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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER

A great calm has fallen upon republican politicians since the death of Senator Hanna, and the soap-bubble character of the various "boom" for President, other than the present occupant of the White House, has been demonstrated. The President is making no special effort to pick out a manager for the coming campaign; a manager hardly seems to be needed. Everything is falling into place like clock-work. Mr. Dozer, private secretary to Senator Hanna, takes the place made vacant by the resignation of Perry Heath, and for the present prominent republicans will look after the larger interests of the party. It is now known that Senator Hanna had the most sincere friendship, and the highest regard, for the President, and that he was not the man to carry a knife up his sleeve. There is no longer a Foraker factional fight in Ohio; if there were any aspirants in that state for Hanna's vacant seat they have generously declined to come forward, and all are willing that Congressman Dick should become the new senator. He is a man of much force of character, who has seen all sides of life, from being the humble keeper of a feed store in the little city of Akron, O., to his present high and honorable position. In the lower house of Congress he will be succeeded by Mr. E. L. Dampson, who has been lieutenant-governor of Ohio and prominent in politics for the last twenty years. As the Buckeye state goes so goes the rest of the world! There is even republican harmony in New York state, and the three great leaders, Gov. Odell, and Senators Platt and Depew, are all agreed, and each is welcome to the confidence of the President. Senator Depew is a candidate for reelection and there appears to be little opposition. Elsewhere in the United States the republicans are confident, cheerful and united. Much regret is expressed over the news of the serious illness of Senator Quay of Pennsylvania at his retreat in Florida. But if the worst should prove true, his state is overwhelmingly republican, and can be depended upon to vote solid for the Chicago nominee.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

G. W. Donaldson of Delaware was in town yesterday. A. D. Brown spent a few days recently in New York. Captain Miley, a former visitor at the Dimmick House here, died in New York last Sunday. Charles C. Tyler is again domiciled at his residence on Broad street. Col. A. E. Lewis, after spending some weeks in the south, is home again. L. H. Wagner and daughter, Alice, visited relatives in Newark the first of this week. Richard P. Nills, who is attending school at Oswego, N. Y., visited here over last Sunday. Isaac V. Westbrook of Lehman is quite ill and though confined to his room is able to be up. H. W. Adams and wife of Hunting Towers, Delaware, were in town a couple of days this week. A domestic employed by C. C. Tyler fell Monday on an icy sidewalk and received a bad cut on her head. Mrs. S. G. Vanderbeck of Hackensack, N. J., is a guest with the family of her father, Ebenezer Warner. Mrs. Ella B. Palmer of Dingmans, who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia, suffered a stroke of paralysis recently. Louis Rudolph of Middletown, N. Y., and Carrie Tichenor of the same place were married at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Monday, Feb. 22. Inez Caroline came last Friday to reside for an indefinite period in the family of George Warner at Model Farm in Dingmans township. Albert R. Quick of Caldwell, Kansas, is visiting relatives here this week. It is his first return since his departure twenty-four years ago. Mrs. Henry Tissot, who went to Roseville some time ago for a visit is seriously ill and her son, W. F. Chol, went down this week to be with her. James P. Lauer was quite badly injured last week by a spike, fastened to a rafter, which fell and struck him on the shoulder. He was working on a building for Mr. Ragot in Milford township. Rev. E. M. Smead is contemplating a trip to Palestine and other notable places. The matter is not yet definitely decided but he hopes to arrange for the trip which will be both pleasant and of much profit. Dr. H. E. Emerson and Mrs. W. F. Chol went to Roseville, N. J., Wednesday, and Henry Tissot yesterday, to visit Mrs. Tissot who is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lynn. Benjamin H. Cole and Miss Bertha, both of Montague, N. J., were married at the Hotel Westbrook in Port Jervis, Saturday, Feb. 27, by Rev. W. A. Chadwick. The groom is a son of George N. Cole and the bride a daughter of the late Alexander Westbrook. They will reside in Newton, N. J.

