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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Roosevelt has, with the cooperation of the postmaster general and his assistants, inaugurated one of the most thorough investigations ever conducted in a department of the government and one which, while it is only in the initial stage, has resulted in one resignation and gives promise of uncovering a series of the gravest irregularities. The investigation deals with the divisions of salaries and allowances and of free delivery in the postoffice department. Repeated charges of corruption in these divisions convinced the postmaster general that affairs were not as they should be and when the matter was brought to the attention of the president he immediately authorized a most sweeping investigation.

The courage required to take this step can hardly be realized by persons unfamiliar with the inner working of the department. The heads of these divisions have long been in a position to grant favors, often of the utmost importance to almost every member of congress and by this means have acquired a political "pull" of astonishing proportions. Often the favors so granted, while innocent from the standpoint of the legislator applying for it, has actually been prejudicial to the best interests of the service, clerk hire and supply accounts have been granted with a lavish hand the object being to gain favor with the members of congress who have applied for these grants rather than to further the interests of the postal service. But it is intimated that the officials involved have not been content with distributing funds and supplies in an extravagant manner but have gone further and organized a pool by which they have criminally profited by the sale of supplies to the government and it is claimed they have received a commission on every mail-box purchased, especially those used on rural routes, and have otherwise robbed the government.

One of the strongest proofs of the corruption that has existed, is found in the immediate appeal by officials under suspicion to their political friends to check the present investigation. Already many influential members of congress and local politicians have sought to influence the president to that end and, it is alleged, have even gone so far as to intimate that any prosecution of the offending officials would cost Mr. Roosevelt dearly in the next national convention. With his usual fearlessness, the president has refused to listen to any word of warning or threat and has told those who have protested to do their worst as he proposed to carry the thing on to the end regardless of political consequences and with the sole end in view of the betterment of the service. No definite charges will be made until adequate evidence to substantiate them is at hand but no favor will be shown and there may result a bitter warfare between the president and the professional politicians.

The president is receiving gratifying assurances of his popularity in the west. The latest harbinger of news of this character is Mr. Thomas H. Shevlin, national committeeman for Minnesota who has just visited Washington. "I told the president that he would receive the largest labor vote next year of any man who ever occupied the White House," said Mr. Shevlin after leaving the president. "I know whereof I speak for I am not only an employer of labor myself but I keep posted on what the various organizations are doing. The labor leaders point with pride to the outcome of the coal strike. They refer to the fact that for the first time in history a president of the United States undertook to settle a great controversy between capital and labor by assuming the initiative and personally summoning representatives of each side to the White House. Heretofore the federal troops have been called out in to preserve peace and order but in the coal strike the president used moral suasion and won a world wide victory." Referring to a certain opposition to Mr. Roosevelt in New York, Mr. Shevlin said, "I tell those gentlemen they dare not oppose the nomination of President Roosevelt in the convention and after he is nominated they cannot afford, as practical business men, to vote against him."

Senator Warren of Wyoming is another firm believer in Mr. Roosevelt's success. He said today, "With

the east and all other parts of the country, the west is united in support of Mr. Roosevelt's nomination for the presidency in 1904. We share with the entire country in the confidence reposed in his purposes, his sincerity and honesty and in his constant effort to make the best of his high position without a trace of rich or poor." Referring to the president's western trip Mr. Warren said, "we are delighted that the president is coming west this summer. The president already knows the west well he is a western man in training, instincts and action. He will get such a welcome as the hospitable west alone can give a visitor."

Considerable interest is manifested in a peculiar situation growing out of the great personal interest the president takes in the navy. There has been for some time a suspicion that Mr. Moody, secretary of the navy, did not take in his department the interest to be expected of him, but it now transpires that Mr. Moody has been hardly a free agent having been obliged in numerous instances to follow the dictation of the president as against his own inclinations. The president is an ardent advocate of a general staff for the navy, similar to that just authorized by congress for the army. Mr. Moody has been instructed to ascertain the sentiments of the members of congress who accompany him on the cruise on the Dolphin, on this subject, and to create for the scheme all the favor he can. With such a staff it is predicted that there would be comparatively little responsibility left to the secretary.

