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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The greatest triumph in the Roosevelt administration has just been secured in connection with the Venezuelan situation. Although the settlement of the anthracite coal strike has been brought closer home to the majority of the people, the skill and diplomacy with which the allies have been brought, first to an acceptance of arbitration as a settlement of their difficulties with Venezuela, and then to the acceptance of the Hague Tribunal as the arbitrator, constitute an even greater triumph for the president and his secretary of state. The Monroe doctrine has been not only maintained but strengthened, Venezuela is about to be saved from further hardship and will be insured a just settlement of the claims against her and all possibility of friction between the United States and either or both of the interested powers has been averted. Once persuaded that arbitration was the proper course, the allies, doubtless largely inspired by personal admiration for the president, insisted that he must act as an arbitrator, a course to which there were many objections. At no time did Mr. Roosevelt positively refuse to so act, but he interested to the skillful diplomacy of Secretary Hay the task of making the powers see that the present situation offered a most advantageous opportunity of demonstrating their confidence in the tribunal which they had themselves sanctioned and that the imposition of so onerous a task on the president was akin to taking advantage of good nature. That Mr. Hay has been eminently successful in his delicate undertaking is proven by the announced willingness of the powers and of Venezuela to submit all matters in dispute to the Hague.

Another and distinct triumph for the president and secretary of state is to be found in the terms of the Cuban treaty which have been made public this week. In return for a uniform concession of 20 per cent. from the Dingley tariff rates, allowed on Cuban goods, the United States secures the same discount on all goods entering Cuba and, in numerous instances, much greater concessions, the highest being 40 per cent. on such goods as manufactured woollens and cottons, rice, watches, umbrellas, etc. So extensive are these special discounts that it is freely admitted they will afford this country an absolute monopoly of the Cuban trade. Even with the 20 per cent. off the sugar schedule, the producers of sugar in this country will enjoy a protection amounting to one-third cents per pound against Cuban competition and, as most of the sugar growers are producers of other agricultural commodities they will be more than compensated for any slight loss of sugar by the advantages gained in other lines. The officers of the administration express confidence that the treaty will meet with the prompt approval of the members of congress and that it will be ratified within the stipulated period, the month of January.

In the midst of the anxiety occasioned by the Venezuela situation, Germany and Great Britain have filed protests with the state department against what they may term a violation of the open door policy in the administration of the Philippine tariff. It seems that, with the consent of congress, the Philippine commission imposed an export tariff of \$7.50 per ton on Manila hemp and fiber but that this duty is rebated when the goods are shipped to the United States. This course has seriously affected English manufacturers of twine and rope who are no longer able to obtain the raw material at the prices to which they have been accustomed. Secretary Hay, in view of the fact that Philippine affairs are still under the jurisdiction of the war department, referred the protest to Secretary Root and he in turn has sent it to the Philippine committee of the senate. It is generally held, however, that the protest is not well grounded. No advantage has been taken for exports from the United States to the Philippines, all nations enjoying the same advantages as does this country. It is not possible, it is claimed, to maintain the open door policy to the same limit as it is done in China, for instance, for the reason that China is an independent nation whereas the Philippines are a possession of the United States and should before the tariff issue to the light of substance.

It is proverbial that nations seek for themselves the utmost advantage in their colonies and the authorities say that the United States has been exceptionally liberal in its administration of Philippine affairs.

Secretary Shaw said today that he did not believe it would be possible to secure currency legislation at this session of congress. While he regarded it as possible that the house would pass the Fowler bill, authorizing the national banks to issue currency based on their assets, he feared that it would be impossible to secure consideration, by the senate, of a measure which would provoke such extensive discussion. While there was no haste about the proceedings of congress before the holidays, when the members returned to Washington and come to a realization of the fact that less than two months remain before the congress will expire by limitation, they will be absolutely unwilling to take up any measure likely to precipitate extended debate. They will have, of course, to pass the regular appropriation bills and these become every session more extended and complex, requiring a vast amount of committee work in addition to the time necessary to explain their provisions on the floors of the senate and the house. Secretary Shaw says he will continue his campaign of education and hopes to have an all-influenced public opinion before the Fifty-ninth Congress convenes, as to secure prompt and favorable action on the bill.

The president and his family are spending an ideal holiday season. All of the children are at home and accompanied by one or more them Mr. Roosevelt goes for a long ride each day. He does not go to his office unless compelled to by the most urgent business and has asked that all current exercises consideration and permit him to spend as much time with his family as possible. There is a considerable party of guests at the White House and while no formal entertainments will take place before the great New Year reception, the evenings are merry and the informal little dinners, which take place every evening, are more enjoyable than ceremonious entertainments.

