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### THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

As part of the general scheme to bring discredit upon President Roosevelt's administration, two New York papers have, within the past week, given great prominence to articles sadly at variance with the facts but likely to be very generally circulated and believed. The first of these appears in an ostensibly republican paper, but one dominated by Wall Street interests and pledged to the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt at the next convention if that be possible. These stories, which bear every semblance of truth, are to the effect that the president has inaugurated a systematic investigation of the relations between union labor and the employees of all the executive departments of the government with a view to discrediting organized labor.

These stories are, however, entirely without foundation as the president has not, nor does he intend to order such an investigation. The meager facts on which this allegation is based have been related in these letters before. After the William Miller case in the government printing office was brought to the special attention of the president he wrote to Secretary Cortelyou a letter pointing out that there was no legal warrant for discrimination between union and non-union labor in the executive departments and cited the decision of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission as a principal to be adopted. A copy of this letter Mr. Roosevelt caused to be sent to the head of each department for his personal guidance, should a similar question arise. In the course of the discussion of the Miller incident, representations were made to the president that the cost of printing and binding in the government office was excessive and it was alleged that this was due to the rules of the unions limiting the daily output of each of their members. Mr. Roosevelt then instructed that an investigation of the methods of the office be instituted and that investigation has been quietly and thoroughly conducted by a committee specially appointed for the purpose. This committee, in the course of its inquiry, asked of various members of the cabinet, their experiences with union labor, the request for information being purely incidental to the investigation they were conducting, and on this flimsy pretext is based the allegation. The whole animus in the series of Washington dispatches printed by the paper referred to was shown recently when side by side with the last of them was printed a dispatch from Chicago saying that the stationary engineers' union had pledged themselves to defeat Mr. Roosevelt, in the convention if possible, but if not at the polls. The hope of the publication printing these dispatches is that the republican politicians may be led to believe that the president has incurred the enmity of the labor organizations and that his nomination would mean defeat for the party.

Another story, appearing in the Washington dispatches of a democratic paper of prominence, is to the effect that Secretary Hitchcock has been charged with corruption by the Mayor of Lawton, Oklahoma, and that the president is about to begin an investigation of his secretary of the interior. The alleged corruption has been described in detail but may be summarized as follows. It is stated that Secretary Hitchcock, after receiving a sum of several hundred thousand dollars from the sale of lots and improvements in the towns of Lawton, Aurdarke and Hobart, caused the same to be deposited in banks and trust companies in St. Louis, the directors and stockholders of which were friends of the secretary, and that the secretary had delayed the construction of public improvements in those towns, the cost of which it was intended that these funds should defray, in order that his friends might profit by the interest.

When seen by our correspondent, Secretary Hitchcock stated emphatically that the funds referred to had all been placed in the United States sub-treasury at St. Louis. The delay in constructing the desired and needed improvements was explained by the fact that in practically every instance honesty and good judgment necessitated the rejection of the bids accepted by the

local authorities and, in order that creditable and permanent public improvements might be had, the secretary sent to the same experts of the geological survey who are now engaged in making surveys and preparing specifications, such being evidently needed to prevent the erection of extensive water works in locations where no adequate water supply is obtainable, and similar serious blunders.

The irresponsible character of the allegations is still further shown by the fact that the alleged "charges" made to the president consisted merely of a petition, reciting the urgent necessity of the desired public improvements, together with the fact that the necessary funds were in the hands of the secretary of the interior and urging the president to expedite the matter in so far as he might find it practicable. No charge of fraud was contained in the petition which the president promptly forwarded to Secretary Hitchcock without recommendation or request for further information.

Discouraging news comes from Oyster Bay with regard to the proposed financial legislation. So far from reaching an agreement likely to prove acceptable to the republican leaders of both houses, is the senate sub-committee, that the president has abandoned all idea of urging upon Congress, in his message to the special session, the advisability of any form of financial enactment. The members of the sub-committee are still working, as individuals, however, but with little apparent prospect of reaching any agreement which will command unanimous support.

No authentic news has been received from Bogota regarding the Panama canal treaty since the report that it had been rejected, as drafted, by the Columbian senate. The administration is still hopeful, however, that the senate will reconsider its actions as it has been known to do under similar circumstances on several previous occasions.

