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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)  
Washington, Feb. 11th, 1905.

John Wanamaker the merchant prince of Philadelphia and New York was Postmaster General during the administration of President Harrison and one of the best Postmaster Generals if not the very best the country has ever had. He strove to make reforms and improvements in the post office department but soon found that he could not do much. He said recently that there were four reasons why we cannot have a parcels post and other postal facilities that have long been enjoyed in Germany, France, England, Italy and other countries. The four reasons were the four great American Express companies. There were four express companies then; there are six now. They are amalgamated into a trust. They are the successful rivals of the United States government in its own territory and in its peculiar domain monopolizing the most important part of the postal carrying business, compelling people to pay many hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly and bringing the country through the postal system into debt when if it were not for these express companies, there would be a yearly surplus to the credit of the postoffice. This condition of affairs could not exist in an alleged free country and under a republican form of government. It could not exist here were it not for the fact that it has behind it the boss of the most powerful state of the Union, a state that furnishes thirty nine votes in the electoral college and that represents a large proportion of the wealth of the Union, contains the largest city in the Union and with over twelve hundred millionaires, many of them rich in Express company stock. How long, O, how long will the country tolerate this particular octopus? Will it continue after the decrepit Senator who is now the president of the express company trust and its attorney in the Capitol has passed away? The thieves in the post office department were sent to Moundville penitentiary this week. The beef trust is supposed to have received a stunning blow from the Supreme court of the United States. The railroads appear to be docile and plastic to legislation. May we not hope that this entrenched trust may also have to loosen its grip?

In the great inaugural parade on the fourth of March 35,000 thousand men will march on Pennsylvania Ave. Of these five thousand will be United States regulars, 12,000 state militia and about 5,000 civilians from all parts of the country. The four great races will be represented for Indians, Filipinos and negroes will march beside the white man. The President will be escorted by a squad of his own "Rough Riders" and this with the other features of the show will make it more bewildering than a three ringed circus. Stands will be erected along the avenue and for from fifty cents to a dollar a person may buy a seat from which to view the parade.

## A Colonial Dress Social.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend a Colonial dress social in the public reading rooms, Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st, to be given by the ladies of the First Methodist Church. An old fashioned spelling bee, under the direction of Prof. Ling will be a novel feature and piano music by Prof. Erickson, Mrs. Trotter and others will be an added attraction. Choice refreshments and plenty of fun is promised. Come and enjoy a good laugh.

Admission, including refreshments, 25 cents.

## The Observer.

The Judges' pension bill, now before the legislature, providing for the retirement at the age of seventy on full pay of judges who have rendered Twenty-five years of service, is one that should be looked into carefully. The question is not what personal motives may be immediately back of it. Even though it should appear that certain judges are instigating its passage in order that they may profit by its provisions, or that other parties are promoting it in order to create vacancies for themselves or for their friends, this does not affect the question as to the essential merits or demerits of the bill itself. Neither should the question be considered merely in the light of expense. If this money will really be well spent, it will not have been thrown away, and its expenditure should not be begrudged.

