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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 4, 1901.

President McKinley's second inauguration is now history, and a very brilliant chapter in history it was. Like everything connected with the public life of Hon. William McKinley, it was strikingly successful. The arrangements were unusually well carried out in every respect. The parade both in military and civic features, was interesting from start to finish and the street decorations were more tasteful and artistic than ever before, especially those in the Court of Honor, as the two squares of Pennsylvania avenue from 14th to 17th street, were called for this occasion. The great court of the Pension Building, where the inaugural ball will be held to-night, could not possibly have looked better. If it would be fair to judge from the inauguration, President McKinley's second administration will be even more successful than his first, if such a thing be possible. The President's inaugural address will take rank among his best state papers. It was upon, straightforward and patriotic, like all his public utterances and acts.

Vice President Roosevelt received the ovation of his life from the thousands who thronged historic Pennsylvania avenue, as he rode to the Capitol to be sworn in. His first official duty, after taking the oath, which was administered by Senator Frye, president pro tem of the Senate, was to swear in thirteen new Senators.

The Congressional legislative day of Saturday was extended through Sunday and until nearly noon today, and with it died the Fifty-Sixth Congress, which, whatever its failings may have been, has a heavy balance to its credit on the right side of the public ledger.

If it were possible for his comrades of the Civil war to feel as increased admiration for him, President McKinley's action in sending the Union veterans for his personal escort from the White House to the Capitol, by personally requesting that assistance for them from the Grand Marshal of the Emancipation parade. Every veteran in the parade, from Gen. Daniel Sickles, in command, down to the humblest private, looked the pleasure and triumph he shared by their comrades all over the country.

President McKinley will follow the example of Gen. Grant, at the beginning of the second term, and send the nominations of his entire Cabinet to the Senate, including that of Attorney General Griggs, who has promised to remain at the head of the Department of Justice for a few weeks. At the last meeting of the Cabinet, all the members tendered their resignations so as to open the way for their re-nomination.

Senator Pritchard made it very plain before the adjournment of Congress, that he intends doing everything in his power to keep Senator Simons out of the seat to which he was elected by the Democratic legislature of North Carolina, on the ground that the election of a majority of that legislature, was accomplished by fraud. Mr. Pritchard takes the ground that the Senate has jurisdiction to institute inquiry as to whether or not a state legislature has been elected by fraudulent or unfair means.

With his usual tact and good judgment, President McKinley ended the unwelcome wrangle among the ex-Confederate veterans, by informing the delegation of Tennesseans, headed by Senators Bate and Cretzschmar, which called at the White House to invite him to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans at Memphis, May 29th-30th, next, that arrangements already made prevented his acceptance but that he hoped to be able to visit that city at a later date.

Mr. Bryan's latest attempts to boss the Democratic Senators were foiled. He kept the wires hot with telegrams trying to get the Democrats to hold up the Army Appropriation bill, by a filibuster and force an extra session of Congress, and the Democratic Senators laughed at him and allowed the bill to be voted upon.

THE TAX REDUCTION BILL.

The conferees of the Senate and House upon the war revenue reduction bill announced the result of their deliberations. The report of the committee is a compromise all along the lines of the bill, the changes in the present law being as follows:

Leases—Tax repealed.
Protest—Tax repealed.
Manifests—Tax repealed.
Charter party—Repealed.
Mortgages—Tax repealed.
Express receipts—Repealed.
Money orders—Tax repealed.
Chewing gum—Tax repealed.
Telephone messages—Repealed.
Promissory notes—Tax repealed.
Power of attorney—Tax repealed.
Warehouse receipts—Tax repealed.
Bills of lading for export—Repealed.
Telegraph messages—Tax repealed.
Perfumery and cosmetics—Tax repealed.
Certificates of deposits—Tax repealed.

Bank checks—Repealed in accordance with the House action.
Miscellaneous bonds—Tax repealed, except upon bonds of indemnity.
Certificates of damages and certificates not otherwise specified—Repealed.

Commercial brokers' fees—Repealed in accordance with original action of both houses.
Bankers' capital—Present law retained, the Senate receding from its amendment.
Beer—The House rate of \$1.00 a barrel and repealing the 74 per cent discount was retained.
Conveyance—Exempted below \$2,500; above \$2,500, 25 cents for each \$500, in accordance with Senate action.

Bills of exchange, foreign—The rate fixed at two cents for each \$100, in accordance with the Senate amendment.
Proprietary medicines—Tax repealed in accordance with House action, the Senate amendment being disagreed to.

Legacies—Law modified so as to exclude from taxation legacies of a charitable, religious, literary or educational character.
Steamship passage tickets—Exempted below \$50 in value, and the rate fixed at 50 cents for each \$50 in cost for that price and over.

