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THE WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 17, 1900.

The Roberts report will go to the House this week, and there isn't the slightest doubt that Roberts will go back to Utah, a wiser, if not a happier man.

Much of the testimony taken by the Senate Committee on Elections in the Clark bribery case has been sensational, but little of it has been convincing either one way or the other. A number of the witnesses, by making statements before the committee, directly contrary to those made by them to a Montana grand jury, have shown that they ought to be prosecuted for perjury. The testimony of the whole bunch made it very plain that the talk of using money both for and against Clark, was freely indulged in by and among members of the Montana legislature, just previous to Clark's election, and there is little doubt in Washington that it was used, too, but no unprejudiced man expects that the charge of bribery will be proven against Clark. Bribery is one of the most difficult crimes to prove, for the very reason that neither bribes are apt to be given themselves nor to carry on the transaction in the presence of a third party.

Mr. G. M. Lambertson, who, in addition to being one of Nebraska's leading lawyers, is an authority on state politics in Washington on legal business. In answer to questions on the political outlook in the state, he said he was absolutely certain that the next legislature, which will elect two Senators, will be republican.

Mr. F. B. Shepard, who is U. S. Commissioner at St. Michaels, Alaska says the action of Pres. McKinley in making Alaska a military division, under command of Gen. Randall, will be joyful news to the law-abiding residents of that territory, as under existing conditions the civil authorities are powerless and military authority is absolutely necessary to divide it into two territories.

The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, will favorably report Chairman Hepburn's bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, by this government, as soon as the required territory is acquired from Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and Mr. Hepburn thinks the bill will pass the House at this session. That the sentiment of the House favors the bill is unquestionably true, but the desire on the part of some members to wait for the report of the Canal Commission, which will be available next winter, may prevent action at this session.

To Face Heresy Charges.

Rev. Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, of New York, has been cited by the Presbytery of N. Y. to appear before that body Feb. 12th and plead to the accusation of heresy made against him. One charge is that he publicly denies the fundamental doctrine of the immediate inspiration by God, and the truthfulness and authority of the Holy Scripture as set forth in the confession of faith and the Scripture itself, and another that he denies the infallible authority of Scriptures by discrediting or contradicting statement of its writers by teaching that the authors of Holy Scripture contradict each other, or that Scripture contradicts Scripture, and by denying the genuineness, truthfulness and authority of portions of the gospel according to John and the discourses of our Lord as they are contained in said gospel.

Brave Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, back-ache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at C. O. Armstrong's drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

The modern and most effective cure for constipation and all liver troubles—the famous little pills known as Dewitt's little early risers

PERSONALS.

Gus Decherle and wife visited in town recently.

Dr. R. G. Barclay was visited by his brother last week.

Horace E. Kipp, of Wilsonville, Pa., was at Milford Tuesday.

County Supt. Sawyer visited the public schools here yesterday.

Rev. C. B. Carpenter will spend next week in the city of New York.

Leon Schanno who had been making a visit in N. Y. returned home Friday.

August Metz Sr., of Dingman Twp., will spend the balance of the winter in New York.

Miss Annie Kipp spent a day recently with the family of G. H. McCarty in Dingman.

Ex-county commissioner Jas. H. Heller has been spending a few days in Scranton this week.

Bertha Williamson has been visiting Mrs. J. C. Price, her aunt, in Branchville for several days.

Miss Anna Schanno will leave Jan. 23d for a visit to friends in Europe to remain during the winter.

P. N. Bourlique, wife and Mrs. Sherer returned home Monday from attending the funeral of Frank Lindsey.

Sadie Seeley who has been making a protracted visit with friends in New York returned home last week.

Chas. B. McCarty and wife of Raymondskill are at present in New York where he will take a course in cooking.

Louis Clintillon, of Dingman Twp., who has been in New York for several days returned home Wednesday.

Miss Adella Scott, of Port Jervis, who has been visiting her friend Ann Baker since Jan. 1st returned home Monday.

L. Schanno and Esq. Canne returned from a visit to New York Friday. While there they witnessed a pugilistic contest.

William A. Shafer Esq., of Stroudsburg, has been in Milford this week on business connected with a mercantile agency.

