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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The most important and sensation development in the current postoffice investigation is the removal, pending the completion of the investigation, of General Superintendent of Free Delivery Machen which step was taken by the postmaster general at the request of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow who, in a communication to Postmaster General Payne, intimates that the completion of the investigation will be materially facilitated by Mr. Machen's absence. Machen has accordingly been granted an indefinite leave of absence pending the completion of the investigation but it is a matter of grave doubt as to whether he will ever again occupy his desk in the postoffice department. In addition to removing Machen, the postmaster general has transferred the entire division of free delivery to the bureau presided over by Mr. Bristow and has assigned as acting chief M. C. Fosnes, the post office inspector who made so enviable a record clearing up the tangle into which Rathbone got the Cuban postal service. Fosnes is regarded as one of the most capable detectives in the postoffice department and it is believed that hereafter the investigation will go on uninterruptedly and that the entire scandal which hangs about the free delivery division will be probed to the bottom. In view of the strong political backing of Machen, his removal is regarded as an indication that the postoffice scandals are to be thoroughly sifted regardless of political considerations.

Widely circulated reports concerning the conduct of Russia in Manchuria, that province of China which adjoins the Russian frontier, have given rise to the wildest speculation and in some instances grave apprehension. Subsequent advices from more reliable sources, however, discredit the reports first sent out and it is even doubtful if Russia has reoccupied Nis Chwang as was at first reported. While accurate information regarding the situation in this somewhat remote part of the globe is unattainable, it is the opinion of the state department that gross exaggerations have gained credence and it is suspected that there is an ulterior motive in the attempt to secure from this country cooperation in a joint protest to be made to Russia by Great Britain and Japan. At all events, no move will be made by this government until authentic information has been received and even if the alleged intention of Russia should receive confirmation it is doubtful if the United States would feel called upon to protest. Regardless of the sensation cablegrams which are likely to appear in the newspapers from now on, the people of this country have every assurance that the United States will not be made the cat's paw of the subjects of nations interested in commercial exploitation.

The state department has just made public for the first time its version of the kidnapping of Miss Ellen Stone by Bulgarians. According to the state department officials a grave error was made by the payment of the ransom demanded, this government having received the most positive assurances that Miss Stone and her companion were safe from all positive violence, and it is claimed that a precedent has been set which will constitute a menace to all other foreigners in that section of the country. The report states that despite the protests and better judgement of the department the entreaties of the missionaries, who contributed no part of the $66,000 ransoms, were permitted to prevail.

Hon. Henry Clay Ide, member of the Philippine commission, is in Washington, having come to the United States for a brief rest and a conference with C. A. Conant, the man who is to take part in the conferences looking to the establishment in all silver using countries of a currency system similiar to that now being inaugurated in the Philippines. Speaking of conditions in the Philippines, Mr. Ide said today, "The members of the commission are more than gratified at the progress of the government and the rapid strides made within the last few months. Every business man in islands is looking forward to the establishment of the new monetary system and works of improvement, long at a standstill because of the fluctuating value of the currency, have been started."

The secretary of the navy stirred up a tempest in a teapot before he left to join the president in California by ordering the replacement of the officers now engaged in hydrographic work in the navy department with civilians and the transfer of the hydrographic bureau to the treasury department. At the present time the officers who fill places in the hyrographic office are on the retired list but are drawing increased pay because of their active employment. There is no other work which they can perform and the change will require them to live on their retired pay. The transfer was made at the personal wish of Secretary Moody and Speaker-to-be Cannon, but there is some question if it will prove legal as congress once refused to make such a change at the behest of Messrs. Moody and Cannon when both were members of the house.

The greatest interest attaches to the meetings now being held by Senators Aldrich, Allison, Spooner and Platt of Connecticut at Hot Springs, Virginia, these four constituting a sub-committee of the senate committee on Finance, charge with the duty of preparing, before the next session, a comprehensive financial measure. It is generally assumed that the bill reported will embody most if not all of the provisions of the Aldrich bill of last session but, inasmuch as that provided only for an expansion of the currency while some method of contracting it when emergencies calling for greater volume have passed, the most difficult part of the problem still remains for solution.

The department of agriculture has just issued a bulletin exposing the methods of certain seedmen. It appears that some seedmen have been advertising pearl millet at prices varying from 12 to 35 cents per pound and "Penciliaria," "Mand's Wonder Plant," etc., at prices varying from 40 cents to $1 50 per pound, the alleged novelties at the higher prices being identical with the pearl millet sold at the lower figures.

