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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Secretary Hay has left Washington and is visiting his daughter at Newport. Just before he left Washington he said to a visitor that he had one thing more to do before leaving the city and that was to make up his war calendar. Noting his visitor's surprise he explained, "I am driven to this extremity by the newspapers, which are bound to plunge our country into war with somebody at every turn. The other morning it was with Germany because the report had gotten out that the order for the naval visit to Kiel had been countermanded. Today, I believe, it is with Russia because of an unexpected snub for the Jewish note, tomorrow it is liable to be with England because of Heaven knows what—the fall of a American stock on the London Exchange, maybe. Now the trouble with reports, especially during the warm weather when ordinary news is dull, is that they don't always agree as they should, and then they get us into so many fights at once that it would severely tax our resources to carry them all through to victory. "It struck me not long ago that it would simplify matters if we arranged a uniform program in this line for some little time in advance. I have noticed that a story or an explanation 'by authority' is always cordially welcomed by the press; so, why should I not get up a summer schedule of foreign wars before I leave town, print it in attractive style with 'By authority' in large letters in the corner and hand it out to the newspaper representatives in Washington. It could be arranged in the form of a calendar, with a separate page for each month, and I could string prognostications along the outer margin of the page, as they used to in the old farmers almanacs. For example, between the last and the 15th of July I could have a marginal legend like this: About this time look out for hostilities with Turkey. "Between the 16th and the 31st I could forecast: Stock up with Parisian goods before ports close. War with France is imminent, and between the 1st and 15th of August: 'United States will land more marines in Venice; Italian Ambassador at Washington will demand passports. Great idea isn't it? I have taken out no patent on it, but I may apply for one. I could call it an 'apparatus for regulating foreign war and procuring intermittent comfort for American cabinet officers'."

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THE REASON WHY

Just now the question uppermost, in the mind of each good pastor, is why the men don't come to church, and fill the pews up faster. Well, sir, it truly seems to me, The reason lies within. Within the church old Satan stands. The victory sure to win. Now pause a moment, please and see, If I'm not talking straight, Between the world and you church folks, Is there a difference great? You're trying hard to understand, And for it find some reason, 'Tis just because your own good flock, Are always playing treason. You say that gambling is a sin. We don't deny it's true, Yet every church within the town, Has a euchre club or two. What is the difference if the men, Sometimes for money play, Or if the ladies for a prize, 'The hours play away? The race track is another crime. A curse unto the land. Yet every time that I go there, And look o'er the grandstand, I venture here in truth to say, You'll surely get a greeting, From more church members at the race, Than you ever will in meeting. Some fancy trotters on the track, Are owned by some church deacons, Somehow, upon the road to heaven They don't count much as deacons. They say the men upon our streets, Go reeling up and down, I always thought that Milford was A quiet little town. I never see the drunken men, The pastors tell about, It must be in their earnest zeal They imagine it, no doubt. 'Tis passing strange, I often see That when the church wants money, 'Tis to the men they talk about, She goes as sweet as honey. What matter if behind the bar The silver's in the till? If they can get it, that is all, They never get their fill. I've noticed it for many years, They never ask in vain, Of any hotel man in town, When money is the strain. If you want men to come to church, Just preach the gospel plain, Don't fix it up in fancy dress, That goes against the grain. Men can read sermons every day, And essays small and great, But what they want to hear in church, Is just the Bible straight. Your trouble lies at home, kind sirs, When pastor and when people, Will practice what they preach, the church Will be full to the steeple. Then let the shepherd and the flock Live up to their profession, And then each man outside the fence, Will join the great procession.

It is not likely, however, that the secretary, when making these facetious remarks, anticipated the delicate situation which has arisen in regard to presenting the Jewish petition to the czar. Russia has announced through the Associated Press, that it will not receive any "petition, representation or communication regarding its internal affairs." The United States has met this statement with another to the effect that it can recognize no unofficial or semi-official statement regarding the action of Russia and that the petition, regarding the Jewish massacre at Kishinev, will be forwarded to Saint Petersburg as soon as received. Incidentally the unofficial position of Russia regarding the opening of the Manchurian ports to the United States is mentioned in an "unofficial" statement appended to the foregoing. It is regarded as more than probable that if Russia were to recede from its position regarding the Manchurian situation, the United States might be induced to reconsider its determination to forward the petition which Russia appears to regard obnoxious.