Insurance—Tax repealed on all kinds of insurance in accordance with the action of the House, the Senate conferees receding on all Senate amendments.
Cigarettes—On those weighing not more than three pounds a thousand the Senate rate of 18 cents a pound prevailed. The House did not change the existing law.

Certificates of stock transfers—The rate of two cents for each \$100 is retained, and the Senate amendment making the law include the transaction of back-shops was accepted by the House conferees.

Tobacco—20 per cent discount of the original tax of 12 cents a pound as against 25 per cent reduction as fixed by the Senate and none as the bill passed the House. The rate agreed upon will make the tax \$9.50 a 100 pounds.

Sales of products at exchanges—The Senate amendment exempting sales of merchandise in actual course of transportation was accepted, but the rate of one cent for each \$100, as fixed by the present law, was retained, the Senate amendment making the rate 2 being disagreed to.

Cigars—On those weighing more than three pounds a 1,000 the House rate, \$3 a 1,000, was retained, as against \$3.30 as fixed by the Senate and \$3.50 as in the present law. On those weighing less than three pounds a thousand the Senate rate of 18 cents a pound was allowed to stand, as against the rate of 21 a thousand as fixed by the existing law, which was not disturbed by the House.

The total reduction of the revenues as made by the bill as agreed upon will amount to about \$11,000,000, as against a reduction of \$40,000,000 as passed the House and \$46,000,000 as amended in the Senate.
The provisions of the bill as agreed upon will take effect on July 1 next.

A Widow's Love Affair

Receives a soft bank if she has of fenders (with through Constipation, Biliousness or Stomach Trouble, but Dr. King's New Life Pills always cure these troubles (from the system sweeten the bowels, lighten the head, solve, lead to the world for liver, kidneys and bowels. Only 25c at drug stores.

It is said the oval comb will eliminate all the small deters and ultimately reduce the price of coal to the consumer by at least one dollar a ton.

SUMMER FORESTRY SCHOOL.

The prospectus of the Yale Summer School of Forestry will be issued in a short time, giving full information about the school, its location, object, equipment, courses, etc. The school, which is at Grey Towers, near Milford, Pike county, Pa., will open July 8, 1901, and will continue work for eight weeks. Students are required to register at the school not later than noon Monday, July 8. Candidates for admission must not be under seventeen years of age. There are no entrance examinations but evidence of good moral character will be required. The school is open to women. The prospectus warns those expecting to attend, to make application before May 1, 1901 to Prof. H. S. Graves, Yale Forest School, New Haven, as the accommodations are limited. The fee for a single session of the school is \$20, and an extra fee of \$15, is added for those who will occupy field camps.

Five regular courses in forestry will be offered: Forest Botany, Silviculture, Forest Measurements, Introduction to Forestry and Forest Protection. Students may take all of the courses or may select only a portion of them. The professors in the school, Henry S. Graves, M. A., and James W. Tomney, M. S., will personally direct those who may wish to carry on special forest work. Particular attention will be given to the course will embrace laboratory work, field work and lectures. The lectures will aim to give an account of the indigenous trees of the United States, paying close attention to those of importance in forestry. Plant anatomy and physiology, in their relation to forest trees, will be given much consideration.

The course in Silviculture will be under Prof. Graves. Its object is to give a training in the principles and the practical methods of establishing and treating woodlands. In the course on Forest Measurements practical methods will be taught for determining the contents of felled and standing trees and of whole forests, the use of American log scales and the methods of determining the age and growth of the trees.

Introduction to Forestry will be presented entirely by lectures, some of them illustrated by the lantern. It is the purpose of these lectures to make clear just what forestry is, and its true scope and function in the United States. The course in Forest Protection will consider the subjects of forest fires, trespass, damage by wild insects, grazing, torrents, etc.

THE OBJECT OF THE SCHOOL.
The object of the school, as stated in the prospectus, is to provide instruction in forestry for those who are not ready for the more advanced technical courses at regular forest schools, or who do not wish to take so complete a training as such schools offer. The courses are designed for owners of woodland, farmers, lumbermen, forest rangers, teachers and all persons who desire a general knowledge of forestry or any of its branches.

Through the generosity of Mr. J. W. Pritchard the school is thoroughly equipped. The main building, of which the cut is printed in the pamphlet, contains a hall large enough to seat 100 people, and smaller rooms for special purposes. For practical instruction in the field, Mr. Pritchard has given the use of his wood-lot of 50 acres, and also considerable open ground for work in tree planting. The forests in the immediate neighborhood offer good opportunities for practical studies in Silviculture and Forest Botany. One of the State forest reservations is but a short distance away and will be available for study. The Milford library contains a fine working collection of books on forestry.

