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THE WASHINGTON LETTER

The President is busy receiving the calls of politicians and arranging the details of the coming campaign. It is admitted on all sides that in selecting Mr. Cortelyou for chairman of the National Republican Committee he has dexterously solved a perplexing problem. It is now assumed that the campaign will be conducted on a high and straightforward basis. The President declares very emphatically that he is not taking sides in the Illinois or Wisconsin factional contest. He is keeping his hands off. He also expresses himself as quite hopeful of the result in Maryland, notwithstanding Mr. Gorman's plans to capture that state. On the 30th inst. the President will visit Gettysburg, Pa., making a speech on Memorial Day. He will ride over the field in the morning and in the evening return to Washington. As the speech is the only one of his until after election, the public is looking forward to it with uncommon interest. The British Ambassador, Sir Henry Durand, left today for Gettysburg, the guest of acting Secretary of War, Oliver. He will inspect and study the famous battlefield. He is deeply interested in the military features of the great Civil War. A welcome guest at the White House this week is Captain W. S. Cowles, the President's brother-in-law, of the unfortunate battleship Missouri. The vessel is now being repaired at Newport News. Among recent other visitors at the White House have been Ellhu Root, Senator Lodge, Ex-Gov. Black of New York who is getting points for his speech at Chicago nominating the President, and Mr. Dover, Secretary of the Republican Committee, who is arranging the list of speakers for the campaign.

There is a geological quarrel on hand; a battle of the stones, between sandstone and granite, and it is to be referred to the President. Secretary Shaw wants the United States public building at Cleveland, Ohio, built of sandstone, and some of the people of that city wish to have it constructed of granite. The President has been urged by Senator Dick and others, to overrule Secretary Shaw's decision. Undoubtedly granite is the better stone for the climate of the lake side. As all the new public buildings of Cleveland are to be grouped around a spacious park they should harmonize in material, quality and color of the stone, as well as in architecture.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission in this city, has issued a formal order for an investigation regarding the differential freight rates between the West and the Atlantic sea board on products intended for export. There is bitter complaint in New York city that that commercial center is not treated on the same footing with other cities, especially Baltimore. It is claimed by the railroads that the differential system was inaugurated to put a stop to rate wars—in other words competition. It is asserted that twenty years ago the railway companies lost \$20,000,000 by rate wars which otherwise they might have made out of the shippers.

And now the postoffice inspectors themselves are to be inspected, and their methods brought to the light of publicity. The President has designated Asst. Atty. Gen. Robb to do this delicate job. It is surmised that possibly the chief inspector and his men have made some mistakes. The President is anxious that no injustice shall be done to any one; at the same time he perceives that no guilty man shall escape. Mr. Robb is not expected to unearth any scandals, but possibly he may discover that there has been an exercise of bad judgment.

Every once in a while, the great inventor, Mr. Thomas Edison, who has procured more patents than any other inventor and whose great fortune has been made from patents, protests through the press that the Patent Office is unfair and corrupt and that he will not take out any more patents. Nevertheless, he continues to file applications for patents and probably has as many as fifty applications for patent now pending. The present complaint is that the Examiner refuses to grant him something he does not think him entitled to. The Patent Office is as fair and clean as any office under any government. The Examiners are all men of education and specialists in their respective classes. There are more than one hundred of them and many of them because of their learning are eligible for professorships in universities.

ASSEMBLY ON DIVORCE

Presbyterians Will Not Sacrifice Their Independence

At the General Assembly Monday the recommendations of the special committee on marriage and divorce were adopted except the second. They are as follows:

"The General Assembly again enjoins all ministers under its care and authority to refuse to perform the marriage ceremony in the cases of divorced persons, except as such persons have been divorced upon grounds and for causes recognized as scriptural in the standards of our church.