Roosevelt on For cry
President Roosevelt has shown up on more than one occasion his extensive knowledge of the natural sciences with which many statesmen are not particularly conversant. He informally addressed, the other evening, a body of scientific foresters at the residence of Gifford Pinchot, the government forester. The president's remarks showed an entire mastery of the forestry problem and outlined what the government policy hoped to accomplish. He deplored the manner in which the country's forests have been ravished and destroyed during the past few decades, and urged their preservation. "You must keep your high ideals," he said "and seek to realize them in a practical way, by showing to lumbermen that scientific forestry is practicable. You are creating a new profession, a profession of as much importance as that of law, medicine or any other, and a profession capable of the highest development."

MAN'S LOVE

Men love for a day,
Then up and away,
They're gone with a bow and a smile
Leave women heart-broken,
By vows lightly spoken,
By them never meant any-while.

Why is it a girl,
Amongst women a pearl,
Will believe all a man may say?
They're just for fun,
Deceive the fair one,
Then call it the sport of a day.

Oh! girls do be careful,
For man is so unfaithful,
He'll break your heart if he can
Then say you're to blame,
When you tell him the same
He's right, sure, because he's a man

It must be your fault,
You should call a halt,
Before things have gone on so far
He never had a thought,
That you would see aught,
More than your beautiful star.

Milford, April, 1903.

Real Estate Transfers

George Gregory, sheriff, property of Harriet Cook et al. to W. A. H. Mitchell, lot in Matamoras, \$725.
W. A. H. Mitchell to Jacob Miller, same land.
Susan F. Snyder et al. to Heston N. Angle, 52 acres, Delaware, \$50.
Jane McKown to Jane Kiser, 10 acres, Lackawanna, near Kimbles, \$300.
G. Frank Rowland to John A. Kipp, 153 acres, Delaware, tax.
John A. Kipp to Morris Finkelstein, assignment of above, \$1.

Noted the Grave

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition, my skin was almost yellow, eyes swollen, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I know they scolded the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 30 cents, guaranteed, at all drug stores.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

L. W. Armstrong and sister Mabel of New York were visitors in town recently.

John Zimmerman of New York visited his summer home in Delaware last Sunday.

Miss 'Arrie Armstrong of New York is a guest in town.

Frank Singmaster and wife of Stroudsburg were in town last Sunday.

Arthur Sullivan of New York is spending a few days with friends in town.

Richard Nils, who is attending school at Owego, N. Y., is visiting his parents in town.

Charles D. Honck of La Anna, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is now said to be improving.

Michael F. Blake, chief clerk of the board of aldermen of New York, visited his friend, Robert Struthers, here recently.

W. H. Armstrong, Esq., and wife, who have passed the winter in New York, are now spending a few days at Atlantic City.

Harry P. Nye of Stroudsburg and Joseph Bensley of Lehman were here Tuesday closing up the purchase of the farm of the former by the latter.

Robert W. Reid, cashier of the First National bank, after spending some months in the south for his health, returned home with his wife this week.

Bert Jardon, who has been spending the winter with his father, F. X. Jardon, at Carvel Hall, Annapolis, Md., has returned home. Mr. Jardon has gone to South Carolina.

W. J. Hughes, who for several years has been post master and Erie station agent at Mast Hope, has resigned both positions and will move to Middletown, N. Y.

The operation recently performed on Miss Effie Struthers for throat trouble was not wholly successful and her mother has returned to the city to be with her in case another is decided on.

W. S. Ryan is in New York buying a stock of fine millinery goods. Last year his success in pleasing customers was so great that he feels warranted in laying in an extra stock this year.

A Good Entertainment

Though the downpour of rain Monday night prevented many from attending the entertainment given by "Lovett's Boston Stars" in Brown's Hall those who braved the weather were well repaid for their perseverance by the excellence of the program rendered. The several members of the company impressed the audience with their pleasant deportment no less than with their skill in the rendition of their several parts. The music, both vocal and instrumental, was well rendered, the recitations excellent, especially those of Miss Georgia Harvey who greatly charmed her hearers by her effective manner, careful training in her method and admirable conception of the sentiment of her parts. Such an entertainment is elevating, instructive and deserving of patronage.

Woman Suffrage Advocates

Philadelphians are justly proud of the literary eminence of Miss Agnes Reppeler, and her views on woman suffrage are therefore of peculiar interest. She recently wrote from Rome: "The right of the woman taxpayer to vote is, and should be, wholly irrespective of any qualification on her part, or any use she is likely to make of the privilege. It is not a question of expediency, but of justice." On this same subject Dr. Harriet Judd Strain expresses herself, "I believe most fully in equal rights and equal suffrage for men and women, with educational restrictions for both."