THE VILLAGE CHOIR

Since first my infant years were past
To one thing I aspire.
That I may sit in pride at last
Within that village choir.

Oh bliss untold! If I might share
With those fair sopranos,
To aid from honored seat up there
Music's agonising throes.

Oh could I only find the way
Into our village choir,
I'd falter not, no, night nor day.
My heart is all on fire.

They thrill and quiver, shriek and yell,
One set of notes sing all.
For which is which, no ear can tell
They come at any call.

The water motor puffs and churns—
The organ roars the higher.
Oh! will the wheel of fortune turn
To put one in the choir

I'll sing a solo, yes indeed,
Morning and night and n oon.
I'll never stop, not e'en to feed
I'll sing from noon to moon

Throw wide the door and let me in!
Haste! To the village choir.
I'll sing them all, bass and alto,
Soprano and tenor higher.

I'll over-top them all at last—
I'll trill and Tremble more,
If any way I can get past
The choir's sacred door.

Milford, May, 1903.

Real Estate Sale

The land and building of the Independent School District of Milford, comprising three town lots, with school house thereon erected, situated on the southwesterly side of Catharine street in the Borough of Milford, Pa., will be offered for sale at public vendue on the grounds on Saturday, the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1903, sale commencing at 2.30 o'clock p. m. of said day.

Terms and Conditions will be made known at the time of sale.

By order of the board of school directors of the Independent School District of Milford.

H. E. Emerson,
Secretary.

Milford, Pa., May 11, 1903.

A Startling Test

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of North Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked by violent hemorrhages caused by ulceration of stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at all drug stores.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Alfred Marvin, Esq., of Matamoras was in town Tuesday.

James W. Pinchot of New York is visiting Grey Towers this week.

Miss Bertha Williamson expects soon to go to Washington and Virginia with the two lady patients in her care.

Mrs. Melius of Bridgeport, Ct., is expected in town in a couple of days and will occupy the cottage next to Sawkill House.

Ira B. Rosenkrans of Greeley was in town Tuesday. Time is dealing kindly with the Lackawaxen, veteran ex-County Commissioner.

S. F. White and family of New York arrived at their cottage on lower Harford street a few days ago where they will pass the summer.

Clyde Kipp, who has been attending school the past winter at Waymart, returned home last Saturday and has entered the employ of Hotel Fauchere.

Mrs. J. D. Biddis and daughter, Patty, of Washington expect to spend the summer as usual in town, but Miss Helen R. will go to Europe soon for the season.

Mrs. Helen E. Heller, who has spent part of the winter in New York returned home last week. Her daughter, Mrs. Justin Lanchantin, is now visiting with her.

County Superintendent of Schools Lucian Westbrook is visiting in the upper part of the county this week. A notice of teachers examinations to be held by him appears elsewhere.

Littlefield, a member of a family which formerly resided up near Sawkill, returned this week after having resided in New York for many years and will make their home at Sawkill.

R. V. R. Stuyvesant of New York, who for many years has been a summer visitor here is domiciled in the cottage of Miss Fannie Dimmick and while expecting to make only a brief visit will probably be here until next Christmas.

A Caustic Editorial

Under the caption "Gov. Pennypacker's self-betrayal," the Philadelphia Press says: "We are profoundly grieved, for Governor Pennypacker's own sake, that he has made the irretrievable mistake of signing the Grady-Salus libel bill and adding to that wrong the still greater folly of an unspeakably shallow, silly and wrong-headed message of attempted justification. In one sense his act is not a surprise. His feelings have long been known. He has been weak enough to expose his wounds openly to all the world. His festering sores have been all too plain. But we could not believe that he would permit his personal grievance to blind him to all other considerations so far as to betray him into a grave public wrong, into open disregard of solemn constitutional obligations, not unworthy methods and artifices and into disengenuous extenuation which in many parts is so puerile as to be beneath contempt."

This vigorous language from a paper which urged him as a candidate because of his ability, sterling sense of uprightness and justice and freedom from bias or prejudice and his unswerving adherance to principles of right. It was said he could not be swerved from duty by the gang behind behind him and which procured his nomination. He was a rara avis. His was a case where the stream was higher than its source and could not be polluted.

