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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

That the president and his nearest advisers are a unit in their opinion on the great political question of the day, the trusts and the tariff, has been demonstrated to a very remarkable degree within the past week. Secretary Shaw, speaking in Peoria, Ill., Secretary Root, speaking before the Home Market Club of Boston and the president himself, speaking in Milwaukee, have all struck the same keynote. That there must be no "tariff tinkering," that the tariff must be revised by the republican party after the election, at a time when political excitement is dormant and there is ample time to do the work carefully and thoroughly that the cry of tariff reduction to meet trust evils is merely a democratic ruse to secure free trade under the guise of preventing monopoly; these are the important principles on which the next national campaign is to be fought. The careful, conservative and patriotic tone of the president is the occasion of the greatest gratification to his friends in Washington who believe that no cabal or political trick could prevent his receiving the nomination and being elected next year.

The argument against tariff revision made by Secretary Shaw is a forceful one. He says that "the employer of labor may be so short-sighted as to believe that a period of low wages would be to his advantage because he would be thus able to place his product on the market at less cost. Or he may be so far-sighted as to know that high wages will increase the consumptive capacity of those whose needs he supplies and will therefore improve his market." He further says that the democratic party has always appealed to the consumer with the cry of cheap markets, which would mean low wages, the republican party has stood for high wages and high prices. The republican policy has invariably resulted in prolonged periods of prosperity, the democratic policy in extended periods of depression. Mr. Shaw says that his speech in the west was received with manifest approval and he has no fear of the result of the next election.

The postoffice department investigation, announced in these letters a week ago, is still progressing and it is now evident that great saving in the expenses of the department will be effected as a result. It is not unlikely that it will be necessary to make material changes in the personnel of the department and the president and the postmaster general will not hesitate to demand such resignations as they believe will promote the welfare of the service. Since the investigation began, Perry S. Heath, ex-assistant postmaster general has been in Washington to protest against the investigation and urge the president to spare Mr. Heath's proteges and James S. Clarkson, secretary of the republican national committee came to Washington to protest against the injury of any employees who had strong political influence, but the president has refused to listen to any protest and will "chew to the line" regardless of political consequences. Since the investigation began, hundreds of letters have been received from local postmasters furnishing evidence of reckless extravagance and, in numerous instances, of extortion.

Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, chairman of the republican congressional committee, has taken issue with the tariff policy of the president and the members of the cabinet and declares in unequivocal terms that the republican party is pledged to tariff revision by the fifty-eighth congress. Mr. Babcock, speaking to your correspondent, said that he regarded as wholly unwarranted the apprehension of hard times as a result of a revision of the tariff by the republican party. Democratic revision would, of course, ruin the financial prosperity of the country because it was clearly understood that such revision was undertaken with a free trade object in view. Republican revision, on the contrary, would be undertaken with the policy of protection always in sight and would not therefore seriously disturb the prosperous condition of the country now enjoying. Mr. Babcock says that in the last campaign the republicans lost many republican cities because the cost of living had increased out of all proportion to the incomes of salaried employees. This was not the case in the country districts because of plentiful crops, but with a failure

of crops the condition would become universal and nothing but disaster to the republican party could result. Mr. Babcock maintains that 90 per cent of the American people are protectionists and want a protective tariff but that means a duty of sufficient amount merely, to compensate the employer for the increased price he has to pay for labor. All over that is extortion and tends to create monopoly. He cites the case of the steel trust which he maintains, under the existing schedules, is enabled to take from the pockets of the people \$80,000,000 annually to which it is not entitled.

Charles A. Conant, secretary of the Morton Trust Company, and Professor John W. Jenks have been selected as two members of the commission of three which is to confer with the representatives of Mexico and presumably China and Japan with a view to devising a system whereby the silver using countries of the world may employ silver on a gold basis and eliminate the serious fluctuation which has menaced the financial system of every silver using country during the past few years. Mr. Conant stopped in Washington on his return from Mexico and consulted with Secretaries Root and Shaw. He says that, in so far as outlined, the proposed plan conforms closely to that adopted by the United States in the Philippines. The war department is making rapid progress in preparation of the new Philippine silver currency, three million pesos of which were authorized by congress and it is expected the coins will be ready for shipment at an early date. In the meantime, the question of assessing an almost prohibitory tariff on Mexican and other silver coming into the Philippines is being seriously considered.