## DOGS TO TRACE CRIMINALS

May be Valuable Aids in Tracing Malefactors  
Mrs. Errow:  
The exhibit of Dr. Kelly's great Dames at Newton during the Jaeger trial was a revelation to many people who had little idea as to their great intelligence and sagacity in trailing human footprints. Much confidence was expressed in their usefulness in cases of night marauding, such as chicken-stealing, arson, or other crimes done under cover of darkness. It would seem that here is a practical remedy for a system of crimes that has usually gone unpunished. Being done under cover of darkness the impression has heretofore prevailed that the perpetrator was safe, and the sufferer was an easy victim. A new idea is very prevalent now, and we heard many aver that in case their property should be assailed in this way their first care would be to procure a Pinkerton and a brace of these dogs to go on the trail as soon as the telegraph and railroad could bring them. Some express more confidence in the true bloodhound as being perhaps more apt, and also more ferocious. If so, they can easily be obtained. However, I have great confidence in the ability of Dr. Kelly's Dames, and expect they will be used when the occasion arises. *—SUSCRIPTOR.*

## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Old Luna gets full twice this month, the 1st and 31st. Rochester, N. Y., had a three million dollar fire last week. The county commissioners have levied a 7 mill tax instead of the usual 10 mills. Ernest C. Wood is branching out as an auctioneer and solicits patronage in that line. Paul Kruger, ex-president of the Boer Republic, is dying in exile at Mentone, France. The Luzerne county court refused 246 applications for liquor licenses at its session this week. Philadelphia is having trouble with typhoid fever. Sixty cases developed there Monday. Levi Howell of Dingmans has removed to Branchville, N. J., which place will be his future home. Because of illness of Judge Garretson, sentence on George Jaeger was deferred for two weeks from last Saturday. The county commissioners advertise elsewhere the place and time for holding courts of appeal for the several townships. A snow storm Monday seriously interfered with railroad travel up in New York state. In some places the fall was nearly a foot. Letters of administration on the estate of George H. Langton, dec'd, late of Westfall, have been granted his widow, Asebeth V. Langton. The board of health at a meeting Monday evening appointed Dr. Wm. B. Kenworthy medical inspector, and Wm. H. Almer health officer. "Squire J. H. Ludwig now has a nice roomy office in his house and is prepared to attend to all matters in his line with comfort and celerity. Some of the fire company had a bit of exercise last Friday evening, running up to Wolfe's sawmill where the sawdust around the boiler had become ignited. A thunder shower visited this section yesterday morning and considerable rain fell. It has, so far, however, had no appreciable effect on the ice in the river. The democrats of Pike will hold their annual meeting to elect a delegate to the state convention and a county committee Monday evening, March 21, at 8 p. m. Several loads of goods belonging to Charles Debovoise, who lately resided in Montague, N. J., passed through this place Wednesday to Matamoras where he will reside. Rev. V. A. Wood, pastor of the M. E. church, is considering the publication of a weekly church paper to keep his congregation informed in matters pertaining to religious topics of local interest. Letters testamentary on the estate of Emil Bournique, late of Milford, dec'd, have been granted to Paul N. Bournique. She devotes all her estate to her children and grandchildren. Rev. A. N. Metzger has been appointed by the Evangelical Conference, held at Allentown, pastor at Matamoras and Rev. J. A. Weigand, formerly stationed there, will go to Immanuel. J. R. Perry, formerly president of the Peoples' railway company, which surveyed a line through this county several years ago, has brought suit against the corporation to recover for monies expended and stock issued. Judge Staples refused Feb. 29th to grant a charter to the proposed Blooming Grove Hunting and Fishing club. The newspaper reason that it was because of opposition by local sportsmen is probably incorrect. More likely the notice of application was not properly advertised. Herman Richter, residing one mile back of the Cummings place in Westfall township will have a public sale of stock, farming utensils, household goods, etc., and will also offer the farm of 100 acres, 25 of which are improved, with good buildings, on Saturday, March 26th, beginning at 10 a. m. Judge C. B. Staples in a very able and comprehensive charge to the Grand Jury at Stroudsburg last week strongly commended greater economy in the management of county affairs and suggested special care in approving more county bridges. The Grand Jury seems to have ignored this by placing three more on the county. However, in presenting its report it arraigned Sheriff Mervine for making illegal and exorbitant charges and asked the court to investigate.