"Recognizing the unity which should exist between Christian churches, and believing that it would be desirable and tend to the increase of a spirit of Christian unity, we earnestly advise all the ministers under the care and authority of this General Assembly to refuse to unite in marriage any person or persons whose marriage such ministers have good reason to believe is forbidden by the laws of the church in which such person or persons seeking to be married may hold membership.

"The appeal and address to the Inter-church conference is hereby endorsed by this General Assembly, and commended to the consideration of all our ministers and congregations."

The Assembly, after consideration, has reversed its action on the second proposition and adopted it.

Woman's Need of the Ballot

The contribution of women to the work of prison reform has been so valuable that her cooperation in every branch of penology is now regarded as a necessity.

We need in penology the help of women in doing not only that we know ought to be done, but also in finding out what ought to be done, and in solving knotty and unsettled questions.

In the field of penology woman needs the ballot as ballot as she needs it in other fields, not as an end but as a means; as an instrument through which she can express her conviction, her conscience, her intelligence, her sympathy and love. Questions in philanthropy are more and more forcing themselves in legislation. Women are obliged to journey to the legislature at every session to instruct members and committees at legislative hearings. Some of these days we shall think it absurd that women who are capable of instructing men how to vote should not be allowed to vote for themselves. If police and prison records mean anything they mean that considered as law abiding citizens, women are ten times as good as men. Why debar the better and enfranchise the worse? In the field of commercial and political competition women may demand the ballot as a right; but in the field of philanthropy and reform she needs it for the fulfillment of her duties.—Samuel J. Barrows, corresponding secretary of the Prison Association of New York.

Tagging a Fish

The United States fish commission has contracted the small boys' habit of tagging fishes. Metal tags are fastened to marine fishes, which are let loose in the ocean with the idea of identifying them in case they are caught at any future time.

The tag, which is light and made of copper, is securely fastened by a wire passed through a fin near its junction with the body. No two tags are alike, each having its own markings. Fifteen hundred cod were thus duly tagged and released last spring on the New England coast. The object of the tagging is to ascertain the rate at which a cod grows, the frequency of its spawning, and the extent of its travels in the ocean.

The same experiment is being tried this year with young salmon, artificially hatched, for the rivers of the Pacific coast. The fishes are "fingerlings," about three inches long. In this way it is expected that the age at which the salmon comes from the sea to spawn will be ascertained; also the rate of growth, and the percentage of fry that attain maturity. The experiment is an interesting one, and has an obvious bearing on fish-culture problems.

Registering His Kick

Bryant—Alas B. Parker? No! I can't swallow a candidate with such initials as his.

Necessary Interlocutor—Why can't you swallow a candidate with such initials as his?

Bryant—Because they stand for "A Bitter Pill."—Chicago Tribune.

A marriage license has been issued to Charles Gray Corbitt and Laura Grace Stanton, both of Lackawanna.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Norman Harsell of New York is a guest in town.

Richard E. Loesch of New York is a visitor in town this week.

Miss Beattie Van Etten of Westfield, N. J., is home to spend Decoration day.

F. W. Benner and wife of New York are guests at their summer home, Brookside Villa.

Dr. C. S. Custis spent a couple of days the first of the week in New York buying supplies for his business.

Paul Ryder, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Port Jervis hospital a few days ago, is recovering.

Dennis McLaughlin and family arrived this week to occupy their summer home on upper Broad street.

Rev. C. B. Carpenter, former rector of the Episcopal church here, will spend the summer in town for the benefit of his impaired health.

John S. Schonover and Thomas Kilton of Stroudsburg and Albert Cotterill of Bushkill came up to Milford in an automobile Wednesday.

Charles H. Wood suffered a slight stroke of paralysis early Tuesday morning in his left side. His condition now is comfortable and he seems improving.

Several members of the Columbia Camera Club of Philadelphia spent a couple of days here this week taking views. They were on their way to Dingmans where they expect to remain several days.

