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THE WASHINGTON LETTER

The present week has been a very busy one at the White House, and in the Executive departments. People who talk with the President come away impressed with the detailed information he possesses in regard to the political situation in the several states, especially New York, Indiana and Illinois. The handling of United States marines at Tangier, ostensibly to protect a foreign legation, gives satisfaction. Secy. Hay finds ample precedent for so doing. He may further find a precedent for landing marines to protect American citizens. It will be a lame conclusion of the whole matter if Mr. Perdicaris is allowed to die in captivity. All matters pertaining to the Chicago convention are now arranged. The President will allow neither liquor nor refreshments to be sold in the convention hall. The gentlemen who are to make nominating speeches have been chosen. It has been decided to prevent Senator Fairbank's name to the convention for Vice President. Ex-Senator Walcott of Colorado is the man who will set the ball rolling for Fairbanks. Mr. Boda, Commissioner to the St. Louis Fair, has called to see the President. Being asked why physically the Japanese are so small, Mr. Boda said it was the result of over study. It is a little remarkable that there are so few stunted men in the United States. The President has appointed Mr. D. J. Murphy, once Commissioner of Pensions, under Cleveland, to be Secretary to the Panama Canal Commission. Mr. Murphy is a Knight of Columbus, and was the editor of a Catholic weekly. Today the President received for the city a statue of Dr. Benj. Rush of Revolutionary fame, which was unveiled in front of the old Naval Observatory Building. The usual program of music, and speeches was carried out. Dr. Rush was a man who went about doing good, and who held the position of physician in chief to the American army. For many years he was a professor in the University of Pennsylvania.

The once famous case of Rebecca Taylor, who was dismissed from the War Department because she wrote a newspaper article reflecting upon the policy and character of the President, has at last been settled. She claimed that she was unjustly removed, and asked for a writ of mandamus compelling her reinstatement. The court of appeals of this district has now decided that regardless of the merits of the case the courts have no jurisdiction. The right of appointment carries with it the right of removal. There is no contract. Any clerk may be dismissed at any time for any cause. Civil Service simply keeps out the crowd; it doesn't protect a clerk when once an appointment has been made.

Secretary Shaw has thought fit to remind the rather theatrical World's Fair President that if the first installment of \$500,000 due the United States Treasury, is not promptly paid on the 15th inst., he will be forced to take charge of the gate receipts. Mr. Francis replies that every penny will be paid on the date when it falls due. He thinks the East does not appreciate the "magnitude" of the St. Louis Exposition.

Many members of the American Medical Association, recently in session at Atlantic City, are in town to attend the unveiling of the statue of Dr. Benj. Rush. They are discussing an unexpected and startling paper read by Dr. Anders of Philadelphia on the "Danger of Strenuous Life." This does not refer to politics, but to certain incurable diseases, such as the stiffening and deterioration of the arteries, as the result of overwork. It was stated that a large number of athletes are victims of these ailments as a result of the strenuous life, and that many young men are as decrepit as men of 70. The doctors say parents should be warned against the results of football, tests of strength, and over indulgence in Prof. Atwater's "Alcoholic food." The routing of fans on the bleachers is not strenuous; it is simply idiotic.

Since the verdict of "not guilty," in the Tyler-Burrett case, the government has decided to drop the remaining indictments against H. J. Barrett, nephew of the General. He was, among other things, accused of bribery but it was shown during the late trial, that a certain fee of \$500 which he received, was paid after he had the government service.

One of the clever thing and very busy men living in this city, is the glabbe, white-whiskered John W.

Foster, once secretary of state and minister to all the barbarian nations outside of the United States. He still manages to act as attorney for many of the philanthropic, benevolent Christian, missionary and elementary societies in this country. Yesterday he interviewed Secretary Hay regarding the claims of American missionaries against the Turkish government. Mr. Foster thinks with our large fleet now in European waters the time is propitious, after we have skinned the Sultan of Morocco, to sail down to Stamboul and set the Sultan of Turkey trembling on his throne. Very likely a precedent will be found for doing this very thing.

The famous Columbian University of this city will hereafter be known as the George Washington University. This change of name rather opens the college yell business. Besides it would be undignified to connect the name of the Father of this Country with some silly rhyme.