Postmaster General Payne, acting on the advice of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, has taken the first step towards the reorganization of the postal service on a business basis. It has been definitely announced that hereafter the existence of congressional districts will be ignored in the establishment of rural free delivery routes and that such routes will be established only where they will serve at least 100 persons and cover an approximate distance of 25 miles. It is stated that the establishment of routes, irrespective of whether the conditions justified it or not, has grown into a grave abuse, threatening the entire business administration of the postoffice department and this statement is more than borne out by the deficit of the previous year which has been nearly doubled, the total for this year being \$1,617,203. In this connection the remark of an official well posted on the purchase of government supplies is significant. He says that a serious

abuse is the purchase of supplies made by companies in which members of congress are interested. Such interests lead to extravagant appropriations and this official estimates that the total loss to the government from this one source amounts to not less than \$50,000,000 per annum.

The postmaster general has left Washington for a brief rest, as has indeed every cabinet member except Secretary Moody, all taking advantage of the 4th of July to get away from their desks. Meanwhile, First Assistant Postmaster General Payne is acting postmaster general. Before leaving Washington Mr. Payne and Wynne had a long talk and it is now believed that the strained relations which have heretofore existed between Mr. Payne and his First assistant are being dissipated. The chief subjects now under investigation by Mr. Bristow are the contract for sheet-iron letter boxes, which have been substituted for the old-fashioned cast-iron boxes, the painting of these boxes with a patent "aluminum" paint and the General Manufacturing Company which sells upwards of \$400,000 worth of duplicating paper to the government each year, about half that amount being bought by the postoffice department. Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania is known to be a stockholder in this company and it is rumored that Speaker-to-be Cannon is also.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Oscar M. Wells of New York spent the Fourth here with his mother. G. F. Rowland of Lackawanna called on friends here a day this week.

Mrs. W. K. Peters of New York is a guest at the Armstrong Cottage on Ann street.

M. C. Nye and wife of Bushkill spent the Fourth with the family of C. W. Bell, Esq.

Mrs. L. J. Williams of Scranton is visiting with the family of Mrs. Anna M. Mettler.

Henry Boehm of Irvington, N. J., a son-in-law of L. H. Wagner, visited here this week.

E. L. Van Eten of New York was a guest with his daughter, Mrs. C. G. Wood, last Sunday.

Bon. Jacob A. Canlor, president of Manhattan, with his family, is a guest at Hotel Vanchero.

C. T. Ott, who is staying down in Delaware, had his hand badly cut by a piece of crockery yesterday.

Moses Patrick, who for some months has been indisposed, is much worse this week and there are grave fears that his illness may terminate fatally.

F. W. Eilenberger, a prominent business man of Monroe county, an active politician and a large lumber buyer in this section, was here Tuesday.

Emil Bollean of York, Pa., where he is superintendent of a large silk mill, after an absence of some twenty years, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. Irwin of New York, a grand daughter of the late Ex-Sheriff John M. Williamson, is at the Dimmock House for the season. She has been a visitor here for several summers.

Dr. Alexander Hadden of New York, president of the Forest Lake association, and George Kelly and wife of New York were in town Tuesday. They are at present staying at the Lakes, where there are a number of guests, and came down to visit the forestry school.

John W. Nye, Esq., of Caldwell, Kansas, one of the congressional committee which made a successful fight for Hon. Victor Murdock recently elected to the House, was among the guests a few evenings ago at a banquet given by Mr. Murdock. The menu was fine, the speeches excellent and the whole affair most delightful.

Real Estate Transfers
A. D. Brown and others to George Weisbrod and Christian Hess, 1515 acres, Porter township, warrants, Richard Horton, Isaac Joan, James O'Neal and John Louch, also 20 acres, John T. Cross, \$4000.

Alice C. Drake to Leroy E. Kipp, Steinmetz place, Lackawanna \$1000.
Sarah C. Neal to John J. Kennedy, 51 acres, Delaware, part of Francis J. Smith, \$25.

G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to L. H. Brown, four tracts, Porter, Isaac Jayne, 413 acres, John Louch, 475 acres, Richard Horton, 415 and 371 acres seated.

Henry Hartung to Carl Haidle, 103 acres, Dingman, \$950.

A Distinguished Visitor
Mrs. Harrison, widow of the late ex-president, with her little daughter, Elizabeth, is a guest this week with Mr. and Mrs. James W. Pinebark at Grey Towers. She came primarily for a visit and also to arrange for placing a friend in the school of forestry now in session here. She expects to visit West Point and also go to the Adirondacks for part of the summer.

