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THE WASHINGTON LETTER

As the time approaches for the assembling of the great nominating conventions, the political situation becomes more interesting, and some unexpected changes are noticed. The Cabinet Ministers who have been West and East are returning and reporting at the White House. They bring good news and are satisfied with the situation. Secretary Hitchcock is back from St. Louis; and Secretary Cortelyou has returned from a tour of inspection in and around New York. The question of who should be on the republican ticket for Vice President will be left for the Chicago convention to determine. A representative from Indiana, who called at the White House yesterday, informed the President that while Senator Fairbanks will not strive for the nomination, he will not decline it if it comes to him as the voluntary wish of the party. Congressman Hepburn of Iowa, also saw the President yesterday. He says that Speaker Cannon under no circumstances will consent to become Vice President. Little is now said regarding Mr. Hitt for that office.

One question which it was thought would occupy a subordinate place in the coming campaign is rapidly coming to the front owing to a variety of unexpected circumstances, and that is the Philippine. The recent decision of the Supreme Court, handed down last Monday, that not even American citizens, if they happen to reside in the Philippine Islands are entitled to a trial by jury, together with the vigorous dissent of Mr. Justice Harlan, attracts wide attention. It has long been an open political secret that the anti-imperialists will support the party which denounces imperialism and promises freedom and self-government to the Filipinos. This the Maryland democracy, inspired by what the fine hand of Senator Gorman has done. In a few days a large Philippine Commission will arrive in Washington, and be entertained at luncheon by the President, as well as by the business men of the city. No political speeches may be made, but from June 15 to 18 the Filipinos will be the guests of the New York Stock Exchange, with a big banquet at Delmonicos. The editor of Manila Times is in Washington, to urge free trade. He thinks the people of the Islands will be glad to come into the Union as a Territory, with the privileges of citizenship. All these matters are somewhat perplexing and indicate that there must be a modification of policy. But the republicans are always equal to the situation and will hardly stand by and allow themselves to be out bid by the opposition.

As republicans look at the democratic situation it appears to be full of complications and possibilities. Thus far Judge Parker has 194 delegates; 220 are instructed; Hearst has 90; while the states of Mass., Wis., Md. and Nebraska have favorite sons. The democratic state platforms run through the whole scale, from the platitudes of the New York, to the radical statements of Nebraska and Maryland. One represents the silent Parker, the other the open-mouthed Gorman and Bryan. The question is whether to put a conservative man on a radical platform or vice versa. We give it up.

Sir Chentung Liong Cheng, the Chinese Minister, has been in New York for a few days with Prince Pu Lun. He was received with great ceremony by the New York Stock Exchange, and in a speech by its President he was assured that if the United States insists upon an open door in China, the Chinese have just as good a right to insist upon an open door in America, with the same treatment for the subjects of that Empire as we require for Americans in China. News comes from Atlantic City, that Chaochu Wu, son of the former Minister from China, took the first prize on graduation day in the high school at that place. He speaks English perfectly, and is studying French, German and latin. He will pursue his studies at the University of Pennsylvania. The boy was educated in the public schools of Washington and has many admirers in that city.

Handsome, wealthy and young, Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati, who was often seen in the company of Miss Alice Roosevelt when Congress was in session in this city, is happily in St. Louis at the same time of Miss Roosevelt's visit. He told the women of the Exposition city that "it is a singular thing that it is your sex and not mine that showed such an interest in Miss Roosevelt. I am sure she dislikes it very much." Of course, Mr. Longworth ought to know. To escape the snap shot fiend while in that city, Miss Roosevelt wore a heavy veil completely covering her face. Even then she was "taken", veil and all, and her picture appeared on the first page of one of the principal newspapers.

