaxen.

Oscar M. Walls, with the Blanchard printing company of New York, has been visiting his mother a few days recently, who expects to go to Atlanta this week to spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles H. Hasbrouck of Paterson, N. J., has been visiting her sister, Miss Nellie Quirk, this week. She expects soon to join her husband, who is a student in the veterinary department of the U. P., and reside in Philadelphia.

Levi Lord of Lord's Valley was in town Tuesday but he did not walk this time as he has frequently done going and returning the same day. He says his mother has walked both ways in one day, a distance of some 36 miles.

Excellent Recitals

Those who visited the Presbyterian church last Monday evening, and there was a large attendance, were afforded much pleasure by the recitals of Mr. Edward A. Mead. His selections were varied, humorous so intermingled with grave as to give scope to his powers of rendition and keep the audience in a receptive mood. Mr. Mead recites well. His manner is unaffected and impressive. His enunciation is perfectly distinct and his conception of the sentiment and spirit of his selections such as to bring out in vividness the salient points of humor and pathos. His efforts were greatly appreciated by his hearers.

A pleasant addition to the evening was the solo by Miss Lillie Buchanan and Dudley Ryman.

Teachers' Annual Institute

The teachers' institute will be held in the court house here beginning the week of Oct. 27. County Superintendent Lucian Westbrook has been fortunate in securing the services of able instructors and entertainers, and especially so in Dr. Geo. P. Bible, ex-principal of the East Stroudsburg state normal, who is well known here both for his solid qualities as an instructor and his ability as lecturer and impersonator. Prof. R. M. McNeal, ex-county superintendent of Dauphin county and now superintendent of the training school in the Lack Haven normal, and Dr. Edward F. Buchner of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., are others who will address the institute.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Oct. 4, 1902:

Mrs. J. E. Ewing, Miss Phoebe Brown, Miss Marie McGovern, Miss Maggie Smith, Judd E. Carpenter, R. L. Corey, Mgr. Comedy Co., Everett B. Clark, Herberton Herichman.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

His Life is Paid

"I just seemed to have all gone to pieces," writes Alfred Roe of Walford, Tex., "billions and a lame back had made life a burden. I couldn't eat or sleep and felt almost too worn out to work when I began to use Electric Bitters, but they worked wonders. Now I sleep like a top, eat anything, have gained in strength and enjoy hard work." They give vigorous health and new life to weak, sickly, run down people. Try them. Only 50c at all druggists.

RECITAL MONDAY NIGHT

Large Attendance at the Presbyterian Church to Hear Mr. Mead.

Before 8 o'clock last Monday evening, the hour announced for the reading to be given by Mr. Edward A. Mead, the large parlors of the Presbyterian church were filled to their utmost capacity. The audience was one that could appreciate a good intellectual treat and so far as can be ascertained none went home dissatisfied. Mr. Mead does not depend so much upon his voice and dramatic poses, though both are very good, but upon the clear interpretation of his pieces. This is the charm of his reading. You forget that he is a reciter and only think of him as a thinker as well as an entertainer. He passes with the greatest ease from the heavy parts to the lighter ones and it is very difficult to say whether he is better with the humorous side of his work or that which is serious. His manner is always easy and graceful. His voice is good though not the largest part of the man. His power over his audience is marvelous. Considering that the program which he rendered last Monday evening was largely composed of those pieces which he had never before given in public and when we think of him as just beginning to appear in the capacity of a reader we think that he deserves the highest commendation and praise.

