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Letters from the People.

[All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expressions in this department.]—EDITOR.

The Nation's Greed.

Our country has opened for crime a highway,
Licensed it, christened it Saloon, for the pay;
For revenue nine hundred millions they tell
Are paid by this thoroughfare leading to hell.

When you think of the toll-gates studding this way,
Thicker than mile-posts, so alluring and gay,
Where all who here travel pay tribute or toll
To keep up the revenue, damning the soul.

Of all the inventions the devil could plan
To work on the weakness of poor fallen man,
None prove so successful for lust and desire
As habits established by drinking hell-fire.

This child of the devil was christened at birth
By the wisest of nations—richest on earth—
And parties and churches assist in her need
To fill up her coffers with revenue greed.

And thousands of young men are ruined or slain
For the ninety per cent. the government gain;
And this Juggernaut car is everywhere found,
Loaded with felons for the "State dumping-ground."

The License Power.

Editor Press:—

I read with no little interest the article in your last issue under the title "Where are we drifting to?" and it stirred my soul to the very depths. I would like to put a few facts before your many readers, hoping they may start more to thinking and that thinking may take to acting till this great evil be overcome with good. Where is the remonstrance? Why did it not have at least a hearing? To think our temperance people could not have their say about *one* of these hell holes. How gladly some of our best citizens—as I happened to know—signed this remonstrance only to be thrown aside, while this wretchedness, caused by hosts of licenses, is allowed to exist. For shame. Take one of these vile places and put it in a town of this size then watch the result. Eighteen licensed liquor establishments in a town the size of Emporium—the fact is appalling. May the judge who had the esteemed privilege (?) of granting these licenses get down before God and deeply repent of this sin, (if he never has or never will commit another) will send him to that place of dark despair, where, with the liquor dealers and the drunkards he must spend eternity. "Oh! how shall guilty man contend with such a God?"

If ladies dare not pass on sidewalks for fear of the vile and insulting language they are sure to hear by meeting the poor drunkard, what of the homes of some of these drunkards? Mother and children groveling in poverty and want, who would be glad to gather the crumbs that fall from the table of our judge. Surely such things ought not so to be. When I see the increasing boldness of the men who we place in high positions, of the corruption of such, of the liquor traffic, the grab and greed system that is taking the life out of the common people, I say we are gone, hopelessly gone; there is no hope for us unless we assert our christian manhood, rebuke this foul tide of corruption, place men and parties in power that will stand for the right. If one-quarter of our professing christians were true to their God, to their fellow men and their convictions, Emporium would not be in the sad plight in which we find it to-day. Is it not time to enquire "where are we drifting?" Must we be deprived of our rights? Will our law-abiding citizens suffer this state of affairs to continue? God forbid! O! that God would raise up a man in our midst like Neal Dow, who would never slack his efforts until our State had enacted and established its prohibitory law. Success will come on this line and never on any other. Some one has said when our law makers come to the conclusion that they can pass an act to guard the girls and boys of the nation against strong drink as easily as they can protect birds, fishes, rabbits, deer and skunks they will certainly do it. They will by and by take as much interest in the protection of their own offspring as they do in the protection of the brute creation. I do not wish to be understood that I object to the first, but I advocate the latter as well.

What will arouse the people; the church going people? You tell me that the call of the church is to save people from their sins, and so it is. But I point out to you that on the last election day she went in for saving everything but men, and with the exception of a few loyal hearts, stood for saving gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, hides, wool, tin—anything but men, and she swarms with men in pulpit and in pew, who make a mock at sin, in party politics; and who get votes, and offices, and power, by the destruction of the faith of more men every year than she even deals with.

Let us take God for our guide and go forth conquering and to conquer. In the name of our King, Awake!

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

"The Letterman Case."

Editor Press:—

I feel that in the interest of justice and truth, as well as in vindication of the purity of our homes, that the communication in last week's *Independent* by "Mose Carpenter" must be answered. The "spindles of passion" have not yet cooled enough to permit us to call a bigamist, a most consumate villian, a "good fellow." Admitting that proper steps were not taken in looking up this fellow's record, yet the fact, that he lied, and most shamefully deceived Miss Fulton as well as her friends, remains. Can "Mose Carpenter" or any other man making the least pretension to morality, justify a violation of the commandment, which says, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Admitting for a time this fellow did behave like a gentleman, yet it was all for a purpose, and "things are just as bad as we at first supposed." How could they be worse? Any man who holds such loose views with regard to the marriage relation is a constant menace to society. Please answer this question Mr. "Carpenter." Would you advise Miss Fulton to live in adultery with this Letterman, who has a wife living? As it stands, Miss F. is only guilty of indescretion, but if she should do as you intimate she would be a veritable Magdalene, and little better than a prostitute.

