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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

No sooner is one anti-Roosevelt ghost laid than another pops up. This time it is "far out west," where certain business interests, alleged to be railroads, are spreading a "propaganda" of opposition to the President. The report is that after a meeting of railway officials in Chicago word has been passed along the lines. Probably this propaganda is a carnard, like most of the rest. As Senator Dewey, of New York, who represents the Vanderbilt interests, denies all knowledge of opposition to the building of the Panama canal on the part of railway interests, so, too, he knows of no such opposition to President Roosevelt. The republicans editors of Missouri have sent a cheering message to the White House that they are a unit for the re-nomination of its occupant. The republican members of congress from Pennsylvania, say all the delegates from their state will vote at Chicago for President Roosevelt. Nebraska has sent word that she wants Mr. Roosevelt for President and John L. Webster for Vice President. On the 20th inst the delegates to the National Board of Trade called upon the President. The Panama treaty is likely to be adopted without the amendments, as the President disapproves of them and wants the whole matter settled as soon as possible. He will select for one of the canal commissioners, Mr. Islam Randolph, chief engineer of the Chicago drainage board.

A vigorous and powerful speech was made on the 20th inst by Senator Platt of Conn., in defence of the President's action in Panama. He claimed that if warships and marines had not been sent to Panama when they were, to protect the lives of Americans from the threatened massacre by the soldiers of Colombia, the whole American people would have protested without a dissenting voice. He denied there had been any intervention or collusion on the part of the Government. He asserted that the President had the right, treaty or no treaty, to send even the army into Panama if its presence was needed, the same as American soldiers were sent to China to rescue the American legation at Peking. The same afternoon Senator Morgan made an earnest speech in favor of his bill providing for the annexation of Panama and authorizing the President to pay a lump sum for the pacification of Colombia. Senator Hale concurs.

The burial of another congressman during the week recalls the existence of a crying evil in the matter of congressional funerals, which both parties are responsible for and ought to combine to eradicate. Whenever a member dies the "etiquette" which congress has established requires that a large committee of ten to twenty-five from both houses be appointed to escort the body home; that one or more Pullman sleepers shall be chartered by the government; that they shall be stocked with all sorts of food and drink and that the committee and their friends shall go for a week more or less upon the junket. These funerals cost from \$5,000 to \$25,000 each. The champagne are of the rarest brand and the cigars furnished cost \$50 to \$1 a piece and each with its aroma is enclosed in a separate vial. On many occasions some members of the committee have become so intoxicated as not to be able to attend the funeral. Can such a disgraceful custom be terminated too soon?

A plan has been proposed in congress for the employment of retired army officers. At present they are occupied, on full pay, as post-bearers, guests at teas and card devotees at clubs. Congress will be requested to order 250 of them in connection with state militia, and upon certain martial and infantry. This, if accomplished, will relieve an equal number of officers on the active list and permit them to attend strictly to military duties.

Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, will arrive here today with the body of James Smithson, philanthropist, transferred from its resting place in Genoa, to the Smithsonian grounds in this city. Natural son of the Duke of Northumberland, and thus cut off from his aristocratic connections, he deliberately chose the life of scholar, philosopher, philanthropist. In the Revolutionary War he opposed his countrymen and sent a caustic letter to his cousin Percy who was suddenly missing from his

command during the battle of Bunker Hill. Smithson gave half a million dollars to found the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, prophesying that the results of the gift would bring him the fame he coveted, "after the Northumberland are forgotten." It is hoped that the scientist and scholar will not be given an unfamiliar seat on horseback, in the statue they are to erect on the Smithsonian grounds in this city.

The National Board of Trade, in session in Washington, asks congress to discontinue the coinage of silver dollars, and to direct the Treasury to exchange gold for them when presented; to provide for a merchant marine; to adopt the metric system; to provide for a parcel post; to reduce letter postage to one cent; and to protect the flag from being used for advertising purposes.

During Senator Platt's speech in vindication of the President on the 21st inst, Miss Alice Roosevelt was an interested listener in the reserved gallery. She wore a costume of rich brown satin, demi-train; souve jacket of the same with elbow sleeves from which fell to the wrist a very full puff of lace; white gloves. Her hat was of shirred crepe to match the dress with a very wide brim the edge ornamented with a band of brown ostrich plumes. Cape and muff of white fox fur.