It is known that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has been engaged for some time in the formidable task of reorganizing the rural free delivery in order to be ready for the new arrangements provided by law which go into operation on the first of July. The number of divisions is to be reduced from eight to six; rural agents are to be employed; and the new schedule of salaries will take effect. The Department will not be able to do as much for the clerks as is intended, since for the coming fiscal year the amount appropriated for the increase of salaries is but half a million of dollars while for the current year the amount was one million and two hundred thousand dollars. Of clerks employed in the postal service who receive more than $1,400 a year, of whom there are more than 600, only 58 can be promoted. Of those who receive less than $1,400 only about 30% of those who have been recommended for promotion will be made happy. And yet, the democrats, in their state platforms, love to harp upon the extravagance of the republicans in voting away the public money.

POTATO BLIGHT AND ROT

Bordeaux Mixture Applied Soon May Save Crop

These are one and the same disease the former being only the forerunner and cause of the latter. A fungus first destroys or blights the leaves, then works down the stem, and into the tuber where it continues to develop and causes the tissue of the potato to break down and rot, after the disease has entered the tuber there is no possible remedy though it may be checked by keeping the potato dry and cool. It is therefore better to prevent loss than apply the remedy. The spores are carried in the air, and fall on the leaves of potatoes during June for the early, and in July and August for the late blight. After the leaves commence to blight nothing can cure them. The leaf blight and consequent rot of the potato may be prevented by spraying with Bordeaux mixture from the 20th to the latter part of this month and from then on until the vines begin to ripen, say if it does not rain about once every two weeks. If bugs appear adding about ¼ of a pound of Paris Green to each barrel of mixture will kill them.

Bordeaux mixture is made as follows: Copper sulphate (blue vitriol) 4 pounds, quick lime (not air slaked) 4 pounds, water to make 50 gallons. Dissolve the sulphate in about 2 gallons hot water in a wooden vessel. Pour the solution in the barrel and fill one-third to one-half full of water. Slake the lime by the addition of a small quantity of water and when slaked cover freely with water and stir. Pour the milk of lime thus made into the copper sulphate, straining it through a brass wire strainer. Pour more water over the remaining lime, stir and pour into the other, repeat the operation until all the lime but the stone or lumps is taken up. Now add water to make 50 gallons in the tank. Stir thoroughly, mixing in the Paris Green if desired. Make the mixture fresh before using. Any left over should be thrown out. There should always be an excess of lime which can be told by holding a bright knife blade in it for a few moments. If copper deposits on the metal more lime should be added.

Week-day New York Excursion

Wednesday, June 22nd, the Erie will run the first week day one dollar excursion to New York of the season, leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m., arriving in city before ten a. m. and allowing over nine hours in which to take in the sights in and around Greater New York, all the seaside resorts are now in full blast, and no one can fail to have a good time at this season of the year at Coney Island and Luna Park. Returning, train will leave Chambers St., New York at 7.45 p. m. Jersey City at 8 p. m. Remember the rate only one dollar and date June 22nd.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

E. F. Peters of Bushkill was in town Monday.

George E. Horton of Branchville was in town last Monday.

John A. Kipp, Esq., of New York made a brief visit here this week.

H. W. Richardson of New York, owner of Shohola Glen, visited the county seat the first of the week.

Hon. Cadwallader Biddle of Philadelphia, a prison inspector, was in town this week inspecting the jail.

Edwin C. Frazee of Port Jervis, representing the Daily Union, made a pleasant call at our sanction Monday evening.

Hon. Joseph H. Shull of Stroudsburg came up last Monday with Judge Staples to shake hands with some of his constituents.

John Degen, who has been employed at the Waldorff-Astoria in New York, is home for the summer and will cater to the wishes of people at the Bluff House.

The venerable John Whittaker, who has been spending the winter at Newark, is here again, a guest with his daughter, Mrs. D. H. Hornbeck. He bears his weight of years, nearly 83, with vigor.

Cards have been received by friends here announcing the marriage of Miss Marian M. Henderson and Richard C. Loesch, which event took place June 7th at East Hackensack, New Jersey.

