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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2, '98.

The President and Mrs. McKinley held their first New Year reception, in the White House, to-day, having been compelled by mourning to omit the '98 reception. The reception was as brilliant as usual, but there was a tinge of sadness in Congressional and Diplomatic circles which could not be shook off. They could not forget that the remains of the oldest Senator, both in years and in service—Morrill, of Vermont—after a funeral Saturday afternoon, in the Senate Chamber, were on the way to his state for interment; nor that the funeral of the oldest diplomat, in point of service, and probably the most popular personally—Senator Matias Romero, late Mexican ambassador to the U. S.—was only held Sunday afternoon, and was attended by most of them. Senator Romero first came to Washington in 1820 and periods had been continuously connected with the Diplomatic Corps until his death. President McKinley thought seriously of abandoning the reception, because of these two deaths so close together, but after conferring, by proxy, with leading diplomats he concluded to hold it.

In view of the critical condition of affairs in the Philippines for which Spanish duplicity and Germany's secret dealing with Aguinaldo are believed to be partly responsible, delay in ratifying the treaty of peace will be almost criminal, to some it may result in a considerable loss of life and property. It is generally admitted that the ratification of the treaty has no bearing one way or the other on the final disposition of the Philippines or on the question of expansion, and seventy senators have promised to vote for ratification; therefore there is absolutely no excuse for delay, and those senators who attempt it, if any do, will invite the public condemnation that they will almost certainly receive.

The condition of the U. S. Treas. now and one year ago furnishes an object lesson to the world of the almost limitless financial resources of this country. Most nations emerge from a war with their finances in a more or less crippled condition. Not so with this country. We fought a victorious war, all on a cash basis, and we have a cash balance in our treasury of about \$55,000,000 more than we had one year ago. Here are the exact figures, which will arouse the envy of the richest nations of the world: Cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1898 \$225,474,769; Cash balance on hand Jan. 1, 1899 \$290,000,000.

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Such thoughtless statements are calculated to prejudice public sentiment, and do immense injury to the cause of good roads. We cannot afford to go at this important question otherwise than with a spirit of fairness and a desire to be right above all else. Any conclusions hastily drawn from prejudice or without a basis of facts will like a boomerang only return to the damage of the inconsiderate thrower.

At the last meeting of the Cabinet Secretary Hay was instructed to disapprove the Stryder cable concession, which was obtained from the late Governor of Hawaii upon the condition that it should lapse if disapproved by the U. S. Secretary of State within six months. This concession gave the company a monopoly of all cable communication with Hawaii, and its disapproval

leaves the whole matter open. It is considered certain that there will soon be cable communication with Hawaii, but whether it will be established by the Government or by private corporation is yet to be settled.

The Department of State has just received from Consul General R. F. Patterson, at Calcutta India, a report, showing the average monthly pay in U. S. money, of different sorts of laborers in India. An able bodied farm laborer is paid from \$1.30 to \$2.50 a month; unskilled cotton mill laborers from \$1.90 to \$2.50, and skilled from \$1 to \$5; household servants from \$2.25 to \$3; common masons, carpenters and blacksmiths from \$4. to \$7.50; hostler from \$2. to \$2.50; unskilled railway labor \$1.60 to \$2.12, and skilled from \$4. to \$4.40, and coolie laborers from \$1.90 to \$2.25. These would seem to be beggarly wages if the employers fed the person employed, but they do not; the poor devils have to buy their own food.

In the highly tinted article published in some of the city papers and others recently regarding a certain ghost in the jail there was just one grain of truth, a man was drunk. He was not confined in the jail, but in the lockup. There are some N. Y. papers in which such matter seems appropriate, but in the other classes we look for more character and a different style of news hence our surprise to see it in the Sun.

### FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

A correspondent in the N. J. Herald last week signed himself "A Lover of Good Roads" and gives some good advice as to electing road overseers who know how roads should be worked, and also displays some knowledge of the proper time and method of using the machine for the purpose of making better roads. But barring this his letter is mischievous in tendency, and misleading as to facts.

He first says: "As it is talked that we should have McAdam roads for a favored few." What "favored few?" Who has talked any such nonsense.

The people of Byram having asked for a section of McAdam road he apparently jumped to the conclusion that it is for a "favored few." If Newton, Sandlyston, or Lafayette Townships should ask for a few miles of McAdam road on one of their most used roads would that be building for a "favored few?"