Speaker Cannon may be considered entirely out of the Vice Presidential possibilities. Even if the President's preference for Senator Fairbanks should not materialize, Uncle Joe will not be dragged into accepting it. He was never built for a mere display office. He was surrounded by his old friends here yesterday, and, to their protestations said vehemently: "I don't want it, I won't take it. If I were elected to it in spite of myself, I would go up there and take the oath. Then I would appoint a private secretary and a messenger and a telephone clerk, and go away and never go near the blankety-blank chamber again to be humiliated." Uncle Joe is eminently and exuberantly social, but he is never social for show.

Real Estate Transfers
Tobias Nelson to Robert W. Reid, part of lot 659, Milford Baro, \$2.
Frederick Dopel to Geo. W. Wilson, 1 acre, Palmyra, \$1.
Geo. L. Nye to William B. Schoonover, 422 acres, Lehman, Samuel Saville, No. 224, also Thomas Ruston, No. 219, 429 acres, \$1.
John J. Schoonover to William B. Schoonover, 58 acres, Lehman, part of John Mushback, \$500.

George Gregory to Morgan Hughes, property of Margaret Carhuif, 11 acres, Delaware, \$525.
P. Q. Deyo to Eleanor L. Hilliard, equal undivided 1/4 in Jonathan Smith, No. 156, 414 acres, John Poor, No. 195, 894 acres, Deborah Connard, No. 148, 204 acres, Dingman, \$5.
G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to James French, 60 acres, Greene, Jacob Arndt, No. 260.
Same to same, 222 acres, Greene, G. W. Roup, No. 202.
Same to same, 235 acres, Greene, Adam Foulke, No. 252.
Ella Phillips to Carpenter R. Sworts 400 acres, Greene, Joseph Rittenhouse 4150.

G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to J. F. Towilliger, 410 acres, Shohola, Joanna Currie, No. 85.
Commonwealth to S. L. Schoonover, patent for 52 acres, Lehman, adjoining Jacob Wood warrantee.
E. D. Hemmingsway to Wm. Hemmingsway, 152 acres Lehman, \$1.
G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to George Gregory, 211 acres, Milford Twp, R. S. Church warrantee, \$2.
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G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to Edwin Drake, 50 acres, Delaware, assessed to Elizabeth Minter.
Henry Crump to Romaine Whitaker 100 acres, Lehman, warrantee William Phillips, \$190.
John J. Sullivan to Menzo Beck, 2 lots on Cookson street, Matamoras, \$1.
G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to Chas. W. Cortright, 2 deeds, 10 acres, Lehman, John Brutzman, No. 236, 9 acres, Lehman, assessed to John A. Coustonman.
Charles W. Barber to John D. Hoock, 106 acres, Monroe and Pike, Barret and Greens townships, \$206.

Brookside Villa.
Having leased Brookside Villa, the well known summer boarding house, it will again be open for the reception of guests. The location is desirable, the rooms comfortable and the table will be in all respects satisfactory. A large farm connected with the house will supply fresh vegetables, milk and butter. For rates and terms apply to Tobias Nelson, proprietor, Milford, Pa. 7 5 04

For local news read THE PRESS.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

R. McKean is suffering an attack of appendicitis.
Mrs. Smith has leased and is now occupying Villa Ina.
C. S. Custis, Jr., has removed his family to Branchville, N. J.
Charles Mayne and family of New York are here for the summer.
Miss Bertha Kleinhans of Blooming Grove was a guest in town recently.
Mrs. S. C. Grandin is quite indisposed at her rooms on Centre Square.
E. F. and S. J. Peters of Bushkill were bidders at the land sales Monday.
Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, spent part of the week in town.

H. H. Sanderson, a former resident of Delaware, attended the land sales Monday.
F. W. Benner and wife have rented a cottage on Long Island where they will reside.
G. W. Pierson of Leroy's Valley and his brother John of Scranton were in town Monday.

Mrs. Fred Wilson will arrive tomorrow and occupy the Armstrong House on High street.
Ex-Treasurer G. F. Rowland became the quasi owner of considerable more Lackwaxen real estate at the sale.
C. O. Armstrong and family spent a day recently in Branchville where they met Harold, who returned from Blair Hall.
Mrs. J. De F. Brower of New York, who has been a guest here for several summers, is again at the Dimmick House.
Mrs. Octavia B. Van Wyck and son, George, who have spent the winter at their home in Washington, D. C., are here again for the summer.

W. D. Evans of Carbonate, deputy collector of internal revenue for this county, has been at the Crisman House part of this week attending to his duties.
Miss Edna Kher, who has just graduated from Blair Hall, and her brother Henry and Harold Armstrong, students at the same place, are at home.