Unclaimed Letters.
Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending July 11, 1903:
Miss Anne Ketch, Mrs. Raymond Madden, W. E. Conitryman, J. N. Cross, Geo. Price, W. M. Keith
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Another Binghamton Excursion
Sunday, July 19th, the Erie will give the people of Milford and vicinity another chance to visit Binghamton and beautiful Rose Park at the popular rate of one dollar for the round trip. Special train leaving Fort Jervis at 7 a. m. Don't forget the date, Sunday, July 19th.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

THE FOURTH IN MILFORD

The Day Was Fine, The Crowd Large and the Races Good

No weather could have been more propitious than that which favored the citizens and guests July fourth. It was delightfully cool with a fine breeze, the shower of the previous evening having cleared the atmosphere of humidity. Early in the forenoon people from the surrounding country began to appear and when the Newton band broke the quiet with its stirring music the streets presented a lively aspect. The firemen's parade was greatly admired. The machines were very tastefully decorated and the boys made a fine showing. Their marching was orderly and their uniforms gave a neat appearance. The marshals were J. C. Bull and J. B. Van Tassel. The parade was a very creditable exhibition and Milford has no occasion to feel that there is any disparagement between her firemen and any volunteer department anywhere.

After the parade a race occurred between Vandermark Hose No. 1 and Delaware Hose No. 3, the latter composed of the smaller boys, and they won. Making the time, between the start at Hotel Fauchere and the postoffice corner, two blocks, in one and a half minutes, while the young men did it in two minutes. This is an excellent showing for the youngsters and if they keep on growing they will be hard to beat. The firemen's ball in the evening was well attended. Good order prevailed in town during the day and it is safe to say that all who came out had an enjoyable holiday with nothing to mar the pleasure.

RACES AT THE DRIVING PARK
It was an ideal afternoon and those who availed themselves of the opportunity to see the races were amply repaid. Never on this track were races more closely contested nor was faster time ever made here.

In the free-for-all the last two heats were especially close and it was a pretty sight to see the horses coming down the stretch with hardly a nose between them.

The classes, winners and time made were:
2.45 CLASS—PURSE \$60
Cyclone, W. D. Balmors, 3 3 3 3
Prince B., Jeff Ketchem, 2 2 1 2
King B., Milford Syndicate, 4 0 0 0
Sally Bradley, Col. Tuttle, 1 1 2 1
Time—2.48, 2.48, 2.48, 2.41

FREE-FOR-ALL—PURSE \$200
Amy Wilkes, W. H. Wood 3 3 3 1 3
Billy Cliff, C. Fisher, 4 4 4 4 0
Jozeb, J. A. Rundle, 2 1 1 2 1
Giles Noyes, J. S. Murray 1 2 2 2 2
Time—2.21, 2.11, 2.04, 2.4, 2.84

2.35 CLASS—PURSE \$75
Polonius, W. T. Smith, 1 1 1
Topey O., B. Kyle, 2 2 2
Helen Gould, Col. Tuttle, 3 3 3
Time—2.37, 2.39, 2.84

Dr. Beers of Bushkill was starter, A. D. Brown, J. Kiser and J. H. Van Eten, judges, and Dr. W. B. Kenworthy and J. R. Thornton, timers.
There were nearly a thousand people on the grounds. The Newton band attended and enlivened the interludes with excellent music. The track was in fine condition. The grand stand was filled with ladies and made a brilliant spot in the landscape while the hills surrounding were dotted with groups of people and altogether the scene was one which will long remain a pleasant memory in the minds of the assemblage.

Excursion Tickets to Detroit, Mich., July 14th and 15th
On account of the Epworth League International Convention to be held at Detroit, Mich., on July 14th and 15th, good returning to July 20th, at the rate of \$12.75 for round trip. By depositing ticket with joint agent at Detroit on or before July 19th, and payment of fee of 50 cents, an extension of return limit leaving Detroit may be obtained to August 15th.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

By the breaking of a dam near Jonestown, Pa., a few days ago a number of people were killed.

Owing to ill health Arthur B. McCarty has sold his boat house and bathing business to Seelye Tuttle of Sullivan county.

Philadelphia is threatened with an epidemic of small pox. Forty new cases were reported yesterday for the current week.

