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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

It is doubtful if a greater compliment than that implied by the generous endorsement of President Roosevelt's candidacy to succeed himself. Fifteen states, represented by 450 votes in the national convention, have already endorsed, in state convention, the candidacy of Mr. Roosevelt and the action of the Ohio convention, which is assured, will add 46 votes to the total number. There will be 985 votes in the national convention so that 493 will be required to nominate. The states which have already declared for President Roosevelt are, Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Minnesota, New York, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Washington, Illinois and Pennsylvania. Ohio will add its endorsement this week and the following have pledged their support through their state chairmen California, Michigan, Maine, Tennessee, Kentucky, Colorado, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Idaho, Oregon, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, West Virginia, Nebraska and Montana. These will add 280 votes to the above number making a grand total of 730 votes, or 237 more than enough to nominate, pledged to President Roosevelt more than a year in advance of the nominating convention.

The clearing of the political situation the acquiescence of Senator Hanna to the inevitable, following the president's bold and characteristic announcement that he who is not with me is against me, have all combined to constitute an incident which is the occasion of the greatest satisfaction to the president's friends as it has demonstrated his wide spread popularity beyond all question. The reluctance of shrewd democratic politicians to permit the use of their names as presidential possibilities is also regarded as a most encouraging sign, as it clearly indicates that the next democratic candidate will, in their opinion, be but a vicarious sacrifice on the altar of democratic harmony.

Representative John A. T. Hull, of the seventh Iowa district, has just arrived in Washington and he assures your correspondent that there is not a trace of factionalism left in the republican ranks in Iowa. Senator Allison "the great pacificator," has drafted the tariff plank which will be submitted to the convention and has shown it to representatives of every shade of tariff opinion in the state and it meets with the approval of all. The clause which refers to "the shelter of monopoly" had been eliminated but that which proclaims the propriety of revising the schedules from time to time, as changing conditions warrant is retained. Mr. Hull is on his way to West Point as he is a member of the congressional committee selected to visit the military academy.

The most startling and sensational development in the postoffice scandal has occurred within the past week. August W. Machen, general superintendent of free delivery, has been dismissed for malfeasance in office, has been arrested, charged with accepting a bribe estimated at \$22,000 and has been released on bail to the amount of \$20,000. The arrest of Machen breaks the ring which has long looted the government through postoffice channels, believing themselves secure because of the political influence which they had created by a lavish use of the federal funds. Other and almost as sensational arrests are promised in the near future and it is believed the end is now in sight. The detection of Machen's criminality was accomplished by what Postmaster General Payne describes as the cleverest piece of detective work in his experience. No word was breathed to any official by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, regarding the trail which the inspectors had struck, until the chain of evidence was complete and Machen had virtually broken down under the searching questioning to which he had been subjected by Bristow and his assistants. The facts were then laid before the postmaster general who signed the required request for a warrant for Machen's arrest.

The credit for the present investigation is due to Robert J. Wynne, first assistant postmaster general and a personal appointee of President Roosevelt. Mr. Wynne long ago discovered that affairs in the division

of free delivery were not properly conducted and so reported to the president and the postmaster general. Mr. Bristow was then ordered to begin the present investigation and the postmaster general is laud in his praise of the thorough manner in which Mr. Bristow has conducted this difficult and delicate undertaking. As far back as last December, the Washington Times preferred grave charges against Machen and other officials of the postoffice department. The Star, another local publication, repudiated the charges and strong influence secured the dropping of the subject by the Times. The Star, it may be remarked, is the owner of an office building in which the postoffice department is an extensive and generous tenant. In January, the president learned some of the facts and ordered the investigation which has already resulted in removing a number of unworthy officials from the postal service.

Great interest attaches to a rumor that Senator Quay is about to retire from active politics. The rumor was received with little credence until it became known that Mr. Quay had absented himself from the state convention and had permitted Senator Penrose to be elected state chairman. The convention enthusiastically endorsed President Roosevelt and the policy of protection.

The president has taken a step likely to promote good feeling between the United States and Germany by ordering that the European fleet proceed to Kiel to participate in the great naval regatta to be held there in June. This action of the president will, it is believed, disarm that section of the German press which has been diligent in its protestations that the United States had spurned the friendly advance of the Kaiser on every possible occasion. It will be remembered that the president was obliged to decline the invitation extended for the visit of the North Atlantic squadron to Kiel, some time ago.