**A Modern Pole Raising**  
Geo W. Vansickle, boss carpenter of this locality, performed a stunt that was very interesting for those who had a chance to witness it, Monday afternoon last. Having let down the big 84 foot flag pole of the Flat Brook Club about a week ago, to be painted, and fitted with new ground stays, he gave notice that Monday he would put it again in position against time. At 2 o'clock he commenced operation and in just 30 minutes by the watch it stood erect without a hitch or jerk. I remember that ten years ago with about 50 other men we labored a whole afternoon with pikes, sheer poles and other devices to raise this same pole. Today four men with Carpenter Vansickle did it easily, alone, in 20 minutes. With the same derriek and powerful tackle Mr. Vansickle can pick up a steel windmill tower and set it on its feet, or raise the heaviest bent of any large building with 8 or 4 men at the rope. It is a great triumph of skill and brain over brute force, and while the new method is expeditions it is also perfectly safe, and the work is under perfect control at every stage. Geo E. Husan, Layton, N. J.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
May Holbert to Ida Louise Ross, 7800 sq. ft., Lackawaxen, \$25.  
J. M. Titman to Ed V. Schoonover, 182 acres Lehman, parts of Jane Broadhead and David Saylor, \$300.  
John E. Ralt to John Mathews, 50 acres, Delaware, \$500.  
Charles Sticher to Edward H. Orben, lands in Dingman, \$1.  
George Daniels to Joseph Dodan, 160 acres with reservations, land near Kimbles, Lackawaxen, \$1.  
Joseph Dodan to Anna Daniels, 160 acres with reservations, same as above, \$2.  
August Metz to Herman Stubendorff, 1 acre, near Milford bridge, Dingman township, \$50.

**The Death Penalty**  
A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cut or puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Scors Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only \$20, at all druggists.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Mrs. Francis Drake of New York is visiting her sister Mrs. Bosch. Arthur Schmidt of New York was a guest in town over last Sunday. County Commissioner W. F. Beck is confined to his home by illness. Hon. John A. Kipp of New York spent a day with his family here this week.

Commissioners Clerk Theodore H. Baker and sister Ann have gone to Newton for a brief visit. Miss Bonnie Cross has gone to Newton, N. J., for a visit with the family of S. D. Van Campen. Miss Minnie Brinster of Jersey City is a guest with her aunt, Mrs. Frieh, at Centre Square Hotel. S. H. McEwen and wife of Chicago are visiting the family of her father, A. B. McCarty on Seventh street. Mrs. Dr. H. M. King of Liberty, N. Y., was a guest with her mother, Mrs. Pinchot, a few days this week. Horace Porter of Campbell Hall, N. Y., who was a summer guest here formerly, is with his mother domiciled at the Bluff House.

Miss Lucy, a daughter of P. J. Girard of Brooklyn at one time chief Burgess of Milford, is a guest with her grandmother, Mrs. Berthou. Hon. C. B. Staples of Stroudsburg, who was recently successful at the primaries in Monroe for the nomination of President Judge, was in town Tuesday. Willie, the son of W. T. Strable, met with an accident yesterday morning in the lower Glen which cost him a broken arm. He stepped on a banana skin and fell. Mrs. Pryor, a frequent summer visitor here, returned to her New York home this week accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Susie Seeley, who will make a protracted visit with her in the city.

**Grand Labor Excursion to Elmira and Eldridge Park**  
On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7th, the Erie Railroad Company will give the people living on the line of the Delaware Division and Honesdale Branch a new point for an excursion, to the beautiful city of Elmira and Eldridge Park, located in the charming valley of the Chemung. There will be a great Labor Day demonstration at Elmira on this occasion, mammoth parade, base ball game, bicycle races, etc. The fare has been placed at the unprecedented low rate of \$1.50 from all stations. Special train will leave Port Jervis at 6.30 a. m. Fare round trip will be only one dollar and fifty cents.

Messrs. Gannmuller and Adams, who so successfully managed an entertainment last year at the Bluff House for the benefit of the orchestra, have arranged another for tomorrow, Saturday, evening. This will in every way no doubt sustain the reputation of those gentlemen as purveyors of amusement and afford the guests and all who may attend an evening of enjoyment.

The Washington Post takes a sly dig at its evening contemporary owned by Frank Munsey, of Munsey's Magazine. The Post enquires whether Editor Pullitzer's new school of journalism for which the newspaper magnate set aside \$2,000,000, will undertake to teach magazine editors how to run a newspaper. King Edward admits that he was touched during his recent visit in Ireland, and this will bring a tear to many loyal eyes. But think of Senator Tillman and his book full of railroad passes and telegraph franks. He too was touched—and then roasted.