The pope is growing weaker but shows a wonderful vitality which surprises his physicians. His extreme age, 93 years, precludes hope of recovery.

The professor of German in Vanderbilt College at Lexington, Kentucky, is a student in the forestry school and a gentleman direct from his native country, Japan, is expected in a few days.

How does the North American know that the women wear half hose or socks? It says they do and now every man will be anxious to find out the truth of the matter, just to verify the statement of course.

The skeletons of between 3 and 4 hundred women were found in an abandoned monastery fifty miles west of Naomcan in old Mexico by miners in search of treasure. How or when the women met death is not known.

The Milford firemen will have about \$70 net from fourth of July. The citizens of Milford contributed \$100.25 and the expenses were \$120. The firemen had a good time, but we can't see just how this pays. We venture to say that on an average the hotel keepers—the only ones benefitted—did not do 10 per cent more business because of the celebration.

Monroe-Pike Judicial District
The Philadelphia Press says editorially on the judicial situation in this district.

For the first time in history the courts of Pike and Monroe counties, now constituting one judicial district, are presided over by a republican, and as a matter of fact of the democrats, who can rely upon a majority in the two counties of some 2000, are preparing to put a partisan of their own in the place.

Judge Erdman, who is now on that bench, was appointed to the vacancy caused by the death of the late Judge Allen Craig. Though a republican, Judge Erdman was warmly supported by many democrats of the district for the appointment, both because he is fit and popular and because democrats who were looking forward to the judgeship themselves preferred to have a republican in the place temporarily rather than give some rival democrat the advantage which a place on the bench would afford in a canvass for nomination to a full term. Judge Erdman has discharged the duties of the office with general satisfaction. In the few months since he received his commission he has displayed excellent judicial qualities, and he has been free from partisanship.

He ought to be elected this year for the full term. But in a district where the democrats have an assured majority on a partisan division it is too much to expect them to let so important a place as the judgeship remain in the hands of a republican, no matter how competent or impartial he may be. It is not a question of getting a better judge or subserving the public interests. The democrats will have a candidate of their own because there are two or three democrats in the district who want the office. There are two candidates already contesting for the party nomination, Charles B. Staples and Henry J. Kotz, both of Monroe county. Neither has any merit or qualification not possessed in an equal or more pronounced degree by Judge Erdman, and no public reason whatever could be given why either should be elected over the present judge.

The people of this district will do themselves a wrong if they are influenced by partisan considerations in this matter. They will not improve their courts by any change they may make, and judges that are elected only because they are republicans or democrats are likely to be more useful in politics than in the administration of the law.

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MARCONI WIRELESS

Great Fortunes to be Founded in the New System

When Alexander Graham Bell patented and perfected his telephone the skeptics were loud in their derision of the "toy." Nevertheless, Bell found believers, and those believers were rewarded for their faith by immense fortunes. Gardner G. Hubbard, the father-in-law and faithful friend of Bell, was the man who risked the most and gained the greatest rewards in backing Bell and the telephone until it reached the stage where the public no longer derided the instrument as a plaything, but clamored for it as a necessity. In the Marconi wireless telegraph there is a parallel of history. Just now in the formative and constructive period there are doubters and skeptics, but there are some faithful friends and it is these friends and faithful ones who are going to reap the fortunes that are bound to follow the general adoption of that wireless system. The great advantage of this system over that using wires and cables is the extremely low initial cost, which relieves the company operating it of a large burden of interest, taxes and depreciation, thus increasing its earning capacity many fold.

Those who are investing in the stock of the Marconi wireless telegraph company of America today are the ones who are certain to win great fortunes by the future increase in value of stocks, as well as through the dividends earned and paid in the interim. Bell telephone stock increased in value from \$1.00 per share to be worth \$1,000 per share, and so Marconi stocks will very likely increase from \$1.00, the present price, to over \$1,000 within a few years. That \$80 invested now may become \$30,000 within a decade. It is by wise investments such as these that the great fortunes of the big millionaires have been made. The Vanderbilts in railroads, the Goulds in telegraph and railroads, the Mackeys in cables, the Rockefellers in Standard Oil, the hubbards in telephones. The man who has a few hundred dollars laid away to invest and who has the intelligence to grasp a fleeting opportunity will be the one to seize the Marconi offering and make his fortune.