A beginning will be made some where and all the people who will may use it. Would he have us build all the main roads in the Co. at once that there might not be any favored few.

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## WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Hon. J. A. Cockburn, Agent General for South Australia, was recently in England. At a public meeting, he was asked to give an account of the operation of woman suffrage in South Australia, as since 1894 women there have had full suffrage privileges. In reply, he said:

"As until a few weeks ago I was a member of a Parliament elected by the votes of both men and women, I will give you my pennyweight of experience on the subject.

Formerly, the women of South Australia were, in common with criminals, lunatics, and minors, debarred from the exercise of the franchise. Now they are placed on an absolute equality with their brothers, husbands and sons, and have exercised the franchise during the last four years with the approval of the entire community. The have voted at general elections for both Houses of Parliament, and have just taken an equal share in deciding one of the most important of political issues—the question of Australian Federation.

The fact that women are entitled to vote is now viewed with general satisfaction, and no one would advocate a return of the old system. The opposition of some kind there always is to every reform—has completely disappeared.

What is the result of the emancipation of women? The influence of women has, we have found, quietly prevailed the realm of politics. All the great forces of nature are gentle in their operation. The change that has taken place is a very great one; it is nothing less than doubling the power of the franchise; yet this peaceful revolution has been effected without the slightest disturbance."

## RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

On the night when the two years met and '98 gave place to '99 Milford Society gathered to speed the old and welcome the other at the Anchorage where Dr. and Mrs. Reed had invited their friends to a formal opening and house warming of their beautiful home. It would have taken more than the inclement weather to keep away the fortunate ones possessing invitations to partake of the well known hospitality of the genial doctor and his family, so early in the evening guests began to arrive and were ushered directly into the imposing colonial hall, which is the unique and charming feature of the house, and there a beautiful sight met their eyes. Northern evergreens combined with tropical plants to make a bower of walls and ceiling, while the smooth shining

plaque door invited guests to march to dance as did the soft dreamy music which floated in the air. Happy faces and lovely gowns combined to make the scene one of gaiety and beauty. The dancing began promptly at eight and continued merrily through sixteen dances, interrupted only by a brief season for refreshments, until the midnight hour which Dr. Reed announced by striking the large Chinese gong. A chorus of "Happy New Years," followed and the orchestra played the "Star Spangled Banner" and other patriotic pieces and the guests joined with fervor in singing the words. This was a signal for departure and the happy throng winded their several ways homeward with most delightful recollections of one of the pleasantest evenings of their lives.

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## COURT HOUSE MATTERS.

E. Vandermark was sworn in and assumed the duties of the "Sheriff's" office Jan. 1 succeeding H. I. Court right who by the impartial conduct of his business for the past three years has won confidence and esteem in the county and retires deserving credit for the careful manner in which he has performed the many difficult and delicate duties pertaining to the office.

Commissioners Heller and Newman met Monday and organized by electing Wallace Newman, G. A. Sweeney, Clerk, same salary paid last year, \$150. C. W. Ball Esq., Solicitor for three years salary \$75. a year and Joe. Gourlay Janitor salary \$175 a year.

County Auditors J. C. Warner, G. J. Gephart and John R. Olmsted met and organized by electing Olmsted Pres. C. P. Mott Clerk and began their duties.

B. C. Smith and E. A. Greening Jury Commissioners met Tuesday and after appointing G. S. Olmsted clerk proceeded to fill the wheel with names and draw the panels for March term.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Martha (C.) Sawyer, wife of J. N. Sawyer, died at her home in Mill Rift Monday afternoon of La Grippe. She was taken sick about two weeks ago and failed quite rapidly but was thought not seriously ill until Monday at noon when she began to grow steadily worse until 3:45 p. m. when the end came. She was aged sixty-nine years.

Mrs. Sawyer is survived by her husband, one sister Mrs. W. J. Neapassa of Tri-States N. Y. two brothers, M. F. Crane of Parkers Glen, and Jesse Crane of Greenwood, Wis., and the following children: Calvin, William and George, Supt. of Schools residing at Mill Rift, Mrs. Gertrude Stearns of Matamoras, Mrs. W. J. Jay, of Lanesville N. Y. Frank of Beaver Dam, Wis. Henry of Middletown and Emma of Brooklyn New York.

The funeral was held at Mill Rift Thursday at 2 p. m. in the Reformed Church.

