

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Hon. George Frisbie Hoar, the venerable senator from Massachusetts, has in an address at Salem, made an announcement which is attracting wide attention and furnishing food for deep thought. Mr Hoar says that the time to revise the tariff is at the session following the election of a republican president and the eminent statesman furnishes many excellent reasons for his belief. He admits that the election of a republican president invariably brings a feeling of confidence and relief to the country at large, and for that reason business at such a time is sure to be in a healthy condition and least susceptible to the shock of changes in tariff schedules. He points out, moreover, a fact well recognized by every statesman who has given recent history genuine study, namely that it takes several years for the country to judge as to how a tariff law is going to work because it requires time for the business interests to adjust themselves to the new schedules. For this reason there is danger that any attempt at revision coming at the approach of a presidential election may be followed by purely temporary depression and that may produce, in turn, a temporary change of view on the part of the voters, a change which would have been entirely dissipated before a presidential election arrived had the tariff revision been attempted three years earlier. It was this view of the situation which certain experienced senators presented to the president at Oyster Bay last spring and which converted Mr. Roosevelt to the "stand pat" policy, but it is also this view which, in the opinion of certain well posted republicans, may and probably will lead President Roosevelt to advocate some modifications in the present schedules during the winter of 1904-05.

The opposition recently expressed by certain dignitaries of the Catholic Church to the oath required of members of the International Typographical Union has served to bring out the fact that, according to a reliable authority, the committee which, acting for the president, has just completed an investigation of the Government Printing Office, called President Roosevelt's attention to the incompatibility of the printers' oath and their loyalty to the government. It is claimed, moreover, that it was for this reason that the president immediately instructed Public Printer Palmer to require the usual oath of office from every employee of the printing office, which has been done. The members of the union referred to are required to swear that their duty to the union shall not be interfered with by "any allegiance owed to any other organization, social, political, or religious." It is explained by Jerome F. Healy, secretary of Union No. 6, that this should be accepted in a purely Pickwickian sense and not as meaning what it says but it is not unlikely that the printers will see the untenableness of their position and will change the verbiage of their oath so that it will be impossible to construe it as inimical to the loyalty every American owes to his country or as interfering with the fealty a man may desire to give his church. There has been expressed considerable curiosity as to the delay in making public the results of the Printing Office investigation, but it may be said that the reasons for deferring its publicity are excellent and are calculated to make for the best interests of the government and of the office.

The past week in the postal investigation has been one of unusual activity and six persons have been indicted for conspiracy to defraud the government. In addition to Beavers and Machen there have been indicted Isaac S. McGoethan and George H. Huntington of the Columbia Supply Company of New York, Dr. Eugene D. Shields of Toledo, Ohio, and James W. Erwin, an assistant superintendent of free delivery for the territory west of the Rocky Mountains. Each indictment tells the story of some new form of "graft" worked by August W. Machen. In the case of McGoethan and Huntington it appears that Machen introduced to them a go-between who suggested the advisability of putting package mail boxes on low stands instead of permitting them to stand on the ground. For this idea Machen advised them to pay a royalty of \$1.25 cents on

each box which they did and the go-between divided that amount equally with Machen. In the case of Erwin it appears that the Postal Device and Improvement Company of San Francisco was organized for the purpose of selling to the government a small device to be attached to letter boxes and to indicate the time at which the next collection would be made. This simple little fixture cost the government \$4.25. Beavers, Machen and Erwin were all given stock in the company, at Beavers suggestion, and Erwin was made traveling superintendent in order that he might introduce the device throughout the western cities. The three men named are all indicted on this account. The largest steal of the lot, however, is that on which Machen and Schoble have been indicted. Schoble, sometimes, doing business under a fictitious name, has been selling letter boxes to the postoffice since 1893 and has always divided the profit on the contracts evenly with Machen. It is estimated that Machen made not less than \$15,000 out of this contract alone.

There are strong indications that Postmaster General Payne will leave the cabinet at an early date. Mr. Payne, through his decision in the case of Miss Todd, a Delaware postmistress whom he deposed to please Allee, the Addicks senator, appears to have incurred the displeasure of the president and has brought down on himself the condemnation of the press, irrespective of party. Moreover, the president has greatly humiliated Mr. Payne by ordering a thorough investigation of the Tulloch charges confiding it to Homes Conrad and Charles J. Bonaparte, the special counsel retained to assist in the cases growing out of the postoffice investigation, after Mr. Payne has disposed of the charges as unworthy of further notice.