John C. Warner and wife are now at Punta Gorda, Fla. They will not go to Cuba on account of the quarantine at Havana.

Hon. W. E. McCormick, of Port Jervis, well known in Milford, is not in good health, being afflicted with a serious throat trouble.

Mrs. Percy Lyman and children who have been visiting her mother Madam Tissot for a couple of weeks returned home to New York Saturday.

Dr. H. E. Emerson will visit New York next week on business accompanied by D. H. Horabeck. They expect to visit the Automobile and bicycle exhibition.

A number of Milford people have enjoyed the sleighing this week, among those visiting Port Jervis were C. O. Armstrong and family, Dr. Emerson and wife and M. Armstrong and wife.

Hon. J. J. Hart having disposed of the Dispatch will visit Florida in search of relief from a persistent malady which has for some time seriously troubled him.

Charles Schanno left last Saturday for a visit in the South. He will spend a few days at Old Point Comfort Va and in North Carolina. Wm. Travis, of Montague, accompanied him.

Runaway Accident.

D. D. Olmstead's horse, to which was attached a sleigh in which his wife and child were coming to town last Saturday, ran down Harford St. but kept in the road until opposite Dr. Curtis house when it came in contact with a tree with such violence as to break its neck. The occupants of the sleigh were thrown out and fortunately but slightly injured, nor was the sleigh much damaged.

Railroading Patents.

A single firm of Patent Lawyers, C. A. Snow & Co., of Washington, D. C., have in the last year procured 1,639 patents for their clients, many of them for rejected inventions. C. A. Snow & Co. have been accused of railroading patents through the Patent Office, but they insist that this locomotion is better than over-cartering them for by the latter process the inventor often dies before he gets his patent.

Advertisement in the Press.

BRIEF MENTION.

Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church met Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage.

Dr. Johnson said "perfection is composed of a multitude of trifles, but perfection is no trifle."

Sabbath morning next the collection in the Presbyterian church will be for aid of Foreign missions.

A marriage license was granted Jan. 12 to Samuel J. Frick and Esther C. Dunning both of Greene Twp.

John Harts had the misfortune a few days ago to lose a fine Gordon Setter, but has recovered the dog.

George P. VanWyck who has been quite ill with gastritis at his home in Washington is now recovering.

Reverend Neff, of the Milford M. E. Church, and Burley, of Hainesville, N. J., exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Jas. Christian and family are arranging to occupy their new home at the upper mill where he is employed.

Miss Emily Cornelius, who some weeks ago was severely injured by a fall, is making fair progress toward recovery.

Fred Berthoud has rented his house on upper Harford St. to Mr. Bildehard who will occupy it after April 1st.

The iron work for the county bridge at Cromwelltown near Hawley arrived last week, and probably by this time is in position.

A large fire in Hawley last Sunday night near the centre of the town destroyed over \$30,000 worth of property. Five two-story buildings were burned.

Wesley Rodgers, of Hawley, Pa., was found dead on his engine last Saturday about one mile west of Lackawaxen. Heart failure was probably the cause.

John Detrick, of this Borough, has taken an agency for lubricating oils, axle grease, etc., and is prepared to sell to farmers and others in large or small quantities.

Services were continued in the Presbyterian church here during this week, sufficient interest in the meetings having been manifested to encourage the extra efforts being made.

A. C. Jansen of Stroudsburg died at his home Friday Jan. 5th aged 55 years, of typhoid fever. He was for many years an express agent and latterly in the fruit business.

It is reported that Floyd Bevans, of Egypt Mills will succeed Maurice S. Quinn as proprietor of the Half Way House in Westfall, April 1st, and that Mr. Quinn will reside in Matamoras.

When John Beck was returning from his farm in Schoocopee Monday night the colt he drove ran all the way home and near the hotel upset the sleigh, bringing up against the barn and breaking the shafts.

A flock of alppers disports themselves in an open space in the river below town, and apparently enjoy life playing with each other like a lot of school boys. They are not edible and should not be wantonly molested.

Frank Ladey, who some two years ago married Medie, a daughter of Dr. C. S. Rymann, of Summit N. J., died last week of typhoid fever, leaving his wife and a small child to survive. P. N. Bourlique and wife and Mrs. Jennie Shever, of Milford, attended his funeral last Thursday.