Hiram Westbrook of Ridgwood, N. J., who was employed in the Erie office in New York, has resigned his position and is now at Niechronk Lake, where he will spend the summer for the benefit of his health.

Political Paragraphs

It looks as if the fuse to the Parker boom has gone out.

If Judge Park thinks as much as he don't talk, he is undergoing a remarkable mind training.

It is to be explained that Senator Beveridge's "The Russian Advance" did not refer to Russian military strategy.

Judge Parker's personality is slated to be holding its own. This is good. We feared that it was held in the hollow of another man's hand.

The campaign promises so little excitement that it is hoped Sir Thomas Lipton will come over and lift the cup again, as in past years.

The general business activity and prosperity of the country continues and gives no signs of abatement. The condition is truly exasperating to the democrats.

The Kansas City Star, famed for its column of short pungenies, rises to remark that whatever else may be charged against Mr. Bryan, it cannot be said that he ever took any hush money.

Judicial Oaths

A bill to abolish all religious tests and to modify the use of oaths, thereby reverting to the original custom of the colony of Pennsylvania, as established by William Penn, will be introduced at the next session of the legislature. This is a movement on the part of the Society of Friends or Quakers who have conscientious scruples against swearing and some against administering oaths. Friends who maintain their standing in their society are today excluded from holding the offices of judge, magistrate, or any other office as a part of the duties of which they may be called on to administer oaths. This they deem inconsistent with true religious liberty.

Decoration Day N. Y. Excursion, 61

Monday, May 30th, Decoration Day, the Erie will run a special one dollar New York excursion, leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. arriving in City at 10 a. m. and returning special train will leave Chambers St. New York at 7.40 p. m. Jersey City at 8 p. m.

Coney Island and Luna Park will be in full blast, and all of the many seaside resorts in and around Greater New York will be open, many of them having their opening day on this date.

Remember the date Monday, May 30th, and fare only one dollar for the round trip.

Amateur athletic sports will be conducted by the Scranton Tribune, July 16th, to which all registered amateur athletes in Northwestern Pennsylvania will be eligible. Scratch and handicap events and championship events will be conducted. All contestants must be registered. Blanks can be procured of C. R. H. Jackson, Y. M. C. A., Scranton, Pa.

OBITUARY

MISS MEDA BOYD

Meda, youngest daughter of William L. Boyd and wife of this borough, died at the home of her parents last Sunday afternoon of consumption from which dread disease she had been a sufferer for several months.

She was born in 1883, and after graduating at the public schools here, taught until ill health compelled her to relinquish her vocation. She bore her illness with Christian fortitude and resignation and exemplified in her life the cause of the great Master whom she faithfully served.

Her parents, two sisters, May, wife of County Commissioner William F. Beck, and Grace, and one brother, J. Edgar, both at home, survive.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. V. A. Wood, was held at her late home Wednesday and interment in Milford cemetery.

MRS. MARCENA WESTBROOK

Mrs. Westbrook of Lehman township, widow of the late Isaac V. Westbrook, who died March 4, 1904, departed this life after a long illness, Sunday, May 22nd.

She was born May 4, 1846, in Lehman, and was a daughter of the late Jacob and Eliza Ann (Hetsel) Hornbeck. She was married April 24, 1870, and has always lived in her native township.

She is survived by two children; Mabel, at home, and Lucian, Superintendent of public schools for this county. She also leaves surviving five brothers; Everett, of Philadelphia, Myron, of Clarion county, Pa., Jacob, of West Virginia, Isalah and William B., both of Lehman.

The funeral was held Tuesday and interment in Delaware county.

MRS. J. MADISON HENSLEY

Mary J., wife of ex-County Commissioner J. M. Hensley, died suddenly at her home in Lehman, Tuesday, May 17th, of heart failure.

She was born in Lehman February 20, 1839, and was a daughter of Phillip S. and Elizabeth (Arnst) Gariss. She was married November 18, 1855, and has always resided in this county.