It now says "this measure, now made law, had a double source and a double import. The governor wanted it in the hope of escaping from the inescapable cartoons. The Gang wanted it in the hope of muzzling the opposition to jobs. The Gang played on the governor's weakness for its own purpose, and the governor sanctioned the Gang's methods of passing the bill for his own ends." "The ineffaceable stain which will ever rest on the name of the governor is this: That because of a petty personal grievance, he stulified his own record, sanctioned these public crimes, and joined in the enactment of a law armed at the liberty of the press."

Quick Arrest

J. A. Gulledge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing twenty-four tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflamation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at all drug stores.

PENNYPACKER GEMS

Sayings Which Rival Those of Smelfungus—He Inaugurates a New School of Literature

Following are a few extracts from our simple governors approval of the Salus-Grady libel bill:

"A mayor of our chief city has been called a traitor, a senator of the United States has been denounced as a yokel with sodden brain, and within the last quarter of a century two Presidents of the United States have been murdered, and in each instance the cause was easily traceable to inflammatory and careless newspaper utterance.

"A cartoon in a daily journal of May 2 defines the question with entire precision. An ugly little dwarf representing the governor of the commonwealth stands on a crude stool. The stool is subordinate to and placed alongside of a huge printing press with wheels as large as those of an ox team, and all are so arranged as to give the idea that when the press starts the stool and its occupant will be thrown to the ground. Put into words, the cartoon asserts to the world that the press is above the law and greater in strength than the government.

"No self-respecting people will permit such an attitude to be long maintained. In England, a century ago, the offender would have been drawn and quartered and his head stuck upon a pole without the gates. In America today this is the kind of arrogance which 'goeth before a fall.'

"Bishops, too, hurry into print without investigation, and with only such information as comes from muddy sources, to express their disregard for those whom the people have enrusted with authority.

"It is sad to reflect that some historian of 500 years hence, misled by what he reads, will probably study the statesman whom he knew to be able and strong, generous and kindly, keeping his promises and paying his debts, and depict him with the features of an owl and the propensities of a Nero or Caligula.

"For continual, persistent public violation of the law, the publication so offending may be abated by the courts as a public nuisance.

"When during the War of the Rebellion a New York journal forged a proclamation with the name of the President attached to it, to the great injury of the nation, then in the midst of a struggle for life, Mr. Lincoln promptly suppressed the publication. The liberty of the press to scatter injurious falsehood no more bound him than the withes bound Samson. He established a precedent which no doubt will be followed in the future should a like occasion demand it.

SYMPATHIZES WITH PUSEY

"An upright and worthy gentleman, trained to the law, who has worn a sword in the service of his country, and who bears a name honored in Pennsylvania for more than two hundred years, because of its connection with an impressive and heroic event, is sent by the people to the Legislature, and in the performance of his duty and upon the responsibility of his oath, introduces a proper bill which is not agreeable to the press

"It is not shown that the bill would be harmful or unwise. The policy is not confronted with argument pointing out its error or weakness But some outcast is hired to pervert his name from Pusey into 'Pussy' and to draw contorted cats which are scattered broadcast over the land, in the hope that the vile and vulgar will snicker at his wife and children when they pass.

"If it was not so read, then undoubtedly there was a failure upon the part of the House to perform its duty. Whenever, however, the bill is signed by the President of the Senate and the speaker of the House it is an official certainty that it has been passed in accordance with the constitutional requirements, and the rule governing the action of those bodies.

"In the present case there was more than the usual opportunity given for preliminary discussion by the people Some such legislation was recommended in the inaugural address.

"The future is ever uncertain, and the easy way to avoid the dangers ahead is to stand still."

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

Forty years ago tomorrow, May 16, 1860, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency.

A couple of photographers from New York have been taking pictures this week of residences and interiors of business places in Milford.

The value of shale as a good road maker where the use is constant may be seen now on the Port Jervis highway. It is covered with a powder several inches deep.

A slight blaze was started Tuesday afternoon in the weather boards of the Dispatch building by the muffler of the kerosene engine becoming overheated. The fire department got out promptly but was not called into service.

Ann, widow of the late Ollis B. Gorden at one time sheriff of Monroe county and who was a brother of Jervis Gorden formerly of Milford now of Port Jervis, died at the home of her daughter in Scranton last week aged 90 years. The remains were interred in the Stroudsburg cemetery.

