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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 3d, '99.

When President McKinley announce at that the officers of the new regiments of volunteers, to be enlisted for service in the Philippines, would be chosen from the troops which had seen service, with a few from the regular army, he meant exactly what he said, but it has not prevented great pressure, political and otherwise, being brought to bear upon him to give commissions to men who have had no military experience whatever. This pressure, great as it is, will hardly succeed in landing a single commission. In fact its very existence is almost an insult to the President, as it implies doubt of his word. The President's position is the proper one. The more efficient made these volunteer regiments are the greater their value will be to the country and nothing can add more to their efficiency than to give them experienced officers. They are intended for the hardest kind of service, as the understanding is that as soon as the rainy season is over in the Philippines, Gen. Otis will start the most aggressive campaign he has waged against the Filipnos, and these volunteers will participate in that campaign.

Senator Carter, of Montana, was in Washington a day or two ago, and said of the political outlook: "President Mckinley will be re-nominated and re-elected by an overwhelming majority of the electoral vote. The democrats are hopelessly beaten in advance, for they have no issues. Bryan is about dead. I do not think that Bryan will be the nominee of his party in 1900, though I am aware that a great many of the Democratic leaders profess to be for him. Gorman is popular in the East and if nominated would put up a stiff fight, but he would hardly be satisfactory to the radical element of his party in the South and West. The Democrats are in a bad position, for there never was a time when they had so little Presidential timber, and if Bryan should be nominated, it will be largely due to the scarcity of available candidates."

The business of the Patent Office, always profitable to the Government has become more so than ever under the capable administration of Commissioner Duell. The weekly receipts of the office are now averaging about $5,000 more than they did a year ago, and the number of patents, trade-marks and labels issued last week, was greater than have been issued in one week since the spring of 1890, when the record was broken.

Governor Roosevelt has always been popular in Washington, and since his flat-footed declaration in favor of the re-nomination and re-election of President McKinley, which made it clear that he properly sized up the attempt of the Democrats and assistant Democrats to use him in their hopeless fight against President McKinley, he is more popular than ever. Level-headedness is always appreciated by the people.

Gen. Grosvenor said of the Ohio campaign, in which he will take his usual conspicuous part: "I think we are going to have just about a nominal campaign. The Democrats have not nominated their man yet, and new conditions may arise, but it seems to me that the battle will be fought out along the regular lines, with the regular result—Republican "victory."

Membership in the League of American Wheelmen means: Reduced rates at good hotels, a bright, illustrated cycling weekly, improved roads and better streets, a valuable road book and touring maps, guaranteed legal protection, without cost of your rights as a cyclist, the privilege of deducting 10 per cent. from every bill for bicycle repairs.

The road maps prepared by the Pennsylvania Division of the L. A. W. are now being mailed from the division office, in the Bourse, to all members in the counties thus far covered, and as soon as possible to do so it is proposed to extend these maps to cover the entire State. P. C. Rutan is the local representative in Milford.

Advertise in the PRESS.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

R. F. Loesch, of Glen Ridge, N. J., passed the holiday at Milford.

A. R. Sherman, familiarly known here some years ago as "AD." is with a large tanning firm at North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Charles M Murphy, paced by a railroad train, made a mile on his wheel, at Babyln L. I., in 57 4-5 seconds.

Mrs. C. F. Van Inwegen, of P. J., spent Monday visiting the Misses Bull on Broad St. Her daughter, Anna, a recent Vassar graduate, will sail for a five weeks' trip in England next month.

Robert Warner Reid, of N. Y., visited his grandfather, E. Warner, a few days recently.

Birnie Sullivan, who spent the fourth at the Armstrong home on High street, will sail for a foreign trip Saturday.

Lilly, daughter of R. B. Van Etten, accompanied her aunt, Miss Jennie Houck, to the home of her grandfather, Gustavus Houck, near Stroudsburg, with whom she will reside.

Miss Marrietta Royce, of Monticello, spent the greater part of last week as a guest of Miss Happy Van Wyck.

The Milford trolley to P. J., Will. McClown, conductor, did a rushing business last week.

The Northern Lights were unusually brilliant on Friday night last for this time of year.

William Beach and wife, of Deckertown, visited friends in Milford this week.

Michael Galewaler, employed in a large creamery at Slatehill, N. Y., spent a few days here recently.

John Baldwin and wife, of N. Y., are at present abiding at Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Miss Lila B. VanEtten arrived home last week for her summer vacation.