A Bad Lot in Jail

Late developments in the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia show that there is within the confines of this gloomy pile an unconscionably bad lot, in fact just as bad as if they were free. For some years charge has followed charge with respect to the management. Liquor could be obtained in prison, cruelty has been charged, officials have been accused of profiting in the purchase of supplies, and now it is shown that counterfeiting has been going on within the cells. Of course this could hardly be done without the connivance of some in authority and the prison inspectors are making an investigation to fix the responsibility. There must be something wrong in the management of this institution when such irregularities can exist within it. It is a poor place to send men, either to punish or reform them, when the system encourages and abets, if it does not foster a continuation and development of the worst crimes.

Shohola Township Region

Up in Shohola township the boarding season has been good this year. To one not informed there are a surprisingly large number of boarding and farm houses where city guests are accommodated and they are well patronized. It is current rumor that Scranton capitalists are negotiating for a site up on the hills back of the station where they will erect a very large house. The views are fine and there is no reason, with its accessibility, why that region should not attract numerous city people. Next Sunday the Erie will run the last of the excursions this year to the Glen. This season by reason of rain and cool weather has not been so good as usual for excursionists, but many have visited the famous Glen.

Special One Way Colonist Tickets

The Erie has placed on sale daily until November 29th, very low Colonist one way tickets at Port Jervis, to points in the Far West, and any one contemplating a trip to the west would do well by dropping a postal to Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, and receive by return mail any desired information.

What is Life?

In the last analysis nobody knows, but we do know that it is under strict law. Abuse that law even slightly, pain results. Irregular living means derangement of the organs, resulting in Constipation, Headache or Liver trouble. Dr. King's New Life Pills quickly readjust this. It's gentle, yet thorough. Only 50c at all druggists.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Harold Armstrong has gone to Blair Hall to pursue his studies.

Mrs. Mellus of Bridgeport, Conn., has closed her cottage here and returned to her home.

Edward Blood and wife of Cuddebackville have recently been visiting the family of the latter's father, T. R. J. Klein.

Miss Sarah Bevan of Sandyston, N. J., recently visited several days with the family of Mrs. Anna M. Mettler.

County Superintendent of Schools Lucian Westbrook and Isaiah Hornback of Lenham were in town Wednesday.

T. B. Morse, diamond expert with Tiffany & Company of New York, is spending a month's vacation at his cottage on Fourth street.

County Surveyor Frank Schorr is engaged doing some work up in Palmyra and was accompanied by his wife who will visit at Hawley.

A. D. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Francis Westfall, left this week for New York and will before returning visit Albany and with friends at Perry, New York.

W. R. Willis and family, usually among the first to come and last to go, who have been guests at the Bluff House this summer, returned this week to their city home.

Mrs. Pelham St. George Bissell, wife of a former rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd here, with her son, Pelham, is spending a few days in town, guests with the family of Col. A. E. Lewis.

Mrs. J. D. Biddis and daughter, Patty, who have been spending the summer in town, departed for home today. They will meet Miss Helen Biddis in New York, who has just returned from a tour in Europe.

Henry Brown and wife of Tampa, Florida, who have occupied a cottage on Broad street during the past summer, left this week for Elmira, N. Y., and after a visit there will return to their southern home.

Moses L. Cole, Esq., of Matamoras attended the judicial convention last Saturday evening and though well advanced in years is more alert and active, both physically and mentally, than many who were in the cradle when he began voting.

Mrs. Lila Irwin of New York entertained a few friends last Monday evening at the Dimmock House, where she is spending the summer, with a very pleasant program. Among those taking part were Miss Patty Biddis, Messrs. E. P. Crissman and Dudley Ryman, who furnished excellent music, and Miss Lulu Lewis and Mrs. J. H. Van Etten who rendered piano selections.

