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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1909.

That "the best laid plans of mice and men of tagley" was never better demonstrated than in the inauguration of the new President Thursday when the elements gathered themselves together for the most disagreeable day of the winter and succeeded in nullifying to an almost incredible degree the efforts that had been made to have this inauguration surpass any that had preceded it. Wednesday, the day before when the immense crowds had gathered in anticipation of the ceremonies and celebration, dawned wet and cold. Rain fell all day and toward night there were lightning and thunder and heavy showers. Later the snow began and continued to fall until the streets were buried several inches deep. By daylight the city was cut off from outside communication, telegraph and telephone wires were down and the wind had brought down the poles and left loose wires swinging in the streets. Never before had there been such de-olation on inauguration day. The seats in the grand stands which had been erected all along the line of the march were banked with snow. The decorations had either faded out in hideous blurs of red, white and blue or they had fallen to the pavements from their weight of snow. The light wooden pillars which had been stationed along both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue lay in the streets with their decorations of flags and wreaths buried in the snow. The gutters were filled with ice and slush and it was impossible to cross the streets without going over one's shoe tops in the icy flood. Comparatively few had the courage to venture out in the gals and storm so that when Mr. Taft accompanied by Mr. Roosevelt was driven swiftly up the Avenue to the Capitol there was only a small straggling shivering crowd to greet them. Strangers in the city who had shelter were glad to stay in doors and the residents accustomed to the mild temperatures of this semi-Southern climate scarcely knew how to face a blizzard that seemed more suited to the Dakotas or Canada. Thousands were without adequate shelter. The troops recently returned from Cuba were assigned to canvas tents near the river bank and after two years in a tropical climate found themselves in a subarctic temperature with no other protection than these flimsy tents afforded. At the railroad station all was confusion and chaos. Wires being down there was no communication with incoming trains and these arrived unheralded from three to thirty hours late. Many of the passengers arriving at night did not venture out of the station to find lodgings and fifteen hundred people spent the night in the station. Hundreds of others did not arrive in time for the inauguration at all but came in on the limping trains many hours late. Many others reaching the city gave one glance at the conditions and boarded the next out for home. Baltimore hotels were crowded by the inauguration visitors who got as far as the Monumental city and divining the conditions at the Capitol stopped off there. The West Point Cadets, did not get into the city until the next day and suffered as many others from lack of food and accommodations on the train which had not provided for such an exigency. It would take columns to express the disappointment and disgust of the strangers who had come from great distances to see the Inauguration and Congress came in well for the righteous indignation of everyone for not having long ago changed the inaugural date to a later season when better weather might be counted on.

It was impossible for Mr. Taft to make his address outside the Capitol and the crowd that defied the weather to gather in anticipation of hearing him shared the disappointment that seemed to attend all the plans for the day. Even the Senate galleries which had been carefully reserved seat by seat for the families of the Congressman had rows of vacant places when Mr. Taft took the oath of office.

After taking the oath of office and making his address Mr. Taft accompanied by his wife, (this being the first occasion when a President's wife has appeared in the carriage with him on his way to the White House for the first time as President,) drove up the Avenue along the line which was to have been the route of the parade. A few brave soldiers, a civic club or two from Ohio and a number of stragglers followed the Presidential carriage and composed all there was of the spectacle which thousands had come miles to see and for which many had paid from twenty-five to six hundred dollars for windows from which to view it.

Good Things to Forget.

Marsden declares that there is nothing more depressing than to dwell upon the lost opportunities of a misspent life. Whatever your past has been, says the Erie Times, forget it. If it throws a shadow upon the present or causes melancholy or despondency, there is nothing in it which helps you. There is not a single reason why you should hold it in your memory and there are a thousand reasons why you should bury it so deeply that it can never be resurrected. Nothing is more foolish, more positively wicked, than to drag the skeleton of the past—the hideous images, the foolish deeds, the unfortunate experiences of the past—into to-day's work to mar and spoil it. There are plenty of people who have been failures up to the present moment who could do wonders in the future if they would only forget the past, if they only had the ability to cut it off, to close the door on it forever and start anew.