D. H. Ryman and wife of Markersboro, N. J., and Edward Todd and wife of Rockaway were guests over last Sunday with the family of W. S. Ryman.
Paul Ryder, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Port Jervis hospital, has returned home and is improving. Algernon Gregory, a sufferer from the same disease, is also slowly recovering.
John Hobday, who formerly resided in Blooming Grove township, this county, but is now living in Scranton, visited Milford the first of the week, the first time in some twenty years. He is looking remarkably well for a man only 85 years old.

P. B. Clark, Esq., of Porter and Daniel Clark, Esq., both veteran justices of the peace, attended the land sales. Our Phil rather complains that a new set of men are intruding in his particular bailiwick who are disposed to appropriate some of the offices which have been for many years considered the property of a few old timers.
The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Dengler, a graduate of the Medical-Chirurgical Hospital and Dr. Arthur C. Wolfe of Matamoras took place June 15th at the home of the bride's parents in Philadelphia. Dr. Wolfe, who is well known here where for several years he was a clerk at the Bluff House, is now located at Matamoras, where the couple will reside.

Unclaimed Letters
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending June 18, 1904:
Miss Bessie Morefield, Rev. Clarkson McGee, F. Dillon, Charles Daugherty, James Hendricks.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of the list.
CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

The directors of the Milford Bridge company have declared a dividend of two per cent, \$1 a share, on the capital stock, payable by the treasurer, William Mitchell, July 15th.
Wednesday, June 22nd, the Erie will run a \$1 week day New York excursion leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m.
Degen's barber shop will now be found opposite the Crisman House, in the rear of the postoffice.

Dogman's is headquarters for Lowmy's confections.

OUR MILFORD SCHOOLS

A High School is Now Established. Requirements, Etc.
Since the directors of The Independent School District of Milford have passed a resolution establishing a public high school of the second grade which requires three years of study beyond the common branches, it is well to be informed as to what the law requires shall be taught in such schools and the qualifications of the teacher employed. The act of 1895 says "the directors shall employ for said high school at least one teacher legally certified to teach book-keeping, civics, general history, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, including plane surveying, rhetoric, English literature, Latin, including Caesar, Virgil and Cicero, and the elements of physics, chemistry, including the chemistry of soils, botany, geology and zoology, including entomology, and no teacher shall be employed to teach any branch or branches of learning other than those enumerated in his or her certificate."

It will be observed that the act is mandatory. The directors are not allowed discretion and however competent a person may be to teach the branches enumerated, he or she cannot be so employed unless his or her certificate so states. The above branches are no more than any young man or woman should have to give them the foundation of an education, and there is no good reason why parents should be obliged at great expense to send their children away from home to obtain these branches. Milford affords every material inducement for people to come here and locate with their families and it should also afford the crowning opportunity for educational advantages. If our directors fall in their duty in this respect the people who are directly interested should hold them accountable.

A Free Country
The Philadelphia Press says this is a perfectly free country. A Norris-town Judge has just decided that a girl has a right to sit on her best young man's lap; a New York Judge has given an opinion that a boy may enjoy the privilege of snoring in church; a York Judge has affirmed that the father of a girl has a right to throw her young man outdoors if he hangs on later than 11 o'clock; it has also been judicially determined that a man does not have to have his mother-in-law in his house. These are liberties which cannot be enjoyed in every country and are as delightful to contemplate as the freedom exercised by Governor Pennypacker to do over the Pennsylvania Constitution from time to time to suit his ideas of what it ought to be.

Judge Parker has up to the present time 178 instructed votes out of 686. It is thus perfectly clear that the popular judge, as soon as he can secure a few hundred more votes will be in a commanding position so far as the democratic nomination is concerned. Indeed it may be conceded that if the Judge can secure any couple of hundred votes, having already 178, Mr. Hill will be in a position to claim a majority for his New York Sphinx. Of course in the meantime Judge Parker might change the condition of the face of the moon at any time by saying something, but this is not an anticipated entanglement.

Dividend Declared
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Milford, Pa., June 2, 1904.
The Board of Directors has this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of 2% on the Capital Stock, payable on and after July 1st, 1904, to stockholders of record. The transfer books will close on June 25th and reopen on July 1st 1904.
JOHN C. WARNER, Cashier.

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.

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.