Greatest Hoard of Gold in World
Nearly one thousand three hundred tons of gold lie today in the vaults of the Treasury of the United States—the greatest hoard of the yellow metal ever gathered in the history of the world. Four hundred tons of this gold are piled, like bags of salt, within the four walls of the sub-treasury in Wall-street, New York. Outside the treasury hoard there is in circulation through the country a nearly equal amount of gold coin, making more than two thousand five hundred tons of gold in the United States bearing the imprint of the eagle. The value of this coin is more than \$1,260,000,000.

Real Estate Transfers
Jacob Blum to William Wendt, 22 acres, Shohola, part of George Hess, \$300.
Bato Wood to Christian Andrusen, 4 acres, Lackawaxen, \$800.
John A. Simpson to Thos Soales and wife, lot 328, Matamoras, \$1200.
William J. Collier to Theodore Shafer, 2 acres, Westfall, \$1150.

Gifford Pinchot to The Independent School District of Milford, 4 lots, on Harford street, \$1600.
The Independent School District of Milford to Thomas Armstrong, 3 lots, on Catharine street, \$1901.

Unclaimed Letters.
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending June 5, 1903:
Mrs. W. D. Deyhne, Miss Louisa Coats, Union House, Mr. E. P. Smith (5), James Safford.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Shilling Evidence
Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequaled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland Bentorville, Va., serves as example. He writes: "I had bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all lung and throat troubles, consumption, pneumonia and grip. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c, and \$1.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

F. P. Sawyer of Chicago visited in town a couple of days this week. Charles Constance Tyler, wife and son are guests at the Orisman House.

Mrs. Geo. R. Jennings and daughter of New York were guests with the family of A. D. Brown a few days recently. Those who went on the excursion last Sunday to Binghamton from here were Dunham Gregory and son, Lewis, Albert Helms, Stanton Sipple and George Smith.

Miss Lulla White has gone for a visit of several days to New York. She accompanied her grand mother who returned home Monday from a visit with her son here, F. F. White.

Invitations are issued for the marriage of Miss Jessie Tyler King and William Mayne of New York which event will occur June 24 at the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church in Brooklyn.

Gifford Pinchot was in town this week and while here the transfer of the lots on Harford street, for the new school house was made to the directors of the Independent School District of Milford for a consideration of \$1600.

Among those in town over Decoration day were E. L. Van Etten of New York, employed in the claim department of the Metropolitan Street Railway company, who was a guest with his daughter, Mrs. Chas. G. Wood, Vivian Struthers of New York and R. F. Loesch of New York.

Hon. E. Hornbeck of Philadelphia, a former associate judge of this county, was in town a day this week. The judge is looking very well and evidently the world is kind to him. He was accompanied by his son, Ross, who resides with him and also a son, J. Frazier, of Hancock, N. Y.

Miss Helen Ruth Biddis of Washington sailed Tuesday on the steamship Etruria for Europe where she will spend the summer. She is accompanied by a number of the faculty and students of Washington College in which institution she is a teacher. Her friends here wish her a bon voyage.

Floods and Fires Devastate
A terrible flood in connection with a fine devastated North Topeka, Kansas, last Saturday. Upwards of 200 people were killed or drowned and there and at Kansas City the pecuniary loss is enormous and will run up into several million dollars. Thousands of animals were drowned and tons and tons of freight and express matter which had been accumulating at the stations for several days on account of the floods were destroyed. Fires broke out and could not be fought and all along the Kansas river the destruction has been enormous and the number of lives lost will likely never be known. People were forced into tree tops and to roofs of houses and many starved and finally fell into the raging waters or were burned.

Measles
It is of great importance that the public as well as those of the profession should be made aware that "next to scarlet fever, measles is the most serious of the diseases of childhood in its after effects. Deafness is not uncommon result and consumption is another. Convalescence from measles is the most important stage, hence the need of watchfulness. Again, if possible a child should be protected from this disease, as the older it is when it is attacked the better able is it to resist the disease. After fourth year the mortality is much less, hence the advantage of preventing such attacks."

Making Improvements
John A. Watis has about completed a large extension to his already commodious Vantine. This was made necessary by the prospects of an excellent season. The house is finely located in a sequestered place just outside the borough limits and is one of the most delightful places in this section in which to spend the heated term. The water user by adds materially to the attraction.