"The Weekly Marconigram" is the name of a periodical devoted to the new wireless system, and its publishers, Messrs. Munroe & Munroe, 44-60 Exchange Place, New York, announce that it will be sent free to all who apply for it. This firm is known as an aggressive, enterprising combination brilliant young financiers who have a successful career behind them as a guarantee of their future. They have agreed to keep the Marconi company supplied with working capital until the system is thoroughly established and in full commercial operation. They have issued a handsome booklet, "Marconi Wireless," giving full particulars concerning Marconi and his system, with 32 illustrations in half tone, which they send free to persons likely to become interested at stockholders in the company.

Mr. George H. Munroe, New York manager of the firm, says: "We are soliciting the investment of small amounts in Marconi securities for the reason that we believe that the American people will welcome the establishment of this competing system, and because we know that great profits will accrue to the investor from the development of this marvelous invention to a commercial stage. The company has, already, over a quarter of a million dollars invested in stations and apparatus in the United States, but it will require at least as much more before the business can be established upon a highly profitable basis. Once this is done the value of Marconi securities must necessarily advance very rapidly, and those who buy now will in the course of a few years find themselves in possession securities equally as profitable as telephone, western union and commercial cable have heretofore been. If anybody wants to know more about the opportunities this system offers, let him write to us, at 44-60 Exchange Place, and we will be glad to give them."

No Pay Show
"For years fate was after me continuously" writes F. A. Guldberg, Verbena, Ala. "I had a terrible case of Piles causing 24 tumors. When all failed Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. Equally good for Burns and all aches and pains. Only 25c at all drug stores."

Elks Excursion to Baltimore, Md.
On account of the B. and P. O. Elks Convention to be held at Baltimore, Md., the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from this station to Baltimore, Md., July 19th and 20th, good returning on or before July 21st, at the low rate of \$8.80 for the round trip.

Night Was Her Terror
"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate of Alexander, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

The ever glorious Fourth was duly celebrated here. All strangers who came to town found plenty to enjoy. No accidents of any account were reported. Thanks to the vigilance of our officers, the ordinance prohibiting the shooting of firearms, firecrackers, etc., was pretty well enforced and the nuisance of a months racket done away with. The races were the fastest and most closely contested of any ever trotted at the Driving Park. The music furnished by the Newton Band was all any one could wish for. The dance in the evening was more largely attended than any ever held in Brown's Hall.

Trying to run past another rig on a bridge was expensive for one party last Sunday. It was fortunate no person was killed. A ten or twenty dollar fine would be a good thing in some cases.

Funny some folks will indulge in such loud talk on the public streets to let the community know all they don't know.

King B. should change his name to Hornet or Bumble Bee.

This is the time when the liverymen have their harvest. Many a horse is ruined by being driven by some inexperienced driver.

Some one has told us why men don't go to church. I have given my reason and see no reason to change my opinion. Put it in a nutshell, they don't want to go.

Never be ashamed of your party. If you are, get out, and join another.

The weather for the past few days has been hot enough to suit everybody. Vegetation is on a jump. The only trouble there is so much that needs to be done at present, the poor farmer don't know "where he is at."

Slowly, but surely, our hotels and boarding houses are getting their quota of city people. The season now will be short and lively.

E. C. Wood and Otto Quick went to Egypt mills yesterday to do some painting.

Chas. Metz, Sr., of New York is a visitor at the Grand View House.

A little dog fight and a hand organ enlivened Broad street Wednesday evening.

The street sprinkler need not be idle. There was plenty of dust last week.

Peter Rafan of Port Jervis is doing a fine biz with his big auto, bringing passengers down here. How soon will some one in town invest in a machine?

THE WEST

On the glorious west, with its rolling And grand old mountains high. (plains, There's room for all, and yet to spare, Within reach of the restless eye, And where a man is free to live his life, And work for his daily bread, To make him a home that none can touch To own where he lays his head.

Each morn go forth to his healthful task, North the blue of a smiling sky, For the rich brown earth must yield her Ere winter winds draw sigh. (shades For grain and fruits a goodly store, Must be gathered while they may, The blessings of the summer time, Put by for the winter's day.

He rests at noon beneath the welcome shade Of the giant spreading tree, While he takes his lunch, this happy king For a monarch great is he. The land is his. The future his. What more can any ask? To conquer every adverse fate— What glory in the task!

His cottage is his royal throne— His wife a very queen— Who welcomes him when setting sun, Enfold the happy scene. No throbbing city life compares To our glorious western world, Where over all, both rich and poor, Is freedom's flag unfurled.

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