The real question has to do with the probable effect of this measure upon the judiciary itself. Those who favor the passage of the bill reason somewhat as follows: Of all the departments of our government, the judiciary should be the one most independent of outside influence, the one most free from any suspicion of interest. A judge who is a holder of railroad or industrial stocks, or who is an extensive property owner, or who has outside business interests of other kinds, will frequently be placed in the embarrassing position of having to sit in judgment upon cases in which his own interests are more or less directly involved. It is not enough to pay a judge a reasonable living salary merely during the time of his actual service. If he is assured of nothing beyond this, he is under the necessity of making such provision as he can for the non-earning days of old age. It is not to be supposed that he can save anything to speak of out of his salary. Five thousand dollars a year sounds large, but it must be remembered that a judge is expected to live in a manner worthy of his position. It is always very easy for one to tell how much other people ought to save out of their salaries—much easier than it is for one to save anything out of his own salary. A few months ago some one asked Mrs. Observer in what manner the Observer has invested the large sums he is supposed to have saved. The Observer smiled sadly when Mrs. Observer told him what had been said. It is really not reasonable to expect that a judge can save anything to speak of out of his salary. Moreover, even if he should be able to save, he will be under the necessity or under the temptation of investing what he has saved in ways that will more or less compromise his independence as a judge. Why not make such provision for him that he will be entirely relieved of all thought for the morrow, and will be in a position to devote himself without distraction and without bias to the duties of a peculiarly high and exacting office? Our judges are among the most talented and capable men that we have. As captains of industry, or as corporation counsels, they could easily earn ten or twenty times the amount of the salaries they receive. In view of the comparative smallness of their salaries, and the uncertainty of provision for the future, is it much wonder that some of them establish side connections with business enterprises, or that others leave the bench altogether for the larger remuneration of a corporation counsel? Ought it not to be made an object to the right sort of men to take up the work of the judiciary as a life work, wholly untrammelled by any sort of business connections, and assured that a salary sufficient to maintain them in becoming dignity will be theirs as long as they live?

At first the Observer did not look favorably upon this bill, and at most thought that the judges should be content to retire on half pay; but his reflection along the foregoing lines has led him to favor the bill as it stands. Of course it must not be expected that this measure will result in the ideal perfection of the state judiciary. No doubt drunken, profane and immoral men will continue, occasionally, to disgrace an office that in some respects is like to God's of any on earth, but the effect of the bill, if it becomes a law, will tend distinctly towards the elevation and strengthening of the judiciary.

We understand the First National Nurseries, of Rochester, N. Y., want an agent to canvass this section. We can recommend this Company as all right. Their references are the best. Any one out of work write them for terms at once.

## Miss Larrabee Entertains.

The members of the "Faculty" of the public school were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Larrabee last Saturday evening. They were reminded that the date was the eve of Lincoln's Birthday by each having pinned on her back the name of a famous character of Lincoln's time, being required to discover her identity by the remarks of her companions. Other pastimes which tested the ingenuity of the learned lady were provided and the hours sped rapidly. A splendid supper of toothsome dainties received its share of attention and added to the pleasure of the guests. Mrs. E. S. Ling and Miss Collins were present in addition to the corps of teachers.

## Hobo Social.

The Hobo Social, held by the ladies of the Episcopal Church, last Friday evening, in the Opera House, was a grand success both socially and financially. About one hundred guests, ladies and gentlemen, were "made up" in regular hobo style and entered the hobo grand march at 9:00 o'clock. Many costumes were very original and the prizes consisting of a good "hand out" were won by Mr. Ray Husted and Miss Pearl McGrain. Dancing was one of the most enjoyable features of the evening and the hobos departed for their "bunks" about 12:00 o'clock. The net proceeds of this social amounting to \$85.54, will go toward the Pipe Organ Fund and the ladies who put forth great efforts in making this a success, should be highly praised.

## The School Entertainment.

In spite of stormy weather a large number of people responded to the invitation extended to be present at the celebration of Lincoln's birthday in the High School room last Friday afternoon. Every one came away with words of appreciation and compliment to the participants. The room had been tastefully decorated in the national colors by a committee of high school pupils. The literary portion of the program included the following numbers: Lincoln's favorite poem, "O Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud" by Marion Judd, a scene from "The Orists" by six boys, "The Gettysburg Oration" by Max Balcom, "O Captain, My Captain," Whitman's famous poem, by Jane Glenn, "The Soldier's Reprieve" by Marguerite Metzger, "Tom Taylor's Tribute" by Ethel Fisher, extracts from Lincoln's addresses, and tributes by famous men recited by a number of pupils, and the High School Literary Society paper by Lena Ritchie.