Drives in Desperation
Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, cuts, wounds, sprains, etc. Lay is a supply of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It's the best on earth. 25c at all druggists.

JUNE TERM OF COURT

Business Transacted of a Routine Nature—Jury Called for Next October

The regular June term of court held Monday was presided over by Judge Erdman and Associates Brown and Englehart.

Constables making returns were: Blooming Grove—Lavi Lord, Delaware—Charles Person, Dingman—Julius W. Kiesel, Greens—O. E. Simons, Lackawaxen—Ross Rosenorans, Milford Borough—Stacy Fuller, Milford Township—C. Hermau, Palmyra—J. N. DeGroat, Porter—George Miller, Shohola—George Burgard, Westfall—B. C. Totten.

Constable Totten reported A. W. Balch, Sr., Erasmus Balch, Fred Rose and J. C. Rose as refusing without reasonable cause to furnish assistance to fight fires.

The Porter constable reported the roads in bad condition and the Delaware constable reported the road from Deep Hollow to Coles in bad condition.

The accounts of Lena C. Quirk, executrix of P. A. L. Quirk, dec'd; and of Louis C. Hess, administratrix of John Hess, deceased, were confirmed n. s., and the accounts of Barbara Krause, administratrix of Herman Krause dec'd; of Rev. J. W. Treis, executor of Jennie Heath, and Hannah L. Van Gordon, administratrix of Randal Van Gordon, dec'd, were confirmed absolute.

Boaler vs. Huffman. Certiorari to docket of H. L. Canne, justice of peace. Exceptions filed.

Sheriff acknowledged deeds to Lena C. Quirk, executrix for land in Westfall sold as the property of Hugh F. Van Horn, consideration \$550; to Otto Zoellner for lands in Shohola sold as the property of Zoellners, consideration \$75, and to Mary Donahue for lands in Westfall sold as the property of J. P. Donahue, consideration \$100.

Report of viewers on bridge across Westfall's creek in Lackawaxen, on bridge across Sawkill near Gordon's dam confirmed absolute and report of viewers on bridge over Wallen Paupae near Cromwelltown n. s.

Private road in Delaware to house of Charlotte Dingman and private road in Shohola to house of C. Weber confirmed.

Reports of auditors in estates of Elicia V. Quirk, estate of Jacob Ellwanger confirmed n. s. and absolute in 4 days if no exceptions are filed and in estate of Ruth S. Hill, deceased in 10 days if no exceptions are filed.

Cankey vs. Cankey, Divorce. Examiners continued.

D. B. Allen appointed guardian of Carl Francis Kelly, bond, \$2000. Commonwealth vs. Jas. N. Brink, Surety of the peace. Chas. D. Huffman, prosecutor. Court sentenced each to pay half the cost.

Almer Terwilliger vs. H. I. Cortright. Alias rule to plead granted. Court adjourned to Aug. 12 at 2 p. m.

Golden Wedding Celebration
J. C. Chamberlain and wife have invited a few friends to assist in celebrating the golden anniversary of their wedding June eleventh. It hardly seems possible that Father Time, who has been so generous in his dealings with this couple, has so often turned his glass since they were united. They show little evidences of his advances, but while he has added physical burdens, are just as young in spirit as they ever were. It is a happy thing when the holly of life does not wither and its leaves remain green and fresh. We wish the cheerful couple many returns of the day.

Births and Deaths
The semi-annual reports of assessors filed up to June 1, 1903, show birth and deaths as follows:

| | male | female | Deaths |
|---------------|------|--------|--------|
| Delaware | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Dingman | 4 | 4 | - |
| Lehman | 6 | 9 | 4 |
| Milford Boro. | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Milford Twp. | 1 | 1 | - |
| Shohola | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Westfall | 4 | 7 | 11 |

That Throbbing Headache
Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for sick and nervous headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by all druggists.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Ten car loads of Pike county shale have been ordered for use on Ball street in Port Jervis.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, which met at Los Angeles, Cal., last week, voted for revision of the creed.

Fifty-four patents were granted to Pennsylvania inventors last week. They cover a wide range of devices from a fishing rod holder to a rail road car.

Though there is comparatively little work for a jury yet it was deemed necessary to issue venire for October term and in consequence there will be a jury court then.

A tornado swept over Gainesville, Ga., Monday which razed one hundred cottages took two stories off a large cotton mill, wrecked several stores and killed about one hundred people.