For the accommodation of those who desire to live in camp, tents will be furnished by the school and arrangements made for board at a reasonable rate, about \$5 per week.—*Yale Alumni Weekly.*

Milford Hand Laundry.

The undersigned has opened a laundry on Centre Square Milford, Pa., in the store room formerly occupied by Tom Dauman, and will do all kinds of work pertaining to the business with promptness and in a most careful manner. A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.
—J. H. L. GOURLAY.

Alonzo Warner, after April 1st, will occupy the firm of the late L. W. A. in a store, in Milford township, now in possession of P. F. Steele.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

Under the above caption the *Wagner Independent* claims for that county named for "Mad Anthony" the honor of holding the record for living children of a Revolutionary soldier. In a household cemetery in the grave of Jabez Rockwell, born in Fairfield county, Ct., in 1780, who enlisted when 16 years old in the 7th Regiment of the Connecticut line for three years. The regiment fought at the battle of Germantown, wintered at Valley Forge, was present at the battle of Monmouth and was engaged storming Stony Point.

Rockwell, at the close of service, married Sarah Rindel and in 1790 came to Milford. A year after his wife died and he later married Elizabeth Muffin, by whom seven children were born to him, among them John B., father of Charles F. Rockwell, who died in 1839, and three daughters, the youngest, who are yet living, Phoebe Gainford, born June 30th, 1805, residing at Matamoras, Catharine Bowden, born Aug. 26, 1812, lives at Stroudsburg, and Lucinda Valentine, born June 10, 1816, living with her son in Brooklyn, N. Y. These were all born at Milford, where he resided until 1837, when he moved to Wayne county, where he died in 1847 and was buried with military and Masonic honors.

Mrs. Bowden and Mrs. Valentine are members of Valley Forge Chapter Daughters of the Revolution and have been presented with the golden memorial engraved spoon which is given to all real daughters of a Revolutionary soldier. The spoon given Mrs. Bowden has been presented to her nephew, C. F. Rockwell, and is to descend to his heirs.

"The Choice."
The most authentic traditions regarding the name Dingman's "Choice" point to the fact that it originated with Andrew Dingman, who was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., in 1711, and settled at the Choice about 1735. He first built a log cabin down by the river bank and about 1750 built a stone house just below where the Reformed church now stands. He was a pioneer, cut the first brush to make room for his cabin, and built a flat boat, for ferrying purposes, with a hand ax. This ferry crossed the river somewhere above the church. He also built a grist and saw mill on the creek. One of his sons, Isaac, when about 19 years old, while riding a horse from the stone house to the barn, was shot by an Indian in ambush, and died while being ferried across the river to a fort, which stood on the Jersey shore. For the reason that Dingman had the choice of locating where he pleased he, after selecting his future abode, named it his choice, by which the hamlet was generally known until about the time a post office was established when the name Ferry was added in its stead.

Election of Officers.

At a meeting of the members of Milford Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1, held March 1st, the following officers were elected:
President—P. N. Bournique.
Vice President—Theo. H. Baker.
Secretary—Frank Schorr.
Treasurer—Joseph A. Revoyre.
Foreman—A. Q. Wallace.
1st Assistant—Wm. Davenport.
2d Assistant—Edwin McMurry.
Fire Police—Fred Kirtz, Maurice Steele, F. B. Thirl and John Owens.

Auction Sale.

The undersigned will sell on the farm now occupied by him in Delaware township, about 2 miles back of Conshohocken, on Tuesday, March 19, 1901, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., 1 cow four years old, 1 two year old bull, 1 three year old colt, 1 good farm wagon, 1 long sled, 1 tub, 1 plow, 1 corn plow, 1 cultivator, 1 harrow, 1 grind stone, 1 wind mill, 1 cutting box, 4 horse power, 1 ladder, chains, and other articles. Terms made known on day of sale by JOHN SCHREIBER, Delaware township, March 7, 1901.

A Horrible Outbreak

"Of large scroves on my little daughter's head developed into a case of 'old head' writes C. D. Lebill, of Morgantown, Tenn., but Backler's Arnica Salve completely cured her. It's a guaranteed cure for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Pimples, Sores, Ulcers and Piles. Only 25c at all drug stores.

The most effective little liver pills made are DeWitt's little early risers. They cure.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Chas. Schanno is improving in health.

El. McMurray is back again from the city.

Blue birds put in appearance here last Monday.

Basil Schanno, of Stroudsburg, was in town last Monday.