The remarkable growth of the export of manufactured articles by the United States is clearly shown by figures issued today by the treasury department. In 1790 the exportation of manufacturers amounted to \$1,243,547. In 1902 they amounted to \$403,641,401. In 1790 they formed practically 6 per cent of the total exports, in 1902 approximately 30 per cent of the total exports. The growth in this direction is especially marked since 1895 since which time the increase has been 220 millions.

Real Estate Transfers

John Gannon to Egypt Mills Club, 30 acres, Lehman, \$1425.
 Harry P. Nyce to Joseph Bensley, 160 acres, Lehman, part of late Jacob Nyce Est., \$5100.
 Jacob J. Seeds to Ella Carney Wiggan, 6 acres, on Silver Lake, Delaware, \$1.
 George Gregory, sheriff, sold as property of A. V. McCarty, to John C. Beck, Dingman township, \$230.
 Olivia B. Armstrong to E. Lizzie Gregory, lot on Catharine street, Milford Borough, \$190.
 Marie V. Tiesot to George Gregory, lots on Broad street, 409 410, \$2500.
 Michael Uoh to Elizabeth V. Bevans, 6 1/2 acres, Westfall, Half Way House, \$3900.
 C. W. Ball, exporter of Jacob Kleinbans, Jr., to W. S. Percival, lot 743, Matamoras, \$130.
 Jacob Schwentzer to Henry Tooty and wife, lots 55 56, Matamoras, \$1100.
 William A. Nyce to George L. Nyce, undivided interest in lands of the late George Nyce, doo'd, in Lehman, \$3.

Coffee a Drug

Coffee is so cheap that the Brazilian government threatens to destroy 20 per cent of the crop in that country. The indispensable adjunct to the breakfast table sold in New York this week at a trifle over three cents a pound. Over production is alleged as the cause of the low price, and it is advised that rather than destroy the crop it would serve a better purpose to lessen production by cutting down some of the trees.

Robbed 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 sunken, 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 robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at all drug stores.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

George Hoaggs of Shohola was in town a day this week.
 J. W. Chamberlain of Lehman was in town yesterday.
 Dr. L. de Plasse of New York was a guest in town last Sunday.
 W. H. Adams of Hunting Towers, Delaware, was in town Wednesday.
 P. N. Boornique has been quite indisposed for several days this week.

Miss Bessie H. Van Eiten is spending her vacation with her parents in town.

Mrs. John W. Lyon of Port Jervis visited her mother, Mrs. Emaline Biddis here recently.

Frank Crisaman, of the La Tourette House, Bergen Point, N. J., spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. M. M. Van Eiten of Dover, N. J., is visiting relatives in this vicinity and in New Jersey.

Dr. Thomas C. Walton of Stroudsburg, a leading physician and prominent politician, is dangerously ill.

Dr. W. B. Konworthy has been appointed by the state board of health quarantine physician for Pike county.

Rev. A. A. Austin is the Methodist minister appointed to Dingman's Ferry. Rev. E. H. Atwood goes from Sparrowbush to Colesville.

Geo. Haas, Sr., Adam Haas, David Shields and V. E. Hipsman of Shohola were in town Wednesday attending the hearing in the Zoellner matter.

Ralph D. Paine, who reported the Shultz trial for the Philadelphia Press, recently married Miss Morse of Watertown, N. Y. They will reside in Newark.

Letters received here say that Frank Whitney of New York, who has been very ill, is improving in health. His friends here will rejoice at this favorable report.

Rev. V. A. Wood, the newly appointed pastor to the M. E. church here, will occupy the pulpit Sunday.

His household goods are being brought up today from Coolbaugh.

On account of continued ill health, Robert W. Reid has tendered his resignation as cashier of the First National Bank of Milford and John C. Warner has been appointed to the position.

Judge Erdman, who suffered appendicitis some four years ago, fearful of a recurrence of the malady, underwent an operation this week at the Parker hospital in Bethlehem, which was successful.

Mrs. Robert Struthers and daughter, Miss Effie, who have been in Brooklyn for some weeks, for an operation on the throat of the latter, have returned home. While not wholly successful, considerable improvement has been effected by the treatment.

Rev. W. B. Neff of Jersey City has been appointed on the ministerial examining board of the Newark conference. Rev. C. E. Scudder will leave Milford and go to Sussex, N. J., and Rev. Victor A. Wood, who has been stationed at Coolbaugh, will take the pulpit of the M. E. church here.