A grand reception in honor of the judiciary was given at the White House Thursday evening the 21st inst. The diplomats in full uniform, were first received, and then the Chief Justice and his wife. The procession began to move about 9 o'clock, p. m. Thousands were in line. Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Knox, and other ladies wore white satin. Mrs. John W. Foster has entertained her friends at a luncheon. Lieut. Fortescue, nephew of the President by marriage, has entertained at the White House the military aides on duty there.

Rambling Thoughts
Every truth of science has comfort in it for the thinker; in fact, who get real comfort out of life except those who think? A scratch on a rock will cry aloud that ages before a glacier forced its burden of loose stones and its own vast bulk of ice forward, slowly and surely and with irresistible force. Today ice may not be within a thousand miles of the place, but we know it was once there; the scratch on the rock tells the tale. The ripple-mark on the sandstone tells of the sea. The footprints of animals in the rocks of the Connecticut river, tell of tides and mud flats over which creatures roamed when the tides were out. These are among the positive things of science. But whence the comfort? If the world be but a tomb of past life and endeavor in the physical sphere, and its features but epitaphs of things that have been, can we not believe in the moral world also there is a great preservative influence at work, marking down imperishably the record of all things, that nothing be lost? Our effort is equally enduring. It has its influence, and combined with other efforts it makes the world. As surely as the rocks tell the tale of the past, so surely does the complex story of human life carry its own records of past endeavors. These records are not like the fossils that can be seen and handled, yet the present state of progress is itself made up of the unweighable, unseeable influences of men and women of faith who did in a little sphere the thing that ought to be done. If we have faith to believe this—and faith hardly is necessary; for we see it—then our faith ought to bring home the belief that no honest purpose can ever fall of results though those results may never be seen by the eyes of the one carrying out the purpose faithfully.

FOR SALE—A Knabe Piano, good condition. Easy payments. Apply Dr. DE PLESSIS cottage. Also buggy and two seated wagon, best make.

A Very Close Call
"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Frank Rosencrans of Delaware was in town Tuesday.
Dudley Ryman has been spending the week in Newark and New York.
Henry Dowitt, Esq., of Lackawaxen transacted business here a day this week.

Hon. George S. Purdy dined the older members of the Board of the county bar last Friday evening.

Hon. L. J. Martin and Theodore Simmons, Esq., of Newton were in town the latter part of last week.

J. H. Thompson, Esq., of Hawley, was here a few days ago as a witness to the will of Charles Higgins, lately deceased.

County Commissioner P. M. Nills spent the first of the week at Hawley supervising the building of an inter-county wall along the Paupers creek.

Misses Ann and Alice Baker, who have been spending a few weeks visiting friends in New York and Philadelphia, returned home this week.

Will Locate Here

Dr. Wm. J. Davis has decided to locate at Milford, Pa., and will go there February 1st. He visited that village last week and was a well pleased with the opening that he decided to practice in that village. Milford is a village of 1,100 inhabitants, situated in Pike county on the Delaware river, eleven miles south of Port Jervis and is a very popular summer resort. Dr. Davis is a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York, one of the best medical schools in this country, and for the past year has been house physician in the German Hospital, Brooklyn. The citizens of Milford are to be congratulated upon having with them a physician of such ability and excellent character. "The Ensign," Livingston Manor, N. Y.

Trick With a Penny

To pierce a penny with a fine sewing needle does not at first seem an easy thing to do. But it is really very simple when done in the following manner: Stick the needle lengthwise through a cork, allowing the point to project a little. If the needle is longer than the cork, out of the head with nippers. Place the penny and cork on a soft board and hit the cork sharply with a hammer. The needle is kept by this from slipping aside, and as it is harder than the copper the coin is easily perforated even by the finest point.

A Nice Dessert

Bales de pomme is a favorite Sunday dessert with the French in the country, and it is merely thin slices of apple put into a large spoonful of batter and then both apple and batter are dropped into hot fat and fried after the fashion of doughnuts. Care should be taken, however, that the piece of apple is well covered with the batter and that the fat is exceedingly hot. As soon as all are nicely browned they are removed from the fat on a fork which allows the grease to drip from them a little. Sprinkle with sugar and serve at once.

Eclipse of the Sun

The next total eclipse of the sun is to be expected June 8, 1918, visible along a narrow line extending from Oregon to Florida. In 1923 Southern California and Mexico will be favored. Two years later another is scheduled along a route from North Dakota to Maine. In 1932 there should be one starting in the Arctic regions and emerging near Portland, Maine. These are the only total eclipses which will occur in this country for the next half century.