Good Roads and Free Delivery

The good roads question is likely to be brought home to some sections of the country in a practical manner. The Post Office department has been deluged with complaints from rural mail carriers about the roads on the routes; many during the wet seasons are impassable or nearly so. It has always been the government's policy to withhold or abolish city delivery in towns which let their sidewalks fall into decay. It is now proposed to apply the same principle to rural delivery and to refuse to establish or abolish routes along roads which are not kept up. Such a policy will certainly have salutary effect. Where rural delivery has been tried its beneficiaries will not readily dispense with it, even at the expenditure of considerable time and labor. Then any intelligent work done on the road redounds to the farmer's own benefit.

Civil Service Examination

During the year ending June 30, 1902, there were 14,985 persons appointed to positions in the United States classified civil service, which was 4,622 more than were ever before appointed in a single year. If you wish information about positions of this kind you can obtain it free by writing for the Civil Service announcement of the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C. The civil service commission will hold examinations to secure young men and women for these places during March and April, at Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Scranton and Warren.

From 3,046 appointments during the first year of Mr. McKinley's administration, they have increased to nearly five times that number. President Roosevelt is a firm believer in the merit system, and as long as he is president these appointments will continue to increase.

The Secret of Long Life

Consists in keeping all the main organs of the body in healthy, regular action, and in quickly destroying deadly disease germs. Electric Bifera regulates stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, and give a splendid appetite. They work wonders in curing kidney troubles, female complaints, nervous diseases, constipation, dyspepsia and indigestion, and restore health and strength always. Follow these uses. Only 50c, guaranteed by all druggists.

PERSONALS

Miss Barnet of New York is a guest at The Anchorage. Bank Cashier Robert W. Reid is slowly recovering from his recent illness. Miss Ann Baker very pleasantly entertained the Girls' Club last Saturday afternoon.

Dr. H. E. Emerson and his patient, W. H. Harrison, are now at Palm Beach, Florida.

Fred Klax of the U. P., who expects to be an M. D. next year, is spending his vacation here.

The Misses Annie and Melvina Young of Port Jervis were guests with the Misses Boyd last week. Cornelius Van Etten and family of Stroudsburg have been visiting friends at Conashaugh for several days.

Mrs. Catharine A. Quick of Dingman's Ferry returned home Tuesday after a visit of several weeks in New York.

Miss Mildred Thompson of Atlanta, Ga., a student at Vassar, has been a recent guest with Mrs. D. H. Unsworth.

A marriage license has been granted to Dennis Vandermark of Dingman and Annie Wilhelmsen Koester of Eldred, N. Y.

Miss Mabel Armstrong of New York has been spending a few days with friends here and at Huntingtown in Delaware.

Josiah E. Palmer, formerly a resident of Westfall, now occupying a farm near Tri-State, attended the farmers' institute here Monday.

Miss Frankie Ratcliffe, who has been spending several months in Europe, arrived in town last Friday with her father from New York.

Arthur Wolf of Philadelphia is a guest with friends in town. He will be recalled as the genial clerk at the Bluff House during the summer seasons.

Ebenezer Warner though considerably past four score years yet readily enjoys an outing, and left Tuesday for a visit at Hackensack, N. J., and will likely go up to his boyhood home in Connecticut.

Mr. N. G. Palmer, who resides here during the summer, coming early and remaining until quite late, has closed his cottage on Ann street for the winter and, with his wife, went this week to St. Augustine, Florida. They expect to return here in April.

Judge Craig Dead

Hon. Allen Craig, president judge of Pike and Monroe, died at his home in Match Chunk early Wednesday morning after a long illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Saturday. A more extended obituary will appear later.

Taxation Without Representation

Mrs. Sara Yorke Stevenson, prominent in club and literary work, recently gave her opinion on woman suffrage as follows: "No fair-minded American, however conservative, can deny the injustice of taxation without representation without denying his own birthright. Either women are citizens or they are not. Any argument on the subject based to the level of mere expediency based upon expediency. Logically there is no evading the question of right. If it is inexpedient to give women a vote, they should be relieved of all burdens and duties to the state.

"But can it be inexpedient to admit into a nation councils the one half of its people whose interests most closely depend upon the maintenance of law and order? And shall we say that women are unfit to vote, when we remember that among the most brilliant as well as the most prosperous and progressive reigns of history are found those of queens?"