Judge Thomas, in the criminal branch of the U. S. Circuit Court Jan. 12th, sentenced L. E. Goldsmith late Asst. Cashier of the National Bank of Port Jervis, to eight years imprisonment in Sing Sing. Commutation will reduce this to five years and four months.

The County Auditors finished their work last Saturday, occupying about twelve days in making the settlement. They were prompt and faithful in their labors and somewhat curtailed the usual time employed in the work to which economy taxpayers will say, amen.

Charles M. Swayze, of Walker lake, died very suddenly Friday morning Jan. 12th. He had been to the barn and returned to the house with the horses bridled to warm the frosted lits, and sat down in a chair, when death came swiftly, and he expired without a struggle. His wife and several children survive. The funeral was held Sunday, Rev. Thos. Nichols officiating and the remains were interred in Woodtown cemetery.

HIS TROUBLES INCREASE.

Some weeks ago a Port Jervis dominion unwittingly entailed a lot of misery on Sonny Greening by joining him in the bonds of holy wedlock to Miss, Villoughby Black of Montague N. J. Not long after the making of the two one, the bride's mother attempted to persuade her to leave the bed and board of her newly made husband, but was not successful. Later however the bride was induced to go home on the representation that her mother was ill. For some days thereafter she was not at home to callers and Sonny employed eminent counsel in N. J. to right his wrongs and find his wife. It was understood that on her return he was to be informed and granted an interview which was to decide his fate for she would then choose between Rattlesnake and New Jersey. She arrived home last week, and last Tuesday Sonny went over to carry his bride in triumph to his mansion, Alas; she coldly greeted him with the announcement that she did not wish to see his face or form, and then swooned and was suddenly, tongue-tied, forked English, yanked in an other room and out of his sight, and as he turned he was greeted by an assortment of Jersey justice embodied in the persons of several constables with warrants of arrest for assault and battery. Sonny got away from the millions of the law, and lost no time in crossing the river back to Pike, at which safe distance he can breathe out threatening and slaughter, and demolish in one breath the whole Sussex constabulary. But his wife, that was of his bosom, but is now of Montague, has not yet signified her willingness to return and be forgiven and if Sonny revisits the state of the Pennsylvania rail road he may perhaps be compelled either to give bail or sejour in the Sussex county jail. These are hard lines for a young and ardent groom and he may well pause and wonder what it was begun for if it was so soon done for.

Sunday School Week.

Sunday School Week now known throughout the county as the "Philadelphia Movement," and is being widely copied in other great cities. It is the most energetic, wisely planned, and successful effort yet made to capture a great city for Christian work. By the union of all Sunday School forces in great sections of the city, a series of mass meetings after-noon and evening for a whole week are held, five or more every day, engaging a great and notable company of speakers and institute teachers. These District mass meetings converge on the County Convention held on Saturday and on Decision Day on the Sabbath. The "Sunday School Week" this year is planned for January 21st and 28th. Pittsburg is arranging for such a movement in May and Reading has the "Week," January 14th to 18th. Think of two hundred Sunday Schools engaged in evangelistic effort on the same day! Three thousand souls probably, were brought to Christ in Philadelphia on that day last year. (Circulars, free, on Decision Day, may be had from State S. S. headquarters, 913 Crozer Building, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Nomination for Justices.

It has been a some what undetermined question as to the proper time within which to file certificates of nomination for justice of the peace, whether the office is a state office and the nominations should be filed at Harrisburg or whether a township or borough office and they should be filed with the county commissioners. If the former then the certificate should be filed 28 days before election and if the latter then 18 days. The question has been decided both ways in the lower courts, and the state Department to avoid controversy advises that such nominations should be made prior to Jan. 25 and the certificate filed in the Department, no later than that date. A certificate should also be filed with the commissioners before Feb. 2 to avoid a question.