The program as rendered calls for a few words. First was the solo, "Loves Thion Me?" by Mrs. Annie Seely, which was very acceptably rendered. Mrs. Seely always sings very sweetly and although the organ was no help to her as it was in her repair yet she did very well. Those who are accustomed to hearing her know and introduced her. The pastor then introduced the speaker of the evening and the first selection was "Anny Doleful's Visit," which won the good humor of the audience both old and young. The moral was made perfectly obvious. The scene was a sick room and "Anny" goes in to give comfort about as Job's friends came to him. The second number was "Marco Antony and the Roman Citizens," which was very well done. Only the few can take familiar pieces and infuse new meaning into them. This old selection was entirely new in its "new dress" that evening. The third recitation was "Falstaff Selecting His Soldiers" and was extremely well done. Mr. Mead's facility in passing from one character delineation to another was exemplified. Then "Jasco," the next piece, was enough to draw tears from the least feeling of hearts, and the first part of the evening had as its fitting closing, "The Eagle's Song" by Richard Mansfield.

The offering was taken at this point in the program and the people expressed their approval and satisfaction of the program as far as rendered by their liberality. Mr. Dudley Ryman and Miss Lily Buchanan sang, with Miss Bessie Armstrong playing, "Rock of Ages." These two young people sing very well together. Mr. Ryman has a very good tenor voice, which is a rare gift. His kindness and willingness on this occasion was highly appreciated by all and especially by the pastor.

Part second opened with the "Wreck of the Hesperus" by Longfellow and was most impressive after the duet, "A Modern Sermon" pleased all and was probably the favorite of the evening. There were two ministers in the room and both enjoyed it as much as the others. "Mullins the Agnostic" was the third selection in this part of the program and was a splendid "hit" on those who eternally ask the question "How do you know?" "King All's Quest" was a splendid closing selection—"My brother that hath need of me."

"I had at last my own, I know my brother that hath need of me."

It is very difficult to determine what number was the favorite selection. The intermingling of the light and humorous with the serious and more sublime selections showed Mr. Mead's taste and skill quite as much as the reciting of them. The Presbyterian church is under the greatest debt of gratitude to Mr. Mead for his services. We are greatly obliged to those who so kindly sang for us as well as those who played and also do we feel to thank the public for their offering which will be applied on the Mease improvement fund. The offering amounted to seven hundred dollars. We consider the evening a great success and hope that during the winter we may have several more like it.

BRIEF MENTION.

Dr. J. P. Matchier of Stroudsburg died suddenly in his office, where he had gone to attend a patient, Monday.

The managers of the Milford cemetery association have appointed Jas. Holsten care taker in place of G. M. Leidel, lately deceased.

Thomas Broadhead died at his home at Delaware Water Gap Monday aged 87 years. He was largely instrumental in building up that place as a summer resort.

Anyhow Jupiter Pluvius has not been on a strike recently. But it seems a waste to pour out so much water on the earth which is so thoroughly soaked that it must run off.

On account of the Horse Show at Goshen the Erie will sell special excursion tickets Port Jervis to Goshen on October 4th, good returning on or before October 5th at \$1.20 for the round trip.

Farmers are undecided in just what situation it is best to have their buckwheat in wet weather such as prevailed recently. Some complain that that which was standing sprouted worst.

Experience Clark, widow of the late John H. Wood of Port Jervis, died last week at her home in that village aged about 70 years. She was the mother of Mrs. Benjamin Kye of this borough. The funeral was held Monday.

Commercialism and Women

Some astounding facts were brought out at a public meeting lately held in London to call attention to the cruelties inflicted by Europeans upon the native population in Central Africa, contrary to the international obligations entered into at the Berlin conference when the Congo Free State was organized. "This State was set up," as the Manchester Guardian says, "under a guarantee of the Powers, for the express purpose of maintaining free trade and guarding the rights of natives in Central Africa." Instead of this, barbarities are committed which would be almost incredible if they were not fully proved by unimpeachable evidence. The natives have been used as slaves, under cannibal task-masters, and subjected to the severest treatment to force them to furnish a terribly exacting sale of India rubber for the concessionaire companies. "If the natives failed to execute the tasks assigned them, their hands were cut off," and outrages almost indescribable have been committed not only upon individuals, but upon whole villages.