The program was plentifully interspersed with music, opening with a chorus of grammar school pupils singing "The Old Bell" and closing with a chorus of high school pupils, "Proudly Wave, O Flag of Freedom." Other musical numbers were piano solos by Joe McNarney, Gordon Vogt, Ida Seger, Nellie Tabridy, piano and violin solo by Harold Seger and Eddie Baldwin, piano duet by Edna Auchu and Christie McDonald, piano trio by Dorothy Nelson, Ellen Auchu and Margaret Dodson, and a vocal solo by Edith DeArmit. Several members of the G. A. R., were present, by special invitation. The occasion will surely be remembered as a most pleasant one.

## Ariel Ladies—Friday Night.

What promises to be one of the pleasantest entertainments of the season, will be given by the Ariel Ladies at the Court House to-morrow night. The favor with which they are every where received fully warrants this belief, and being the closing number of the Star Course the opportunity to hear them will doubtless be widely availed of. The Washington (D. C.) Evening Star of recent date contains this comment:

The second number of the Star Course was greatly enjoyed. The attraction was the Ariel Quartet—and these brilliant young artists made a decided hit. The quartet singing was fine. Miss Leavitt, in addition to possessing a pleasing soprano voice, is also a pianist and a violinist of ability and promise. Her soulful sympathetic playing well merited the encore to which she responded. Miss Mackenzie, second alto and reader, proved herself the star of the evening. She thoroughly delighted her hearers. She is a girl of unusual versatility and seemed equally at home in the catchy songs of the quartet, the dramatic rendition of the First Christmas Eve from Ben Hur, the humorous recital of Bill Smith and in the emotive plastic when she beautifully represented Faith, Hope, Mercy, Humility, Revenge, Defiance and other attitudes.

## Teachers' Local Institute.

A Teachers' Local Institute will be held in Emporium on Saturday, 25th inst. Program will appear next week.

## Returns From Golden Gate.

Mr. Chas. A. VanLew returned on Friday from visiting relatives, and looking after business interests in California and Washington. On his return he had the misfortune to get mixed up in a serious railroad wreck on the Rock Island R. R. The car in which he rode was dumped down an embankment, injuring a dozen persons. Luckily Mr. VanLew escaped injury.

## Opportunity for Cameron County Boy.

EMPORIUM, PA., Feb. 14th, 1905.  
DEAR SIR:—I am informed by Mr. S. R. Dresser, M. C., that there is a vacancy to be filled at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and that he will hold an examination of applicants for the position at Bradford, Pa., some time during the week beginning March 19th.

Anyone desiring information as to this examination, etc., please address S. R. Dresser, M. C., Washington, D. C. and oblige,

Yours truly,  
A. C. BLUM

## Gas Explosion—Man Severely Burned.

Malcom McCoud, employed in Emporium & Rich Valley Machine Shops at this place, met with a serious accident last Saturday, miraculously escaping death. A large locomotive had been placed in the shop for repairs and gas jets placed in the engine tank to prevent the water pipes from freezing. When the workmen resumed work Saturday morning they discovered the gas lights were extinguished and at once proceeded to relight them. Mr. McCoud entered the man hole and lit a match, when there was a tremendous explosion, blowing the unfortunate man through the man hole up into the air, burning his face and hands terribly and completely blowing off his clothing. No doubt Mr. McCoud would have been fatally injured had not Mr. D. W. Ensign broken his fall when he descended. Mr. Jos. J. Lingle, the Company's Supt., immediately called Dr. Smith and every attention accorded him. He was removed to his residence in Rich Valley, where he is resting easy. Mr. McCoud is one of the Company's most valuable men.

## Birthday Surprise.

Mr. A. C. Blum, Secretary of the Keystone Powder Company, was last Saturday evening forcibly but pleasantly reminded of the fact that another milestone in the journey of his life had been reached, when a few friends invaded his domicile and proceeded to make themselves at home. Those present comprised the Directors of the Keystone Powder Company, Hon. Josiah Howard, Mr. E. W. Gaskill, Mr. Henry Auchu, Mr. Jos. J. Lingle, Mr. Geo. J. LaBar; also additional friends, Mr. Frank P. Strayer and the Rev. O. S. Metzger. A bountiful supper was served and an abundance of jollity of the kind that all enjoy was indulged in. The surprise of Mr. Blum reached its highest when Mr. Metzler, in behalf of those present, presented him with a handsome hall mission clock, which was accepted with many expressions of gratefulness. Mr. Blum's services to the Keystone Powder Company are highly valuable. That he may have many happy returns of the day will be the wish of a host of friends.