Miss Fannie Lyon of Port Jervis, daughter of John W. Lyon, Esq., the well known counsellor who has a high standing at the bar of Orange and adjoining counties, is a recent graduate of the Law Department of Cornell University.

Mrs. T. J. Spencer of Scranton and Mrs. Laura Bevans of Pittston visited their sister, Mrs. A. M. Mettler, here this week. On their return they were accompanied by Miss Bessie Mettler, who will spend several weeks visiting in the valley.

JUNE TERM OF COURTS

A Brief Session — Little Business Transacted

The regular June term of courts, presided over by President Judge Staples and associates Brown and Englehart, met Monday.

Constables making returns were:
Blooming Grove—Levi Lord.
Delaware—D. C. Cron.
Dingman—J. W. Kiesel.
Greene—O. E. Simons.
Lehman—W. S. Van Auken.
Lackawaxen—Ross Rosencrans.
Milford Boro—S. W. Fuller.
Milford Twp—C. Herman.
Palmyra—J. N. DeGroat.
Porter—Geo. Muller.
Shohola—Geo. Burgard.
Westfall—B. C. Totten.

Several constables reported buildings without fire escapes and the court directed the District Attorney to give the interested parties notice. The court also admonished constables of their duty to see that roads were in proper condition, and if supervisors neglected to perform their duties to report them to court.

Estate C. Ott, deceased, in partition. The heirs being called and not bidding sale of the real estate was ordered by the administratrix, she to give bond in $5200.

Estate George H. Langton, late of Westfall, decd. Order of sale of real estate of decedent by administratrix to pay debts.

Caskey vs. Caskey. Divorce. Master continued.

Sheriff acknowledged deeds to Morgan D. Hughes for lands in Delaware sold as property of Joseph V. Carhuff, decd, and to Joseph R. Perry of Wilkesbarre for the property, franchises, etc., of the Peoples' Railway Company.

Estate Kate B. Van Wyck, account of executors confirmed absolute.

Estates of J. H. Bosler, Gersham Bunnell and P. A. L. Quick, accounts confirmed nl. sl. to be absolute in 30 days if no exceptions are filed.

Widows appraisement estates J. M. Smith, M. C. Smith and G. H. Langton confirmed.

Report of viewers of bridge across Westfall creek, Lackawaxen, confirmed nl; sl.

Commonwealth vs. J. C. Beck, bail forfeited and respited.

Commonwealth vs. Smith, bail forfeited and respited.

Auditors reports estates Wentall Kreiter, C. Ott and C. M. Leidel confirmed.

Court adjourned to June 15, 2 p. m.

Dingman's is headquarters for Lowney's confections.

A LANDMARK RAZED

For Many Years the Centre of a Large Business

The work of demolishing the old building on Broad street, known for many years as the Pinchot store, and which was one of the land marks of the town, having been built in 1844 by Cornelius Dewitt on the lot now occupied by Ryman & Wells, and removed to its present location by C. C. D. Pinchot prior to 1860, was commenced this week. On its site will be erected a handsome stone edifice to be known as Forest Hall, which will be an ornament and serve a most useful purpose. The rapid growth of the forest school necessitates large and more commodious quarters for its accommodation, and the purpose of the school in more widely disseminating a knowledge of the needs of forest care and culture will be largely enhanced by the opportunity which the dimensions of the Hall will afford, for our citizens and summer guests to hear the lectures on forestry and kindred subjects which it is proposed will be delivered here by professors of Yale University and eminent men connected with the U. S. Agricultural Department. This school, having been permanently established here by James W. Pinchot, will lend an additional attraction to the town in bringing here from all parts of the country young men interested in that study and with them will doubtless come many friends. It will also bring others who may desire to gain valuable information on the wide range of topics which will likely receive incidental attention. Milford may thus become the centre of educational impulses which will reach throughout, and leave lasting impressions on, our whole country and perhaps the world.