Confirmation Services.

The Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, visited Emporium last Sunday. Confirmation services were held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Sunday evening, at which time twenty-seven were received into the church. The Bishop preached a very interesting and instructive sermon and in his forceful and clear-out way presented the subject of Confirmation in a large and liberal light. It is not something, he said, that Episcopalians have invented and use exclusively for themselves. It is an apostolic ordinance and it should be freely bestowed upon all baptized Christians of whatever name, who care enough about it, to wish to receive it. After the sermon he administered the solemn rite of confirmation. The largest class that was ever presented were received into this church at this time. Those who received the Laying on of Hands were: Rev. John L. Robertson, Mrs. Wealthy Logan, Mrs. Lottie Murphy, Mrs. Estella Matley, Mrs. Theresa Housler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Johnson, Misses Ethel Waddington, Mildred Faucett, Dora Morse, Carolyn Moore, Belle Campbell, Mary Leutz, Mabel Foster, Cora Hackett, Phoebe Hackett, and Messrs. H. Clyde Thomas, Mark O. Ellis, Melvin H. Logan, Robert H. Leutz, Oscar R. Foster, William H. Howard, Jr., Edward R. Viner, Ray L. Waddington, Wm. Franklin Housler, Claude A. Campbell, and Harold M. Waddington.

Emmanuel Church Notice.

March 14, Third Sunday in Lent:—8 a. m., Holy Communion; 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon, subject: "The First and Great Commandment." 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon, subject: "Seeking the Kingdom of God." Daily services in Lent: Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays in the parish house at 4 p. m. On Wednesday and Friday evenings in the church at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday School Teachers, Attention!

All Sunday school teachers and those wishing to prepare themselves for Sunday school teaching, are asked to meet in Emmanuel parish house on Thursday evening, March 18, at 7:30 o'clock, to organize a Union Teachers' Training Class, to take up Harbut's Course of Bible Studies, or any other that may be preferred. If any Sunday school will be represented by two persons in this class, that school will be credited with a Teacher's Training Class in the state report of the Pennsylvania Sunday School Association.

J. M. ROBERTSON,
Co. Supt. T. T. Dept.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., March 13th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

Eggs for Hatching.

From thoroughbred Single Comb White Leghorns and Barred Plymouth Rocks. One dollar per 15. Satisfaction guaranteed.

JOHN F. SULLIVAN,
3-13t. R. F. D., Driftwood, Pa.

To Rent.

Furnished rooms, corner of Fifth and Cherry Sts. Apply to Arthur Frappier

Notice.

Old negatives for hot beds: 5x7, 60c per hundred; 8x10 \$1.30 per hundred, at Bair's Studio.

Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade will hold its regular meeting in their room, over the Library, next Friday evening. Plans for a Fourth of July celebration will be discussed. All members and any one interested in this movement, are urgently requested to be present.

Returned From the Sunny South.

Hon. Geo. J. LaBar and wife and Mrs. C. W. Rishell and Miss Mallrick, have returned to their homes in this place after a very enjoyable six weeks trip which included several places of interest in Florida.

First Presbyterian Church.

Paul J. Lux, Pastor.
Morning Worship 10:30, sermon on "How to Make Success in Christian Life." Sunday School 11:45. Christian Endeavor 6:30. Evening Service 7:30, sermon on "Hindrances that keep many from becoming Christians." A cordial invitation to the public to worship with us and a hearty welcome to all who will come.

Skidoo Club.

The above club was organized last Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. John Piper, of Hardecraible Hill, (an adjunct of Fairview Heights.) Officers for the ensuing year were elected and committees appointed. Refreshments were served to about a dozen members and the meeting was adjourned at 12 a. m.

Should be Returned.

A paper has been in circulation the past week among our citizens for their signatures, requesting the return of the state police recently removed from this county. It is earnestly desired that they be sent back at once as their presence especially at this season of the year is very desirable and will have a tendency to keep the law breakers from the streams until the season opens for trout and for various other reasons. They should by all means be returned as they are thoroughly acquainted with this county and are of great value to our people.

Revival Services.