If you want folders for leap year parties or dances, The Press has handsome ones at an easy price. Just remember we do any kind of printing from a large poster down to a beautifully engraved card, and at reasonable rates. Will be glad to have orders for vantage bills.

David Kaphokakimokewewouch has just been appointed a post master in Hawaii. He is called this for short and when signing telegrams. His full native name is used only on state occasions.

For a bad taste in the mouth take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25¢. Warranted to cure. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, and all general stores in Pike county.

FRESHLY COINED APHORISMS

Some Newly Coined Sayings Which are Bright, Pertinent and Instructive
Dr. Morgan, pastor of the church at Northfield, that of the late Rev. Dwight Moody, has been preaching a series of sermons in Philadelphia to large audiences which were captivated by his striking personality and the sentiments character of his oratory. A few random quotations from several widely differing addresses will illustrate his sayings.
"If the Christian Church were to realize herself, she could clean up the country within a year."
"The Bible begins with a garden and ends with a city; that is the divine order."
"The work of the church is to dilate terms of righteousness to the city."

"The civic life of this country will be purified only by the church; but the church will never have power until she frees herself from partisan politics and stands for God alone."

"I do not understand our American political parties; they are like the peace of God, which passes understanding."

"Think what the church could do to some municipal election if she stood squarely for righteousness."

"Tammany has gone back to power in New York because the church wins a victory and then goes to sleep. Tammany never goes to sleep."

"The press of America does a great deal more for Christianity than the press of England."

"God's ideal for the child is that it shall play—Notice, I said 'play,' not 'pray'."

"The true system of education is 'boys and girls'—not boys alone, or girls alone, but boys and girls together."

"I wonder what children will play at in the millennium? I know they won't play at soldiers. I wish parents would banish toy soldiers, and pictures of soldiers, from their houses."

"My earliest recollections are of preaching to my sister's dolls. If you want me to have downright amusement, give me a congregation and let me preach to it."

"Salt needs rubbing in. 'Ye are the salt of the earth.'"

"A child will play itself into work, and then play at work all his life. When a man is in the right place, all work is play. A famous surgeon told me he would walk five miles any time for the pleasure of amputating a man's leg."

"Train a child up in its own way, is a perfectly fair and literal translation of the old and misquoted proverb."

"When I want to see a picture of the millennium I don't go to a prayer meeting; I go to a park, where children are."

"The child is the test of public life."

"The millennial city will be compelled to clean up its streets. Let the health of a little child be harmed."

"Men will not be permitted to endanger the health of the millennial city for the enjoyment of a corporation."

"Make Philadelphia ready for children, and it will do very well for you."

"In the millennial city the streets will be fit for boys and girls to play in; and the city's children will be fit to play in the streets."

"If you are going to live the heavenly life on earth you will have to fight for it."

"When the Church loses her 'otherworldliness' she will lose her ability to touch this world with power."

"Time writes no wrinkles upon the brow of the Deity."

"Love is not an attribute of the Deity; it is the essence of the Deity."

"God was love before man was made."

"I've often said that I expected to preach up to heaven. Now I am perfectly sure of it."

"The virgin birth, virtuous life, vicarious death and victorious resurrection of Jesus," was one alliterative phrase.

"There is nothing in the Bible which is out of harmony with the established facts of science."

"The first chapter of Genesis harmonizes with the latest scientific facts of science. There are but five things of which scientists are certain—time, force, space, matter and motion. All these may be found in the first two verses of the Bible."

"If I am to choose between spirituality without intellectuality or intellectuality without spirituality, I deliberately choose the former."

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Born, Monday, to Harry Steele and wife, a son.

By an explosion in the Harwick mine near Pittsburg 156 miners lost their lives.

Snow fell Tuesday to the depth of about six inches, and Wednesday the wind amused itself piling it into drifts.

Some New York papers are giving the Erie "rats" because of its suburban service, which is claimed to be rather unsatisfactory.

Last Sunday the weather was intensely cold out in the North West. In places the thermometer registered 38 below zero. Blizzards also prevailed.

The Milford Choral society will have its first public rehearsal Tuesday evening, Feb. 2nd, at Brown's Hall. General admission 25 cents, reserved seats fifty cents.