The experiment station being in correspondence with similar stations in France, England and Germany will make the influence wide spread and beneficent not only in this but other countries. It is hoped that eminent professors from abroad while traveling here will investigate the work being done as they are already in correspondence with Prof. Graves with reference to what he is undertaking.

Fined the Minister

On a recent Sunday boys playing baseball near a church at White Mills, Wayne county, so annoyed the preacher, one of the Free Methodist persuasion, that he remonstrated with them but his suggestions to quit were received with such contumacy that he caused the arrest of ten of the players and they were escorted to Honesdale where they confronted a justice of the peace who discharged the accused "tossers" and placed a fine of $2 for each one arrested on the complainant minister. He should now know better than to try to intrude sermons on innocent sports in Wayne county. That county apparently needs more religion or more justice, or both, and the people up there ought to find out which and make the proper application.

What is a Story

As applying to the act of assembly relating to fire escapes the question what constitutes a three story building arises. The Standard dictionary defines a story as comprising the space between two successive floors. Stories are named usually from their position in relation to the level of the ground, as the basement, partially below the ground level; the ground floor, usually slightly above the level; the first story next above the ground level, etc. In America usage differs the first story or floor being sometimes, as in Philadelphia, the ground floor and sometimes as often in New York the floor next above the ground floor.

Prosperity at E. S. Normal

The East Stroudsburg Normal School is rapidly approaching the end of a very successful year. There never before in the history of the school were so many students in attendance as at the present time. Large additions have been made to the library recently and a five hundred dollar mannikin has been purchased in Paris. The faculty examinations will be held June 13 and 14, and those of the State Board of Examiners June 15 and 16.

Corrected in the Proof

He was a printer. In the hall,
One night ere lights were lit,
He met her and he stole a kiss.
She almost had a fit.
He heard her scream. "Twas not the one
He thought it was. O terror!
"Excuse me," he exclaimed, "it was
A typographical error."
—(Philadelphia Bulletin.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) died at Florence, Italy, last week.

On and after, Wednesday June 15, it will be lawful to catch bass, pickerel and sunfish.

The Presbyterian congregation has ordered 48 new pews for the audience room. The price is $175.

Wednesday, June 22nd, the Erie will run a $1 week day New York excursion leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m.

The Milford nine displayed new uniforms last Saturday on the ball field but lost the game to the Yale students by a score of 9 to 5.

The Van-Pike telephone company is arranging to extend its services to Middletown, N. Y., where connection will be made with lines covering the Hudson river valley.

The Driving Park Association has arranged for races July 4th. As there will likely be few events of the kind here this season it is hoped that all will unite in making this a grand success.

Children's Day will be observed with appropriate exercises in the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7.30. A baptismal service for children or infants in the morning. Exercises at Union school house at 2.30 p. m.

The D. L. & W. R. R. will erect a large stone crusher at the point of rocks below the Water Gap. It will have a capacity of 100 cars a day and the intention is to ballast the entire road bed from Hoboken to Binghamton.

The school directors of the Independent School District of Milford met Tuesday evening and organized by electing W. T. Struble president, Dr. R. G. Barckley secretary and Dunham Gregory treasurer. The board by resolution raised the school to a second grade high school which will entitle the district to receive an additional $600 from the state appropriation.

A Philadelphia Judge decides that the Act of May 29, 1901, prohibiting the having in possession of black bass out of season, and providing a punishment therefor, does not apply to black bass caught outside of Pennsylvania. The defendant was arrested, convicted before a magistrate and fined. He appealed and proved that he bought the fish from a wholesale dealer who got them in Maryland.

Real Estate Transfers

Wesley Cross and others to Frederick Schaennagel, 190 acres, Greene, $1100.

William Huston and others to William Gannon, 29 acres, Lehman, Levi Ladlee warrantee No. 278, $5.

Joseph E. Layton to George A. Proctor, lots in Matamoras 10 and 11, $300.

Cynthia Van Inwegen to same, 160 acres, Westfall, $10.

G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to E. F. Peters, 56 acres, Ehrersiller Hillery, No. 255, Lehman, taxes.