W. Frank Finger and family, of Trenton N. J., arrived in town last week, and will spend the month of July with his mother, on Harford street.

Where in this State is there a town the size of Milford that can equal its theatrical talent? The performance on Saturday night was a brilliant success from start to finish.

DeAlton Dillistin the versatile newspaper correspondent, of Branchville, accompained by W. M. Shay, of Newton, a retired undertaker, called at Milford last Friday. They rode in a handsome rubber tired wagon and drove a good road horse.

Murray H. Chapin, who for many years was a Milford guest, is the proud father of a young warrior who enlisted in his household a few days ago.

Mrs. Richard Loesch and family, of Glen Ridge have arrived to occupy the cottage of Mrs. Price, on Ann St. for the season.

A party of Milford ladies consisting of Mrs. Frank Crissman, Mrs. C. W. Bull, Mrs. H. T. Baker and Mrs. J. H. VanEtten, enjoyed a drive to Bushkill last Friday and were there entertained by Mrs. M. C. Nyce.

Homer Greene Esq., the lawyer poet and well known writer, of Honesdale, with his wife, visited Milford last week.

The Westfall correspondent of the Agriculturist remarked in that journal last week that "fortunately the acreage of oats is small, as the hay crop will be very light." We fail to see the good fortune in this situation, if, in fact it is correctly stated as to the oat crop.

Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth probably the most prolific writer of novels in the country, died at her Washington home, June 30, aged 81 years. Her best known works are "Ishmael," 'The Lost Heiress" and "Clifford." Her married life, which was not happy, is portrayed in her book, "The Deserted Wife"

Edgar Wilson, of Green, drove over to Milford Monday on business matters. Thinking to rest his horse when coming up a hill near Shohola he got out to walk and the animal concluded it a good riddance and scooly trotted on some two or three miles ahead when it was intercepted and put in a stable, and later found by the somewhat provoked owner, who did not quite relish the horsey joke.

Clifford Kline, of N. Y., visited his sister, Mrs. Jennings, on High street over the 4th.

A marriage license has been issued to Eugene V. Smith, of Bethlehm and Lizzie M. Rohrbacker, of Greene.

It is making quite a boast to say "cheapest" in a town, but Gannon and Mulligan of Port Jervis make the declaration regarding their clothing store. Prove the truth of it by making them a visit.

The Town Council decided at a meeting held Monday evening to let the contract for erecting the new stone town building to E. S. Wolf for $1500.

A. D. Brown & Son have the contract for building a very handsome summer home for A. Bertrand in Dingman Township. Work will soon be commenced.

Lulu Blanche, a daughter of Joseph C. Branning and wife of Westcolang, died last Monday after a protracted illness, aged sixteen years and seven months.

Anna, wife of Harrison Watts, of Matamoras, died at her home Wednesday July 5th, of a tumor.

J. B. Westbrook's horse Prince won the race in Port Jervis, July fourth against the competitors, three fastest time being 2.39¾. Rose Wreath for some reason would not show her great speed and got left.

Rudolph, M. Plum's Pike county talking machine, was in town taking orders for paper on Saturday. So far as chin music goes, he lays out anything on the road.—Blairstown Press.

LIGHT AND SIDE LIGHT.

In the Press of February 3d, Appears the Following:

A STATEMENT.

EDITOR PRESS:—Desiring that my bill for services as commissioner, may show as rendered to the County Auditors, that taxpayers may know the precise number of days spent by me during the past year, I hereunto append the recapitulation made by me as shown by my account filed and audited.

Days in office 108 at $3.50, $378.00. Days out of office, inspecting bridges, etc., 42 at $3.50, $147.00. Horse hire, R. R. and stage fare, $20. 53. Total $545.53.

In making out my account a slight mistake occurred, by which Dec. 31st, 1898, I overdrew $9,47. This was refunded, but too late to correct the mistake so as to have it appear in the settlement as having been paid back. JAS. M. BENSLEY.

In the PRESS of Feb. 10th, a little side light, was thrown on the above as follows:

ANOTHER STATEMENT—SIDE LIGHTS ON EXPENSES.