Reports from several counties in the state say that many quail are being found frozen to death by the severe cold. In some places steps are proposed to restock by propagating western birds.

The will of Charles Higgins, late of Lackawaxen, deceased, was recently admitted to probate. He gives \$500 each to his wife, Ellen, and daughter Mary, and \$100 a year to his son Charles.

The coroner's jury at Chicago in the case of the Iroquois theatre disaster has placed the responsibility on Mayor Harrison and charges wilful neglect on the part of the Department of Building Inspection.

Hon. Homer Greene of Honesdale, who has been mentioned as a probable aspirant for congressional honors, is out with a letter in which he disclaims the intention of being a candidate in the fourteenth district.

A resolution has been introduced in the United States Senate to authorize the committee on privileges and elections to conduct an investigation into the protest against Senator Reed Smoot retaining his seat.

In one township in Wayne county the school directors by comparing the list of children made by the assessor with the school report books found that 230 pupils were left off the assessors registry. That township needs one new official at least.

The Hatcher Society of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday evening to decide as to holding the annual supper Washington's birthday. It was agreed to consult the Ladies Aid Society as to the advisability of uniting with that organization in this commemorating the day.

Daniel F. Winfield, one of the oldest engineers on the Erie, died at Middletown last Saturday. He was born in this place about seventy-six years ago and was a son of Henry and Deborah Winfield. He was a brother to the late Charles Winfield, formerly a prominent lawyer and at one time district attorney of Jersey City.

The snow fall in this state Tuesday ranged from 6 inches to 2 feet in depth. The ice gorges in Allegheny and Susquehanna rivers did great damage. Railroad tracks were submerged and trains greatly delayed.

The snow drifts in many places blocked travel by rail and trains on the Erie were from 4 to 10 hours late.

Warren Wilbur of South Bethlehem, it is said, will be a candidate for Congress in this district, and that he will have the support of Hon. Howard Mitchell. It is freely predicted, however, that the next congressional delegation from this state will contain only one democrat and he will not be elected from the twenty-sixth district.

Judge Martin in the Philadelphia courts has decided in a case brought under the Sunday law that the agent for a society who buys a cigar on Sunday in order to secure evidence to convict the seller of the offense prohibited by the act, is not performing such a work of necessity as the act permits, and that the buyer may be convicted of a violation of the Act of 1794 relating to worldly employment on Sunday.

Domestic Trouble

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25¢ at all drug stores.

TOWNSHIP NOMINATIONS

Names of Those from Whom the Citizens will Select Officials for the Next Year

MILFORD BOROUGH—DEMOCRATIC
Judge Election—James H. Heller.
Inspector—Stanton Sapples.
Councilmen—D. H. Hornbeck, George Gregory.
Assessor—Emil F. Bergot.
Auditor—Chauncey E. Watson.
Overseer Poor—Lorenz Geiger.
School Directors—William Drake, H. E. Emerson, Warren F. Chol.
School Auditor—John E. Almer.

REPUBLICAN
Judge Election—James H. Heller.
Inspector Election—J. H. Van Etten.
Councilmen—J. C. Warner, George Gregory.
Assessor—W. T. Struble.
Auditor—Dudley Ryman.
Overseer Poor—John Detrick.
School Directors—William Drake, P. N. Bourneque, J. H. Van Etten.
School Auditor—F. L. Gumbie.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP—DEMOCRATIC
Judge Election—J. C. Ball.
Inspector—Jas. D. Beck.
Clerk—J. C. Ball.
Auditor—D. B. Olmsted, H. B. McCarty.
Assessor—A. J. Nyce.
Supervisors—C. Herman, Geo. R. Bosler.
Overseer Poor—J. G. Maier.

REPUBLICAN
Judge Election—Samuel Hunt.
Inspector—Tobias Nelson.
Clerk—J. C. Ball.
Auditor—Henry McCarty.
Assessor—John A. Watts.
Supervisor—Emil Marquardt.

DELAWARE—DEMOCRATIC
Judge Election—Augustus Midgah.
Inspector—Gilbert C. Crone.
School Directors—Thos. M. Brink, Walter L. Bradley.
Supervisors—Daniel Jagger, John C. Doty, Charles Martin, John Schreiber and Frank Stewart, five vote.

Overseer Poor—David Gunn.
Town Clerk—W. H. Layton.
Assessor—H. O. Brodhead.
Auditor—M. B. McCarty.