The meetings still continue at the Free Methodist church. Services every night this week, including Saturday evening. D. B. Toby, Evangelist, of Franklin, Pa., has been secured by the pastor to assist in the meetings. Rev. Toby comes well recommended as a speaker. The district elder Rev. A. J. Hill, of Bradford, Pa., will be present and conduct the regular quarterly meeting services over the Sabbath.

Much good is being accomplished in these services, interest in the truths of the gospel is being awakened. Some are heeding the call to a Christian life. Come, worship with us. Services at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation to all to attend these services is extended by the pastor and his associates in these special efforts for the salvation of mankind.

F. B. SCHRINER, Pastor.

A Valuable Hen.

High records in the hen family have been shattered by a Plymouth Rock hen in the poultry yards of H. H. Loomis of Geneva.

Early on the morning of Feb. 3, two eggs of normal size were found under "No. 7," as she is known. On Feb. 4 she laid a double-yoked egg weighing over three ounces, making practically four eggs in two days. On Thursday, Feb. 25, she laid another double yoked egg weighing 3½ ounces and measured 6½ x 7½ inches, on Friday a normal egg, and on Saturday she did the very remarkable "stunt" of laying three eggs, weighing 2½ ounces, and each identical in shape and size. At 4 p. m. the nests were visited and not a trap was sprung, at 5 o'clock when Mrs. Loomis made her hourly rounds, one nest was occupied and on releasing the hens, she was dumfounded to find three eggs.

As the record of the trap nest is absolutely unimpeachable, since the hen, once in cannot escape until released after noting the number of her leg band, nor no other can enter, the truth of the occurrence cannot be questioned. —Ex.

A Small Run of Logs.

A small run of logs will go into the boom at Williamsport this spring, not many over 2,000,000 feet, says Gazette and Bulletin. Most of them will go to the mill of the Central Pennsylvania Lumber company, although some of them belong to Brown, Clark and Howe.

Eggs for Hatching.

Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rocks and Silver Spangled Hamburgs, \$1.25 per 13. Orders book now for spring delivery.

4-2t. D. F. SEAVER.

The Local Option Bill Defeated

The much talked about Local Option measure came up for second reading in the legislature Tuesday evening and went down to defeat after a fair fight, the vote standing 137 to 66. Representative Fair says he will make no effort to reconsider the measure. Hon. Josiah Howard, Representative from this county, voted against the bill. While the speeches were being delivered upon the merits and demerits of the measure, on motion of Mr. Howard all remarks were limited to three minutes.

Help the Schools.

The East Ward School has entered a contest to secure a piano for the school building. The contest is being held by the North American, published at Philadelphia and will hold good until April 4th. A coupon in every paper, is good for one vote. Up to the present time, our school has sent in about 1800 votes. Emporium people kindly communicate with the teachers of the East Ward School and assist them in securing a piano. Seven plans will be given in the city of Philadelphia and six plans will be given in the state of Pennsylvania, outside of the city. Get in line and help.

Baptist Church Notes.

10:30 a. m. worship and preaching; 6:30 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.; 7:30 p. m., Evangelistic Service.

The morning sermon will deal with the condition of women in Christian lands as compared with those who are under the regime of other religions. We invite the attention of all woman who are interested in the subject of woman's place in the affairs of society. In the evening a short song service will be followed by a word picture entitled, "A preacher who was onto his job." All seats free. Everyone welcome.

JOHN LYMAN BOGUE, Pastor.

Cause of Forest Fires.

Data compiled by the State Forestry Department and furnished to the State Railroad Commission for its use in making regulations for curbing forest fires shows that railroads are to blame for 28 per cent. of all the blazes in the woods in the last six years. In 1907, the percentage rose to 41.8, and in 1908 probably as high, although the data has not been completed. In the six year period the fires from unknown causes were 726. Those incendiary were 217; hunters and fishermen, 122; burning brush, 181; saw mills, 90; tram road engines, 20; berry pickers, 6; carelessness, 79; picknickers and children, 23; tramps, 19; lightning, 9; wood cutters, 4. The Commission has asked every operating railroad for information as to what it does to prevent fires and will prescribe new regulations of its own this spring.