Walter H. A. Iams, of Beaver Dam, was in town Monday.

Moses Detrick is home after a weeks visit in New York.

Bern Wednesday to Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Konwert's a son.

A. D. Brown attended the inauguration at Washington this week.

Ebenezer Warner was quite indisposed for a couple days this week.

Dr. H. B. Reed is absent in the city of New York on legal business.

Philip Krause and Emmett H. Asher, of Lackawanna, were in town Wednesday.

Charles Lattimore, postmaster at Milford has again failed of confirmation by the Senate.

P. N. Bournique and wife expect to be absent for a couple of weeks visiting in New York.

Charles Cronk, who is employed in a sawmill at Dubois, Pa., is here for a month's vacation.

Peter Rudolph Block, the author, recently spent a few days in town with his family.

Dr. P. F. Fulmer, after spending the winter in Philadelphia, is home again at the High Falls Hotel.

Mrs. M. Tison is home again after a visit of several weeks with her daughter in New Orange.

C. B. Staples and C. C. Shull, Esq.'s, of Stroudsburg, were at Milford last Monday on business matters.

Mrs. Corn Beardsley, of New York, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Tromp, on Water street who is quite ill.

County Superintendent, George Sawyer, has gone on a trip to the western coast to recuperate his health.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Price and daughter, Virginia, of Branchville, are guests with ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook.

Ex-United States Senator William M. Everts died at his home in New York Feb'y 28th at the advanced age of eighty three years.

Amos Schoonover, of Stroudsburg, lost \$345 recently by having it abstracted from under his pillow, where he placed it for safe keeping.

Two gold watches were taken at the same time.

Alfred Marvin Esq., of Matamoras, was in town Wednesday in connection with probating the will of the late John Percival. He was accompanied by William S. and Frank sons of the deceased.

A bill has been introduced in the House at Harrisburg providing for an appropriation to pay expenses of members of State Board of Agriculture while attending the annual meetings of the Board.

Rev. H. C. Lilly, for the past two years pastor of Hope Evangelical church at Matamoras, has been transferred by the conference to Allentown, Pa. His successor will be Rev. H. W. Gross, of Sugar Valley.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow Congressman at Large from this State celebrated at noon March 4th, the semi-centennial of his entrance into Congress. He made his first appearance on the floor of the House in 1851 when he was but twenty-seven years old.

The second inauguration of President McKinley took place March 4th with much ceremony and display. There was a grand pageant of military, followed by the Governors of States with various organizations. A magnificent ball at which 10,000 people participated closed the days events.

George W. Quick, of Lackawanna township, aged about 75 years died Monday, March 4. He was a veteran of the civil war. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Warren, Frank and Wesley and two daughters, Mrs. Newell, of Owego, N. Y., and Elizabeth at home. The funeral was held yesterday.

Help is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cough or cold may soon become serious and should be stopped at once. One minute cough cure quickly cures coughs and colds and the worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles.

Full line of ladies, Misses and childrens rubbers, boots and shoes at T. Armstrong & Co.

THE RECENT FORESTRY ACT.

An act of the Legislature just passed establishes a department of Forestry precincts for its proper administration regulates the acquisition of land and provides for the control, protection and maintenance of Forest Reservations. A commissioner with four other citizens of the State appointed by the Governor or constitutes the Commission. After the first term of two years for two of the appointees the terms of office shall be four years for all. Land may be bought at a price not to exceed five dollars per acre and the Commission is to have full power to manage and control all lands already bought and all which may hereafter be purchased. It may sell the timber on the lands, make and execute contracts or leases for removal of valuable minerals after due advertisement and when by virtue of such leases for removal of minerals or sale of timber there shall be a net revenue, one half of such net revenue shall go to the State and the other half shall go to the township treasurer in which such lands lie for application to township purposes and reduction to local tax levies in such township, but an amount not more than twice the amount of taxes that would be received by such township from said lands if they were owned by individuals may be paid in any year. The act makes it a misdemeanor to kindle fires on the lands, except in accordance with the rules, or to cut or remove timber or any damage to forest lands or timber.

The act further provides that a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars per mile may be expended by the Commission in each year for the maintenance and repair of public roads, regularly established, running into or through such lands, and on roads bordering one half that rate may be expended.

There is probably no use to comment on this last outrage. It drives the finishing nail, it enables the State as we view it, to enter into competition with citizens of the county in the lumber and blue stone business. The State may enter on the lands, remove thousands of dollars worth of material in one year, practically strip them, and all the township can receive out of the profits, which may be large, is double the amount of the tax for the one year as provided, while the State takes all the rest. Why not have given the township one half absolutely no matter what the amount, but that would not have been in accordance with the spirit which seems to predominate, that of casting all the burden on the county, compelling her to pay for protection of the lands from fire together with the incidental cost of juries, etc., for the trial of offenders against the act. It is now up to us for fair.