She was the mother of thirteen children, ten of whom, besides her husband, survive her. She is also survived by several brothers and sisters.

Republican National Chairmanship

The selection of Secretary Cortelyou for chairman of the Republican National Committee is looked upon with more and more favor. While it was first remarked that Mr. Cortelyou perhaps lacked experience as a practical politician, it is now recalled that he has risen to every occasion and emergency with which he has been confronted and has in everything he has undertaken, made a success. It is also remarked that he is an excellent judge of men, is a natural diplomat among men and that he is an excellent judge of men, is a natural diplomat among men and that he carries the good will and friendliness of everyone with whom he has been associated. It is believed that Mr. Cortelyou will not be found lacking in "practical" qualities. Moreover he is a close personal friend of the president and his selection indicates that Mr. Roosevelt himself intends to keep his eye on the proceedings.

Farmers' Institutes

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the county commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This board is composed of the local members of the state board of agriculture, and one representative from each county agricultural society, the Panama grange and county alliance. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care of County Commissioners.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Pike County Teachers' Examinations for 1904 will be held as follows:

DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE	DATE
Westfall, Batesboro High School	June 6
Shohola	June 7
Lackawanna, Williams	June 8
Lehman, Pine Ridge	June 11
Blig Grove, Westbrook's	June 12
Palmyra, Red, No. 4	June 14
Greene, Kiptown	June 15
Dingman, Union	June 20
Delaware, Academy	June 21
Milford, Academy	June 22

Directors and other interested parties are cordially invited to attend. Examinations begin promptly at 9 a. m.

LUCIAN WESTBROOK,
County Supt. of Schools,
Dingman's Ferry, Pa., May 14, 1904.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

A sample new pew for the Presbyterian church arrived this week and may be inspected.

A. D. Brown is building a new foot bridge to The Homestead which will be considerably shorter than the old one.

A number of the forestry students will entertain their friends at a private dance at the Vantine House this evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church will have a strawberry and ice cream festival in the church parlors, Thursday evening, June ninth.

Rev. E. J. Perot will preach the annual Memorial sermon to the G. A. R., next Sunday evening in the church of the Good Shepherd. All members are cordially invited to be present.

Sunday, May 29th, will be the opening day at Shohola Glen, and special excursion tickets will be sold at Port Jervis to Shohola at 40 cents for the round trip, good going on train No. 1, leaving Port Jervis at 11.34 a. m. 21

Richard C. Dale, a leading lawyer of Philadelphia, died at his country home near that city last Sunday. His death was caused by overwork in a vain attempt to allay grief over the death of his two sons.

A patriotic measuring social will be held in the M. E. Church, Monday evening, May 30. Charges will be made proportionate to height, 3 cents a foot and one cent for every fractional inch over even feet of height.

Monroe county democrats will vote on the question of change or no change in the Crawford county system of making nominations now in vogue at the primary election to be held in August.

Dr. J. Addison Henry of Philadelphia, for forty years pastor of Princeton church on Powelton Ave., was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly at Buffalo by acclamation, the first ever elected in that manner.

The floral offerings at the funeral of Miss Meda Boyd Wednesday were unusually beautiful. The class in Sunday School, of which she was a devoted member, partly revealed their appreciation of her loss by their chaste and profuse display of flowers.

Invitations have been received here announcing the coming marriage of Miss Josephine King of Lakewood, N. J., to Harry J. Terwilliger which event will take place in All Saints Memorial church at Lakewood, New Jersey, Thursday, June 9th, at 12 M. The prospective groom is a native of Milford, an enterprising and energetic business young man, and we wish for him and his chosen life partner a most happy and prosperous voyage.

Ignited by burning leaves, which a person had set on fire and then carelessly went away and left, sixteen cottages, among them one belonging to Mrs. F. A. Westfall of this place, were burned at Silver Lake, in Wyoming county, N. Y. Several other buildings were also burned. The Lake is a great Methodist resort and there is a large auditorium and many cottages on its shores.