It may be Mr. "Carpenter," that you have daughters of your own; if so, imagine this disgrace coming into your family; would you thank any man to call the scoundrel who blighted your daughter's life and brought disgrace into your family, "a good fellow?" I think not. What this Letterman deserves is nothing short of a term of years in the penitentiary, and if justice is done he will certainly get it, but if he fails to receive the just reward of his crime, the best thing he can do is to go to Kentucky, where he claimed his friends are. Again I read the words form "Mose Carpenter," "such a step if just the kind I want them to take." referring as I have already intimated, to Miss F. livlng in adultery with a man who has a wife living and no divorce. And, knowing "Mose Carpenter" as I do, and knowing his standing in society, and believing him when he says he has a high regard for the entire Fulton family, I find it a bitter impossibility to believe that he is not possessed with an evil spirit. Can it be that there is a skeleton in his own closet, the remembrance of which has embittered his life, and in a measure deadened his moral nature? "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder," these are the words of the Holy writ, and unless this nation is more careful to preserve the sanctity of the marriag relation, we may expect at no distant day, the visitation of the vengeance of God. And now with a brief summary I will close.

Miss Fulton and her friends were to blame for not thoroughly investigating this Letterman's record. But all the family did not receive him with favor; on the contrary one member of the family at least yielded under protest to what seemed to him inevitable. The addresses given of friends (?) at State College, were intended not to verify his standing there, but to deceive. And as to what this rascal has done, surely "Mose Carpenter" knows that he has violated the law of the State as well as the law of God, and why should he not be ostracised? No, let us not help this "good fellow" out, but on the other hand it might be an excellent plan to help a few others in.

RIP.

Sterling Run, Pa., Feb. 21, 1898.

After Defeat.

Editor Press:—

While I regret to see by the returns of election, that the majority was on the wrong side of the fence for the Poor Farm. Still I say, "All is not loss." The question is before the public, nor is it at all liable to die. Although it has for the present suffered a signal defeat, I know that the citizens of Cameron county are too honest to let the subject drop into oblivion. The question is a grand study, if taken in the proper place, which is without doubt outside the vail of politics.

I do not believe in the much resorted to "mud slinging." I believe in facts, and have striven to give such, and only such. If truth has touched too tender a spot in friend "Ding's" armor I am sorry that it should be so.

If farming is a science, a man to become a past-master of any one science must devote his entire energies to that science. Bordeaux mixture would have saved his fruit. Careful selection of plants and ground, with a little gasoline would save his cabbage. Early planting his potatoes, while care would have saved his hay, wheat and rye. As for buckwheat, he is the first one I have heard of saying the crop of '97 was a failure in this section—most farmers are sorry they did not sow more. Be that as it may, it does not for the present come to the point. We all without exception grant that all years are not as profitable for the farmer as, take for instance, 1896. At all times however, the thorough farmer can live.

The main question now is has the Poor Farm question had time to have become satisfactory to all? The law provides we can place our poor in sister county Poor Houses. One of our poormasters has applied at three different places and the answer was the same in all, "very sorry, we are full and cannot take your poor." What does this indicate. Our opponents will say undoubtedly, because these institutions are a detriment to the counties.

This is not so, as all these three are almost self-sustaining. The great fear seems to be the lack of limits in the hands of the County Commissioners. We cannot trust the funds in the hands of those three men. Why, they would swamp the county in one term of office! Yet they handle three-fourths of the county funds, but the other fourth we dare not trust in their hands.

The principles of manhood I hope have not fallen so low in Cameron county that we cannot find an honest county Commissioner. We have two years before another vote can be taken. Study the matter over and see that the losing side has a cause.

CON LEMUEL.

LATEST WAR NEWS.

[*From Philadelphia Inquirer.*]

Following the report that an order had been received at the United States Embassy at London directing all officers of the United States, at present in England on leave to rejoin their ships at once, it was learned yesterday that all retired naval officers of the United States had received notice from Secretary Long directing them to place themselves in communication with the Navy Department immediately.

A retired naval officer of this city, who served under Admiral Farragut, said that the notice applied to about 300 naval officers throughout the country on the retired list. It was of confidential nature, but its provisions were to the effect that officers under 62 years of age who could pass a physical examination, showing themselves to be fit for duty, would be required to hold themselves in readiness for service at a moment's notice from Washington.