Mr. Schwab has been credited with organizing a tailors trust; which he says, however, is a fairy story, pure and simple, a lie probably cut out of whole cloth.

**A Sure Cure for Starbuck**  
Coming as it does, in the busiest season, when a man can least afford to lose time, a sure and quick cure for diarrhoea is very desirable. Anyone who has given it a trial will tell you that the quickest, surest and most pleasant remedy in use for this disease is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. There is no loss of time when it is used, as one or two doses of it will cure any ordinary attack. It never fails, not even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by Beach & Son, Mainmorse, all general stores in Pike county.

### May Soon be Voters

There lately appeared in the newspapers the following:  
"Three Poles, who could not speak a word of English, were recently sent to Bay State, Long Island, tagged as express packages. They had been shipped from New York and were delivered in an express wagon."

How long these "express packages" have been floating about in this country is not stated, but we are reminded that in a short time these "express packages" may, by a very little coaxing, be voting upon questions of national importance in this country. Over 755,225 emigrants have landed in this country during the last eleven months. Of these Italy, Austria Hungary and Russia furnished 65 per cent. As a rule these men are of the most ignorant and degraded type, bringing with them the most primitive ideas of the degraded position which properly belongs to women. To such men as these, our intelligent, patriotic, law-abiding, tax-paying American women are obliged to plead for their political rights.

Is it any wonder that our intelligent American women cry out in despair the prayer of Dr. Lyman Beecher: O, Lord, grant that we may not despise our rulers; and grant, O, Lord, that they may not act so that we can't help it!—Elnora M. Babcock.

**Birthday Party**  
A very pleasant assemblage of relatives and friends greeted Miss Phoebe, eldest daughter of George Holbert and wife, of Lackawaxen, August 17, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday of the young lady. Many handsome tokens of regard were tendered her and a bountiful repast was provided which all enjoyed. Those present were Rev. Minch, wife and daughter, Miriam, formerly of Hawley, now of Mount Ephraim, N. J.; the Misses Sadie Calkins, Lina Roth and Eleanor Brunsvick and H. J. Tille of Brooklyn, N. Y., Ernest Schumaker of Middletown, N. Y., Misses Katharine Brown, Carrie and Grace Noble of Calkins, Miss Laura Ross of Tyler Hill, Miss Mable Brown of Narrowsburg, Misses Edith Holbert and Gertrude Kimble and Ephraim Kimble and wife of Westcotang.

**Extension of Mail Route**  
The postmaster at Crosses having resigned, T. N. Cross is circulating a petition to have the office moved from the lower Glen to a point one and one half miles farther south. While this will make no inconvenience to any of the patrons of the office, it will bring the mail much more nearer to a number who have heretofore found it necessary to walk one and a half or two miles to get their mail. The people in rural districts depend largely on the mail carrier for sending and getting packages to and from town. As this route runs direct from Crosses to Hawley it would accommodate a larger number of people and at the same time make it no less convenient for anyone we see no reason why the department should not grant as the extension.

**A PATRON.**  
The Erie's Annual Excursion to Niagara Falls and Toronto Tuesday, Sept. 8th, the Erie Railroad Company will run a grand excursion to Niagara Falls and to the Great Industrial Exposition at Toronto. The Niagara Falls tickets will be limited to three days to return and Toronto tickets four days including date of sale. Route from Niagara Falls to Toronto will be the Great Gorge Route to Lewistown and the Niagara River Line palatial steamers to Toronto and return. Train will leave Port Jervis at 7.35 a. m. Fare round trip to Niagara Falls \$4, to Toronto \$5.50, and proportionate rates from other stations. Half fare for children.

**Suicide Prevented**  
The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

**Pain as End to It All**  
A grievous wall of pain comes as a result of unbearable pain from over taxed organs. Dizziness, Backache, Liver complaint and constipation. But thanks to Dr. King's New Life Pills they put an end to it all. They are gentle but thorough. Try them. Only 25c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

### INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Lord Salisbury, ex-premier of England, is dead.  
Wm. Funk is acting as janitor of the Presbyterian church.  
H. L. Canne is erecting the new lockup in the borough building.  
The public schools in the borough will open Tuesday, September 8th. It is reported that E. S. Wolfe has sold his home on High street to Walter H. Warner of Milford township.