EDITOR PRESS, Dear Sir:—In your last issue I notice a statement made by James M. Bensley, Commissioner in which he endeavors to enlighten the taxpayers of the County as to his expenses during the last year by itemizing his account. He mentions his expense for horse hire, R. R. and stage fare at $20.53. I would like to enquire when he attempted to go into details, why he did not include the charge made for horse hire for him in voucher No. 555, receipted by his son Harry F. Bensley of $45.25, and voucher No. 185 for horse hire while attending Court of Appeals in Greene and Palmyra townships of $2.37, and also bill of stage fare to and from Port Jervis in vouchers No 185, 1898, and No. 53, 1899, of $3.50. Instead of deceiving the taxpayers by making his bill for horse hire, stage and R. R. fare at $20.53 it would be with the above additions $71.65

A statement from him would be interesting as to why he charged $3.50 for his time and $2.45 for horse hire and feed for horse April 15th 1898, going to Greentown to make contract for the building of guard walls for county bridge, at Gilpins Mill, when he did not attend the letting or sign the contract after made.

JAS. H. HELLER.

So far as we know no response has ever been made, in print, to the above by Mr. Bensley. Certainly a charge that he attempted to deceive the taxpayers to the extent of over $50. in his statement should merit some notice. If true, as would seem from his silence, he could have nothing to say; if not true in justice to himself if he desires justice, and in fairness to the taxpayers, and as condemning the commissioner making the statement he should deny it.

If you want papers for placing under carpets call at THE PRESS office.

THE FOURTH IN MILFORD.

A Howling Success in Every Undertaking.

MANY VISITORS IN TOWN.

The Ball Game A Walk-Over For Matamoras. Firemens' Ball in the Evening a Success. All Well Satisfied.

The day was fine but somewhat warm and the excellent arrangements were all carried out without anything to mar their completeness. The parade, in the order named, was unusually good and the fire and hose companies presented a fine appearance with their gaily decorated apparatus. The marshals J. H. Ryder Chief, with J. B. VanTassel, J. C. Bull and Howard Reed assistants kept the procession moving in excellent order. Preceding came a carriage containing the readers and orators, followed by the Town Council, fire chief and assistants, then the band and that typical Uncle Sam, Thos. Truax, led Sawkill Hose with their neat uniforms, followed by the boy fire company commanded by Percy Hart, foreman, the youthful crowd emulating their elders in appearance and bearing, with Vardermark Hose sprucely attired in white shirts, following. Next came a handsomely trimmed float bearing most of the feminine youth and beauty of the town with a rear guard of blue shirted Hook & Ladder men who presented a very manly appearance. Some nondescript and advertising conveyances followed which more or less amused, if they did not especially interest the crowd

The Declaration of Independence was well read by Rev. Charles B. Carpenter and Rev'ds Thos. Nichols and W. R. Neff each made brief but witty and well chosen addresses which were greatly appreciated by their hearers. Degnan essayed the greased pole and by aid of a boost reached the dollar mark. The sack race was something of a fake and was won by an outsider who was very slightly encumbered. The base ball game between a home nine and the Matamoras chaps proved a cinch for the latter and the score was too ont-sided, 11 to 2 to be of surpassing interest. The batteries on either side were about all there was of it, and the game was prematurally ended by "Si" who undertook to flatten out the earth reaching for a fly. The exploit left both him and the game in a collapsed condition.

The ball in the evening was a huge success. The room was crowded and the receipts beyond expectation. Altogether the day netted the firemen the neat sum of $150.

Some fine fireworks were shown in the evening, L. W. Armstrong as usual, delighting a large crowd with his display. The day passed without violations of law, and in an orderly manner, barring the noise which began too early in the morning and was too persistently continued, to the great discomfort of many would-be sleepers.

Where the Compass Came From.

The earliest references to the use of the mariner's campass are to be found in the Chinese history, from which we learn how, in the sixty-fourth year of the reign of Hoangti (2634 B. C.) the Emperor attacked Tchi-yeon, on the plains of Tchou lou, and, finding his army embarrassed by a thick fog raised by the enemy, constructed an instrument for indicating the south, so far as to distinguish the four cardinal points, and was thus enabled to pursue his adversary and capture him.

The power of the loadstone to communicate polarity to iron is said to be for the first time explicitly mentioned in a Chinese dictionary, finished in A. D. 121, where the loadstone is defined as "a stone with which an attraction can be given to the needle."

The Chinese appear to have once navigated as far as India by the aid of the compass.—Pearson's Weekly.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Milford, P. O. for week ending July 8, 1899.

Miss M Nunkoff, Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Anna P. Williams, Jesse Boyuton and Frank Moore. Persons claiming the above will please say Advertised and give date of this list. Charles Lattimore, P.M.

Subscribe for the PRESS.

