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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Roosevelt is receiving many congratulations for the firm and skillful manner in which he dealt with the labor problem involved in the Mill controversy. The day following his return to Washington he held a conference with a committee of the American Federation of Labor at which were discussed many bills which union labor intend to bring before congress. The question of Foreman Miller was also mentioned and the president took the opportunity to inform the labor leaders that his attitude on the subject had remained unchanged and that the decision which he was about to give to the public was final. After a conference a statement was given out from the White House in which the president declared that the laws of the land forbid any discrimination between union and non-union men in the employ of the government, and that he could no more decide against a man because he did not belong to a union, than because he was a Catholic or Protestant, white or black, Jew or Gentile. For this reason Miller would not be dismissed on the charges made by the Bookbinders Union, and the government printing office as well as all other bureaus which employ laborers would remain open shops. The labor leaders were evidently disappointed in the president's decision but in a statement which they issued the next day "To Organized Labor of America" they refrained from any direct criticism of the administration although they declared that union labor stood firm for the principle of "union shops." It is believed that John Mitchell, whom the president sided during the anthracite coal strike and who took luncheon at the White House on the day of the conference, used his influence to induce the leaders to adopt a conservative course. As far as the administration is concerned, the incident is now closed. Among many others here who applauded the president's action, Senator Stewart of Nevada said, "I told him that if he wins this fight he now has on his hands he will be immortal. If 3,000,000 of men are able to control 90,000,000 of people the death of the Republic is at hand.

Among the most recent visitors at the White House was Mr. Robert P. Skinner, United States Consul General at Marseilles, France, who is now in Washington making final arrangements for his trip into Abyssinia. He goes there to invite King Menelik to the St. Louis exposition and at the same time to induce the African monarch to make a commercial agreement with the United States. He will bring to His Majesty a message of friendship and high esteem from President Roosevelt and will attempt to establish diplomatic relations with this country which is already a good purchaser of American goods. Mr. Skinner says that one third of the goods which are imported in Abyssinia come from the United States and that the imports of American cotton goods alone amount to \$6,000,000 annually. Wages from Menelik's people ivory, hides, carpet wools and other raw materials. An American war ship will take the consul to the African coast and he will be furnished with an escort of United States marines on his trip overland. He hopes to reach the capital of Abyssinia some time in November.

Official, social and diplomatic circles in Washington were much grieved last Wednesday to hear that Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador to this country, had died in Switzerland of consumption. Sir Michael had been ill for some time but he hoped to recover his health in Switzerland and return here this fall. He was ambassador but a few months yet he conducted the important negotiations which followed the attack on Venezuela by England and her allies, and also those which resulted in the creation of the Alaskan Boundary Commission which is now in session in London. He was in Washington on two former occasions, once as charge d'affaires and once as secretary of the legation. On his first visit to this country he married an American.

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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. 35c.

DR. ABBOTT ON THE FAMILY

Says Majority of Women do not Care for the Franchise—Some Statistics
Dr. Lyman Abbott, in his recent article in the "Atlantic" against equal rights for women, expresses the opinion that the majority of women "will neither be forced nor enticed" out of their present state of disfranchisement. He would do well not to be too sure. The majority of women are still indifferent on the question, but the number who desire the ballot is growing, and growing fast. The first woman suffrage petition presented to the British Parliament in 1867 was signed by only 1,499 women; the petition of 1879 by 11,000 women, and the petition presented to the members of the recent Parliament was signed by 257,000 women.
From Australia, where women were lately granted full national suffrage, the news has just come that their registration exceeds all expectation, more than 850,000 having placed their names on the electoral roll. When the women of New Zealand were given full suffrage in 1893, the estimated number of adult women in the colony was 139,915. Of these 109,481 registered to vote. In Wyoming, the Secretary of State reports that 90 per cent of the women vote. In Colorado, the legislature has declared, with only dissenting vote in the senate and three in the house, that since equal suffrage was granted, the women "have exercised it as generally as the men." Yet in all these places it had been vehemently asserted beforehand that the majority of women did not want to vote. Probably they did not, until they got the chance; but when they had it, they soon found that they wanted to use it. History repeats itself; and what has happened in England and New Zealand and Australia may reasonably be expected to happen here. Dr. Abbott may as well mark up his mind to the inevitable.—Alice Squibb Blackwell.