A Church Fight

A long and acrimonious contest has been carried on between two factions of the First Reformed church at Easton, one supporting and the other opposing the pastor, Rev. Henry M. Kieffer, D. D. Some time since East Pennsylvania Classis declared the pulpit vacant after Sept. 1 and provided for a supply. Dr. Kieffer applied to the courts for an injunction restraining Classis from interfering with his pastorate, and a temporary injunction was granted. On a hearing last week the court, Judge Scott, declined to continue the injunction holding that as the matter was now in the hands of Classis that body must act until the higher church judiciary had heard and determined the question. The friends of Dr. Kieffer claim they are in the majority and should have control and intimate that no matter what the decision of synod may be they will continue the strife and at the next congregational meeting elect a consistency favorable to the deposed pastor.

There are some places in town the use of which by certain people, makes them nuisances. Those who congregated there points are known and some time when they least suspect molestation may be taken in.

Fearful Deeds Against His

Bodilinen, alone and destitute. Such, in brief, was the condition of an old soldier by name of J. J. Ravens, Versailles, O. For years he was troubled with kidney disease and neither doctors nor medicines gave him relief. At length he tried Electric Bitters. It put him on his feet in short order and now he testifies: "I'm on the road to complete recovery." Best on earth for Liver and Kidney troubles and all forms of Stomach and Bowel Complaints. Only 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Pike Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 50c.

BOB VISITS THE CITY

A Thrilling Account of His Adventures Told in the Style of Billy Baxter

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1, 1901.
DEAR JACK—
Well, here I am back again at the old stand. You know I wrote you some time ago. I expected to take a run to New York to see the old "gang." Well, I did, and I must say they are the warmest collection of glib edge sliders on the way. To start off with, most of the boys had something on the evening I arrived as they did not know just when to expect me but after looking in at a few of the old places I ran across Jim Stevens and I can tell you that he is one of the best, and of course right away Jim had a racket up his sleeve, so after having several high balls at Sullivan's and other joints we started to take in the show at "Koster & Biala." Well, Sir, it would have done you good if you could have seen Dime Overweight and his friend, with a couple of the best that ever came over the pike, in Box No. 13, and I knew right away something was going to happen. Well at the intermission we took a stroll up stairs and got the boys to join us in a drink and of course in return they invited us to join the party, and the trouble started. Now I must say that the fillies they had looked like a couple of good goes and of course the pace was set at rather a fast clip. Now Jack you know how the old man is built; why he hadn't been running more than a quarter before a second bottle of Mumm was torn to pieces and the treat being on my I reached for my roll to pay for the same, and the minute the little dears saw the real stuff it was a one to three shot, we had them landed. Well, old man after talking matters over a little while and giving them the same old story of how glad we were to meet them, etc., they began to sway and a derick could have drawn them away from Jim and your Uncle Dudley. Now, of course, Jim was a bit thirsty about that time so I placed the order for a large cold bottle and at once started in to make the running as near the limit as possible but as far as we could see it was simply a case of cant loose me Charlie so we made up our minds to see the fun out or bust for we certainly had struck a running tide that would have made the Kaiser Wilhelm tug boat in a high sea. Then one of the girls started in to tell me all about herself and wanted me to promise that I would never leave her. Of course that time I began to feel rather sorry for poor old Dime who was beginning to get rather hot around the collar and at the same time did not forget to inform us that we ought to break away but Jim, as I told you before, is one of those high bred colts who could see nothing else but the winning post and of course I had to stick to him and by the way I have forgotten to mention anything about Dime's friend, Charlie Goodbody, who was a jolly good sort of a fellow from Williams College and a dead game sport and I am sure that the girls were very fond of them both, that is at the start, but as soon as they got their lookers on our rolls why the band started to play "I'll Leave my Happy Home for You." Now Jack I would like to tell you all about the show at Koster but the truth is I don't think that any of the push could see the stage so I will have to let that part of it slide. Now after working up one of those "I don't care what becomes of me" sort of feelings we started for "Shanley's" to fill our faces which certainly started the trouble. After ordering everything on the menu to eat, and about 20 different kinds of drinks, Kittle, for that was Dime's own began to think that she saw queer things moving around the place and of course everybody had to see what it was when we discovered that one of the waiters had been making eyes at Kittle and of course being a lady of quality she was insulted. So my boy the only real thing we could see in sight was jail and that certainly looked large and beautiful, for by this time one of our Angels pets had taken his coat off and started to put the place on the bum. Of course we opened a very large argument which in time would have made a high (Continued on Third Page)

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Postor R. Cross has been appointed postmaster at Crosses in this county.

The Southern States have 37,000 saloons while New York alone has 84,000.