All who received the communication were asked to acknowledge its receipt immediately, giving any prospective change of address, and placing themselves unreservedly at the disposal of the government.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 22.—"A special train is held in readiness at the station here to convey Consul-General Lee to Washington," said a prominent railroad official here to-night. "He is expected here at any moment by the torpedo boat Cushing or DuPont."

The official, whose name is withheld on account of the importance of his position further stated that the cause of Consul-General Lee's hurried visit to the United States was that he bore important documents—papers so valuable that under no circumstances could they be trusted to any attache or minor official.

The coming of Lee may or may not be true, but in any event the special train has been standing in the train shed here for the last six hours with full steam up and crew ready to assume their posts. At the docks everything is on the alert.

The White Squadron cruiser Montgomery arrived at Port Tampa this morning from Santiago de Cuba, where she was ordered some time ago by the Secretary of the Navy.

It was not until she was on her way to the United States that the officers learned of the disaster to the Maine. A passing ship gave the information, but it was not given much credence. On arriving at the bar last night, however, it was confirmed by the pilot.

To-day the cruiser is taking on 800 tons of coal at Port Tampa, and to-morrow will sail for Key West.

The concensus of opinion in this city is that the Maine was destroyed by treachery. Cubans are universally of the opinion that it was the work of Spanish deviltry, while the Spaniards claim that their people would have had too much sense to have done such a thing, and when the matter is sifted to its utmost it will be found that some Cubans with an anarchistic instinct did the infamous work.

THE SITUATION GRAVE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—A prominent New England Congressman, who holds close political and personal relations with Secretary Long, had an extended conference with that official and with other officials of the Navy Department to-day, and who also visited the Executive Mansion, remarked to-night as follows:

"There is not the least doubt that the situation is grave.

"I do not mean to imply that the Government is expecting to be forced into a conflict with Spain from developments in the harbor in Havana, but I do mean that every preparation is being made for a conflict. This preparation is a precaution, because there is a feeling that something is going to turn up. The Navy Department is making more preparation than the officials admit. Our war vessels in remote places are being called closer home, so that they can be quickly placed. The four monitors are being made ready, and there is a great deal of activity under the surface.

IN THE SENATE.

In the Senate Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, introduced a series of resolutions reciting the horrors of concentration in Cuba and demanding an investigation by a committtee of five Senators. On objection by Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, the resolution went over. When the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill was brought forward Mr. Allen moved as an amendment his resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, which had already been reported favorably to the Senate by the Foreign Relations Committee. This precipitated a warm debate. The resolution was ruled out on a point of order.

The White Squadron is assembling off Key West, as the result of orders sent out by the Navy Department. Within a day or two there will be under the immediate command of Admiral Sicard the following vessels: New York, Indiana, Massachusetts, Texas, Iowa, Brooklyn, Marblehead, Detroit, Nashville, Montgomery, Ericsson, DuPont, Cushing and Porter. Admiral Sicard is still suffering severely from malarial fever. On the Pacific coast work is being rushed on the repairs of the Charleston, Philadelphia, Yorktown, Pensacola, Hartford and Adams now at Mare Island. Major General Merritt left New York yesterday to inspect the defenses of the South Atlantic Coast.

During the last few days, and again last night President McKinley has been in earnest conference with members of the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations, Military Affairs and Navy. Important plans to perfect the two military arms of the service have been considered and arranged. These moves are merely of a precautionary nature, so that this country may be prepared for any eventualities.

Lecture.

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman will lecture in Emporium March 19. Mrs. Hoffman has a national reputation as a first-class speaker, and Emporium is fortunate in being able to secure her services.

M. E. OLMSTED.

Old Reliable Drug Store.

People will find it to their advantage to carefully notice the greatly reduced prices set forth in the Old Reliable Drug Store's new add, on 5th page, and also notice that a first-class pharmacist is there ready to serve all who come.

Death of Mrs. Phoebe French.

MRS. PHOBE FRENCH, aged 69 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Rendt, Feb. 18th, 1898, after a long and painful illness, Her remains were conveyed to Greenwood, N. Y., for interment. The bereaved daughter and friends have our sympathy in their sad affliction.

Returned from the South.

Mr. Henry W. Graham has returned from an extended visit to his mother and brothers and sisters, in South Carolina, none of whom he has seen in thirey-two years. He has returned greatly improved in health and ready to attend to business at his old stand on Broad street, where he will be pleased to meet his customers.

Outlet to Bailey Run.

A number of citizens met at the Warner House last Saturday to examine into the feasibility of building a wagon road from Emporium to Bailey Run, with a view to draw the trade from that section to Emporium. The committee having the matter in charge are investigating the plan and expect to have a report ready within a few days. It is agreed that a permanent road should be built, it being asserted that it would pass through good farming land.