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Automobiles are like a duck in one respect—they dive well.
One of the largest buyers of Pike county unimproved lands last Monday was A. T. Rice.
Letters of administration on the estate of Jacob P. Cortright, late of Lehman, have been granted to Frank N. Cortright.
The will of Ernest Krupp, late of Shohola, recently probated devises all his property to his wife and names her sole executrix.
An adjourned court was held Wednesday to take acknowledgment of treasurer's deeds. Only a few tracts remained unsold.
At the treasurer's sale Monday lands were bid for with avidity and some large surplus bonds given. Practically all tracts were sold.

Abner McKinley, brother of the late President McKinley, was found dead in his chair last Saturday morning at his home in Somerset, Pa.
Do not forget the call for a meeting in the Court House next Tuesday at 4 p. m. to consider the question of a village improvement society.

U. S. Attorney General P. C. Knox was appointed last week United States Senator by Governor Pennypacker to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Quay.
The thirteenth annual reunion of the Mount Retirement Alumni Association will be held on the former Seminary grounds near Sussex, New Jersey, Thursday, June 30th.
The Evening Bulletin, a Milford summer daily, made its first appearance Wednesday. It is a seven column sheet printed on one side, and will be devoted mainly to baseball news.
W. R. Hearst captured 54 Illinois democratic delegates who were instructed to vote as a unit for him. He is now about neck-and-neck with Parker for the presidential nomination.

Tobias Nelson has leased Brookside Villa for a term of three years and will reopen it as a summer boarding house. The place is finely located and admirably adapted for persons desiring to spend the heated term in comfort.
Frank Seitz has the contract for removing the office buildings of the telephone, Western Union and Degen's shop to the foundations on Harford street, rear of post office. In the meantime the W. U. and local telephone offices will be in the post-office building.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Warren has secured the conviction of a bottler of beer in Philadelphia who was charged with selling adulterated beer. The specific allegation was that the beer contained salicylic acid. It is considered an important victory for the prosecution.
Judge Robinson in the Philadelphia courts holds that in this state there can be no recovery upon a policy of life insurance where the insured is executed for a crime, and this whether the policy contains a clause upon the subject or not, and even if it stipulates that the company shall be liable in such a contingency.

Albert Koeppling, convicted of the murder of John Martine in Port Jervis in 1903, was electrocuted at Sing Sing Monday. He met his fate with considerable firmness, and is said to have left a confession in which he charges that Mrs. Martine shot her husband and he agreed to assume the responsibility for her crime and plead self defense.

The "General Bloomin," a large excursion steamer having on board many women and children of St. Marks German Lutheran church, N. Y., Sunday School, was burned Wednesday morning off 138th street, East River. The loss of life is estimated to be 700. The destination of the boat was Locust Grove.
The statement of the Independent School District of Milford shows a total indebtedness of \$17,663.25. People here have no reason now to complain that they do not have a public debt of magnificent proportions. Furnishing the building and grading the grounds are yet to be done, and they will be no insignificant items in the matter of cost.

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VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT

A Public Meeting Called—All Should Take Time to Attend
At an informal meeting held Tuesday afternoon by a number of ladies, to consider the question of organizing a village improvement society, it was concluded in order that all interested in the matter might have notice and an opportunity to attend to call a public meeting to be held in the Court House, Tuesday afternoon, June 21st, at 4 o'clock, p. m.
This matter should interest, as it directly affects, all the people of the town. Milford in order to be noted as a resort must conform to all the requirements which the seeker after a summer home demands. A hotel equipped as hotels were 25 or even less years ago cannot now compete with any degree of success for the trade. Demands for modern improvements and conveniences must be met. What would a town be in these days without telephone or telegraphic communication? Communities have rural free delivery, farmers have telephones and many of them daily papers. City people are accustomed to all modern means of making life more comfortable and pleasant and denizens of small towns are rapidly acquiring the fashion of their city cousins. Hotels are being made up to date. Towns are beautifying their streets. Summer resort places are vying with each other in making improvements. If Milford desires to keep in the procession she must step in harmony and not lag. We may advertise the natural beauties of the town and country, but something more must be done. We must show our guests that we appreciate their presence and strive to cater to their esthetic tastes as well as their appetites. Milford should appear as a bride adorned for her best beloved and who know better how to put on those little frills and furbelows which go far in appearance than the ladies of the town. Respond to the call for a public meeting and lend encouragement to the movement by your presence and voice.