Nor is it only in dealing with alien races that the spirit of greedy commercialism shows itself reckless of human life and welfare. Look at the laborious work of children in cotton mills and factories, both in England and America. The reports show that in the South African war the troops that came from the cotton mill districts of Leeds and Manchester went all to pieces under the climate and the hardships, because they had no constitutions, their life from childhood had been such as to rob them of all stamina.

A common objection to woman suffrage is that it would lead to "sentimental legislation"—by which in meant legislation for the protection of children, and for the better safeguarding of the weak and unfortunate. But the remorseless commercialism which now rules public affairs to so large an extent needs to be checked with more humanity and kindness. There is no lack in public life of brains, energy, executive ability, power in wielding material forces—all the qualities in which men are strong. There is a dangerous lack of conscience, and of regard for moral and humane considerations. A larger infusion of the mother element in public affairs is needed; and it is heartily dreaded by those who wish to make money at the expense of little children's lives.

Alice Stone Blackwell.

Does Like Hot Cakes

"The fastest selling article I have in my store," writes druggist C. T. Smith of Davis, Ky., "is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, because it always cures. In my six years of sales it has never failed. I have known it to save sufferers from throat and lung troubles who could get no help from doctors or any other remedy." Mothers rely on it, best physicians prescribe it, and all druggists guarantee satisfaction or refund price. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c and \$1.

DESTROY OBNOXIOUS ANIMALS

The Use of Poisoned Grain and Killing Fumes

Poisoned wheat for seed eating mammals and birds: It is often desired to poison certain destructive seed-eating animals, such as rats, mice, muskrats, gophers, and woodchucks, as well as English sparrows. The difficulty of poisoning these mammals and birds is well known to those who have tried it, as the poison renders the food distasteful to such an extent that it is not generally eaten in sufficient quantity to cause death. This difficulty can be overcome and success can be obtained by first poisoning grains of wheat, then sugar-coating them. To do this dissolve about one-fourth of an ounce (or eight grams) of strychnine in one-fourth of a pint of vinegar boiling, then add water enough to make one pint. Pour this over three or four pounds of wheat and let it soak one day (24 hours), stirring occasionally. Next, spread the wheat in the sun or by a fire and let it dry. When dry, add one pound of coarse sugar to one pint of hot water and boil it down to one-half pint. Stir well and add about ten drops of one-fourth teaspoonful of anise oil. Stir and pour the hot mixture over the dry wheat, stirring thoroughly until cold and all wheat is covered. This is now dangerously poisoned sugar-coated wheat, which has its legitimate uses, but will kill anything that eats it, whether given by intent or accident. For this reason it should at once be labelled and always handled with care. To use it for rodents bury a small quantity,—from a few grains to one-half teaspoonful,—just beneath the surface of the soil near the burrow of the animal. Having been buried, it will not be found by fowls or seed-eating birds, but the rodents will readily smell the anise oil and dig it up. In using this bait to kill English sparrows place it in vessels on roofs and at other places where domestic fowls can not find it.

To kill animals in holes, by poisonous fumes: When it is found desirable to kill animals in holes in the ground, logs, or trees, this can easily be accomplished by the use of carbon bisulphide. This is a foul-smelling, poisonous, volatile and explosive liquid. It is quite safe to use as long as one is careful not to inhale its fumes and to keep it away from fire.

It is sold in drug stores by the pound, at a price varying from twelve cents to \$1.50, according to the dealer, but thirty cents per pound should be the maximum price for the commercially pure article.

To use it pour from one tablespoonful to one-fourth of a pint (according to the size of the hole) into a shallow vessel and place it as far back in the hole as one can reach easily. It soon volatilizes or turns to a gas. The fumes are heavier than air and tend to follow down the hole rather than to rise. After a short time light a torch made of paper tied to the end of a pole and place it in the hole. Do not stand in front of it. The slight explosion that follows forces the poisonous fumes back to the remote parts of the hole and they at once kill all living creatures found there. This method should not be used in buildings, but in all places where it is applicable it will be found quite effective. It can also be used to kill all kinds of animals in hollow logs and trees, but they remain where killed. Care should be taken to not destroy desirable or protected animals.