Pleasant Party.

Grace and Forest Pye entertained a number of their friends last Friday evening. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing. Refreshments were served at a seasonable hour and all departed for their homes with aching sides from laughing at the hearty jokes of Judge Brennan, who declared he never had such a "foine toime" before. Those present were: Misses Martha Kaye, Nellie Lingle, Mae Darrin, Bertha Bair, Florence Card, Hattie Auchu, Encie Howard, Tacy Bloom, Lora McQuay, Katie Cummings, Lottie Fisk. Messrs Harry Kaye, Don Larrabee, Wm. Kaye, Wm. Bair, Cassius Shaffer, Edwin Darrin, Ralph Davison, Elmer Kaye, Harry McDonald and Judge Brennan.

Wanted.

Experienced men to sell monumental work in Northern Pennsylvania. Address, 206 Centre street, Dunkirk, N. Y. 51-2.

Band Meeting,

All members of the Emporium Band are requested to meet at the band room, Friday evening, at 8:00 o'clock.

L. S. FISK, Leader.

Wanted.

Salesman to handle our Lubricating Oils on commission in Emporium and vicinity. Liberal terms.

THE EUCLID OIL COMPANY,
Cleveland, O.

A Success.

The two-day fair held by the ladies interest-paying society of M. E. church, Monday and Tuesday, was a great success. Over $150 was netted. Mrs. C. M. Thomas, president of the society, is entitled to great credit for her untiring work.

Made a Record.

The fastest time on record on the middle division of the P. & E. R. R. was made on Saturday by Engineer John Cashman with engine No. 2,088, and two coaches, one being a P. R. R. day coach and the other was a Pullman car of the Atlantic Coast Line. The occupants of the train were the members of the River and Harbor Committee of Congress and other distinguished Congressional gentleman, who had been at Erie to attend the annual banquet of the Lincoln Club of that city. The party arrived in Ridgway on the noon train from Erie and the fast run was arranged to get the distinguished party east as far as Lock Haven in time to connect with train No. 12 at that place. The run was made from Emporium to Renovo in 55 minutes and from here to Renovo in 1 hour and 40 minutes.—Ridgway *Advocate.*

The "middle-of-the-roaders" were quite numerous last Friday on account of the icy sidewalks.

Lively Times in Emporium on Monday and Tuesday.

Last Monday and Tuesday Mr. H. C. Kaye, of this place, who expected, according to contract to leave for Alaska with the Coudersport Klondyke Co., caused the arrest of the general manager of the Company. The matter will be tried in our courts and not wishing to take sides in the controversy we give below a history of the case:

Several weeks ago Mr. H. C. Kaye, of this place, signed a contract with the Klondyke Prospecting and Mining Company, of Coudersport, Pa., wherein it was agreed that upon his depositing a certain amount of money with the Company he should become one of a party of four that the Company was going to send to Alaska this spring. All preparations for the trip had been made and the party was intending to leave on Monday last, when, on Saturday noon, Mr. Kaye received a letter from E. C. Briggs, General Manager of the above named company, and who was to have charge of the party, saying that he had a sworn statement from a Mr. Jepson, who was also a member of the party, to the effect that Kaye had proposed to Jepson that when they reached the gold fields they should do away with Briggs, take what money he had and start out prospecting on their own hook. Briggs said that the Company did not want anything more to do with Kaye and that he should consider the contract as null and void. He also further stated in his letter that if Kaye would let the matter drop where it was and not attempt to make any disturbance that he (Briggs) would not make the affair public.

Mr. Kaye however believing it to be a scheme on the part of Briggs to defraud him of the money which he had deposited with the Company, immediately had a warrant sworn out for the arrest of Briggs, charging him with writing a threatening and intimidating letter for the purpose of extorting money and gain. The warrant was placed in the hands of officer Yentzer who arrested Briggs at Port Allegany on Monday, arriving here with him on the evening train. The hearing was held before Justice Larrabee, Mr. Kaye being represented by attorneys Green and Johnson, while L. B. Seibert of Coudersport appeared for Briggs.

After hearing the evidence Briggs was bound over for his appearance at Court in the sum of six hundred dollars.

Mr. Kaye has resided in Emporium for several years and enjoys the respect and confidence of our people.—Nothing that may be said by his enemies will shake our confidence in his integrity. His friends, and they are legion, will stand for him.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican County Convention will meet at the Court House, in the Borough of Emporium, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 22d, 1898,

at 1:00 o'clock, p. m.,

For the purpose of nominating one delegate to the State Convention, candidate for President Judge, choose delegates to the Judicial, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Convention.