Real Estate Transfers
Bernhart-Genista to Jacob Benson, 26 acres, Lackawaxen, \$1.
Fred Wehinger to Mary E. Osterhout, lots 145, 147, Wehinger's addition, Matamoras, \$175.

Susan J. Dewitt to Charles Olsen, 51 acres, part of Mordach Roberts, Lackawaxen, \$750.

John A. Daitly to David Walker, interest in lot on Westcoaling pond, Lackawaxen, \$150.

Max Strauss to Arthur Lederer, 682 acres, Lehman, parts of George Egger, Joseph Bell and Joseph Donaldson.

C. B. Staples, trustee, to Arthur Lederer, quit claim for lands in Lehman.

Mary A. P. Warner to James W. Pinchot, lots 598, 587, Milford, corner Catharine and Sixth streets.

James W. Pinchot to Edwin S. Wolfe, same lots as above, \$750.

William J. Edmiston to Commonwealth, 126 acres, part of Elixia Chapman, Blooming Grove, \$65.

Bertha Montheim to Mathilde Vianed, 81 acres, Dingman, on Raymondskill creek, \$2950.

Honry Irvine Courtwright to Sarah Ellen Courtwright, lot in St. Johns addition, Matamoras, No. 141, \$100.

Andrew Atkinson and others to George M. Smith, 100 acres, Lehman, \$400.

Harry and E. F. Peters to Dr. L. B. Smith, 25000 sq. ft. at Bushkill, Lehman, \$1000.

Ernest E. Kipp to Baxter B. Kipp, 149 acres, Greentown, part of Henry Spring, No. 170, \$300.

L. W. Morse to B. B. Kipp, release of bark, etc. on above.

Partition Proceedings
W. H. Connor of Caldwell, Kansas, and Geo. H. Snelling of Coffeyville, Kansas, whose wives are daughters of the late P. A. L. Quick, were in town a few days ago looking after the estate which is now in process of partition in the courts. The jury of inquest consisting of George A. Swopes, James H. Heller, Frank Schorr, Richard Steele, Alonzo Cline and John McCarty, under the direction of Sheriff Gregory, has been engaged in the performance of the duty this week.

Broke into His House
S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of chronic constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure, 25c at all druggists.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

H. O. Brodhead of Delaware was at the county seat a day this week.

Herbert D. Kohl of Paterson, N. J., is a guest at the Crisman House.

Born, Tuesday, to County Commissioner W. F. Beck and wife a daughter.

Mrs. Dr. Kenworthy is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Brooklyn.

Probationary J. C. Westbrock is giving his residence on Ann street a coat of dark paint.

M. H. Chapin and wife of Bridgeport are domiciled at the Armstrong Cottage on Ann street.

Mrs. Simmons, of New York, is a guest with her sister, Mrs. F. F. White, on Fourth Street.

John Slauson of Tunkhannock, who was on his way to New York to buy goods, spent Sunday with friends here.

Congressman Jos. H. Shull and C. R. Staples, Esq., of Stroudsburg were in town a couple of days the first of the week.

A. D. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Frances Westfall, returned Monday from a two weeks visit in western New York.

H. W. Adams of Huntingtown in Delaware was in town yesterday on his way to New York for a two weeks visit.

John Y. Clark of Sandyston, N. J., suffered paralysis of his left side last Sunday which has left him in a helpless condition.

Thomas Stegle expects to go this week to Rochester, N. Y., to secure a position, where his brother, Floyd, is employed on a trolley line.