High School Applicants
As a matter of interest to the people here, showing who are applicants for the position of teacher of the Milford High School, their names, ages and qualifications are appended:
Bottenhorn, age 25, taught 4 years. Graduate Grove City college and state normal.
Lee, age 24, taught 2 years. Cook academy and Hobart college.
Goes, age 27, taught 3 1/2 years. Susquehanna University.
Krotz, age 24, taught 2 years. Haverford college and state normal.
Thatcher, age 37, taught 8 years. Cornell university, 1890.
Emmeret, age 25. Tutor. Dickinson college, class 1901.
Cook, age 28. Experience. Pennsylvania state college.
Barchoar, age 26, taught 3 years. Dickinson college.
Johnson. Normal school and post graduate normal school and post graduate Cornell.
Lynch, age 37, taught 17 years. Business college.
Holdeman, age 37, taught. State normal school.
Smith, age 26, taught 5 years. State normal school.
Carrier, age 23, taught 2 1/2 years. Post graduate Homer academy.
Watson, taught 17 years. State normal school.
Rensch, taught 8 years. State normal school.
So far the directors have made no choice and will meet again Monday evening, June 20th.

Reunion of Sisters
For the first time in several years Mrs. F. J. Spencer of Scranton, Mrs. Laura Bevans of Pittston, Pa., Mrs. Orrin Ayres of Beemerville, N. J., and Mrs. Anna M. Mettler of this place, whose maiden names were Williams, and who are sisters of Floyd Williams of Pittston and L. J. Williams, a prominent business man of Scranton, held a happy reunion and have enjoyed a week in each others society and in visiting friends and relatives in New Jersey, their native state. The two from the valley returned home this week accompanied by Miss Bessie Mettler who will spend the summer with them.

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The Rambler's Pickings
Fred Kessler of Matamoras was down early looking for camp meeting.
New suits does not improve the playing of our ball players. Practice boys!
Street Commissioner Steele is giving the gutters along our streets a cleaning out.
The many friends of Charles H. Wood are glad to see him able to ride out again.
So Milford will have nothing doing on the Fourth except a horse race on the Driving Park.
J. Victor Rosenkrans of Newton and Harold Thornton of Branchville were in town last Sunday.
John Degen's barber shop is moving slowly on rollers towards its new foundation on Harford street.
The Van Wyck cottage on Ann street and the Townsend cottage on Harford street are open for the summer.
A couple of smarties enjoyed themselves shooting a revolver just outside the borough limits Wednesday forenoon. Such cranks should be attended to.
Pike county land is more valuable now than it was a few years ago, when it was hard work to sell land for taxes. Monday's sale was different.
The Evening Bulletin, something new in Milford, made its first appearance Wednesday evening. As the season advances it will become more interesting. We wish the publisher success.
The Methodist and Presbyterian churches observed Children's Day last Sunday. The former in the evening and the latter in the morning. The attendance at both services was large, and the services very interesting.
Talk about autos doing stunts, where is there one which can beat Jim Van Eiten's critter. It tackled barb wire fences, ugly bulls, telephone poles, and last took a header into the Delaware river. Machine and owner are both alive yet.

Now we are assured of a new school house, which is very gratifying. It is also gratifying to some people that our board of directors are so equally divided politically. As politics seems to have entered in to the schools we will watch the outcome of the coming contest.
Now is the time to take a few hints when going after your evening mail. If you follow them you will be blessed! by more than one person before the season is over:
Block the door as much as possible. Stand in front of the delivery window to read your letter. Pay no attention to those in front of you but crowd in ahead. It shows manners. When the rush is greatest ask the postmaster to change a five dollar bill to pay for one stamp.

Pertinent Paragraphs
Is it rehabilitation, reorganization or isn't it resurrection which is the crying need of the democracy?
The democratic lines are being sharply drawn within the party—those who are afraid Bryan will bolt and those who are afraid he won't.
It is stated that the administration officials are much pained over the recent announcement that the Nebraska democrats do not cordially approve of President Roosevelt and his acts.
The hon with a snake's head which is reported to have been found in a Maine town, must have come across the border, since everybody knows that Maine is strictly prohibition.
It is presumed that Col. Watterson is again getting ready, whoever may be the candidate, to hold his nose, shut his eyes, and vote—like the small boy swallowing his first oyster.
For just three days the snowy dove of peace hovered and cooed over the Isle of Santo Domingo. Then the writs burned and crackled with the spirit of a new revolution, started—by Jimmie!

The Scientific American prints a striking illustrated article, in a recent number, showing one of the great government irrigation works which are to create thousands of prosperous farms out of desert wastes.
The Russian dispatches go into quite minute detail over the unimportant skirmishes wherein the Russians "retired in good order" before superior forces or where Russia "sustained no losses," while the announcement of Japanese victories is left to other sources.

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