GEN. HAWLEY'S COMPLIMENTS.

Famous Soldier, Statesman and Orator Speaks Words of Praise.

Philadelphia, July 3rd, 1899.

In a personal letter to the chief of the Department of Publicity and Promotion, of the National Export Exposition, General Joseph R. Hawley, United States Senator from Connecticut, who was president of the Centennial Commission of 1876, writes:

"I am complimented by the request you make of me concerning the proposed National Export Exposition of American manufacturers to be held in Philadelphia this fall.

"It will be impossible for the business world to devise any scheme of the kind that would not be deserving of the hearty support of all the citizens and the good will of the whole country.

"It was one of the highest honors of my life that I was president of the Centennial Commission of '76, from the beginning to the end. Of course we should have failed had it not been for the powerful, patriotic and constant support of all of the strong men of Philadelphia.

"Your Exposition and Commercial Congress are both grand conceptions, and I look forward to a splendid beginning and ending of both."

Further on in his letter General Hawley, referring to an invitation extended to him to be present at the convening of the Commercial Congress, says that it will give him pleasure to attend and address the delegates.

SWEET MUSIC GALORE.

Where the Big Bands of the World Will Gather and Discourse Sweet Strains.

Philadelphia, July 3rd, '99.

The musical portion of the entertainments to be provided by the managers of the National Export Exposition, to be held in Philadelphia next fall, will be the best ever offered to the people of the United States. Concerts will be given at all hours of the day in different portions of the grounds, and in the afternoon and evenings there will be concerts in the auditorium. This auditorium will have a seating capacity of over 5000 and as the bands already engaged are those which have the best reputation in this country and Europe this place will no doubt be crowded during the continuance of the Exposition. There will be a chorus of 1000 voices to open the Exposition on September 14, and a grand international chorus will sing at the opening of the International Commercial Congress, on October 10th.

A PRACTICAL DAIRY.

Latest and Most Complete Exhibit of a Sterilizing Apparatus.

Philadelphia, July 5, '99.

The Agricultural Building at the National Export Exposition, to be held in Philadelphia next fall, will have many novelties in the way of exhibits. Not only will the latest inventions in the way of agricultural machinery and implements be shown, but there will be a comprehensive display of carriages, wagons and every kind of vehicles. Among the working exhibits in this building will be a complete model dairy, with apparatus for the sterilizing of milk, the refrigeration of milk, butter and other dairy products, so they can be shipped to any distance. Road engines, traction machines, threshers, harrows, plows and the smallest help for farmers' housewives will be shown and every farmer will be benefited, not alone from the knowledge he will gain, but also because he will see how far the American Manufacturer excels his foreign competitor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Commonwealth to C. O. Billings commission as Justice of the Peace.

William Rake to Frank Smith dated June 10. 125 acres Porter con. $500.

Jacob P Courtright to Samuel G. and Mary M. Courtright dated May 24th. 136 acres Lehman con. $475.

Walter S. Marsden and wife to Clarence T. Curtis dated June 29, 5 lots Manor Park, Greene con. $1.

Dr. David Kennedy's
Favorite Remedy
CURES ALL KIDNEY, STOMACH AND NIVER TROUBLES.

CITY PEOPLE COMING NOW.

Arriving at Port Jervis by the Hundreds Daily.

ALL ERIE TRAINS WESTWARD BOUND LATE ON SATURDAY.

Trains Nos. 9 and 11 Run in Sections. More Passengers Carried on the P. J., M. & N. Y. R. R. Than Ever Before Since Its Erection.

The city people made a grand rush for the country on Saturday, and in fact up to and including Tuesday the 4th. They were flocking in all directions from Port Jervis on Saturday, to Milford came load after load, Tri-States and Monticello were well patronized.

Almost every Erie train, westward bound was from one-half to two hours late at Port Jervis.

No. 9, arriving in P. J. at 12:05, came in two sections, nine coaches each, and were crowded with passengers and packed with baggage. The P. J., M. & N. Y. R. R. carried the largest number of passengers on Saturday since the road has existed. The 12:15 Monticello train was unable to leave P. J. until about 1 o'clock owing to section No. 2 of train No. 9 on the Erie being 30 minutes late. An extra passenger coach was run on this train to accommodate the people and baggage had to be left behind piled up at P. J. Bicyclists were allowed to pack their wheels in the front ends of the passenger coaches.

Train No 27, arriving at P. J. 5:20, came in three sections and were also very much crowded.