Chris Gebhardt, who is employed in the shops of the D. L. & W. R. R. at Taylor near Scranton, visited his parents up in Dingman over last Sunday.

Col. Harry A. Coursen of Scranton, who years ago was a resident here and who enlisted in the war of the rebellion from this place, visited here recently.

Wonderful Radium
The promise of an exhibition of the wonders of radium drew a large crowd of men and women to the American Museum of Natural History in New York Tuesday evening.

The demonstration was made by George F. Kuntz, diamond expert, who used radium of 300,000 activity. With the lights turned down, the radium, in a glass tube, which in turn was enclosed in India rubber, was held on one side of a board over an inch thick and diamonds were on the other side. Through the glass, the India rubber and the inch thick board the radium caused the jewels to glow with a soft and very beautiful phosphorescent light which was distinctly visible all over the darkened room. Mr. Kuntz showed the radium glowing by itself through the glass tube, the rubber tube, a piece of lead pipe, a piece of iron pipe, three copper cylinders and a jar of water, the wonderful substance apparently shining as clearly through all these substances as once as it did through any one of them. Mr. Kuntz then applied the ultra violet light and the Roentgen rays to a variety of minerals, many of them showing beautiful fluorescence for several seconds after the light rays were withdrawn.

The Teachers' Institute
County Superintendent of Schools Lucian Westbrock was in town Monday arranging for the Annual Teachers' Institute which will be held in Brown's Hall the week beginning Oct. 26th. Among the lecturers and instructors, who will be present and take part, are Prof. Frank S. Fox, Prof. Frank Kohler and Dr. Geo. P. Bible. The attendance of every teacher is especially requested.

A marriage license has been granted to Miss Marion Williams of Palmyra and Frank M. Gillip of Greentown.

Silver Two From Death
"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. E. Hayland of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

License Courts Assailed
The Presbytery of Philadelphia has passed resolutions condemning the methods of license courts in granting licenses. It says of the court's decisions, "that many of them have been generally accepted as a travesty of justice, a perversion of the best features of the high license law and an insult to the Christian people of the city."

Advertise in the Press.

LET THEM HAVE THE TRUTH

Republican Non-Partisanship in the Matter of Judges

Certain of the democratic newspapers of the Monroe-Pike judicial district are doing their best to make the election of a judge there this year a mere appeal to partisanship. This is done wholly because the normal majority in the district is democratic.

One of these organs, the Stroudsburg "Times," wants somebody to point out what republican district in the state has a democratic judge. We think we can give our contemporary what it wants, which, when it gets it, will be exactly what it doesn't want. Taking the presidential vote to determine whether the district is republican or democratic—and there is no other test—there are twelve republican districts in the state in which there are eighteen democratic judges. Many of these have been elected by the unanimous support of the republicans, while all are indebted to the votes of republicans for their success.

The districts to which we refer are: Philadelphia, one; Allegheny, two; Bucks, one; Westmoreland, one; Luzerne, two; Fayette, one; Chester, one; Schuylkill, three; Lycoming, one; Crawford, one; Lackawanna, three; Cambria, one; while only a few days ago the big republican district composed of the counties of Bedford, Huntingdon and Millin lost by death a most excellent democratic judge. The Chester district is a notable example of non-partisanship. It has a republican majority of about 7000 in a total vote of about 20,000, yet the republicans made no nomination against Judge Hemphill, who is a democrat, and cordially gave him their support. There are other instances quite as notable.

It is not necessary to go into more detail. This is a sufficient answer to the intimation of our Monroe county contemporary that there are no democratic judges in republican districts. It is seen that nearly one out of every six judges in the state is a democrat in a republican district, some by unanimous consent, some because in a partisan contest there were republican enough who took a non-partisan view of the election of judges to make the success of a democrat possible. In every instance the successful democrat had to have some republican votes.