REPUBLICAN
Supervisor—Joseph Layton.
School Director—Calvin Cron.
Assessor—Frank Rosencrans.
Judge Election—John W. Kilsby.
Inspector—Ralph Angie.

GREENE—DEMOCRATIC
Judge Election—Chas. J. Simon.
Inspector—Edward Grimm.
Assessor—S. J. Dickerson.
Supervisor—Patrick O'Conner, Jesse R. Burrus, William Graser, Henry Volklins, Christian Puffs.
School Directors—Emil Vaille, Jr., Eugene H. Butler.

Auditor—Chas. E. Brink.
Overseer Poor—John Brink.
Clerk—John Marsch.

REPUBLICAN
Judge Election—John R. Gilpin.
Inspector—William Banks.
Assessor—Henry Heberling.
Supervisors—T. N. Cross, David Heberling, Frank Miller, John Buchter, Jasper Dawson.
School Directors—Edward Lowe, A. F. Simons.
Auditor—E. B. Cross.
Overseer Poor—J. H. Gilpin.
Clerk—Edgar Wilson.

BLOOMING GROVE—DEMOCRATIC
Judge Election—Sam. Vennie, Jr.
Inspector—Charles F. Howell.
School Directors—John Anderson, John Eckweller.
Supervisors—Dennis De Groat, C. L. Frank, J. R. Vennie.
Overseer Poor—C. L. Frank.
Town Clerk—Russell Lord.
Auditor—W. B. Westbrook.
Assessor—F. L. Westbrook.
Justice Peace—Ed. B. Hasen.
Treasurer—C. E. Young.

REPUBLICAN
Inspector Election—Clarence O. Billings.
Supervisor—William Hatton.
Clerk—John T. Henning.
Justice Peace—Calvin O. Billings.
Assessor—John Kleinhans.
Auditor—Bram Baka.

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"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

All the nominations for spring election have been made. The voter now can take his choice.

The Port Jervis ice bridge went out in a hurry last Sunday afternoon. If it was not for the railroad bridge at Matamoras things would be more inconvenient for people on this side of the river than they were.

Chickens are high but some people poultry is disappearing mysteriously. William Metz wants to give fair warning, he says he has no chickens to loan, and the first person he finds prowling around his hen coop will get a warm reception.

J. A. Watts took a sleigh ride to Jersey last Sunday. He only upset twice.

Who has lost a little yellow dog with a black head.

The snow is now a little too deep in the woods for comfortable getting around.

The heating apparatus in the Episcopal church has received an overhauling. The boiler was partly played out.

Talk about the devil and he stands behind the door listening is an old saying, and sometimes a very true one.

Billy Bryan is out again doing his utmost to help elect a republican president. That gifted orator will not own up that free silver is a dead issue, but if the democratic party is led by the Nebraska statesman to put a free silver plank in its platform next July there won't be anything left of the democratic party after the November election.

Already we hear of candidates in this county for sheriff and at least three men have been found who are willing to step into the commissioner's office.

Rumor has it that a former merchant of this town will try his hand at farming in the spring. We wish him success.

Ice Breaks Up

Last Sunday morning the ice in the East Branch at Hancock began to move and gradually broke up with occasional small gorges until it reached Port Jervis, there it stopped for awhile on the head of Big Island below Tri-States and the water rose rapidly, finally running around the end of the railroad bridge. It was for a time feared that the scene of 1874 might be reenacted, but the ice dam soon broke without doing any damage. The ice broke up here about half past eight and moved on but was checked at the Zimmerman place in Delaware and then filled back. The water rose flooding the road along the Howell place, in Dingman township, making it impassable. The cold weather Monday checked the rise in the river and the water gradually wore a channel through the pack and receded. It, however, remains gorged from Milford several miles down. The river for some distance below Dingman is clear.

A False Alarm

A party of Port Jervis ladies and gentlemen who had come to Matamoras Sunday afternoon to attend a quiet birthday party of a friend in the midst of their social time that a gorge had formed in the river and water was inundating Port Jervis. Investigation proved the report of the town being submerged groundless and the visitors returned to their social enjoyment. The evening was spent in vocal and instrumental music, and refreshments were served.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 30, 1904:

Mr. Wickes, Miss Florence Collins, Miss Myrtle Vanderbilt, M. Davis Dale, Arthur Head.

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

CHARLES LATTORE, P. M.

Wonderful News

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental wounds, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25¢ at all druggists.