Friendly Society.

The Friendly Society of the Presbyterian Church, were entertained last Friday evening, at the church, by Miss Bauregalt. After the business of the Society was transacted five new members were initiated into the mysteries of the Society. A short, but interesting program, was then rendered after which Miss Bauregalt, assisted by the Misses Dodson and Metzger, served refreshments. The next meeting will be held Friday evening, April 2nd, at the home of Miss Jettie Wiley.

\$8,000,000 is Due State.

An amazing condition of the books of the state treasury is laid bare in a communication from State Treasurer Sheatz to Attorney General Todd recently. The statements shows that millions of dollars due the commonwealth in taxes from corporations in years past were not collected. In going over about one-third of the accounts of the treasurer's books an aggregate of \$8,000,000 uncollected tax money has been found and at this ratio the amount uncollected would reach the enormous sum of \$8,000,000.

The investigation has been carried back from 1907 to 1882. Among other things State Treasurer Sheatz has found many hundreds of entries of payments that were not credited to the accounts.

The treasurer urges that some steps be taken to collect what is collectable of this amount and to remove the remainder from the books of the department.

Basket Ball.

An interesting game of basket ball will be played at this place on Saturday evening. Emporium vs Port Allegany. Game called at 8:30 at Opera House.

A Popular Error About Natural Gas.

It has become such a common cry among consumers of natural gas, that the company from which they secure their supply is pumping air into their main, when the gas pressure is low that some attention should be given the subject, and the most peculiar feature of this charge is that men of ordinary common sense and many with rudimentary education in chemistry make these charges. If firms supplying natural gas were to pump air into their mains they would within twenty-four hours asphyxiate or blow up seven-eighths of their consumers and the subsequent damage suits would ruin such a concern beyond all hope of recovery.

The simplest illustration to show that air cannot be forced through a gas main and made to light, even for an instant, is that of a new installation in a building. After the plumber or pipe-fitter completes his work and the gas pressure is permitted to enter the pipes any attempt to light a burner will be frustrated. A pressure of air will be forced from the pipes sometimes strong enough to blow out a lighted match but it will not burn. This is because the pipes are filled with air, nitrogen, oxygen, carbon di-oxide and a certain amount of vapor. This will not burn, although it is necessary to aid combustion of gas and other inflammable substances. What results in a new pipe or where air fills a pipe would also result if a pressure of air was forced into a gas main to force the gas more quickly through the mains or to enrich the gas or even to make a gas meter work more rapidly as the charge is frequently made.

It has been maintained that the air pressure forced into the gas main assimilates with the gas and impoverishes it. If this is true, why did not the air in the gas pipe left there after a plumber or gas fitter has completed his work assimilate with the gas? That it does not every one has observed who has ever tried to light a burner at the end of a newly laid pipe. Many companies supplying natural gas maintain large pumping stations along their mains between the gas wells and the point of consumption. These are located in isolated places usually, and the public merely learns that such pumping places are maintained, but few attempts are made to investigate the working of these pumps and why they are necessary. When natural gas was first made use of as a fuel it was wasted in every possible manner, within a few years the pressure from nature's storage tanks began to diminish. There was still plenty of gas within the bowels of the earth, but it could not issue forth in sufficient volume to supply the demand, what more natural than to have pumps erected and to pump it out of the earth to the consumers? This is exactly what is being done.

Some cities have rivers passing through their confines, others have lakes nearby from which the water supply is secured. The water does not run into the homes of the citizens. It is pumped into reservoirs or stand pipes, or it is pumped in some places direct to the consumer. Do the pumps supply air instead of water? Not any more than the natural amount that mingles with the water in its passage. The pumping of natural gas is exactly the same proposition. The only air that is mixed with the gas is that which comes from the gas chambers below and every one who has given the subject any attention knows that gas will ascend above air because it is lighter, volume for volume.