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INCONSISTENCY OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

Our government claims to be Democratic. Its laws are supposed to be made in accordance with the wish and will of the people. As a people we hold tenaciously to the theory of popular representation. Any plan or suggestion to cut off from this divine privilege any class, large or small, would be met with such a storm of opposition as is rarely seen. Its advocates would be denounced as an enemy of our institutions, as a traitor to human rights, and his measure would be struck dead by that fatal word, "unconstitutional" and buried forever beneath the avalanche of public opinion.

And yet in this "land of the free and home of the brave," in this year of our Lord 1900, in an age of enlightenment, progress, thought and truth, in this free, educated, Democratic America, our nation is hugging to its bosom an inconsistency and an absurdity, in its continual refusal to entrust with the privilege—the right, the duty of the ballot, more than one half her citizens.

The ignorant foreigner, knowing little or nothing of our free institutions, can vote. He can help say what our laws shall be. The educated woman, born and raised here, trained, it may be, in our higher institutions of learning, with the broad, progressive, enlightened views, must be dead as a nunny on election day.

The tramp, whiskey-soaked and tobacco-cured, may drag his ragged coat to his native town and sell his vote on election day for a few drinks of poor whiskey, but the noblest hearted, pure-minded mother most self-still with as little influence as a statue, while the tramp helps to make laws which may make her buy a tramp too.

The low ward politician, who keeps the "dirty pool politics" as muddy as possible in order that he, with other reptiles, may make a dirty living, has a voice and vote, but the noblest woman in all the land stands before the law as a nonentity, while he is king.

If there is a bare-faced absurdity anywhere on earth which exceeds this, will someone, somewhere have the goodness to point it out? We say to womanhood:

"You shall obey our laws, if you still, we will imprison you, if you kill, we will hang or electrocute you; if you own property we will tax you, but we will not give you a chance to say what those laws shall be. You shall be educated, we want you to think, but you shall have no voice in that which has to do with the larger affairs of government. When it comes to this, we put you below the tramps, we class you with the criminals, with the slave of a former generation, we will give you no more voice than we accord the horse or the ox which serves us. Foreigners, tramps and drunkards, saloon-keepers, libertines and schemers shall have a hand in this law-making business; women and children, idiots, criminals and cattle shall not."

It is the nightmare of paganism struggling against the progress of an awakening age. It is the narrowness of despotism lingering in the breadth of democracy. It is out of place and is destined soon to be sentenced to death by the untrammelled thought and resistless logic of an advancing age.

REV. C. C. PIERCE.

List of Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Post Office at Milford for week ending Jan. 20th, 1900.

Ladies—Charlotte Furman, Sarah Hartig, Mrs. Atwater Merriam.

Gentlemen—Samuel Miller, L. A. Morgan, C. T. W. Williams, Wm. Lapworth & Son.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATIMORE.

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G. H. Appleton, justice of the peace, Clarksburg, N. J., says, "Dewitt's little early risers are the best pills made for constipation. We use no others." Quickly cure all liver and bowel troubles.

MATAMORAS.

Charles Cook, wife and daughter Bertha of Newark N. J., will resume their residence in Matamoras, and will occupy the new home on Main street opposite the High School.

Miss Carrie Lockwood has accepted the position offered her at the market uptown in Port Jervis. She formerly clerked at the Bon Ton, and Miss Clara Heidental takes her situation there.

The gentlemen of Epworth church will hold their annual supper at the church this Friday, evening.

Miss Etta Kipp, of Milford, was the guest of Miss Hattie Allen Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Westfall is teaching in the High School and her place at the Rosetown school is filled by Miss Flora Heidental.

H. London and family have left the Allen House and are now house-keeping on Washington street in the house formerly occupied by the Cory family.

John Virgil Carney aged about eighteen months, a son of John and the late Elizabeth Virgil Carney, died last Monday of lung trouble. The father has the sympathy of the community. The funeral, conducted by Rev. Father Treis, occurred Wednesday and interment in St. Marys cemetery.

The Ladies Christian Union of Hope Church held a five cent tea Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Martin. The afternoon was spent socially and it was decided to hold a chicken supper at Prescotts Hall the evening of Jan. 25. The society always gives an excellent supper and all are cordially invited to this one.

Rival meetings are being held every evening to both Hope and Epworth church which are largely attended and great interest manifested.

The ladies of Epworth church had a cake sale last Friday afternoon at the Post Office which was very successful financially.