Changes of Residence

Some changes occurring April 1st were: Thomas McKittick from Nichols to premises of Mrs. Kilby on James street, Mrs. Hildebrand from Maple Cottage to Harford street, A. Q. Wallace to house of Fred Gamble on Harford street, Mrs. Palmer from High street to house of Mrs. L. Hugenin, Tol Titman to Wager house on 7th street, John Taylor to Water street, John McCarty to house on George street, James Lauer to Yennie house on 7th street, Mrs. Ann Palmer to High street and Harry Pantley to Wells house on Blackberry alley.

OBITUARY

SAMUEL OTIS DIMMICK.
Mr. Dimmick, who was well known in this place, died at his home in Port Jervis early last Sunday morning after a long illness.

He was born here April 10, 1824, and was a son of Samuel and Wealthy Jane Dimmick. Arriving at maturity he engaged in the hotel business in Port Jervis which town was his home all his subsequent life. He established a railroad eating house there and also was proprietor of the large restaurant at Turners during the days of Fisk in the Erie management. He also engaged in the wholesale grocery business which he conducted until some ten years ago. He was largely interested in building the Monticello railroad and was its first president, and was for many years a director in the National Bank of Port Jervis.

Some years ago he became afflicted with cataract of the eyes and became totally blind.

He married July 1, 1844, Lucinda L., a daughter of the late Oliver S. Dimmick of Matamoras, who died in 1893, surviving by this marriage are two daughters, Emma Grace and Blanche. He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Emaline Biddis, Mrs. Henrietta Eldred and Miss Francis A. Dimmick, all of this place, and one brother, Channey W., ex-sheriff of Pike county and ex-postmaster of Milford, now of Washington, D. C.

The funeral occurred Wednesday.

OSCAR CROSS.

Oscar, a son of P. R. Cross, who has been attending the high school at Newfoundland, died Tuesday, March 24th.

He was taken sick with pneumonia March 4th and remained at his boarding place, the house of D. B. Smith.

Through the careful medical treatment of Drs. Gilpin and Simons and with the tender care of his parents, he seemed to be speedily recovering and expected to sit up on Tuesday, but as they were preparing to get him up his heart failed and he suddenly died.

The remains were taken from the house to the East Sterling church, preceded by his teachers and students of the school in the vicinity were closed and an unusually large number assembled to pay their last respects to the departed boy.

Among the collection of flowers was a beautiful tribute from his school mates, also from relatives in New York city.

Rev. Thoms Hooper had charge of the services. Interment in the Simonstown burying grounds.

Oscar was born April 20th, 1886, and spent a number of his early years with his grandmother in Greentown. Being unusually strong physically and bright intellectually, though young, he assisted his father in the handling and counting of lumber and was a rapid and accurate accountant, a pleasant and obliging friend, a dutiful and considerate son, and a kind and loving brother.

During his sickness as he greeted his friends his face was lit up with a smile; the unmistakable sign of a christian's joy, the overflowing of peace. The sorrowing father and mother, three brothers, Carl, Homer and Ray, and one sister, Susie, have the warmest sympathy of the entire neighborhood.

Goose before us, O our brother,
To the spirit land!
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand,
Who shall offer youth and beauty
On the waning shrine
Of a stern and lofty duty,
With a faith like thine!

Early hath the spoiler found thee,
Brother of our love!
Autumn's faded earth around thee,
And it's storms above!
Evermore thou'rt laid lightly,
And, with future showers,
O'er thy alabaster fresh and brightly
Blow the summer flowers!

Peace be with thee, O our brother!
In the spirit land!
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand,
Unto truth and freedom giving
All thy early powers,
Be thy virtues with the living,
And thy spirit ours! R. C. C.

Cheap Colonists Rates to the West

The Erie is selling a very cheap one way Colonist Ticket from Port Jervis to many points in the far west, daily, until April 30th. Just think of it, only \$50 to most any California point, with no change of depots enroute. A postal addressed to the Erie ticket agent, Port Jervis, will bring any desired information as to the above tickets if return mail.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The county commissioners are preparing to lay a flag walk in front of the Court House.

Hon. Charles S. Greene, for many years prothonotary of the Supreme Court, died a few days ago.