Augustus Brosky, a track walker, was struck by a train near Mast Hope Tuesday morning and instantly killed.  
The world's trotting record was broken Monday at Readville, Mass., by Lou Dillon, C. K. G. Billings wonderful mare, which trotted a mile in two minutes flat.  
A rumor intimates that the sale of the D. V. R. R. may not take place September 5th because of an application by parties interested to stay same until they can be heard.  
A Branchville nine defeated a Milford crowd at baseball, Wednesday, by a score of 14 to 7, and last Saturday the all collegiates of Port Jervis polished them off by a score of 6 to 5.  
Reliance won from Shamrock III Tuesday by the narrow margin of 1 minute and 10 seconds. This was over a triangular course and all the conditions were most favorable to challenger.

Fish Commissioner Meehan announces that the department of fisheries is ready to receive applications for gold fish for educational purposes in class rooms. Only public schools will be supplied.  
The official count of the vote for judge last Saturday in Monroe county is for President Judge, C. B. Staples 1843, H. J. Kotz 1450, Staples majority 392. E. Eugene Kinney and F. R. Serfass were nominated for jury commissioners.

The high wind Tuesday afternoon did considerable damage down the valley and elsewhere. At East Stroudsburg the new glass factory being built by Milton Yetter was completely destroyed. At Bushkill barns were damaged by the wind and many trees uprooted.

Mrs. James Storms, whose maiden name was Charity B. Blackmer and who was born in this county about 51 years ago, was killed Tuesday morning by being struck by a pusher engine on the Erie near Tri-States, N. Y., where she resided. She was picking coal on the tracks when the accident occurred.  
Supervisor Herman of Milford township is exercising good judgment in making repairs to the Port Jervis road. The section in that township is always difficult to maintain in good condition by reason of the kind of soil and the heavy travel but it will now be put in fine shape to the credit of the supervisors and comfort of travelers.  
The heavens were illumined late last Friday evening by a peculiar and quite brilliant aurora borealis. The dancing columns of light arrayed themselves in a fan like shape, while lower there was a continued glow like the reflection from a large number of lights. R. A. Proctor in Other Worlds says "We have every reason to believe that the light of the aurora is due to electrical discharges."

Farmers two years ago out in Huntington county lost a large number of cattle which were attacked by a peculiar disease while running in the mountain and 28 out of 43 of them died. Last year cattle pastured in the same place were exempt but this year they have been again affected and so far 19 have died. Some think the disease is anthrax but State Veterinarian Pearson is of a different opinion and the matter will be investigated. It will be recalled that several years ago several cattle died up at Sawkill after running in the woods and it was a question then as to the disease.

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### THE AVENGER

Old Tom Quick,  
That he could lick,  
Every redskin that he might see.  
O Tom was a wonder,  
Killed Indians like thunder,  
Was happy as happy could be.  
One hundred scalps,  
Off the red whelps,  
Tom was determined to have.  
He worked night and day  
His vengeance to pay  
And potted full many a brave.

Tom's sage advice  
Was nix will make liss,  
So pappass followed the crowd,  
And he roamed far and wide,  
O'er the fair country side  
And none to escape he allowed.  
With a log for a trap,  
Gave each head a rap,  
He felt pretty good,  
Be it understood,  
He was doing the work up in style.  
Tom's father they'd killed  
The white blood they'd spilled  
Was avenged no one can deny.  
And as Tom grew older,  
He always grew bolder,  
Determined the Indians must die.  
He camped on the Knob,  
And thinned out the mob,  
In a manner too good to be true,  
For he had no intention,  
Worth any mention,  
Of anything else he must do.  
At night by his fire,  
His scalp pile grown higher,  
He counted them o'er with delight,  
Each redskin he found,  
To the happy hunting ground,  
Dispatched him at once upon sight.

The Indians at last,  
Left the country so fast,  
Poor Tom traveled many a mile,  
The far up the river,  
The cold made him shiver,  
He caught one once in awhile,  
He got old and sick,  
At fate he did kick,  
His scalps counted ninety and nine,  
Yet one he did lack,  
To fill his scalp sack,  
See to death he in peace could resign.  
But he ne'er got another,  
Every son of his mother,  
Kept diligently out of his way,  
So Tom had to go,  
Leave Indians below,  
And never a hundred scalps say.