Dr. W. B. Kenworthy is refurbishing the exterior of his house with a coat of fresh paint.

The Erie runs a week-day New York excursion leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. Friday, Sept. 18th, fare one dollar round trip.

George Warner of Dingman township has been elected a director of the First National Bank of Milford to succeed Robert W. Reid, resigned.

It is reported that E. S. Wolfe has purchased of J. W. Pinchot the lots northeast corner of Catharine and Sixth streets commonly known as the burnt house lots.

A number of books on farm topics, and kindred subjects, will be added in a few days to the Homestead Free Library. The works are all by well known writers and are standard authorities on the topics treated.

Henry H. Hirsch of New York committed suicide last Saturday in a boat on Highland Lake, N. Y., by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was of small stature, had sandy hair and mustache and blue eyes.

The Erie excursion to Rochester and Ontario Beach leaving Port Jervis 7.40 p. m. Saturday next Sept. 19th, is something new in the line of excursions and the fare for the round trip being only \$2.50 no doubt a large number will take it in.

The hearing of Leon Schanno, charged with shooting and killing a dog belonging to P. N. Bourneque, took place Wednesday before Henry Ludwig, Esq. Defendant offered no evidence and was held in \$200 bail conditional for his appearance at court.

The statement of the First National Bank of Milford, published elsewhere, shows a substantial increase in business since last June. Deposits have increased from \$71,000 to over \$102,000, loans and discounts from \$19,000 to over \$46,000, the surplus fund is now \$5,000 and undivided profits over \$1,500, and the total volume of business has increased about \$30,000.

The state department of agriculture will next spring undertake a series of experiments in raising corn with the object of increasing the yield in this state. Large areas of good ground are to be planted with a new variety, so that seed may be obtained for distribution among the farmers in time for planting the following year. It is expected to increase the crop at least 10 per cent in future.

Maggie, wife of Luke S. Rosenkrance, died at her home in Port Jervis Wednesday morning. She was a daughter of the late Benjamin Van Inwagen of Westfall township, and is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Lillian M. Corley of Lebanon, Indiana, Mrs. Mariah J. Chadwin of Jersey City, Minerva M. at home, and two sons, Joseph of Jersey City and Clayton W. R. of Lebanon, Ind.

Hymenial

Harry Steele and Miss Della, a daughter of Louis Gavaille of Dingman township, were married at Middletown, N. Y., Wednesday, September 16.

Miss Laura Jordan of Matamoras and Charles Marvin, Jr., of Westfall were married Monday at the Reformed church parsonage in Port Jervis by Rev. T. H. McKenize in the presence of a few immediate friends. They will reside with parents of the groom.

New Millinery Store

I have returned from the City with a large assortment of Millinery Goods and have the latest styles of outing hats and trimmed hats. I will have the opening Sept. 17, 18 and 19. The public is invited to call and see my stock.

FLORENCE F. KALL, Hartford street. Three doors from Dinmock House.

Owes His Life to a Neighbor's Kindness.

Mr. D. P. Daugherty well known throughout Mercer and Banner counties, W. Va., most likely owes his life to the kindness of a neighbor. He was almost hopelessly afflicted with diarrhoea; was attended by two physicians who gave him little, if any, relief, when a neighbor learning of his serious condition, brought him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which cured him in less than twenty four hours. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

POSSIBLY A NEW AGE

Cement may be the Material to Designate it. Does it Exist Here?

A rumor in the lower end of this valley points to indications that parties interested in cement have been prospecting in this county with a view to ascertaining whether there is a deposit of that rock here. Down in Northampton county there has been a marvellous growth in the cement industry and should it be found that a deposit exists in our hills a tremendous impetus would no doubt be given to our prosperity.

A recent article in the Manufacturers Record points out the great and growing demand for the mineral. It says it has been customary to call certain periods of the world's history by the name of the principal metals by which the inhabitants of that age have been able to advance in wealth and civilization, such as the "Stone Age," the "Bronze Age," the "Iron Age," the "Steel Age." The propriety of the last two designations is recognized by all, while the transfer of the scepter from iron to steel is so recent that we have seen the transformation and are sharing in the patronage of the new dynasty.

The increase in an ever increasing progression in the demand for iron and steel per capita is almost a mathematical demonstration and no one doubts that the next ten years must require an enormous increase of output above even the large figures of today. Where is it all to come from?