George Wheeler and Robert Findlay, who visited Scranton this week, enjoyed a trip down in Diamond mine which lies under the city. The mine is some 350 feet below the surface and has over 80 headings, all of which were inspected. It was a novel and interesting experience for them.

Notes From the E. S. N. S.
 H. S. Dole, who has been troubled with weak eyes, has returned to the Normal.

Prof. Sandy's class were out botanizing on Monday.

Miss Grace Rhorbacker is suffering with the mumps.

Visitors at the normal the past week were Miss Leola Smith, Miss Susie Cross, George Bessecker and Roland Charles.

Luther Fossen, Thomas Woodley and Judson Noble are new arrivals and expect to take the junior branches.

Judge Martin on Woman Suffrage
 I beg to state my conviction that the extension of suffrage to women will tend to elevate the standard of citizenship and to secure the performance of political duties by those who although fully competent, and engaged in personal affairs, to the exclusion of civic obligations. When a majority of women in this country earnestly assert a desire to exercise the franchise, their demand will be irresistible.

BOROUGH DEMOCRATS

One of Them Gives Reasons for Recent Happenings

It is said when poisonous reptiles find themselves in danger of harm or death at the hands of a superior foe, they recoil and strike their venomous fangs into their own body. The Dispatch recently by its editorial would try to have its readers believe that one Horace Kipp had accomplished his avowed purpose to make Milford republican, because of the fact that several democratic members of the borough council voted for him as secretary of the borough against the candidate and son-in-law of the democratic boss. Ye Dispatch editor and his little gang ought to begin to discover that there is a decided majority of democrats in Milford (and elsewhere in the county) that do not blindly follow his and their dictation, but who are none the less true democrats, and who cannot be swayed in their devotion to those principles because of the perversion of them by a minor corrupt oligue which presumes to threaten the party whip against all whose actions do not aim to aid their nefarious schemes.

The interests of the taxpayers should have some weight with their governing bodies as well as the schemes in party politics. Mr. Kipp had before the board a proposition to fill the office of secretary for \$50 per year, Mr. Bohorr had a similar proposition except that his services should be worth \$10 more, or \$60 per year, as no one appears to question the ability of Mr. Kipp to fill the position as well as Mr. County Surveyor, Justice of the Peace, Auditor, Schorr, is it not justice to the taxpayers to save the \$10 and get the work done where it could be had the cheapest?

Economy in public office does not in all cases appear to be the watch word of Mr. Terwilliger. His efforts in behalf of a higher percentage for the county treasurer is an evidence of his care for the moneys of the taxpayer. His inconsistency is shown, however, when he allows his own brother-in-law to be again appointed treasurer of the borough and makes no effort to have his commissions made at least equal to those of Treasurer Swenpiser.

No, no, Mr. Terwilliger, we democrats of the town council, who voted to defeat small political intrigue, did so not because we were not democrats, but because we were better democrats. A DEMOCRAT.

Rambler Enlightened

"Rambler," in last week's correspondence to the PIKE COUNTY PRESS, asks:

"Has or can a person after residing in a town four or five years claim to be a resident of that town?"

Now if we knew whether he meant Pennsylvania, New York or New Jersey we might say yes under certain circumstances. We will take it for granted that he means New Jersey (as the case he has referred to I think is in that state) and say one way of gaining a residence over here is by serving notice on overseer of poor of the township. Another is by investing not less than \$120 in real estate and living thereon continuously for one year. For foregoing ways of gaining residence see laws, N. J., "Poor act," 1874. We would also refer him to pamphlet laws, N. J., 1899, page 208 also to amendment passed 1887, page 150. We were somewhat surprised that "Rambler," who after serving several terms as overseer of poor for Sandyston township, would ask such a question as the above. However, we are only too glad to enlighten him if we can. OBSERVER.

Easter Sunday New York Excursion

The Erie Railroad Company will afford the people of Milford and vicinity a grand opportunity to spend a delightful Easter Sunday in Greater New York, at the low rate of one dollar for the round trip, in a special train leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m., arriving New York at 10 a. m., allowing over nine hours in city, as the special train returning leaves 23rd street, New York, at 7 40 p. m., Chambers street at 7 40 p. m. and Jersey City at 8 p. m.