Theodore Schmeid to Philip Frank 68 acres, Blooming Grove, part of John Crosby, No. 125, warrantee, $1.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending June 11, 1904:

M. F. Scanlon, C. C. Nobles.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Timely Warning

Fortune Teller—Beware of the handsome man with dark eyes and brilliant diamond pin.
Fair Maid—Why?
"You can't support him."—(Smart Set.

TEACHERS WANTED

The Directors of the Independent School District of Milford, Pike Co., Pa., desire to engage teachers for the ensuing term of nine months, beginning Sept. 6th, 1904.

One Principal for High School.
One Grammar school teacher.
One Secondary school teacher.
One Primary school teacher.
One teacher for Schocopee school.

Preference will be given College and Normal School Graduates. All applicants must state specifically every branch of study he or she has a proper certificate to teach. All applications must be in the hands of the secretary, Saturday evening, June 11th, by 8 o'clock. Return stamps must be enclosed for reply.

Applications for Janitor for the new school house will be received at same time. By order of the Board.

ROBT. G. BARCKLEY, Secy.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Addresses Were Good and Music Entertaining

The annual commencement exercises of the Milford schools took place last Monday evening in the Court House before a large audience of friends and interested listeners.

The class colors of '04 in black and gold, on which was lettered its motto: "Life is what we make it," draped the rear of the platform on which was seated the class, Frank Gehrig, Mary Mettler and Katharine Peroz, the school board and those who were to take part in the exercises.

The opening piece, an instrumental duet by Maude Klein and Maxwell Armstrong, which was very well rendered, was followed by the invocation by Rev. E. M. Snead. Then came a piano solo by Leila Gregory, which was given in good taste.

The salutatory by Katharine Peroz was a well written and thoughtful paper giving expression to excellent ideas, it was followed by an essay, read in a very pleasing manner, by Mary Mettler, who contrasted history and its philosophy in good taste and with discriminating judgment. Frank Gehrig in a valedictory address entitled "The Man Behind the Gun" acquitted himself with honor. His idea that the instrument to be effective must be well directed by skill and intelligence was nicely adapted to illustrate the fact that the ends and aims of a life of usefulness and success must be skillfully managed by energy, perseverance and right principles.

Miss Lulu Jardon then entertained with a piano solo and President of the Board Swepeniser in a few well chosen words presented the diplomas to the happy and expectant graduates.

An instrumental solo by Maude Klein emphasized the talents of that accomplished young musician, and Rev. V. A. Wood then addressed the class taking for his topic "Success." His advice was good and the elements he depicted were worthy to fall on fertile soil and produce an hundred fold.

Miss Myrtle Ryder closed the exercises with a piano solo which she rendered in a most effective and pleasing manner. During the progress of the entertainment a happy episode occurred in the presentation by the class of a handsome vase to their teacher, Prof. J. C. Watson, who aptly responded to the pleasant surprise.

Young Men Wanted!

Every young man in Milford is wanted! Wanted from the street corners, from the loafer's rendezvous, from the idler's promenade; turn your steps into the highway of noble aim and earnest work. There are prizes enough for every successful worker, crowns enough for every honorable head that goes through the smoke of conflict to victory.

There is within the young man an upspringing of lofty sentiment which contributes to his elevation, and though there are obstacles to be surmounted and difficulties to be vanquished, yet with truth for his watchword, and leaning on his own noble purposes and exertions, he may crown his brow with honors. He may never wear the warrior's crimson wreath, the poet's chaplet of bays, or the statesman's laurels, though no grand universal truth may at his bidding be confessed to the world, though it may never be his to bring to a successful issue a great political revolution—to be the founder of a republic whose name shall be "a distinguished star in the constellation of nations," — yea, more, though his name may never be heard beyond the limits of his own neighborhood, yet is his mission none the less a high and holy one.