Bear in mind the explosive character of the fumes of carbon bisulphide when ignited, and their destructive effects on all animal life whether burned or not.—H. A. Surface, professor of zoology, zoological department of the Pennsylvania state college, State College, Pa.

OBITUARY

GILBERT YOUNG CRONE

Mr. Crone, a long time resident of Delaware township, died at his home near Centre last Friday morning after a long illness aged over sixty years. Gilbert Y. Delta, wife of George Jagger, William, John and Allen of Delaware, and Anna, wife of Gilbert Crone, of Montague, survive him. The funeral occurred Sunday and interment in Delaware cemetery.

Og of Death's law

"When death seemed very near from a severe stomach and liver trouble that I had suffered with for years," writes P. Muso, Darlington, N. C., "Dr. King's New Life Pills saved my life and gave perfect health." Best pills on earth and only 50c at all druggists.

A Word to Travelers

The excitement incident to traveling and change of food and water often brings on diarrhoea and for this reason no one should leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by A. W. Balch and Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Some writers are inclined to praise where censure only is appropriate. Do some really love their country than themselves? Save dollars and inconvenience for your country and neglect your own affairs? Dory Boster is mad. He doesn't believe in having a slippery bridge. By the way we have had plenty of rain of late. The pancake crop will now be cut considerably short. What is the difference between 350 and 100? De Alton Dilliston, the silver tongued orator of Branchville, acted as auctioneer at the J. C. Westbrook sale last Monday. Have you seen Henry Lehto's new mule? The Editor of the Press is not (?) worried now about the coal famine. His estimable better half has purchased and presented to him a book-saw. What son of a gun destroyed the lamp post near the residence of Col. A. E. Lewis? And who swiped Ed. Quinn's corn? Nothing happening contrary the Pike county teachers' institute will be held in the court house here in the week beginning Oct. 27. What a pretty lot of school mares will take possession of our borough then. The recital in the Presbyterian church Monday evening was well attended and it afforded an evening of rare pleasure. The proceeds amounted to \$17. The venerable John C. Westbrook has left Pike county and taken up his residence at Branchville. George Swope is moving into the house vacated by Mr. Westbrook. Port Jervis had another shooting scrape. This one differs somewhat from the little scraps they used to have up there as there are two corpses. The prohibitions of Pike don't mean to get left. They expect to put a full ticket in the field this fall. But little Pike doesn't expect to vote that way and spoil the only Green Spot!

Observing the Wind

For some days recently a government employe has been engaged here taking observations on the force and direction of the magnetic current and in the course of his duty located a cedar post on the cemetery as a base for future observations. The Port Jervis Gazette gives a novel explanation of this and shows that when it leaves the realms of snakes and bears and dips into science it, so to speak, gets things promiscuous. It says: "Ten years later the place will be visited by a scientist who will again make observations and note the difference between the 'winds' of the present and that date." The word "recond" probably is what was intended, but in the fullness of his heart either the writer, the compositor or the proof reader made it all wind. "The best paper going," in appropriating the above from the Gazette without giving credit, makes the same ridiculous statement.

The New York republican convention

at Saratoga gave to President Roosevelt and his administration its "heartiest approval and most cordial support." On the tariff question the platform says that the pledge given by William McKinley of abundant work and good wages, based on the passage of a protective tariff bill, has been fulfilled. The greatest national issue is the maintenance of prosperity. While the platform encourages proper business enterprises it condemns all combinations or monopolies "having for their purpose the destruction of competition in legitimate enterprise, the limitation of production in any field of labor or the increase of the cost to the consumer of any of the necessities of life."

Truth crushed to earth will rise again.

Verily! But because the democrats are bobbing up serenely with their free lies a propaganda on which they "went down" to such an ignominious defeat that that term was never even mentioned for four years, it is no evidence they possess any stanniferity to the subject of the above text.