Defending the Press

In 1830 Charles X of France signed an ordinance by which the liberty of the periodical press was suspended. The proprietors and editors of the chief opposition papers consulted the most eminent lawyers, who gave their opinion that the ordinance was not legal, and ought not to be submitted to. Forty-four conductors of newspapers signed a protest in which they declared their intention to resist the ordinance. The government said: "This protest hath this day lost that character of legality which commands obedience. We resist it." There was occasionally a cry in the streets of "Long live the Charter! Down with the ministers!" The next day a more ominous cry went forth. "Up with Liberty! Down with the Bourbons!" Sentinals were placed around the offices of the four principal newspapers to prevent their sale, but they were thrown out of the windows, then the presses were broken. Then followed the three terrible days of July—the revolution against the family of Bourbons and the uncrowning of Charles X.—Knight's England.

At New York in 1734 a newspaper was established to defend the popular cause, its printer, Zenger, was imprisoned on the charge of publishing false and malicious libels. At the trial the publishing was confessed, but the aged Andrew Hamilton of Philadelphia, pleading for Zenger, justified the publication by asserting its truth, "You cannot be admitted," interrupted the chief justice, "to give the truth of a libel in evidence." Then said Hamilton to the jury, "we appeal to you for witnesses of the facts. The jury have the right to determine both the law and the facts and they ought to do so." (He plead for the cause of liberty) "the liberty of opposing arbitrary power by speaking and writing the truth." The jury gave their verdict, "not guilty." The people of the colonies exulted A patriot of the Revolution esteemed this trial to have been the morning star of the American Revolution.—Bancroft's History of U. S.

Republican Primary

There being no contest a light vote was cast at the republican primary held last Saturday. The result by townships, five of which held no election, was as follows:

NAMES OF CANDIDATES	Blooming Grove	Delaware	Dingman	Milford Borough	Shohola	Westfall	TOTAL
COUNTY COMMITTEEMEN							
J. C. Prescott	6	12	4	15	11	13	61
H. Watts	6	12	4	15	11	13	61
F. H. Thrall	6	12	4	15	11	13	61
W. A. H. Mitchell	6	9	4	15	11	13	58
R. G. Barckley	6	12	4	15	11	13	61
E. T. Riviere	5	12	4	15	11	13	60
J. W. Kissel	6	11	4	15	11	13	60
JURY COMMISSIONER							
John S. Dumont	6	11	4	15	11	13	60
JUDICIAL CONFEREES							
Alfred Marvin	6	12	4	15	11	13	61
DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION							
J. B. Shoemaker	3	12	4	15	11	13	58

The Best Liniment

"I have derived great benefit from the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and lumbago," says Mrs. Anna Hagelgans, of Tuckanoe N. J. "My husband used it for a sprained back and was also quickly relieved. In fact it is the best family liniment I have ever used. I have recommended it to many and they always speak very highly of it and declare its merits wonderful" For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

SUPPOSING A CASE

It May Easily Happen and in That Event What Would be Done to Maintain the Road

Suppose Matamoras should conclude for various reasons, among them the aid it would afford the proposed new water company, to become incorporated as a borough. In that event she would work her streets and would not work the road through the township toward Milford say four miles or more, and practically the only money to work the road would be from a few farmers along the road. The road has been worked for many years in about the same way each year and observation does not disclose that it is any wider or that it has improved. Matamoras furnishes considerable tax towards its maintenance, now take that away and leave only the taxes from the farms along it to keep it in repair and its condition can be easily foreseen. The road in Milford township would be perhaps a fair illustration. The Port Jervis road introduces strangers to the valley, over it comes all our supplies, it is our artery to reach the railroad. It should be excellent in all respects and should be made permanently good. Travel on it increases and the additional servitude imposed brings greater necessity for better and more lasting work. This matter should arrest the attention of the citizens of this town and also people down the valley. It may be a very near problem how to maintain this road in suitable condition. If there is anything in the new road law which may furnish a solution the proper parties should promptly set the machinery in motion to obtain the benefit. If Matamoras incorporates the question of this road will be one for home consideration.

Forest Fires

Last Sunday evening about 5.30 a fire started along the road near the house of Theodore Bosler in Dingman which swept over all the woods lying between the two roads and the Pinchot and Gregory places. A large force of men by backfiring succeeded in keeping the fire from Beslers buildings. No doubt the fire originated in sheer carelessness or perhaps worse. During the past week the whole territory lying on the head waters of the Vandermark, Deep Brook and down nearly to the town burned. Fire also swept over a large scope in Dingman township burning all the woods between the road from Quinns to Sawkill and the turnpike, including lands of W. T. Struble on which there were a number of ties cut, the Quinn lands, Jas. Buist's woods, Sheriff Vandermark's place destroying his fences as also fences of Chas. Stichler, crossing the turnpike and burning over a part of the woodland of John C. Beck. Just at this season the fire is particularly deadly to young timber. The bark is loose and a fire is sure death. Thousands of acres in this country will be entirely denuded of growth. There were many tracts where the young timber was starting nicely which will now be entirely barren.