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By a general order issued, commencing Jan. 1st passenger and freight trains will continue running on the Gravity road from Honesdale, over the heavy track. The light track, between that place and Waymart will be abandoned. This is thought to mean a steam road to Carbondale, as a locomotive will now be used to haul trains over the road to Waymart.

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## COLONIAL TEA.

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Service may be expected at the Sawkill School house Sunday Jan. 8 at 2:30 p. m. the weather permitting.

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## BRIEF MENTIONS.

A surprise party was given at John Schreiber's in Delaware Monday night which was a very enjoyable occasion. Dancing occupied the evening and elegant refreshments were served. Those participating were Lena Schreiber, Adell Garville, John Schreiber, James Hanners, A. E. Hanners, John Van Etten, Henry Ott, August Morenax George and Chas. Schreiber, Pauline Shear, Josie Chatillon, Selma Morenax and Sae Garville.

The Choral Union will meet at the home of Mrs. Thos. Armstrong on Cutharine St. Monday January the ninth.

Cornelius Mielhaugh of Mill Rift this County, attempted last Saturday morning while laboring under great suffering from grip, to end his life by taking laudanum and inflicting wounds on his arms. He will likely recover.

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## THE NEW YEAR BOOK

Some Events Which Occupied its First Page.

It is fast becoming proverbial, this fashion old Milford has of waking up and marshalling all her forces to greet each new year and the rousing welcome she gave to ninety-nine has never been surpassed by former efforts. The town has been filled with visitors to whose enjoyment the Frost King has added materially by granting both sleighing and skating, out door sports naturally vying with indoor good cheer but all contributing to every boys Happy New Year.

Miss Addie Scott of Port Jervis and Herbert Alton of Brooklyn spent the New Year season with the family of Hy. T. Baker. Herbert Kent Princeton '02 and Frank Mc Guire of N. Y. partook of the good cheer of the Crissman House.

Mr. Starr who has been one of the house party at Hunting towers deserted Edgemere for Milford and spent New Year with the Wheeler family.

The New Year house party at the Anchorage the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Reed included beside the younger members of the family Dr. Reeds parents of Boston Miss Machaells of Cambridge, Misses Agnes Hutton and Grace Howe of Brooklyn, Mabel Armstrong, George and Launcelot Armstrong of New York and Messrs. Donaldson and Louis Swietzor of Brooklyn.

Miss Mary Wells who has been spending some weeks in Port Jervis with relatives returned this week to her Milford home.

George Bull and John Van Etten celebrated New Year in a rather sober manner by staying closely at their homes each nursing a pronounced case of the all prevailing grippe.

Edger Dudley Barlow and J. P. Everett N. Y. Attorneys spent a few days recently at the Dimmick House.

Miss Ethel Noyes entertained at Luncheon on Friday last the young ladies who assisted at the colonial tea. The dainty costumes of that occasion were re-assumed and several photographs of the group were taken.

The first week of the New Year is marked by Union religious services held every night by the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations conducted by Rev. W. R. Neff and Thos. Nichols. The first part of the week in the former and the last part in the house of worship of the latter congregation. They have been unusually well attended and are marked by earnest endeavor on the part of all to begin the New year aright.

## STATE CAPITOL NOTES.

Hon. Geo. B. Ferr of Lackawanna was named by the Republican Caucus Monday night for speaker of the House, Jere B. Rex for chief clerk and A. D. Fetterolf for resident clerk.

Governor Hastings Jan. 2, appointed Dinner Beeber of Phila. to the place on the Superior Court bench made vacant by the death of Hon. Howard Reeder.

Hon. B. F. Gilkeson State Commissioner of Banking has tendered his resignation, and asked that it be accepted at once.

A Republican caucus was held Tuesday evening to nominate a U. S. Senator but only 109 out of 184 republicans attended being 19 short of a majority. Senator Quay received the votes of those present.

Both Houses of the Legislature convened and Gov. Hastings transmitted his biennial Message, which is an exhaustive review of State affairs and condemning the new Capitol which he severely criticises and likens to a barn. He also recommends a change in the ballot law, the present one disclosing he thinks a number of imperfections.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

John Blum and wife to John Blum, Jr. Dated Dec. 28, 28 acres Shohala. Consideration \$200, support and maintenance of first parties.

John Blum Sr. and wife to Jacob Blum, dated Dec. 28, 28 acres, Shohala. Con. \$200. Support and maintenance of grantors.

H. I. Courtright Sheriff to W. P. Auckin, dated Dec. 16. Land in Lackwaxon, Glen Eyre property con. \$7800.

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