Beautiful Easter services will be held in all the Metropolitan churches both morning and afternoon.

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.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Today, "Good Friday," is a legal holiday.

A new telephone has just been opened from Paapoo to Big Pond, a popular summer resort up in Palmyra.

The Easter dance of the Deerpark Club in Port Jervis will be held Tuesday evening, April 14th.

It is reported that the bond suit of the D. V. B. R., which was heard at Harrisburg this week, was settled.

George F. Farnum of Port Jervis, a prominent business man and son of the late Eli P. Farnum, is dead. The funeral was held yesterday.

The democratic county committee organized Monday by electing John C. Westbrook, Jr., chairman, and George R. Bull, Esq., secretary.

Boys, and grown up people, too, let the frogs alone now except between July 1st and Nov. 1st. A fine of \$25 is the penalty for violation of this law.

Hon. John D. Houck and others have secured a charter to build a trolley road to carry freight and passengers from Mt. Pocono to LeAnn.

Raftmen on the Delaware this week have met with misfortune. Two or three floots have been wrecked, one in Punkie's and another on Frank's bar.

Some rafts passing through Foul rift last week ran into a school of shad coming up the river. Several fish were caught, some of which weighed 6 pounds each.

The earth was thoroughly soaked with rain the past few days and now if warm weather prevails early pasture is assured. Grass and grain never looked so well in spring as now.

W. M. Harriman, the gentleman with whom Dr. H. E. Emerson has been travelling in the south during the winter, died at the Plaza Hotel in New York early last Saturday morning.

Testimony was taken Wednesday on the rule to show cause why the sheriff's sale of the Zoellner property in Shohola shall not be set aside. The matter will be argued at the adjourned court, April 27th.

The cold snap last week does not seem to have injured fruit buds in this vicinity, but from the peach belts in Maryland and in Morris county, New Jersey comes the annual wail of wholesale destruction.

According to the record in the commissioners' office, Connelaugh stone arch bridge was painted in August, 1899, at a cost of \$16, with \$5 for horse hire, making \$21. Wonder how soon it will need a new coat?

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Milford driving park association for the ensuing year was adjourned from last Monday evening until this Friday night at the Dimmick House.

L. H. Wagner has been appointed by the managers of Milford cemetery, superintendent, a position which he heretofore held for twelve years, and gave in that time evidence of care and faithfulness in the performance of his duties.

The Spruel-Roberts good roads bill has been recommended to the committee on public roads where it will be amended to death. Mr. Cressy of Columbia county opposed the bill and offered amendments which led to its recommittal.

The legislature has abolished the fish commission and in its stead there will be a department of fisheries with a chief. It is assumed probably that this manner of supervising the work will more effectually carry out the intentions of the law respecting illegal fishing.

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 25th. 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 by return mail. 4-10

During his trip west the President climbed up into the engine attached to his special train and took a run over the mountains of some 50 miles. He remarked to the engine crew that being a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen he ought to take his turn at feeding the furnace.

New York Liquor License

The new excise bill in New York state will increase the license fees by 50 per cent and it is estimated will raise over eighteen million dollars. The cost for license in cities or villages above 10,000 will be \$525, above 5,000, \$450, above 12,000, \$300, and other places, \$150.

If license fees were raised in this state to the same level, Pennsylvania would derive an annual revenue of over fifteen million dollars. New York state has had a larger number of licenses formerly than Pennsylvania, but it is likely now that the number will be decreased. New York city, with a population of about three times that of Philadelphia, has 11,000 licensed places, which under the new law will yield \$10,750,000, Philadelphia has only about 1,700 returning an annual revenue of only \$1,750,000.

Schools and roads will constantly demand a larger revenue and there is no easier way to meet the increased cost of providing good roads and aiding the schools than imposing heavier liquor license fees.

NATURE

I stand upon the hilltop,
 And gaze out far and wide.
 Below me, lies the valley,
 Above, the mountain side.

The grand old ocean rolling,
 In the distance far I see.
 The white capped waves are leaping;
 All boundless glad and free.

Oh grand old ocean, truly,
 A wondrous power you hold.
 How many countless riches
 Your treasure caves unfold!

The white-winged ships go dancing,
 Far o'er the waters blue.
 Many a sailor lad bearing,
 With a heart so light and true.