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 2, 1903:

Mrs. Morton Grimwell, Miss Elizabeth Ross, F. Bague, E. L. Kaiser, Esq., (2), Joe Madison. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

The First National Bank

Milford, Pa., Dec. 22, 1902. A dividend of two per cent. upon the capital stock of this bank has been declared payable free of tax on and after January 2, 1903. The transfer books will be closed until that date. Banker W. Reib, Cashier.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Interesting Discussion on Dairy Methods and Feeding For Profit

The annual farmers' institute was held here Monday and organized by electing E. Warner, chairman, and Henry Aldrich, secretary.

Col. J. A. Woodward of Centre county, a veteran talker to farmers and who has made addresses in every county of the state besides having visited many others, as a lecturer, was present and took up the subject of dairying, which included proper rations for cows and their care and management to make them produce the most profitable results. He said there are two lines which bound the business—the lines of cost and profit—and the wider they can be made to diverge the more successful is the farmer. The cow is a machine and the owner is a manufacturer. The question is how best to supply the machine to produce the most satisfactory results.

He discussed the composition of various food rations—such as ensilage and corn fodder and showed by a chart how deficient they were in protein. The best ration is one which contains one of protein to six of carbohydrates and there is no more perfect ration than clover hay cut at the proper stage and perfectly cured. Pans and oats are a balanced ration, corn fodder and ensilage contain too little of the protein—but they may be supplemented by corn or other feeds. He strongly urged the raising of clover and peas and oats. He spoke of wasteful methods in vogue in sowing clover and said it was his custom to pass a harrow over the ground before sowing the seed. The grain would be better for the cultivation and the clover would be more sure to catch snow on a loose bed of soil. He urged deep plowing, the deeper the better, and advised level cultivation for corn and potatoes. He planted both in rows and put the potatoes down seven inches planting cuttings. He then harrowed over the ground several times to kill all weeds and then with a cultivator stirred the soil deeply as possible. Colonel Woodward is an interesting and convincing talker. His ideas all appear born of common sense and experience. He has no inappreciable theories or costly methods. His whole study is to accomplish the best obtainable results with the least possible outlay, and in securing these ends he reaps success.

By a recent donation of \$500,000 a home will be established in Philadelphia for the orphan girls of Free Masons. Nearly a hundred thousand dollars were already donated and these sums will erect and endow the finest institution of the kind in this or any other country.

Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of John C. Fremont, called the "Pathfinder" by reason of his explorations of the paths from Santa Sacramento, died recently at her Fe to home in Los Angeles, California. According to her request her body was cremated.

The Presbyterian Sunday school last Sabbath elected as officers for the ensuing year, superintendent, J. F. Huntington; assistant, Rev. E. M. Smead; secretary and librarian, F. W. Cross; treasurer, W. A. B. Mitchell; organists, Miss Susie Seeley and Mrs. J. C. Westbrook.

The supper, Saturday evening, Dec. 27, at the Crisman House was an unqualified fraternal success. About forty sat down to the repast which was in every particular and detail most excellent, and reflected infinite credit both on the proprietor and his corps of assistants. The menu furnished by the Misses Katie and Minnie Beck was in fine taste and greatly enjoyed. Altogether the occasion will be a memorable one to those participating.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Harriet B. McCreedy

Mrs. McCreedy, mention of whose serious illness was made in last week's Press, died at her home in Soranton Dec. 26 of paralysis with which she was stricken several weeks ago. She was born in Milford about 64 years ago. She married Solomon McCreedy of Montego, which place was for many years her residence. After the death of her husband she removed to Port Jervis and then to Soranton where she resided with her daughter.

She is survived by the following named children: Sanford of Chicago, Lewis of Orange, N. J., Frank of Bovans, N. J., Coe of Syracuse, James of Montego, Sam of Wilkesbarre and Kate of Soranton. The funeral conducted by Rev. Luther H. Waring pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, was held last Sunday and the remains placed in Forest Hill cemetery receiving vault.

Taxpayer on Short Hours

ENTRUS PIKE COUNTY PRESS: A taxpayer went to Milford a few days ago to do business with the commissioners and arriving in town stopped at the court house a little before 10 a. m. The commissioners were not yet in their office. He drove to Port Jervis and returned to town about 3:30 p. m. and again called at the court house and the commissioners had gone home their days work done. This is the way Pike county commissioners earn \$3.50 a day.