## GROWING ALFALFA

Can it be Successfully Substituted for Clover  
The failure to obtain satisfactory crops of red clover in the eastern part of the United States within the last few years has resulted in much discussion and in a demand for some other leguminous crops to take its place on land that no longer produces red clover to advantage. Alaska, crimson clover, vetch, cow peas, soja beans, Canada field peas and alfalfa have all been tried with varying degrees of success, and the soil and climatic conditions and amount of knowledge possessed by the growers governing for the most part the results of these trials. Of course, these being new crops, comparatively speaking, the growers in general were not acquainted with their proper treatment. In taking up any new crop, the average farmer nearly always finds it advantageous to experiment with it on a small scale for a year or two, in order to become acquainted with its peculiarities, so to speak. The crop which has provoked the most discussion and the one which it would seem can come nearest to taking the place of red clover is alfalfa. At the Pennsylvania State College Experiment Station alfalfa has been raised for some years with varying degrees of success. A plot was sown April 22, 1902. This was sown on ground not specially adapted to this crop, as part of the plot stood under water during a few days in the spring. The seed germinated well and a fairly good stand was obtained. This was cut three times during the season of 1902, but the crop was not weighed on account of the large number of weeds which it contained. The plants stood the winter of 1903 well, although many of them were raised an inch or two by the frost during the early spring. Three cuttings were made during the season 1903 as follows: June 5, July 18 and September 5. The second cutting was the heaviest, being a little more than a ton and a half a cured hay per acre. The first and third cuttings each amounted to about a ton of cured hay per acre. The total yield for two years, then, was something over four tons of cured hay per acre. The entire crop was fed to the dairy herd with very satisfactory results. The early growth in the spring was rather irregular, but after the first-cutting was quite uniform. Two plots of alfalfa were sown August 28, 1902, one with wheat and the other without. Neither produced a very good stand, doubtless owing to the dry weather which followed killing the young plants soon after germination. They came through the winter well, and were cut four times during the following summer. No record was kept of yield on account of the large quantity of weeds and quack grass present. More plots were sown on the Experiment Station farm in the fall of 1903 and all went into the winter in good shape. It is expected that the Experiment Station will continue on a more extensive scale the work which has been done with this crop during the past two years, as the results thus far obtained indicate it to be much better adapted to the state than has been generally supposed.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Robert Terwilliger is in town for a few days. March came in like a lamb, how will it go out? Election of officers of H. & L. Co. No. 1 this evening. The time for vendues is here, some people always buy themselves rich. Four applicants for the job of clerk in the town council, two for chief of police. Don't ask George Warner why he wears that broad smile? Just ask him for a cigar. Those who attended the dance at the residence of Lucian Hissam last Friday evening report a good time. A rumor is afloat that Maurice Quinn will remain at the Half Way House, La Forge Caskey having backed out. Charles DeKay Townsend will close his residence on upper Harford street and go to Atlantic city until May 1st. There are people who love to talk about their ancestors. That's all right, providing some one don't dig up something you don't know. So far in spite of very slippery walking only one person has been injured in town by falling. That accident happened Tuesday morning when a young lady employed by Charles Tyler slipped coming out of Mitchell Brothers store and fell, striking the back of her head against the flagstone. She received a painful cut. Dr. W. B. Kenworthy rendered medical assistance. The war in the Far East seems to be progressing slowly. The Japs are doing their best to put the Russian navy out of commission, and by all account they have very nearly succeeded. Our sister town, Matamoras, had quite a fire last Sunday evening. Fortunately it was early and by hard work by the bucket brigade it was confined to the one building. Sooner or later Matamoras must have some kind of a water supply available in case of fire.

## DESIKABLE RESIDENCE

On the southwest corner of Harford and Mott streets, in the Borough of Milford, Pa., will be sold on favorable terms to the purchaser. The house, comprising an open hall, sitting or reception room, parlor, dining-room, butlers pantry fitted with hot and cold water, hot and cold water, etc., on first floor—six bed-rooms, and a bath room with hot and cold water and other modern conveniences, on second floor—two ample garret, and storage and closet room throughout—also two large rooms, suitable for billiard, sewing and children's play-room, or other similar purposes—a good cool and dry cellar, with coal and wood compartments entirely separate therefrom, well lighted and conveniently arranged—several old-fashioned open fire places—all latest approved open plumbing. Pleasant porches on three sides—the whole thoroughly renovated, newly painted and papered and in first class condition. Spacious grounds surrounding, all in most fence, with macadamized drive-way, beautiful lawn, highly cultivated garden, old fruit trees, flowers and shrubs—in central portion of the Borough, on a main street, within three minutes walk of Post office, churches and stores. Apply to or address: H. Y. RAKER, Milford, Pa. March 1, 1904.