What is true of the iron and steel industries is equally true in an aggregated form of the lumber industry. While this is something whose production may be made perpetual by proper forestry methods, it is quite evident that no effectual means will be taken until we are brought face to face with the actual scarcity which is already in sight to the more careful observers. To the difficulty of getting iron, therefore, is to be added a sharp and sudden scarcity of timber. With what will we supplement our needs in this respect, and how can we assist our iron and timber resources to meet the calls made upon them? If we could find something that is generally distributed in very large quantities, that is capable of taking the place of iron and timber in many uses and supplementing them in others that will give good results with unskilful handling, and with skilful handling will meet the most rigid requirements the problem would be largely solved. Clay will do this in part but by far the most valuable adjunct is cement. Its manufacture is getting on a firm basis, it can be put in a form easily handled, with care can be kept as long as desired, and is capable, on proper mixture with a large amount of cheap inert material, universally distributed, of taking the form of any space which it is desired to occupy, and of changing in a short time to a material rock-like in character and resistant to all forces of decay. The growth of the cement industry has recently been enormous. From 1882 the import of Portland cement has increased from 17,000 tons to over three million tons in 1902. The production of cement was greater in 1902 than the entire iron production in 1882. Certain localities like the Lehigh valley which produces sixty per cent of the Portland cement shows that the area of production is at present limited but this condition may not continue and should cement substances be found here we might share in the output. Portland cement is defined as a hydraulic cement made by calcining limestone with clayey matter, as chalk and river mud.

Excursion Tickets to San Francisco or Los Angeles, Cal.

On account of the Meeting of the American Bankers Association at San Francisco, Cal., October 20-23, 1903, the Erie will sell special round trip tickets from Port Jervis to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal., October 7th to 15th, inclusive, good to return on or before November 30th, 1903, at the low rate of \$91.50.

Real Estate Transfers

Mason D. Ernst to Ella L. Decker, 60 acres, Lehman, Ernst farm, \$1400.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

How about warm weather? Jim Quirk did keep on trading. Now he has to walk.

Brother Warren: Hi-5 is alright. That game used to be played at Hainesville 20 hours a day, 6 days in the week. Over here Euchre is the only fashionable game. Poker isn't in it.

Another young couple will take on themselves the responsibilities of married life within a few days. I am not at liberty to mention names, but both are well known in town.

Since the Bluff House closed the number of young men who came over here most every evening from across the river has fallen 50 per cent.

The condition of Moses Detrick is reported slightly improved.

Our school directors are having trouble to find a suitable place in which to keep school until the new building is finished. Some of the taxpayers are asking the question: Why was the old building sold and vacated before the new one was even located?

The young people of Montague expect to hold their annual picnic tomorrow. They will go to Childs Park. It is to be hoped they will have a pleasanter day than last year, when it rained cats and dogs.

It was an easy job for the judicial delegate to make a nomination for president judge last Saturday evening.

Montague was well represented here Wednesday afternoon. The boys were interested in dogs.

Revival or extra meetings are started in town, but the weather is most too warm yet.

Republican Judicial Convention

The republican convention to nominate a candidate for President Judge of the forty-third judicial district was held at the Criseman House Saturday evening, Sept. 13th. The conferees present were: From Monroe, A. R. Brittan, Esq., J. S. Schooner and C. B. Keller, Jr.; from Pike, Alfred Marvin, Esq., Dr. R. G. Barkley and J. H. Van Etten. The convention organized by electing Mr. Brittan chairman and Messrs. Schooner and Keller clerks. Hon. W. A. Erdman was nominated by J. H. Van Etten, was seconded by Dr. R. G. Barkley and he received the unanimous vote of the conferees.

On being notified of the result, Judge Erdman appeared before the convention and in a brief speech thanked the members for the honor conferred. He deprecated politics on the bench and declared that if elected he would be non-partisan in all his official acts and would to the best of his ability subserve the interest of taxpayers by expediting, so far as lay in his power, the business of the courts.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Sept. 19, 1903:

Mrs. E. E. Anderson, Mrs. Aggie B. Martock, Miss Viola Wintermute, Henry Beam, Jr., Geo McKibben, Milford, Pike Co., Pa., E. H. Weedon, Thomas Laurence Toomey.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

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