Boys out of work seek a job of them they will be glad people to work for. x x x

Needs Should Have Ache

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster of Winslow, Va., she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of six headaches I had suffered from for two years." Ureca headache, constipation, biliousness. 25c at all drug stores.

BRIEF MENTION.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Sophia A. Fisher, late of Dingman, have been granted to John A. Fisher.

Rev. E. M. Smead was out with a party, bear hunting near town Wednesday morning. He saw brim three times but failed to get a shot.

Thomas Patton, grand treasurer of the Masonic lodge, is dead at his home in Philadelphia. He was a prominent member of the fraternity and was also a Knight Templar.

Judge Thomas A. Morrison of McKean county has been appointed by Governor Stone to fill the vacancy on the supreme court bench occasioned by the retirement of Hon. John I. Mitchell.

Randolph Travis of Montego, N. J., of one quail fame, has been ill for several weeks and having spent all his available means has become a township charge. It is hoped that he may soon recover and be released from his unfortunate condition.

Sheriff Mervine at Stroudsburg has read the death warrant to Charles Grether who evidenced no emotion at hearing it. He has, however, asked the ministers of the several churches to call on him and has requested their prayers.

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It is believed that David Bennett Hill is a democrat still—quite still. Your ordinary free-trade or low tariff expert is the man who will tell you that it is a mere fallacy to prefer facts to ideas.

"What is prosperity?" asks the Chicago News. Prosperity is a condition which democrats can view only from the outside.

"Unmilitated Chumps" is the term credited to Senator Hanna as describing the people who are trying to boom him for the presidency.

Massachusetts is trying to loan \$300,000 to Nebraska. This is a sad blow to any horny-handed plain people who wear silk night shirts and milk \$450 cows, nest helters.

It looks now as if the Venezuelan matter might be adjusted without bloody war. The Venezuelans are very anxious to escape international difficulties, as they hope otherwise to get another revolution started within a reasonable time, providing the present one peters out.

Reformer Jerome appears to be ready to reform himself, and quit fussing over the wickedness of New York. He says that the Metropolis has 250,000 men who are determined to have a drink on Sundays; that there are 3,000 saloons and 5,000 policemen. The Sunday-closing proposition is a big one.

Finds Way to Live Long

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by Editor O. H. Downey of Chubbuck, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It is invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain. All druggists guarantee 50c and \$1 bottle, and give trial bottles free.

Studies on Nearby Rivers

In its investigations of the country's water resources the United States geological survey has recently extended its operations in New York to the measurement of the volume of a number of streams in the southeast portion of the state. Some of the newly established points of operation are on the east and west branches of the Delaware river just above their junction at Hancock, N. Y., on the Delaware and Neversink at Port Jervis, and on Upper Schoharie creek at Prattsville, N. Y. The Delaware, a large and swift-flowing stream, is one of the possible future sources of water supply of Greater New York. It is also an interstate stream, following for some distance the boundary line between New York and Pennsylvania, and that between New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is of importance that its conditions of flow be accurately understood in anticipation of future improvements upon it. Upper Schoharie creek drains the slopes of the highest peaks of the Catskills, with a watershed almost completely covered with timber and forest. It is expected that the records of the United States geological survey will furnish information on the much debated question whether streams flowing from wooded regions are better for mill purposes than those draining cleared lands.

Records are kept of all these streams by local observers employed by the survey, and from these records the volume of water flowing in them each day can be determined.

This work is being conducted under the charge of Robert E. Horton, of Utica, resident hydrographer of the United States geological survey for New York and Michigan.

Culture of Tobacco

The department of agriculture has, for the past three years, been making extensive experiments in specialized tobacco culture in various states. In Connecticut many acres have been covered with canvas stretched over frames in an endeavor to duplicate the famous and expensive Sumatra tobacco and these tests have been wondrously successful. In South Florida considerable acreages are being planted to Cuban cigar tobacco, and now Secretary Wilson receives word from his experts in Eastern Texas that conditions of soil and climate have been found which actually produce the finest Cuban tobacco. Samples grown have been submitted to leaf dealers and brokers in New York and Philadelphia, and they have pronounced them the Cuban leaf with the peculiar and characteristic aroma of the Cuban tobacco. The expert tobacco men who have been studying the matter are enthusiastic over the possibilities of producing in our own Southwest these highest grade tobaccos. Further and more exhaustive experiments, however, will be made by the government before any encouragement is given to the Texas growers.