## SOME PIKE HUNTERS

B. F. Kellam, Esq., George Ansley and Ed. Lynn of Palmyra have been up against the deer law before a Wayne county justice of the peace. Gilbert White, a game warden, was the prosecutor. It was shown that the three were out hunting and that dogs were in the vicinity. Ansley was seen with dog chains and collars around his body, but said he had no dog and it was his custom to carry collars and chains to take up any dogs he might find. That he did take up a spotted dog and took him home with him and after a few days got rid of it. This evidence would seem to fit rather closely. Once on a time here a man, who was arrested for "running deer with dogs," claimed that he did not "run with the dogs," so was not guilty and the justice took that view of the case and discharged him. We commend this line of defense to the "Squire" if he again appears before Justice Smith as sure to acquit him. Ben need not prove he didn't run, his corporeity would be sufficient evidence that he couldn't, hence he would not be guilty no matter how many spotted bounds he had with him.

## FIRE IN MATAMORAS

(From Our Matamoras Correspondent)  
At about 5 o'clock, Sunday night, fire was discovered in a kitchen in the rear of Mr. George Wehinger's butcher shop on River street. Mrs. Wehinger was retiring. The odor of smoke attracted her attention and investigation followed, resulting in the discovery that the kitchen was on fire. The fire quickly spread to the main building, owned by John B. Egan, of Port Jervis, and occupied by George Wehinger as butcher shop on the first floor and residence on second floor. Very little was removed from the residence, but most of the meats from the shop were saved. This building was soon a mass of flame and next the barn and 100-houses caught fire. These were completely demolished. The horse, wagon, sleigh and harness were removed from the barn but nothing else. The loss is heavy for Mr. Wehinger, as he had only \$300 insurance on his property. John Egan estimates his loss at \$2,000; insurance \$1,600. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been from an overheated stove in the kitchen. A number of Port Jervis firemen were in attendance at the fire and aided the Matamorasites to a great extent.

## WHAT WE EAT

Looking over the report of the state chemist it is rather interesting to note the ingredients found in many articles of food. We recount a few. Vanilla extract. Not vanilla extract artificially flavored and colored. Strawberry jelly. Preserved with benzoic acid. Chocolate. Contains corn starch and wheat product. Pepper. Adulterated with pepper hulls, sand and ginger. Maple syrup. Not maple syrup made from cane sugar. Honey. Adulterated with glucose. New Orleans molasses. Chiefly glucose. Apple butter. Adulterated with coal tar, dye and benzoic acid. White clover honey. Almost all glucose. Damson jam. Preserved and colored, contains very little damson. Cheap Colonist Rates to the West Commencing at once and continuing daily until and including April 29th, the Erie will sell special one-way mixed class colonist tickets from Port Jervis to any point in Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Mexico, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, at very low rates of fare. Just think of it, only \$50 to any California point. For routes and rates please address Erie ticket agent, Port Jervis, N. Y., and remember these tickets are on sale daily until April 29th.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Peter Q. Deyo to John G. Hilliard, 428 acres, Dingmans, Mordacal Roberts, No. 146, \$2. Lucy M. P. King to Louis Francis Ragot, land in Milford township, adjoining Ragot and Milford Water Co., \$110. Madeline E. Van Sickle to Blanche Nevins, lot 840, Matamoras, \$1. Minerva Bosler, administratrix of J. B. Bosler, dec'd, to James M. Bensley, Jr., 63 acres, Delaware, \$150.

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## LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Mrs. Christina Kees and her daughter, Frederika, of Newark, called from New York Feb. 27 for Naples, Italy, where the latter on her arrival will wed Wilhelmus David Westfall of Montague, now a student in the university of Goettingen, Germany. The couple met last summer while crossing the Atlantic and before landing became engaged. The honeymoon will be spent in Switzerland, and after two years they will return to this country and Mr. Westfall will become an instructor in mathematics in Yale University.

## PUPILS BEYOND CONTROL

"One thing may be set down as certain," said an official of the New York schools, "and that is that something must be done to secure better control of the majority of pupils, or we will be making anarchists of the school children, instead of law-abiding citizens and educated men and women. It may be by the restoration of the rod, possibly by some other means." He was not a blood-thirsty man, or of the vindictive stripe, but it was easily seen that he inclined to the rod. "Discipline in too many class rooms," he added, "is a thing almost unknown."

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