Mrs. Lydia Ryman, formerly Haff, left town Saturday to spend sometime with her brothers George and Thompson Ryman in Newark. She will go from there to Chicago where she expects to make her home in future with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Ray. She has resided here for the past 16 years, was a member of Hope church and the ladies C. U. S. and has many friends who deeply regret her departure.

Ira Cole and wife spent Sunday in Jersey city.

Rev. Kinert of the Evangelical church, of Port Jervis, gave a very interesting discourse at Hope church Tuesday evening.

Additional Local Matter.

Poor master Geiger who was quite severely injured in an accident some days ago is improving.

Judge P. P. Smith of the Superior court is in ill health and has not occupied his seat since last April.

Lewis Gregory after being confined to his bed for some three weeks with tonsillitis is now able to be up.

Services may be expected at the Sawkill school house next Sunday, Jan. 21st, at 2:30 p. m., the weather permitting.

The House committee in the Roberts case has found that he is a polygamist and should not be admitted to a seat.

Henry Tissot who bought the farm of Mrs. Brown in Dingman Twp. is branching out in the poultry business and now has about 150 fowls.

Several Milford people have subscribed for shares of stock in the National Bank of Port Jervis and it is hoped that institution will open for business at an early date.

Real Estate Transfers.

Alvah Seaman and wife and others to Harvey N. Goble dated Sept. 26, 1898. 168 acres Lackawaxen, con. \$1400.

John S. O'Conner and wife to Mrs. Margaret Hodgkins, dated Dec. 15, 1-4 acre Palmyra, con. \$1.

Lorenz Goetz and August Witt for Taylortown Farmers Club to Augusta Witt, dated Dec. 27. Land in Lackawaxen, con. \$1.

John W. Boelt to Thos. H. Gilpio, dated Dec. 22d. 107 acres Greene, con. \$360.

Horses may be kept free from Colic if Orange Electric Food is occasionally given to them. For sale at T. Armstrong's.

A Talk of Great Interest.

Rev. Charles B. Carpenter rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, gave last Friday evening a very interesting talk on a trip made by him, in company with others, to Greenland in 1894. The vessel in which the party sailed, the Miranda, was ship wrecked and lost and of a large number of cameras on board, the one used by Mr. Carpenter was the only one saved. The talk was illustrated by many views of scenes and of the Eskimos inhabiting the frozen land, showing their habitations and methods of living. The expedition reached as far as the Arctic Circle and was organized for scientific purposes.

Mr. Carpenter is willing to repeat the talk, or address, accompanied by the stereoscopic views, sometime during the next month for the benefit of the Milford Lyceum association. This will be a rare opportunity to listen to an intelligent and interesting description of a very exciting experience illustrated with views which will more vividly present the subject and as it will be given to benefit a very worthy cause should be largely patronized, as no doubt it will be. When arrangements can be completed the time will be announced which will probably be about the middle of February.

Called to a Pastorate.

Rev. John Reid who was recently called from Detroit Mich. to the Mission Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn succeeding Dr. Thos. A. Nelson preached his first sermon there as pastor last Sunday morning. A reception was tendered him Wednesday evening. Dr. Reid, who was pastor of the Church here in the early seventies and married Lizzie a daughter of Ebenezer Warner, is a graduate of the New York University and of Princeton Theological Seminary and has held several important charges among them a pastorate of fifteen years at Yonkers N. Y. His son Robert W. Reid is well known here for several years employed in the First National Bank of Port Jervis and is now in the National Bank of North America in N. Y.

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If you want to go South beyond Norfolk to Southern Pines and Pinebluff, the Winter Health Resorts or to Vaughan, N. C., the Pennsylvania Colony headquarters, Poachland, N. C., the New England Colony, Statham, Ga., the Ohio Colony and headquarters of the Union Veterans Southern Settlements, you can connect with the Seaboard Air Line. For information as to rates of travel address H. B. WALKER, Traffic manager New York City.

For information as to farming or mineral lands, water powers, manufacturing sites or winter resorts, rates of board rent of cottages etc., address JOHN PATRICK, Chief Industrial Agent S. A. L. Pinebluff, North Carolina.

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