By Order of County Committee,
H. C. OLMSTED, Chairman.
C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Sec'y.

Republican Primary Election.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Republican County Committee, empowering the Chairman to call a Caucus and County Convention, the Republican Primary elections for Cameron county will be held on

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, 1898.

Emporium Borough—West Ward, at City Hall, at 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.,—4 delegates; Middle Ward, at Council Room, at 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.,—4 delegates; East Ward, at Hose House, at 7:00 to 8:30 p. m.,—3 delegates.

Shippen Township, at Court House, at 2:00 to 4:00 p. m.,—6 delegates.

Portage Township, at Sizerville Bath House, at 7:00 to 8:00 p. m.,—2 delegates.

Lumber township, at office of R. W. Barrows at Cameron, at 1:00 to 3:00 p. m.,—3 delegates.

Gibson Township, at Curtin House, Driftwood at 3:00 to 5:00 p. m.,—2 delegates.

Driftwood Borough, at Curtin Hotel, at 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.,—3 delegates.

Grove Township, at Joe M. Shaffer's, from 4:00 to 6:00 p. m.,—2 delegates.

H. C. OLMSTED, Chairman.
C. JAY GOODNOUGH, Sec'y.

Political Announcements.

All Announcements under this head must be signed by the candidate and paid in advance to insure publication.

PRESIDENT JUDGE.

Editor Cameron County Press:—

SIR:—Republican friends from the several counties comprising this, the 25th Judicial District, have requested me to become a candidate for the Republican nomination of President Judge. After consideration I have concluded to comply with their request. Please announce in the CAMERON COUNTY PRESS to the Republican electors of Cameron county and this Judicial District, that I am an earnest candidate for the nomination of President Judge, subject to the rules of the Republican party, and respectfully solicit their support at the primary elections.

I pledge myself, if nominated, to use all honorable means for my election to that responsible office.

Yours respectfully,
B. W. GREEN.

Emporium, Pa., Feb'y. 1st, 1898.

Editor of the Press.

DEAR SIR:—Please announce my name as a candidate for the nomination for the office of President Judge of this 25th Judicial District, subject to the rules governing the Republican party in Cameron county.

Respectfully,
J. C. JOHNSON.

Emporium, Pa., Feb'y. 2, 1898.

DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION.

EDITOR PRESS:—Please announce my name as a candidate for Delegate to the Republican State Convention, solely in the interests of the candidacy of Hon. Chas. W. Stone for Governor. If elected I pledge myself to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

E. W. GASKILL.

Shippen, Pa., Feb. 8th, 1898.

Pressed Bricks.

Those special bargains continue in clothing at N. Seger's.

All winter goods going to suit the people at N. Seger's great clothing house.

Run no risk of getting low grade meats and groceries. Our stock stands for Quality. DAY'S.

N. Seger continues to give his customers many great bargains in ready-made clothing.

The McInnes Steel Works have commenced work preparatory to rebuilding their plant recently destroyed.

Sizerville is located in Cameron county. The last rooster fight was over there.—Port Allegany *Reporter.*

What has become of Emporium's base ball magnates? Do not wait till the season is over before organizing a club.

A man by the name of Wickerly had his leg horribly smashed, below the knee, by being run over by an engine in the yards of the A. V. R. R., at Driftwood, on Tuesday.

On Friday afternoon, at 2:00 p. m., a grand Washington birthday and musical entertainment will be given in the High School building, by the scholars. Everybody invited to attend.

P. O. Chilson had a finger caught between a coal bucket and a car at the W. N. Y. & P. coal dock on Tuesday of last week, crushing it badly. Dr. Baker attended the injury.

Lenten Specialties—Cod Fish, Mackerel, Herring, Domestic and Imported Sardines, Salmon, Lobster, Clams, Deviled Crabs. Try our imported Sardines, 16c a box. DAY'S.

The P. O. S. of A., entertainment at the Opera House Tuesday evening was very largely attended, and an excellent program rendered. Those who attended declare it was the largest gathering assembled in the opera house for years.

J. W. Yager had the misfortune to lose the end of his little finger on the the left hand by getting too close to the knife of an edger at Mankey's furniture factory last Friday. Dr. Baker gave him surgical attention.

Good Bread—the kind that is sweet, light and wholesome, is eaten every day by those who use PILLSBURY'S BEST FLOUR. It will make whiter bread and more of it than other kinds, and costs, at present, but little if any more—$1.60 per sack. DAY'S.