Dr. Shull's Speech

We acknowledge the receipt of copies of the speech delivered by Hon. Joseph H. Shull in the House of Representatives when the bill making appropriations for the naval service was under consideration. The Dr. plants both feet on the Panama canal scheme and treads around over it like a turkey on a hot gridiron. He reads the Government for establishing a so-called republic in the Isthmus and says "In all history there has never been anything like it, and a revolution or an avulsion?" All three, Dr. all three, and more, it is protoplasm, which Huxley called the "physical basis of life." So the little republic with the canal will be the basis of a new life to the industrial interests of this great nation. The democratic party of this state "forgetting the teachings of Randall" the noblest Roman of them all, has urged free trade until practically the people of the state have withdrawn all representatives of that party from Congress evidently believing that the state was better off without than with them and now one-third of the present representation of the party from Penn.—we have not heard from the other two-thirds, gets on the gee side of the Panama question. "Twas ever thus, and that is just what ails the democratic party.

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THINGS NOT PERMISSIBLE

Legal Propositions Which Affect Every Day Matters in Life

Below are a number of propositions prepared specially for THE PRESS which cover many affairs in every day life and are worthy to be placed where they may be frequently read:—Do you know that you have no right:—

- To destroy a found article?
- To send threatening letters?
- To send a dunning postal card?
- To block up the public highways?
- To hinder the carriage of the mails?
- To disturb the peace of the community?
- To destroy or unnecessarily use a borrowed article?
- To use the mails for fraudulent and dishonest purposes?
- To injure your neighbor by polluting a natural water course?
- To open a mail letter addressed to another without permission?
- To annoy your neighbor by offensive odors, noise or other acts?
- To consider yourself the owner for all purposes of a found article?
- To carelessly and recklessly jog against a passer-by on the street?
- To enter upon your tenant's holdings without license or his assent?
- To walk or enter upon your neighbor's property without permission?
- To hire a rig to drive to a certain place and drive to another locality?
- To allow overhanging trees, or fences to encroach upon your neighbor's property?
- To make or repeat false defamatory statements against your neighbor, even if you have no knowledge of their falsity?
- To negligently damage an article left with you, which you keep for the owner as a favor and without compensation?
- To interfere with the natural flowage of water running across your land so as to inconvenience an upper or lower proprietor through whose land the same stream flows?
- To allow your stock to run at large and trespass on the lands of others? Every man must now care for his own cattle.

Professor Sommerville's Will

Professor Maxwell Sommerville's will, disposing of an estate conservatively valued at \$100,000 and upward, was probated last Saturday. The will contains many bequests to the University of Pennsylvania, institutions in Paris and various homes and hospitals. As has been expected, the eminent glyptologist's collections of curios and gems are devised absolutely to the University of Pennsylvania. The Masonic fraternity receives important legacies.

A codicil dated just before his departure for Europe says that on the distribution of the estate of his grandfather, James McAlpin, Professor Sommerville's personal estate will be enlarged by bequests from that estate. If the adjudication is confirmed, Professor Sommerville directs that the following legacies shall become valid: To the Masonic Home, \$9,000, to be used to endow a room or two in that home, to be known as the Maxwell Sommerville Endowment; to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, \$10,000, for the endowment of a room; to the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., in Pennsylvania, \$10,000. Bequests are also made to numerous local charities.

The Weeping Willow

The origin of the weeping willow in the United States is probably not known to many people. The story of how it came to America is an interesting and romantic one.

It came through the medium of Alexander Pope, the poet. A twig was sent to him in a box of figs from Smyrna by a friend who had lost his possessions in the "South Sea Bubble" and had gone to that distant land to regain his fortune. Pope planted the willow twig at his Twickenham villa on the banks of the Thames. A young British officer, who had come over to Boston to aid in crushing the rebellion of the American colonies, brought with him a branch from the poet's now beautiful tree, intending to plant it in America. Failing to realize his expectations, he gave his willow twig, wrapped in oil silk, to John Parke Custis, who planted it in his Abington estate in Virginia. It grew and became the progenitor of all the willow trees in this country.