These facts ought to be fully made known to the voters of the Monroe-Pike district, who are being misled by the statements of the democratic organs. The better informed they are the more they are likely to cast their votes in the public interest.—Philadelphia Press.

The Choral Society Meeting
Recent indications all point to a very interesting and successful meeting this evening, in the interests of the plan for a Choral Society for Milford. Prof. Stewart of New York is expected up on the morning train, and will meet in the afternoon a number of persons interested in forming a Choral Society at Port Jervis, thence coming to Milford in time for the meeting in the parlor of the Presbyterian church at eight o'clock this, Friday, evening. The invitation to be present on that occasion is a general one to all persons interested in music or desiring to have a place in a Milford chorus, should one be organized. The presence of all to whom those words apply is earnestly requested.

Saturday's Niagara Falls and Buffalo Excursion
The hangers advertising the low rate excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, leaving Port Jervis, N. Y., at 7:40 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 10th, which have been distributed around Milford and vicinity are in error as to the returning as the tickets will be good returning on the special train Sunday, Oct. 11th, or on regular trains Monday, Oct. 12th.

Remember this is the lowest excursion run by the Erie this season, just think of it the round trip fare being only \$3.00 don't forget the date Saturday, Oct. 10th.

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Friday, Oct. 16th, will be Arbor Day.

Leaves have ripened and are now resplendent with autumn tints.

An electric car in Germany attained the record breaking speed of over 125 miles an hour.

The trial of J. H. Tillman, for the murder of Editor Gonzalez, has been continued because of the illness of a juror.

Peter Elliot, an insane Swede, was arrested at the White House Monday. He was armed and was looking for the president.

Do not neglect to attend the meeting this evening in the Presbyterian church lecture room, looking to the organization of a choral society in town.

Editor Neapass, of the Port Jervis Gazette, has been nominated by the democrats of the second district of Orange county for member of assembly.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Campbell and Joseph H. Gould, both of Lehman, were united in marriage last Sunday by John W. Frasier, Esq., at his office in Dingmans Ferry.

The Managers of the Milford-Delaware Bridge Co. have put in an entirely new floor on that structure. The work was supervised by H. L. Gamme who had the contract.

The will of Fried August Deitz, late of Westfall, has been admitted to probate. He bequeaths all his estate personal and real to his wife, Amelia, and names her sole executrix.

Not knowing it was loaded, Ignatius Klennan of Olyphant, who had been married but two weeks, pointed a gun at his bride when the weapon was discharged and the girl shot in the head and instantly killed.

The postal inquiry at Washington has ended with fifteen new indictments being found. Among those who have been caught is State Senator George A. Green of New York who resides at Brightonham.

Rev. Dr. H. M. Kieffer, of the First Reformed Church of Easton, who has been making a strong fight to retain his pulpit, has been again denied an injunction against classic to prevent that body dissolving the pastoral relations.

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TO THE ASSESSORS

They all Refused to Obey the Law and Assess to Cash Value

The County Commissioners have sent to the assessors of the several townships the following letter:

MILFORD, Oct. 1, 1903.

Dear Sir:— We wish to call your attention to the fact that we will require a change in the making of your assessment this year.

The change is that you simply comply with the oath that you take as assessor and assess all property at its full value.

We have received many complaints of unequal assessments and have been threatened with an appeal to the Courts for a change, and, therefore, and after mature consideration we have decided that the only way to make a fair and just assessment is for the assessor to comply with the law and assess all property at its full value.

By a careful reading of the Precept sent, you will find your duty made plain.

Yours very truly,
Wm. F. Beck,
E. VANDELMAR,
P. M. Nills,
County Comm'rs.

OBITUARY

MRS. EMELINE BIDDIS

The death of Mrs. Biddis, which was not unexpected, occurred at an early hour Wednesday morning.

For some time she has been in failing health and her advanced age, she was 84 years old at her last birthday, was a serious obstacle to recovery.