The State Lands

The state now has 42,382 acres of land in this county and 8,282 in Monroe. The total number of acres owned in the commonwealth is 572,722. The land in Pike has, of all the large woods owned by the state, the least altitude above sea-level, probably on an average six hundred feet lower than the Pocono plateau on the east side of which it lies.

Real Estate Transfers

Aseoath V. Langton to Nellie M. Langton, lot 456, Matamoras, $1.

G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to E. T. Riviere, part of Thomas Ruston, No. 219, Lehman, 143 acres, tax.

Robert Vennie to Edward Kelly, 135 acres, Blooming Grove.

John C. Beck to Jacob McCarty, undivided interests in lands in Dingman, McCarty estate, $609.25.

Died

May 12, 1903, at Milford, Pa., Edward Herbert Noyes, late of New York city, N. Y. Funeral Thursday afternoon. Private.

Made Young Again

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They are the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25 at all drug stores.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Gypsies have arrived.

How often a mountain is made out of a mole hill!

Mrs. T V. Coe of Montague was a visitor over here Wednesday.

The White cottage on lower Harford street is open for the season.

Some wag has said that Thomas Armstrong gives away the best cigars in town.

Mrs. Amelia Rosenkrans of Newton visited her sister, Mrs. K. R. Van Auken, this week.

If ever a person needed pulling in, the woman who indulged in such fancy driving on our streets Tuesday evening did.

After a long rest our fire department has been called out twice in a week. Fortunately their services were not needed.

Forest fires have been worse and done more damage this spring in the nearby townships than ever before. How do they start?

One week from Sunday evening Rev. V. A. Wood will preach a patriotic sermon to Col. Nyce Post, G. A. R., in the M. E. church.

J. A. Watts and H. Ludwig took a ride over some of the good? roads on the other side of the river last Sunday. The road from Hainesville down to J. B. Fullers is a "peach" and deserves a medal or a coat of gravel.

The street sprinkler is kept busy. If it continues dry all summer as it has for the past month one machine won't be enough.

The town council has ordered a steel cage to use for a lock-up.

Bridge building, garden making, shad and trout fishing all at once makes help very scarce. How would it be if W. V. H. should take a notion to build his R. R. now?

NEW-FANGLED SCHOOLS

They taught him to hemstitch and they taught him how to sing,
And how to make a basket out of variegated string,
And how to fold a paper so he wouldn't hurt his thumb,
They taught a lot to Bertie, but he couldn't do a sum.

They taught him how to mould the head of Hercules in clay,
And how to tell the diff'rence 'twixt the bluebird and the jay,
And how to sketch a horsie in a little picture frame,
But strangly they forgot to teach him how to spell his name.

Now, Bertie's pa was cranky, and he went one day to find
What 'twas they did that made his son so backward in the mind.
"I don't want Bertie wrecked," he cried, his temperature far from cool,
"I want him educated!" so he took him out of school.

—Newark News.

War Clouds Loom in the Far East

Notwithstanding that Russia has assured the world that she has no ulterior designs on Manchuria, she is now extensively fortifying Niuchuang in Manchuria and Japan is preparing to fight. It is stated that the state department is only waiting advice from the president before protesting vigorously against Russia's action. Negotiations thus far have been hampered by the inability of the United States to act jointly with other powers without violating its traditional policy, but it now suggested that some plan of co operation with Japan and England will be followed which will have the effect of convincing Russia that England, Japan and the United States are determined that Russia shall evacuate Manchuria, as proposed.

Colonist Rates to the West

The Erie Railroad will sell daily until June 14th, one way colonist tickets from Port Jervis to most all points in Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, at very low rates of fare. A postal to the Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, will bring by return mail any desired information.

The college of music at Freeburg, Pa., is in session with the largest attendance of any previous Summer term, and to continue without vacation until the holidays. Pupils admitted any day for a term of six or more weeks, Piano, Organ, Singing, Band and String instruments taught. For Catalogue address, with stamp.

5-29 HENRY B. MOYER,

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