Packoff—When the Evil One starts out to tempt me I always say, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" and he gets there.

Wiseman—Yes, when Satan starts out to tempt you he usually does "get there," doesn't he?—Philadelphia Press.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Wood & Son attended four funerals last Wednesday.

Wednesday evening we had a pretty good thunder shower.

The chap who predicted a cold wet May would better guess again.

Dr. H. B. Reed has sold his team of coach horses to Van Etten Bros.

Milford was well represented at the circus at Port Jervis last Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Westbrook, Jr., has been spending a week or more in New York.

Is the laborer worthy his hire? If he is he is most assuredly entitled to his pay.

Hon. Dennis McLaughlin and family have arrived in town for the summer.

Dance at Raymondskill, and also one at Hickory Grove on Decoration Day evening.

Mrs. Mellus has returned and again opened the cottage she occupied last summer on Harford street.

Troubles never come singly. There are some, who having hardly recovered from one misfortune are afflicted with another.

Wm. Johnson of Hainesville was in town Wednesday acting as funeral director at the funeral of Miss Meda Boyd in the absence of Chas G. Wood.

Did you ever see a town where people are busier than here? Every man and woman who wants to work can find employment. There is no excuse for standing around the corner holding up the bank.

Some one inclined to be humane has a letter in the Port Jervis Gazette regarding the treatment of heavy horses receive here. Our officers are blamed but are they altogether to blame? One goes home after his work in the P. O. is done, the other one is supposed to be on duty until midnight, and he certainly cannot be expected to be all over town at one time. Why don't some citizen who is interested, if he or she sees anything wrong, make a complaint? and not talk about what should be done.

Captured by Bandits

(From our Washington Correspondent)

The capture by bandits in Tangier, Morocco, of Mr. Perdicaris a wealthy citizen of the United States well known in this and other cities, has caused a great sensation and may lead to serious complications with the Government of Morocco, if Mr. Perdicaris is not speedily released. Already the President and the Navy Department have taken action and a fleet of American battleships is now on its way to the Mediterranean. The President is not the man to permit such an outrage to go unpunished, and vigorous action may be looked for. Some thirty years ago your correspondent had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Mr. Perdicaris and his charming family, for he had married in Europe the widow of a wealthy Englishman, who was also the mother of two very beautiful blonde daughters, one of whom bore the Arab name of Nard Almayne. Mr. Perdicaris came to New York, and was soon the center of an admiring host of friends, for besides being a tall, graceful, polite, affable gentleman, he was an artist, a playwright, and devoted to literature. He brought from Europe a play he had written, also the scenery which he had painted, and he proposed to present both to the public. Private performances were given and the play was much admired, but for some whim or other the press and the regular managers gave it the cold shoulder. It was withdrawn, and later in the season the fair and graceful daughter, Miss Nard, eloped with a young actor named Decker, and the two speedily disappeared from society. Subsequently Mr. Perdicaris rented a beautiful villa in a suburb of Trenton, N. J., on the banks of the historic Delaware, not very far from the landing made by Geo. Washington, when in the dark and cold, surrounded by ice floes, he crossed over and routed the Hessians. Here, surrounded by all that wealth and taste could procure, Mr. Perdicaris and his family resided until their return to Europe. He was very hospitable, had a house full of friends, and gave elegant dinner parties. Most of his time was spent between his studio and his library. He was immensely popular with all who knew him, and has maintained the same good will of the population of Tangier since his advent in that city. It is the irony of fate that a man kindly and philanthropic in all his dealings with his fellow men should, at the age of seventy years, be snatched from the midst of the surviving members of his family, by a band of thieves and cut-throats.