If air was pumped into gas mains, the consumer would have a gust of air, then a small supply of gas between the strokes of pumping. It would require a continuous igniter at the place of burning to start a blaze every time the rush of air extinguished the blaze. The truth is that some gas is so poor that it will not develop proper heat. In most cases, however, the ignorance of the consumer and the plumber is to blame. They do not know how to regulate the air pressure through the mixer, believing one mixer will do all sorts of gas and pressure. A special mixer is necessary for each mixture of gas and it requires some little attention to regulate the amount. Gas burners have been noticed with large quantities of black carbon hanging about and the complaint is heard that the gas is poor, so as to hurry the gas meter and enrich the corporation. The very carbons hanging about in profusion is evidence that the gas and air are not mixed properly for burning and the fault lies with the consumer.

Yours Respectfully,
HENRY J. KENLY,
Emporium, Pa., March 9th, 1909.

THE WEATHER.

FRIDAY, Fair. SATURDAY, Fair. SUNDAY, Fair.

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DR. H. W. MITCHELL, DENTIST.

(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.) Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store, Emporium, Pa. 12y

Missionary Collection.

Last Sunday the last missionary collection was taken in the M. E. Sunday school for this Conference year. The collection for the year amounted to \$153.00, an increase of \$10.00 over previous year. The amount paid by each class for the year is as follows:

Classes	1907	1908	Incr/Dec
Rev. J. F. Anderson	\$25.00	\$16.90	.....
L. K. Huntington and	.....	.....	.....
H. A. Cox	50.00	51.66	\$1.66
F. P. Strayer	12.29	14.67	2.47
Mrs. W. J. Taylor	6.70	7.85	1.15
Mrs. F. V. Heilman	4.30	4.85	.55
Mrs. J. P. McNarney	5.99	7.95	2.05
Mrs. A. C. Blum	3.10	3.10	.....
Mrs. S. Stoddard	3.49	4.75	1.25
Mrs. E. P. White	2.80	6.91	4.11
Miss Lena Evans	4.50	4.50	.....
Miss Myrtle Lloyd	.....	2.77	.....
Miss Jean McNarney	.....	1.59	.....
Primary	13.00	13.39	.39
	143.00	153.00	10.00

Mrs. Taylor's class also educate a child in India at \$15.00 year.

Killed by Train.

Special to the Press:—

George Cannon, of Keating, Pa., was struck and instantly killed by a light engine at Round Island Station Sunday evening at 5:15. Mr. Cannon alighted from Round Island station and stepped across on the east bound track directly in front of a light passenger engine which was passing at that time, the engine struck him and hurled him under the wheels of the cars of No. 61's train, cutting his right leg off between the knee and ankle and crushing his head. He sustained severe internal injuries which, together, resulted in instant death. The man was 47 years old and was a woodsman by trade. He belongs to the pioneer Cannon family of Keating, Pa., and was well known through Clinton and Cameron counties. He was buried Wednesday morning, March 10th, at Keating Pa. The community is shocked and grieved by Mr. Cannon's untimely death.

J. F. S.

Notice.

Silver Star Hive No. 27, will serve an egg supper in Brooks Hall, Sterling Run, on 17th of March. Everybody welcome. R. K.

Notice.

Regular meeting of N. P. L., No. 737, will be held on Friday evening, March 19th, at which time will be the annual election of officers. Let all members be present.

Measles and Scarlet Fever.

More children die from measles in Pennsylvania each year than from scarlet fever and smallpox combined, and whooping cough which is commonly regarded as a very insignificant malady, takes two-thirds as many children as diphtheria.—Ex.

Religious.

Rev. J. L. Robertson, D. D., of Warren, Pa., will preach in the First Methodist Episcopal Church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Robertson is father of the Rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Emporium. Preaching by the pastor at 7:30 p. m.

For Sale.

A desirable property on Grove St., at Sinnamahoning, three lots, one dwelling house and good out buildings. Good location. Apply to

MRS. J. W. LIGHTNER,
Sinnamahoning, Pa.

Wanted.

A girl to do chamber work. Apply at the City Hotel.

Card of Thanks.

Please convey our thanks to those kind friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our only son Leonard LeRoy.

MR. AND MRS. A. L. HICKOCK.