E. S. Wolf has a contract to furnish the Milford bridge company with 25,000 feet of oak joists and plank.

Easter Sunday, April 12th, the Erie will run a dollar New York excursion, leaving Port Jervis at 7 o'clock p. m.

The contract for raising the walls of the bridge at Connsburgh has been awarded by the county commissioners to Jacob F. Waeker for \$60.

The kinks appear to be coming now from within and not from without the school board. There is an old adage about people falling out, etc.

Thomas Armstrong has concluded that owning fast horses is not a business and has sold his trotter, Prince R., and ranabout wagon to a Port Jervis party.

The Catharine street school building, including the steam heating fixtures, was put up at public sale Wednesday afternoon and struck off to Thomas Armstrong for \$180.

The village election in Port Jervis Tuesday resulted in the success of the entire democratic ticket by majorities ranging from 113 to 171. Now let the republicans be good.

Alfred Moreaux while getting out ties Tuesday was accidentally hit by the poll of an ax in the hands of James McKittick and received a bad bruise under his left eye.

It is rumored that John Almer will succeed Wolf in the shoe business about the middle of this month. John is a popular young man in town and we bespeak for him success in his new venture.

Letters testamentary have been granted on the estate of W. H. Eno, late of Milford Borough, deceased. The will bequeaths \$1 to each of his children and the balance of his estate to his wife absolutely, and names her sole executrix.

Oscar Stemple of East Stroudsburg was here Tuesday in search of a party who had stolen a black mare out of his stable the Sunday night previous. The man supposed to be the thief had worked in the Stroudsburgs recently and was presumably accompanied by two boys who have engaged in selling pins and needles. The same outfit visited here last summer.

California Lands

The press dispatches announcing preparations for a tremendous land rush in June next when a million acres in Southern California are to be thrown open to entry, indicate that a good many of our people are still looking for homes upon the land. Much of this land is desert, however, and can only be made habitable and productive through irrigation. There is little question but that the western lands which the government is preparing to irrigate under the national irrigation act, will be taken up by thrifty settlers from the east as fast as the dams can be built and the water placed upon the land.

Increase in Imports

The treasury department figures show for the first time in our history that what are classed as "raw materials" used by our manufacturers, constitute more than one-half of our total imports. The value of these manufacturers' materials imported in the eight months ending last February exceeds by fifty million that of the corresponding month of 1902. In February itself these importations were forty-two million dollars against thirty-two million dollars in February 1902.

This of course shows tremendous activity in all lines of factory work and is quite indisputable evidence of a sustained and growing prosperity.

The cry of the heaven born rattle of 18 to 1 is now heard in only a very few of the more remote western jungles.

Senator Tillman has been working for twenty-five years, he says, on the race problem, and has arrived at no conclusion. Probably some of the South Carolina negroes will beg to differ.

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.

Justice Cannot be Reversed

E. T. Riviere vs. overseers of the poor of Porter township certiorari to H. L. Canno, justice peace.

Suit was brought by plaintiff to receive 28 cents poor tax paid by him on lands which he alleged were not in said township and which the overseers of the poor had no right to levy and collect.

Thirteen exceptions were filed of which eight are dismissed. The remaining exceptions allege that the justice has no jurisdiction of the subject matter. The court says the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in ordinary civil cases is derived from section 1 of the act of 30 March, 1870. This act as amended by act of 7 July, 1879, gives them jurisdiction inter alia "of all causes of action arising from contract, either express or implied, when the sum demanded does not exceed \$500." The courts have construed this to mean only "those contracts that arise immediately out of a course of dealing between the parties and not that sort of a contract that arises remotely out of the compact of government."

'Zeigler vs. Gram 13 S. and R. 102, 12 Penn. state 379, 5 superior court 528.

The record shows plaintiffs demand is for poor tax paid upon lands assessed in Porter township but lying in Monroe county. The record does not show any agreement between the parties that the tax should be refunded in any event. The justice would therefore have no jurisdiction under this act of assembly. We know of no act of assembly conferring jurisdiction on justices of the peace to entertain an action brought to receive taxes assessed against an individual or land, by a township or poor district and voluntarily paid to the person or persons authorized to receive the same. The record in this case does not show that this was not a voluntary payment.

In Murray vs. Besone, Law Review 374, it was held that a magistrate has no jurisdiction in an action to recover from a borough tax collector a head tax voluntarily paid to him by the plaintiff.