The opening dance of the season at the Grand View Hotel last Saturday evening was well attended and those present enjoyed the pleasure of tripping to the music of Spring's orchestra.

Judge Erdman at the last term of court particularly interrogated the constables as to whether there had been any violations of the pure food laws or sales of renovated butter in their bailiwicks.

Mrs. Herman Krauser, residing in Dingman township, died at her home last Friday and was buried Tuesday in the Delaware cemetery. Her age was about 55 years. She is survived by her husband.

The Pennsylvania State Educational Association meets at Wilkes-barre June 30, July 1 and 2. A fine program is offered, and there will no doubt be a large gathering of teachers and friends of education.

Kate Taylor, who was tried at Monticello last week for the murder of her husband, was convicted and sentenced to be electrocuted during the week beginning July 5th. An appeal will be taken. She received the sentence with stoical indifference.

George R. Jennings, whose family formerly resided here, is interested in a patent window shade which seems to be a very handy arrangement. It is said he has large contracts to supply the government buildings in Washington and also the Flatiron building in New York.

The bills for fighting forest fires filed with the county commissioners so far aggregate as follows: Dingman, \$110; Shohola, \$9; Lackawaxen, \$34.66; Milford township, \$48.01; Westfall, \$97.59; Greens, \$340.20; total \$640.20. And there are probably more to come.

The Kind to Grow

For some years a potato, semi-aquatic, and originally grown in Uruguay, has been cultivated in the neighborhood of Marselles. M. Hecker, director of the Colonial Institute, of that city, has made a report to the French minister of agriculture on the subject, in which he says that the growing of the potato in question, which he calls the "commercion," is a most promising industry. It has gradually become sweet, large and mealy under cultivation, defies frost and has notable foliage, the cutting of which does not diminish the number of tubers. Moreover, the "commercion" keeps well, it does not rot, rats do not eat it, and the plant is not subject to potato diseases. But what is most wonderful of all is that the common potato bug quickly dies after feeding off its foliage.

Democrats and a Third Term

It is probably a little late, in view of the sudden deflation of the Cleveland boom, but it is nevertheless interesting to note the declaration of the democratic house of representatives in 1875 against presidential third terms. The resolution offered by Mr. Springer of Illinois was as follows: Resolved, That in the opinion of this house the precedent established by Washington and other Presidents of the United States in retiring from the presidential office after their second term has become by universal concurrence a part of our republican system of government and that any departure from this honored custom would be unwise, unpatriotic, and fraught with peril to our free institutions.

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.

FOREST RESERVATIONS

Will Make Excellent Homes for Sufferers With Pulmonary Disease

In the May number of Public Health, a monthly journal of sanitation, Dr. J. T. Mothrock, commissioner of forestry, publishes an article on the "Highlands of Pennsylvania in Relation to Pulmonary Tuberculosis." He shows the great benefit invalids suffering from that disease may derive by living in the open air both summer and winter on some of the high lands of the "State Forest Reservations." He has tested the out door treatment in the Monroe and Pike county regions and in the Adams and Franklin county region of the South Mountain and in both places the experiments have been eminently satisfactory. He cites a case a man who weighed in July only 115 pounds and was far gone with consumption. He lived in the open air, subsisted on milk, eggs and fresh meat, in winter slept in a room open on all sides, in all kinds of weather, often shoveling snow from the floor of the room, and in the spring weighed 140 pounds and had taken almost no medicine. The treatment has been continued and he is now practically a sound man. The genial doctor is quite enthusiastic over the matter and thinks that a wonderful healing power lies in these elevations and they may prove of inestimable benefit to sufferers from pulmonary troubles.

Commencement Exercises

The program of exercises of the graduating class of Milford High School which were given in Brown's Hall, Tuesday evening, was as follows: Piano Solo, Miss Lulu Jarboe "Hearts and Flowers" Invocation, Rev. V. A. Wood Violin Solo, Prof. W. Raab, Jr. "Bird of Paradise" Salutatory, Miss Emma Kreiger Class History and Prophecy, Miss Lenora Degen Presenter, Joseph F. Wolf Valedictory, Miss Beale Armstrong Presentation of Diplomas, G. A. Swoopster, Pres. of S. B. Address to Graduates, Rev. E. M. Smead Violin Solo, Prof. Wm. Raab, Jr. "Kulawick"

The Grammar Department. Schochopee school and both the Primary and Secondary departments also participated. The affair passed off very pleasantly and all acquitted themselves to the satisfaction of their teachers and friends.