At least four hundred people were transported to Monticello on Saturday alone, and about an equal number on Sunday and Monday.

Many boarding house keepers who make money enough during the summer season to support their families the whole year, will do as well, if not better, than they have done within the past five or six years. Some of the proprietors of the biggest houses in this section contemplate a good season while it lasts, but are inclined to think it will be rather a short one.

New York, during the past winter, has in most all branches of business had a better year by far than in previous years, and this is doubtless due to the administration to an extent.

We sincerely hope the people who have prospered, will show their appreciation by filling every Milford boarding house to overflowing, and we especially like the kind who spend their summers with us year after year.

Now, the proper thing for Milford's enterprising people to do is, all help boom our town and make it as attractive as possible.

The Entertainment.

The evening spent at Brown's Hall, July 1st, was one of the most entertaining that Milford people have enjoyed this summer. So enthusiastically was it received that already we hear echoes from neighboring towns with an urgent request that the comedies be repeated within their limits.

The humorous little one act comedy, "Two Flats and a Sharp," presented by Miss Lulu Lewis, Miss Noyes and Dr. von der Hyde revealed much talent as each one lost their identity in the characters they so well portrayed.

During the intermission Mrs. von der Hyde delighted the audience by singing "A Day Dream" in a charming manner.

"Outwitted" was the second comedy, and the difficult and laughable situations were most naturally pictured by Mrs. von der Hyde, Miss Edith Lewis and John De C. Van Etten, each taking with the greatest ease their respective parts of the scene.

After again listening to a very pretty vocal solo by Mrs. von der Hyde. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, of "Arisbee" closed the entertainment with a scene from "The Toodles."

Teachers Elected.

The School Board Wednesday elected the following teachers.

		SALARY.
Grammar	Prof. Jno. C. Watson	$60.
Intermediate	Lucion Westbrook	$40.
Second Primary	D. H. Hornbeck	$30.
First "	Lizzie Rochette	$30.
Schoopee	Flora Rochette	$30.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

An Earnest Appeal.

Oh, strong young man, so debonair,
By mountain, vale or sea,
Be careful of the tender hearts
This summer racked by thee!
Thou art so needed by the girls
Upon the ballroom floor,
To help them "float" to pull the boat
To flirt upon the shore,
To aid them in the hillside climb
Or in their hunt for flowers—
As thou art brave, be merciful;
Do not missue thy powers!
If Sophie should receive thy smile,
Give Genie, dear, a glance,
With Josie pace the sands a while,
And then with Jennie dance,
Swing Lettie high into the air,
And then with Daisy bike,
Take Florence for a little drive,
But treat them all alike.
For if thou showed a preference
The rest would faint or freeze.
Divide themself among them all
Mathematically, please!

TWO HISTORIES OF INTEREST.

We understand that a party is willing to pay fifty dollars to any one who will write our history. We will gladly accept the offer ourselves, and, for a moderate sum in addition will publish and editor "De Luxe" from the PRESS office. We will further agree to write and publish a history of the life of the party taking such a kindly interest in us, for nothing, provided he will agree to prosecute us for libel for any statements made therein which can be abundantly substantiated by evidence, and we will agree to insert no other. There will be no romancing in either work.

A Horse Thief Caught.

(From Our Layton Correspondent.)

On Wednesday night of last week a horse belonging to John V. Major, was stolen from the stables of Wm. Major, one mile north of Tuttle's Corners. Soon after the theft was discovered Mr. Major promptly telephoned the towns within a reasonable radius, an exact description of the horse, and then in company with Constable Manning Hotaling started in pursuit. Being just after the rains of Tuesday night the tracks were quite plain, though the theif gave them considerable trouble at various cross roads by turning to one side, and following the side road for a distance, and then coming back on the sod alongside to the road he intended to follow, and keeping on the sod for a distance on that also. They soon got on to his ruse and followed at a pretty good pace. Between Middleville and Flatbrookville they came on tracks of the horse coming towards them. On inquiry they found that a boy had seen the horse feeding alongside the road with a bridle on, and thinking some one would call for him tied him safely in a stable. Major and Hotalen drove on about three miles when they came upon their man sitting by the roadside. They drove rapidly to him, and springing out secured him without resistance. After a hearing before a Justice in Newton, where he gave his name as John Coons, and was otherwise very reticent, he was handed over to Sheriff Andress as an addition to his already too large and rapidly growing family in the Hotel de Lockup.

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Apply to
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June 12, 1899. 3wks.