She was descended from one of the oldest families in this section. Her father, Samuel R., who was a soldier in the war of 1812, and her mother, Wealthy, Dimmick, were born and married in Connecticut, and came to this state in the early part of the last century. Her father first taught school in Monroe county, later at Dingman's and finally located here about 1827, where he engaged in and continued business for many years.

Miss Dimmick married Britton A. Biddis whose ancestor was the founder of and laid out the town of Milford in 1796. She is survived by one son, Frank, of Sag Harbor, L. I., and one daughter, Lilley, wife of John W. Lyon of Port Jervis.

The funeral will take place at 2 p. m. today, Friday, and interment in Milford cemetery.

Good Roads Law

The county commissioners are sending out circular requests to the supervisors of the several townships asking them to return the number of miles of roads in their districts.

The state department desires to have a record of the miles of road so that the sum appropriated may be properly apportioned. It is doubtful if many applications for state aid will be made because of the cost of building roads. The county commissioners in convention last week at Pittsburg passed resolutions incidental to the law. Until it is amended, so that the character of the road built can be adapted to the soil conditions and so made proportionate in cost to the actual requirements for a good road, there will probably be little effort made by local authorities to engage in the work. A stone crusher and a coating of three or more inches of crushed stone, making the first layer coarse, the second and third of smaller sizes, would probably be all sufficient for most roads in this county and would make a permanent highway.

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A Love Letter
Would not interest you if you're looking for a guaranteed salve for sores, burns or piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Buckle's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best salve on earth. 50c at all druggists."

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Last Sunday afternoon while coming up Ann street I never saw a living soul, not even a dog. Talk about a lively place.

Aleek Riviere has put the finishing touches on the walls of the Mott street bridge.

The democratic county committee and the next president judge, Chas. B. Staples, met at the district attorney's office Monday afternoon.

So the good deacon Neapass of Port Jervis has captured the nomination for assembly. If he should be elected he will have to get a new high hat.

John C. Westbrock, Jr., is greatly improving the looks of his Ann street residence by the application of a new coat of paint. McMurray and Almer are doing the work.

Billy will get the right ring after awhile.

Milford can now boast of a baby row. Three babies were born within a week within three hundred yards of each other. More chances to get a good cigar from a proud father or grandfather than from a candidate for county office.

Trouble seems brewing unless the congregating of boys in a certain quarter stops.

Christian Gebhardt, a Dingman township boy, but now of Scranton, Pa., has been spending a week with relatives here.

William Cortright, who has been and is still employed at Stroudsburg, Pa., spent Sunday with his family here.

Editor Goodman of the Sussex Register loves to delight his readers with something lively. Here is something he published last week. It may not include the Editor of the Press:

The Devil came up to the earth one day, And into a Court House wended his way, Just as an attorney, with very grave face Was proceeding to argue the "points in the case."

Now, a lawyer his Majesty never had seen For to his dominions none ever had been; And he felt very anxious the reason to know Why none had been sent to the regions below.

'Twas the fault of his agents, his Majesty thought, That none of these lawyers had ever been caught; And for his own pleasure he felt a desire To come to the earth and the reason inquire, Well, the lawyer, who rose with vision as grave, Made out his opponent a consummate knave;

And the Devil was really greatly amused To hear the attorney so grossly abused. But soon as the speaker had come to a close The counsel opposing then fiercely arose, And he heaped such abuse on the head of the first, That made him a villain, of all men the worst.

Thus they quarreled, contended, and argued so long 'Twas hard to determine which of them was wrong; And, concluding he'd heard quite enough of the "fuss," Old Nick turned away and soliloquized thus: "If all they have said of each other be true The Devil has surely been robbed of his due; But I'm satisfied now it's all very well— For these villains would ruin the morals of hell."

'They have puzzled the court with their villainous cavil, And I'm free to confess they have puzzled the devil; My agents are right to let lawyers alone— If I had my hand, they'd swindle me out of my throne!"

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