As he looks out o'er the waters,
 He thinks of home far away,
 And the true hearts there awaiting,
 His return some far off day.

High hills in the background loaming
 Far up in the clouds they're lost
 Serene and grand, o'er looking
 The sea off tempest tossed.

The bright hues of September
 Gaily clothe the autumn land,
 While like a crown of glory,
 Red and gold the maples stand.

Milford, April, 1903.

The Zern Anti-Cigarette Law

There have been many cigarette bills introduced in the legislature heretofore but they have generally been regarded as "pitchers" intended to blackmail tobacco dealers. This one introduced by Senator Zern of this district was strongly advocated by Senator Focht and had to go through. It is short and to the point and reads as follows:

If any person or persons shall sell cigarettes or cigarette paper to any person or persons under the age of 21 years he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$300 nor less than \$100.

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 19th 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

Paul Ryder has left the employ of W. & G. Mitchell, with which firm he has been connected for several years, and gone with Fred Gumble in his meat market. Groceries will be added to the business and with so capable and obliging an assistant no doubt the trade will receive a new impetus.

An excellent picture of Fred Klaser, one of the U. P. relay team, appeared in last Sunday's North American. Last year the team broke the record with two miles in 5 minutes 4-4-5 seconds and it is expected it will be again victorious. The race will be run in Madison Square Garden April 25.

Miss Maria Linderman died at South Bethlehem April 21 of paralysis, aged 75 years. She was a daughter of Dr. John Jordan and Rachel Brodhead Linderman who settled in Lehman township, this county, in 1817. Dr. Linderman, for casting the only Whig vote in Lehman, was presented with a handsome rifle.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Dr. de Plasse of New York has rented Maple Cottage for the summer.

Jake Schorr, Jr., has again entered the employ of W. & G. Mitchell. Prepare your Easter hat. It may be you will need an overcoat.

Peach blossoms were scorched by frost last Sunday.

The M. E. parsonage is now ready for the new furniture.

Louis Wagner has been appointed superintendent of the Milford cemetery and sexton of the M. E. church.

J. A. Watts has lost all the love he ever had for dogs since a cur tried to make a meal out of his leg.

Geo. Wheeler and Robert Findlay went to Scranton Monday to look for some new horse flesh.

Rev. C. E. Scudder, after three years of labor among us, is going to Sussex, N. J. He is pleased with the appointment, because there is a large field for labor and more remuneration there than here.

Another thundershower Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. X. Jordan and daughter have returned from New York.

Shad fishing here began early this season. The first haul was made last Tuesday evening. Eight were taken.

Eddie Geisenheimer's show last Friday evening was fairly well attended.

Next Sunday afternoon, weather permitting, a few of our good boys will take a ride down the Delaware. If the trip is pleasant we will let you know.

Representative to the Hague

The Hon. Wayne MacVeagh has been selected as the representative of the United States before the Hague Tribunal in the Venezuelan dispute. The appointment of a statesman of Mr. MacVeagh's wide experience and notable qualities indicates that the United States expects to take a prominent part in these deliberations. The main question, it is presumed, is over the claim that England, Germany and Italy by virtue of building and bombardment have established a claim of preference over other Venezuelan creditors who contended themselves with peaceful coercive measures. It is a well known fact that investments made in Central and South American republics are long risks and excessive rates of interest and profit are demanded. European interests investing in Venezuela have practically assumed the role of not-shavers and nothing less, accepting such security as Venezuela was able to offer. It is now a question whether the European powers can with propriety come down and exact full payment, interest and principle several times over, the same as though investments had been made upon a six per cent basis. When note and pawnbrokers in our own country who lend money at usurious rates on insufficient security are bitten. The recital of their disappointment greed simply evokes the remark "good enough for him."

Cost of Irrigation

Some of the Eastern papers are expressing alarm and "told you so" over the prospects the irrigation of the western lands by the government is going to cost more per acre than was indicated by assessments and statements made during the discussion of the irrigation bill. This is needless fear in view of the fact that the money is all to come back to the government. If a certain dam and ditch costs a million dollars and provides for the irrigation of 100,000 acres of land the settlers who take that land must pay \$10 an acre to the government. Neither is there any fear that this money will ever be remitted by hasty act of congress. Every western interest would oppose such a measure for under the irrigation law the money when paid back to the government is to be used over again for building other irrigation works in other states.

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 insupportable 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.