The exceptions relating to the jurisdiction of the justice over the subject matter are sustained the proceedings reversed and judgment given for the defendant with costs.

Dr. Thaddeus Mead Dead
Dr. Mead died suddenly at his home in Port Jervis Sunday night of heart trouble. He had been feeling unusually well during the day and when retiring suddenly without a word of exclamation fell to the floor dead. He was born in Montgomery, Orange county, August 28, 1840, and when 17 years old entered the dental offices of Dr. Stanborough of Newburg and became a skillful practitioner. He was a soldier during the civil war and after resumed his profession and frequently visited Milford. In 1871 he established an office in Port Jervis which he conducted for several years. He was prominent in the social and political affairs of that village, was a member of a fire company, of Carroll Post G. A. R., was a village trustee, and chief of the fire department. His wife and five sons survive him. The funeral occurred Wednesday.

Notes From E. S. N. S.
The spring term has fairly opened with a zeal and earnestness that seems to betoken an unusual success for the school.

Prof. Kemp was in Harrisburg at the beginning of the week. A large number of the students attended a social down town last Saturday night.

As usual Prof. Kemp holds a very interesting and instructive Bible study on Sunday evening.

The Y. M. C. A. was ably led by Howard Pauls on Sunday morning who gave a very interesting account of his attendance at the state convention of the Y. M. C. A. held at Lebanon. x x x

Excursion Tickets to California

On account of the National Association of Master Plumbers of the United States to be held at San Francisco, Cal., May 19th to 22nd, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., May 12th to June 2nd, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to San Francisco or Los Angeles, Cal., on May 2nd and May 12th, to 17th, good returning to July 10th, at the low rate of \$67 for the round trip. 4-10

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

March in April.
Mrs. Bansen must be careful or the black coat some day will give her the slip.

A number of changes of residences have been made in town. The general complaint now is: Too high a rent and poor houses.

More people attended church Sunday than on any other Sunday for some time past.

Dr. L. de Plasse and family of New York spent last Sunday at their residence on lower Ann street.

The smiling face of John Dogan is seen on our streets again.

We are always willing to learn. Will "Observer" of Montague, or Brother Warren please tell us: Has or can a person after residing in a town for four or five years claim to be a resident of that town? If not, of what town, if any, is he a resident?

Squire Henry Canno expects to have his auto here by Sunday.

Our borough fathers will soon have to pass an ordinance to regulate the speed of autos in the borough. Last summer several of those critters passed through here at about a rate of twenty miles per hour.

Ben Kyte's and Jake Van Tassel's ponies will have to take back roads now. George Gregory's little mule owns the streets.

Thomas Armstrong has disposed of Prince R., and Ben Kyte, well he has just the horse to take your eye.

Uncle Nathan Fuller has the contract to build a ferry scow for Mrs. K. R. Van Anken. Ed. Wolf furnished the lumber.

Monday evening's entertainment in Brown's Hall was not very well attended. The cold rain kept people indoors.

Who raided the chicken roost on Seventh street?

Mrs. Anna Matler will stay in town this summer. She has rented her farm to William Shafer of Sandyston.

Howard Wager was in town Monday.

Primary Election Notice
The Republican primary elections throughout Pike county will be held on Saturday, May 9th, 1903, from 3 p. m. to 8 p. m. for the nomination of candidates for the following offices: One delegate to the state convention.

One jury commissioner.
One judicial conferee.
Seven members of the county committee.
One town committeeman in each election district.

Twenty days before said primary elections each candidate shall notify the county chairman of his candidacy and pay his assessment of one dollar.

By order of the county committee,
W. A. H. MITCHELL,
Chairman.
FRANK B. TRHALL,
Secretary.
Milford, Pa., April 3rd, 1903.

New Chinese Minister
The successor to the incomparable Mr. Wuho reached American shores. The new Chinese minister's name is Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, K. R. M. G. He is accompanied by a daughter and two sons, fifty-two secretaries, diplomats and legation attaches and nine servants. He expresses his intention of emulating Mr. Wu's example in trying to educate the American people out of their prejudices against the Chinese as a race. He realizes, he says, that the Americans will never permit the unrestricted coming of Chinese laborers and states that nobody desires such a thing. He does hope, however, for the modification of the Chinese exclusion act which will allow intelligent Chinamen to come into this country.

A Great Sensation

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c, and \$1. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.