But why do so few young men of early promise, whose wise hopes, purposes, and resolves were radiant as the colors of the rainbow, fail to distinguish themselves? The answer is obvious. They are not willing to devote themselves to the toilsome culture which is the price of success. Whatever aptitude for particular pursuits nature may donate to her favorite children, she conducts none but the laborious and the studious to distinction.

Special $1 Excursion to Scranton

Sunday, June 19th, the Erie will run a special one dollar excursion from Port Jervis to Scranton, Pa., leaving Port Jervis at 10 a. m., arriving Scranton at 12.15 noon, returning the special train will leave Scranton at 5 p. m. Fare only $1 for the round trip.

For local news read THE PRESS.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Schools are closed now, and the small boy is happy.

Our last term of court was about as short as it could be.

J. R. Thornton of Branchville was a visitor in town last Sunday.

City dailies arrive in town now by 10 a. m., thanks to Charles Degan.

Evi Shimer of the Port Jervis Gazette was in town Wednesday riding in a swell auto.

Mrs. K. R. Van Auken, who has been spending some time at Newton, N. J., has returned to her home.

Miss Maggie Westbrook of Montague was a visitor here for a couple of days the past week, the guest of Miss Mary Ludwig.

Children's Day will be observed at the Union school house Sunday afternoon, and in the M. E. Church here in the evening.

What a lot of kicking there has been over the condition of the Port Jervis road between here and the Westfall township line!

It is easier for some people to tell a fib than to tell the truth. The former will do for a while but in the end "Tell the truth and defy the devil" is the best policy.

New suits did not save our ball tossers from getting a turning down at the hands of the Yale nine last Saturday afternoon. Our boys need more practice and practice together.

The past week fishermen have met with good luck angling for trout. Shad fishing is a thing of the past, but by the middle of next week our experts can try after the gamey bass.

One of Milford's landmarks, Pinchots store, will soon disappear. The work of tearing down the building has commenced, and in its place Mr. Jas. W. Pinchot will have erected a large modern stone building which will be an ornament to the village.

So farmers are afraid of potato blight. Rather early potatoes are hardly out of the ground yet. Some are talking about there being no corn this season, while we hear others talking about not being done planting. There is a time to plant, also to reap.

The party of young people who so gloriously enjoyed? themselves around the school house on Ann street about midnight and after on Wednesday much to the annoyance of some people residing there better not repeat that performance. It may be expensive, as they are known.

Pertinent Paragraphs

General Kuropatkin is said to be revising the dictation of his terms of peace; or has his stenographer lost his original shorthand notes?

Numismatologists, otherwise coin collectors, report a remarkable scarcity of 1804 dollars. Some people are troubled about getting 1904 dollars.

The Roosevelt preliminary campaign has been so strenuous and successful that the Chicago convention promises to be all the more quiet and tame by comparison.

Like the chronic situation in the Balkins, Mr. Bryan's apprehensions, as the St. Louis convention approaches, become more and more grave. It must be admitted that it is no laughing matter for Bryan.

The democratic line of opposition to the energetic move of the administration in seeking to bring the Morocco bandits to time has not yet made itself manifest; but never fear, it will develop in due time.

With some good material for effective campaign work and a few issues, to be used as central figures, the democrats will have an excellent opportunity to enter the campaign if they can find a candidate who will run.

The Nebraska republicans are announced to show the editor of the Commoner that while he may be able to whip the democrats of the state into his line, he no longer cuts much figure as a representative of state sentiment.

Standard oil has been pronounced the best material for fighting the mosquito, now just beginning to come forth from his lair; but it is also believed that the old fashion slap will be brought into considerable play during the summer.

A German scientist, delving in the arid sands of western Texas, unearthed the complete skeleton of a huge plesosauris, beneath a mass of pre-glacial deposits. Alongside of it and probably the cause of the death of the octopus-like creature, were found the bones of a small war party of popocrats. The latter are to be mounted upon an ancient silver standard and sent to the Truth Bureau of the St. Louis Exposition.