## Coxey's Army Disarmed.

After a very hot and exciting contest between Coxey's Army and the Invincibles last Saturday evening, Coxey's Army were defeated by the following score:

INVINCIBLES.	
Brady.....	172
Hemphill.....	183
Good.....	203
Howard.....	136
Walker.....	160
Overturf.....	144
1004	986
COXEY'S ARMY.	
Clarke.....	165
Daly.....	163
Lyons.....	116
Shives.....	181
Jackson.....	124
Crawford.....	140
889	897

## Bouquet for Representative Howard.

Allow me, the use of your good paper, to thank our esteemed Member of the Legislature, Hon. Josiah Howard, through whose courtesy I have received thirty-two numbers of the Legislative Record, which I prize very highly not only for the gift but their worth.

Again, many thanks,  
J. M. ENGLISH.

## Letter From Josiah Howard.

You are my valentine and if your heart is open, let's you and I join forces to see how much of the spirit of President Roosevelt's kindly consideration for others we can install into Cameron county. We want his spirit of energy, his spirit of honesty and bold, open publicity as a Representative of the whole people, but above all we want his spirit of sweet reasonableness in demanding equality of opportunity and equality of treatment before the law, to every man, irrespective of size, color or nationality.

The President was elected on the Republican ticket, but he was really elected as a great American citizen, and he is such a conscientious, thorough going statesman, then we can lay aside politics and listen to him and study him as a man.

Every one should read his address at New York on Lincoln's birthday, also his address at Philadelphia, Jan. 30th on the freight rate question.

As some of the legislature say, "Little Cameron; God Bless Her," let us say so too; but there is only one way to bring it about. God will make the clock go but we must not neglect to wind it every day regularly.

We cannot learn anything without study and we cannot make our farms prosperous without work and cattle or fertilizer. An apple tree is more valuable than an orange tree if given the same attention and a boy or girl is much better than a horse if given as much disciplining and care in training. Let us keep our children in the traces between the ages of 14 and 20 and like a well trained horse they will be a joy forever.

These violets blue are nothing new,  
But I want to be a valentine to you.  
Respectfully,  
JOSIAH HOWARD,  
Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 14, 1905.

## EMMANUEL PARISH NOTES.

### Men's Social Evening in the Parish House This (Thursday) Evening From 7:30 to 10:00 O'clock.

The Hobo Sociable under the management of Mrs. H. H. Mullin, and the luncheon served at the return ball, under the management of Mrs. J. D. Logan, each netted about \$55 for the organ fund.

The repairs and improvements upon the old church building, now fitted up as a parish house, have cost the parish, approximately, \$1,300. About \$400 has been contributed towards this expense. No systematic effort has yet been made to secure contributions to cover the balance. The Rector desires that the Pastor offering be devoted to this object.

The parish house is well worth inspection on the part of those of our townpeople who have not seen it since renovation. The wall and ceiling of the main room have been tastefully finished in buff and light blue water colors, and the trusses and wainscoting finished in dark oak effect. A hard wood floor finished in oil is laid over the old floor. The old gallery has been transformed into one of the most attractive rooms on the premises. The old chancel has been fitted up as a stage, and one end of the side room has been equipped as a kitchen appointments are very convenient and complete, including a cook stove, hot plate, sink with water connections, drop tables; and cupboards well stocked with every dish and utensil needed for preparing and serving suppers. The stove and utensils were presented by individual ladies in the parish, and were used for the first time on the occasion of the house warming two weeks ago. It is understood that if the men of the parish are very good they will be allowed to use the kitchen for making coffee on the occasion of their social evenings.