Council Organized.

The Town Council met Monday and after the two new members, J. F. Turwilliger and Geo. A. Sweepster, were qualified, organized by electing as President, H. B. Wells; Sec'y, A. Q. Wallace, salary \$70; Treasurer, W. S. Ryman, compensation, 1 per cent. on all money received, 1 per cent. on all paid out.

The following committees were appointed: Streets, Wm. Mitchell, J. H. Rydler, Law, Robert Findlay and J. C. Wallace; Finance, J. C. Wallace, G. A. Sweepster; Lockup, J. F. Terwilliger, G. A. Sweepster; Fire and Light, J. H. Rydler, Robert Findlay, Lorenz Geiger gave bonds as overseer of the poor. Applications were received for appointment of special police and street commissioner, which were deferred until next meeting.

Weather Report.

Following is the Meteorological record for February 1901, at Layton, N. J.

Average temperature for the month 29.27 degrees; mean maximum for the month 39.54 degrees; mean minimum for the month 11 degrees; maximum 44 degrees on the 16th; minimum 6 degrees below zero on the 11th; greatest daily range 43 degrees; total precipitation 0.79 of an inch; greatest precipitation in 24 hours 0.43 on the 3rd; total snowfall 8 inches; days clear 17; days partly cloudy 7; days cloudy 4. Prevailing wind direction North-West.

Geo. E. Buss, Voluntary Observer.

Full line of ladies, Misses and childrens rubbers, boots and shoes at T. Armstrong & Co.

THE RAMBLERS' PICKINGS.

March came in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.

Harry Lambert has gone to New York.

Frank Black of Montague, is the owner of a fine lot of young lambs.

We miss the genial face of Horace Kipp who has been assistant Post Master here for over eight years.

Mrs. Augusta Boyd, of Port Jervis, is spending the week in town.

Don't advertise anything unless you have it.

Med and snow banks makes traveling a—pleasure?

Good deeds are sure to reap their reward sooner or later. Let not thy right hand know what thy left doeth. There are few people in this town to whom this might apply.

Ed Wolfe's saw mill is back in town.

Some church goers were disappointed because there were no services in the M. E. church last Sunday.

Alonzo Warner will farm the L. W. Armstrong farm the coming season. Other truck gardeners better look out now.

John and Jack went to Jersey after straw, John dumped his load once, Jack went him two better and unloaded three times before reaching town.

George N. Clark, the freeholder of Montague, (the only Republican freeholder that town has elected in the memory of most of its inhabitants) has been chosen treasurer of the "Deerpark Brewing Company." George knows something about beer too.

A small white flag marks the center of the proposed race track below town.

Those interested in the welfare of the First National Bank of Milford cannot help being pleased with the statement just published.

Sometimes we hear of some one having in possession a jar or two of fruit put up sometime ago. I wonder how many old cans are in this vicinity.

The bidders are over their strike and the price of eggs has dropped several notches.

It sometimes takes a man or two of color to cause a little racket. Saturday afternoon and evening was an illustration.

Mr. Editor you were quite right in what you said last week regarding sending Mr. Carnegie about building a library building for us. If he won't do that may be he will finish our borough building.

I wonder what all the street lamps on the lower end of Harford street? A couple of weeks ago four lamps were on strike on one evening. Monday evening the lamp on the corner of Motz street was dark.

Our county commissioners have been enjoying themselves listening to pleas of property. The poor hardly ever luck, with those blessed with plenty it is different.

An Old Pottery.

An ancient pottery, of which the oldest inhabitants have no knowledge, has been discovered at Ten Mile River, N. Y., not far away from Mast Hope in this State. Broken ware was found in the vicinity which lead to the excavation being made when the remains of a pottery were revealed. Pots underneath which was a furnace, were found bricked in and arched over top.

Pieces of earthenware which seem to have been in the form of vessels, have been found along the river near here. They bear curious marks evidently made for ornament and were glazed on the inside. No doubt it was the work of the aborigines, and may have been done at the pottery just discovered.

The Trusts and the Wage Earners of Pennsylvania.

Important news of interest to every employee and employer of labor will be published in The Philadelphia North American, beginning with Monday, March 4, and continuing daily for several days. These articles deal with matters which affect every man's pocketbook, and will be of vital interest to a liberty-loving public. Every one will be discussing these news articles. Every one should read them.

New styles mens' combination foot wear at Armstrong & Co.