Secretary Root not to Retire

Secretary of war Root has been reported as contemplating retiring from the cabinet, and this report has also been denied. Mr. Root is not waiting, it is believed, to accomplish some of the reforms in army matters for which he has been working during the past two years. He is a very able lawyer and before his entry on his present duties had one of the largest and most lucrative practices in the city of New York. His accession to the McKinley administration was most fortunate, for the war department was badly organized and the annexation of new territories had involved many perplexing legal questions. Possessed of remarkable executive ability, with a wide experience in business and legal matters, broad-minded, with a wonderful capacity for work, he brought order out of chaos, and piloted our colonial policy through the dangerous shoals which threatened shipwreck at the outset of our world-power career, should he leave the cabinet his passing will be a distinct loss.

Notice!

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Barret Bridge company will be held at the Toll House of the company in Port Jervis on Tuesday, January 6th proximo, for the purpose of choosing directors for the next year. The polls will be open from 3 till 4 o'clock p. m.

FRANCIS MARVIN, Secretary. Port Jervis, December 15, 1902.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

John Taylor is happy. It is a girl! What is the difference between a bear and a mole hide? Ask G. B. and E. B.

Good resolutions for the New Year: Stop drinking, swearing, smoking, chewing, throwing dice and playing cards, also talking about your neighbor. Keep your sidewalks and door yards clean and pay your taxes. If they should be kept what a loving community this would be.

A number of young people from town went to Louis Stanton's Saturday evening and enjoyed a dance.

A few from here were invited to attend a surprise at the Riverside, over in Montego, last Wednesday evening.

Harry Da Witt will leave again on Saturday for Sayre, Pa., where he will be employed in a newspaper office.

Who will capture the plum and be commissioners clerk? The number of applicants is on the increase.

George Beck is in town on his usual holiday visit.

Some one said: "The firemen in town now know who are their friends." Right you are.

Montego is kept lively with surprise parties.

We regret to hear of the illness of Miss Lillie Buchanan. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

For some reason our mail was late Tuesday evening. It does not happen often.

A happy New Year to all readers of the Press and remember now it is 1903.

Real Estate Transfers

Edward Gevert to Charles H. Gevert, 50 acres, Lackawaxen, \$250. Geo. Gregory, sheriff, sold as the property of H. Raffell, dec'd to Edward E. Riches, 63 acres, Delaware, \$250.

Robert W. Smith and others to Henry T. Gumbie and wife, 408 acres, James Duncan tract, Palmyra, \$2200.

Gilbert C. Crone and others to William C. and Alonzo F. Crone, Steel farm, Delaware, \$300.

William C. Crone and others to Annetta C. Crone, 10 acres, Delaware, \$75.

C. W. Ball, administrator of J. F. Pinchot, dec'd, to Eleanor L. Hilliard, Cherry farm, Dingman, 194 acres, part of Garret Brodhead, \$62.50.

Mary A. P. Warner to Eleanor L. Hilliard, same land.

A. V. McCarty and C. B. McCarty to Van Etten Brothers, deed for timber on Jacob McCarty estate, Dingman.

Loreps Gootz to Margaretha Gootz, his wife, 50 acres, Lackawaxen.

G. F. Rowland, Treasurer, to P. M. Nills, 400 acres, William Harrison, No. 180, Porter, taxes.

P. M. Nills to E. T. Riviere, same land, \$300.

G. F. Rowland, Treasurer, to E. T. Riviere, No. 80, Margaret Stocker, Blooming Grove, 100 acres, taxes.

Geo. Daumann, Treasurer, to Commissioners, 265 acres, Margaret Stocker, No. 89, Blooming Grove, taxes.

Commissioners to E. T. Riviere, same land, \$20.

To Summer Boarding House Keepers

The passenger department of the Erie Railroad intend getting the "Erie Summer Homes" book for 1903 out at a very early date, and invite all summer boarding house keepers to have their notice in the book free of charge, and all who wish to improve this opportunity should call at or address Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, N. Y., and get a blank application, which must be filled out and returned to H. L. Slauson, ticket agent, Port Jervis, on or before Jan. 15th, 1903. There is no reason why every boarding house in this vicinity should not be filled next summer, and in order to do this get your notice in the "Erie Summer Homes" for 1903. Blanks will be mailed all who had a notice in last year's book.—3

New Gentry Comfort

Millions are daily finding a world of comfort in Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It kills pain from burns, scalds, cuts, bruises; cures sores and fever sores; cures eruptions, salt rheum, boils and felons; removes corns and warts. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c at all drug stores.