Next Sunday will be the monthly Missionary Sunday. The offering will be for Diocesan Missions.

The gentleman who disturbed the entire congregation in one of our churches last Sunday by trying to whistle the music from "Miss Bob White," will confer a great favor by being a little more considerate to his fellow parishioners in the future, especially as a contract has been closed whereby the big opera company of some sixty people will be here Feb. 28.

## Poultry for Sale.

Choice young and old Buff Wyandotts, at low prices.  
50-1f  
ALFRED NELSON, Emporium, Pa.

WANTED—A good girl for general house work in small family. Apply at this office.

## WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)  
FRIDAY, snow storm.  
SATURDAY Fair.  
SUNDAY Fair.

## Grove Schools.

All Grove Township Schools meet at the Miller School House. The largest number of visitors were present at the Miller School, last Friday afternoon (Feb. 10) that have ever been present at one time, in any of the schools of our township or possibly in Cameron County. The following were present: Miss Maude Wykoff, teacher of Gilmore school and 15 pupils, Miss Mabel Edwards, teacher of Bailey school and nine pupils, Miss Hattie Smith, teacher of Haynes school and 12 pupils, others were, Miss Mattie M. Collins, county supt., Mr. Frank L. Miller, Director, Mrs. Rachel Miller, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. Frank Miller, Miss Clella Logue, Mr. Thomas Peno, Mr. Percy Swank, a total of 47.

Owing to the cold weather, many of the smaller children could not come, or the list would have far exceeded that number. Mr. Smith will use an extra page of his report book to write the names on. An entertainment was given, in which all took part. All present reported having a good time.

The school year just closing has been the most successful in the history of our township. The teachers have put forth their best efforts, to make this term a success and the directors and patrons have been more interested in the school work than in previous years.

Box socials were held in each of our schools during the year and money was raised to purchase, a bell, some pictures, and a library of 31 volumes for the Miller School. A bell, a large bookcase, a dictionary holder, some pictures, and a handsome mirror for the Haynes school. A bell for the Bailey school. A bell and some pictures for the Gilmore school.

The school board have placed about 88 square feet of slate black board in each of the schools, and also purchased a set of Webster's International dictionaries.

Three of our teachers, Mr. Smith, Miss Edwards and Miss Smith will attend the Normal School at Lock Haven as soon as their term closes.

The favorite little comedian Frank Deshon, who has been playing Artie Van Million, the principal comedy role in "Miss Bob White," under Nixon & Zimmerman's management for the last four seasons, will be launched forth as a "star" next season in a brand new opera, under the same management. At Emporium, Tuesday evening, Feb. 28th.

Mr. Felt's packing house is probably the best and most scientifically arranged of any in the state. It is sealed inside, and painted both inside and outside. The wagons from the groves are driven up an elevation so as to reach the large door opening into the elevated portion of the packing house. Here the fruit is unloaded. Then the oranges are taken out of each box, closely examined and the culls thrown out. The good fruit is then passed through a California brushing machine which brushes the sand or dirt off. The next process is to put the oranges into the sizer, which extends slanting from the elevated floor to the floor below. It sorts six sizes, is a new invention, and cost about \$60. On the lower floor the oranges are taken from the sizer and neatly packed for shipment. Each box is placed on a truck constructed especially for the purpose, when it is packed. The trucks have wheels and can be easily moved to any part of the building, thus avoiding much heavy lifting. Below the main floor is the ground floor extending part of the way across the room. Here box material is kept, and in one corner is a nice furnace, made on scientific principles. It will warm the buildings so that no oranges could freeze inside the house in the very coldest weather we have in Florida. On the east side of the large room is a small gallery with steps leading up, where wrapping paper is kept. There are three floors but everything is in one large room. The place is kept nice and clean and is a model packing house. It is a pleasure to see how smoothly everything works.—Emporia, (Fla.) Signal.

## Special Sale.

For the next thirty days we will have a special sale on Ladies and Childrens Coats and Furs. Having a large stock on hand will sell them at less than wholesale price.

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