Birds Around the House

The Pennsylvania department of agriculture has just issued a circular entitled "Birds Around the Farm." The illustrations are by Mrs. H. A. Surface and show different styles of cheap but ornamental nest boxes which may be put up. The circular treats of nesting sites, the economic value of birds, their destruction and preservation and the educational value of bird study. It is of interest as showing the great benefit which birds bring to the farmer by their destruction of noxious insects, worms and grubs. Were there no birds the earth would not be habitable for mankind and yet men do comparatively little to protect them while women offer a premium for their annihilation by paying large sums for their plumeage with which to bedeck their headgear.

OBITUARY

GEORGE B. HOWELL

Mr. Howell, who resided for many years in Dingman township, near Raymondskill, and subsequently removed to Port Jervis where he lived for several years, died Friday evening, May 23, at the home of his brother, James N., at Pen Argyll, aged about 83 years. Four brothers, Charles of New York, Thomas N. of Hawley, and James N. and Foster, and one sister, Mary P., wife of John H. McCarty of Raymondskill, survive. The funeral was held Tuesday.

The Iowa item with which the country is most familiar, and which will prevail next year, is to roll up a tremendous republican majority.

If troubled with rheumatism, give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one-third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinine, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price, 25c and 50 cents. Balm & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county. 25c 50

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Among the Decoration day visitors in town I noticed Edward L. Van Etten, Vivian Struthers and John Radcliffe of New York.

Col. Nyce Post G. A. R. did not attend to the decoration of the graves in a body as usual. Their number being so small.

A runaway, a little scrap in town, and a horse getting fast on the Delaware bridge were among the excitements last week.

Dan's auto ought to go but it didn't Saturday morning.

So the letting of the contract for the building of the new school house had to be done over again, H. L. Canne refusing to sign. Now is that the end or is there something else which will hinder the work. Some think the old school building was sold too soon, but may be it can be rented.

Three motor bikes went up Broad street last Sunday. What a noise they made.

There is a great difference in autos being run through our streets. Some chauffeurs run slowly and very carefully while some, well—simply own the earth.

Every available horse in town was in use last Saturday and Sunday and the demand was greater than the supply.

The Dimmock house had sixty-five guests over Decoration day and the other hotels had their usual share. Hotel Fauchere being compelled to turn several away.

Some people not habitual church goers often say I enjoy a good sermon. Now if there were any in attendance at the M. E. church of that class they could not help but enjoy the sermon preached by the Rev. V. A. Wood to the graduates.

Judge Charles DeKay Townsend and family are again domiciled in their cottage on upper Harford street for the summer.

Well! The small boy is happy now, schools are closed and the strain of the closing exercises is over.

Peter Hance limps very badly. Cause, a badly sprained ankle.

While one part of our great and glorious country is suffering from floods, another is scorched for want of rain.

H. & L., No. 1, will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening. Rev. E. J. Perot and wife spent this week in the city of brotherly love.

LIFE

Life is only a delicate line
The filling out is ours
The lattice 'round which clings the vine
That bears the lovely flowers.

Nothing but a pure, white line,
We make it what we will
The thought that 'round our soul entwines
Are either good or ill.

Only a tiny, faintest line,
When it faints the masters hand
If guided by his love divine
'Twill gloriously expand.

To nobly enfold the fair, white line,
Should be the work of each
So that our lives may ever shine
And God's love daily teach.

Today is ours, The fair, pure line
Tonight, what will it show?
What is the record? Yours and mine,
Oh badly soiled, I trow.

To follow close the pure, white line,
Is often hard I know,
When everything seems to combine
Your faith to overthrow.

But he who gave the pure, white line
His aid will ever lend,
Just go to him, He'll not decline
To help you to the end.

He'll help you keep the pure, white line
So pure and fresh and fair
'Twill be an easy to define
Without a thought or care.

Then take and keep the pure, white line,
Your aim shall be forgiven,
Kedure what comes, today is thine
And leave the rest with heaven.
Milford, June, 1903.

Of course if Mr. Cleveland really foresaw that his boom would just naturally die, it was an economy of labor for him to omit the snuffing process.

Worst of all Experiences

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length it was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For liver, kidney, stomach and bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by all druggists.