**A Warm Invitation to Enter**  
This is August, the weather has been rainy and things have swelled. If you want to come in and pay your subscriptions come anyhow. If the door sticks kick it off the hinges, keep coming till you get clear in. Don't stop and ask if the editor is in; keep coming, don't stop coming till you meet some one, then pay up, pay more than up; pay ahead, take a receipt; any of us can write one, some of us can write receipts with both hands at once in the dark and count money at the same time. Don't be bashful about coming in, don't stop to knock, just come. We can write receipts with our toes and eulogies on the man, woman or child that pays up this weather with one hand and make change with the other. Just try us; we are cuter than the devil at making change and writing receipts, but he can do it if we are not in.—Britt, Ia., Tribune.

**Stroudsburg Fair Race Program**  
The directors of the Monroe County Agricultural Society have arranged the race events for the fair to be held there on September 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Purses amounting to \$1500 will be given. Entries for the races close August 25. The events to be run are:  
Tuesday—2.30 class; county and adjoining counties; purse \$100.  
Wednesday—2.25 class; trot and pace; purse \$250.  
Thursday—2.35 class; trot and pace; purse \$300; 2.30 class; purse \$200.  
Friday—2.19 class; trot and pace; purse \$250; 2.50 class; trot and pace; purse \$150.  
Saturday—Free for all; county horses only; purse \$100.

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**FOR SALE**—Good work horse, sound and kind. Apply to JOUR GOULLEY, Milford Hand Laundry.

### THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Henry Lolde has disposed of his match team of grays and invested in a musing.  
J. E. Boyd is taking an involuntary vacation, being confined to the house with a heavy cold.  
Now the Port Jervis street fair is a thing of the past. If the crowd that attended was a sign of its success, the Port Jervis merchants should feel satisfied.  
Euchre parties seem to be drawing cards.

The Milford Syndicate expects to send King B. to Newton next Tuesday to clean up the Sussex county crowd.  
When the coping is placed on the wing walls of the Mott street bridge and the approaches properly filled it will be a pretty good job.  
Tuesday afternoon something like a young cyclone struck this town.  
New cider has made its appearance and it won't be long before the efforts of it will be seen in some quarters.  
That Tired feeling seems to affect some persons to such an extent that it is necessary to take a nap in some convenient alley.  
How soon will we have another horse race?

So far those smart auto drivers have eluded the vigilance of our chief of police, but the unexpected is liable to happen and then—  
Dick Malone has a sore finger, received from a bursting beer bottle.  
The time of vacations will soon be over. Those who deferred coming out into the country till later on will have more enjoyment than those who came early.  
The wicked Turk appears to be stirring up a hornet's nest again over in Europe. The great powers are merely looking on and when the time comes Turkey, for years known as the sick man, will be taken from the map.

Miss Mary Fuller of Sparrowbush, N. Y., is visiting Mrs. Benj. Kyte.

**To Train Nurses**  
The Philadelphia School for Nurses in alliance with the American National Red Cross has undertaken to train a sufficient number of young women who shall be subject to the call of the Red Cross or the government for prompt nursing service in the event of national calamities or in case of war.  
Co-incident with this plan an effort will be made to carry nursing skill and hospital knowledge into small towns and rural districts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, by taking some of their young women and training them in this science.  
This will secure the requisite number of nurses for Red Cross work. It will give a means of livelihood to large numbers of most excellent and deserving young women who have but few opportunities, and at the same time it will benefit thousands of homes by the spread of this knowledge.  
Every village and township in nearby states may ultimately be reached and helped in this way.  
The undertaking involves the expenditure of large sums of money, but wealthy and influential men and women in the four states named stand ready to carry the plan to fruition.  
One hundred thousand dollars has already been guaranteed and more funds are assured.  
The Special Committee representing the movement is as follows:  
Hon. William N. Ashman, Judge of the Orphan's Court of Philadelphia.  
Hon. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Pennsylvania State Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
Hon. Henry R. Edmunds, United States Commissioner and President of the Philadelphia Board of Education.  
Mrs. Darwin E. James of New York, President of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.  
Right Rev. Alexander Mackay-Smith, Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.  
Rev. John Timothy Stone, of Baltimore, Maryland.  
J. R. Miller, D. D., Editor Presbyterian Publications, Philadelphia.  
Francis B. Reeves, President of the Girard National Bank, Philadelphia.

Any young woman who aspires to Red Cross membership or to nursing service in any capacity can get full information by addressing The Philadelphia School for Nurses, Witherston Building, Philadelphia, Pa.  
The movement is designed especially to benefit young women in small towns and rural communities.

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