

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The week just past will be memorable for three very remarkable speeches, all pertaining to one phase or another of the Philippine question. On Friday, Decoration Day, President Roosevelt not only participated in the ceremonies of commemoration of the soldier dead who repose in the national cemetery at Arlington, but made a defense of the American soldiers in the Philippines which appealed to every brave heart among his auditors and which will command the respect and sympathy of loyal Americans throughout the country. In fact, yesterday's cables brought word that Mr. Roosevelt's utterances had called forth loud eulogiums from the English press. Addressing himself particularly to the veterans present, the president said, "The men, who in the uniform of the United States, have for the last three years patiently and uncomplainingly championed the American cause in the Philippine islands are your younger brothers, your sons. They have shown themselves not unworthy of you and they are entitled to the support of all men who are proud of what you did." He admitted that isolated cases of cruelty had occurred but asserted that they had happened under great provocation and that, moreover, they were being investigated and would be punished and he then referred to the outrages and lynchings which have occurred in the United States and said, "The men who fail to condemn these lynchings and yet clamor about what has been done in the Philippines are indeed guilty of neglecting the beam in their own eye while taunting their brother about the mote in his." The speech as a whole was a strong vindication of the American soldiers.

On Thursday the senate was electrified by a speech from Senator Morgan of Alabama, a life-long democrat, who warmly championed the Lodge Philippine bill. Mr. Morgan's democracy cannot be questioned and his refusal to participate in the vilification of the American troops and his final support of the course of the administration and its policy in the Philippines staggered the democrats who immediately retired to the cloak-rooms, as they did when Tillman delivered his recent harangue. Their indignation knew no bounds. Senator Morgan stated that the permanent separation of church and state in the Philippines was, in his estimation, sufficient ground for warranting his support of the bill, for it relieved the Philippine people of the oppression of an established church which Spain had forced upon them.

On Thursday afternoon Senator Spooner made, perhaps, the most brilliant speech in support of the Lodge bill which has been heard. Although it was on Thursday he began to speak it was not until the morning of Saturday that he completed his remarks, the senate not having been in session on Friday. He said he was free to state that he did not favor making promises to a man who held a revolver to his breast and he would give no assurance to the men who stood with their guns aimed at men who wore the American uniform. Mr. Spooner ridiculed the sentimental pretensions of the democrats. He stated that he had never been in favor of the permanent retention of the islands by the United States and he was not now, but that no true American should wish to see the islands turned loose to follow for a day their own devices and then to become again a prey to the cupid and rapacity of Spain. Late Saturday evening the general debate on the Lodge bill was brought to a close and to day it will be taken up under a rule which limits all speeches to fifteen minutes, under which rule proposed amendments will be considered. At the close of Tuesday's session the vote will be taken.

The wisdom of Senator Platt of Connecticut in delaying action on the Cuban reciprocity bill is being evidenced daily. The fact that the republican conventions of four important states have endorsed the recommendation of the president on this question has served to materially strengthen the position of the advocates of reciprocity. Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kansas have all declared themselves in favor of the bill and their action will doubtless serve to deplete the forces in the house which so successfully crippled the measure and it is anticipated that their action will have considerable



THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The citizens of Milford desirous of founding a church assembled September 1, 1825, and resolved to apply to the presbytery of Hudson for an organization. James Wallace was chairman and Moses Bross secretary of the meeting. Sept. 16 Thomas Grier was appointed to organize the church and Sept. 23 the congregation assembled in the old stone court house for the purpose. The name selected was the Presbyterian church and congregation of Milford. The original members were eight in number. Rev. Thomas Grier was pastor from 1825 to 1831 and part of this time the congregation worshipped in the old court house. The old church was built in 1828 and torn down in 1878 after the erection of the present edifice. A considerable period elapsed before a successor to Mr. Grier was chosen but in 1832 Rev. Edward Allen became stated supply and served in this capacity at two different times, first from 1832 to '34 and again from 1841 to '43. After him in 1844 to '46 Rev. Peter Kanouse was an occasional supply. From 1844 to August, 1855, Rev. William Townley was stated supply and from May, 1856, to '58 Rev. Ralph Bull. In 1858 Mr. Bull intending to leave, Rev. Simon Peck for a time until his return. Rev. William Bolden preached as a supply in 1843 to '44. From 1844 to '46 Rev. Peter Kanouse supplied, Rev. Charles Miltz 1846 to '47 and in 1849 Rev. F. S. Bradner was called and continued till 1862. From May, 1853, Rev. Isaac Todd was engaged as stated supply and continued until April, 1861. In July the same year Rev. R. R. Kollong came as stated supply and continued until his death in September, 1866. In January, 1867, Rev. Robert H. Beattie commenced his labors as stated supply and continued until June, 1870. Rev. Cyrus Offer was supply from 1870 to '71. In April, 1872, Rev. John Reid came as a supply for the summer and was succeeded in a few months by Rev. Charles Assay. In December, 1873, Rev. L. C. Lockwood was engaged for four months and in June, 1874, Rev. E. H. Mateer was ordained and installed, who remained until Feb. 10, 1884. In July the same year Rev. A. S. Gardner was called and installed Oct. 27 following. He remained until 1889 and was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Nichols in 1890 who resigned on account of failing health Oct. 1, 1901. Rev. Edgar M. Smead, the present incumbent, was installed June 3, 1902. The old church stood on the site of the present parsonage. The new church was built in 1874 and the first service was held in it in the basement Dec. 30, 1875, and the first Sunday service Jan. 2, 1876.

effect on the senate. Senator Platt and other supporters of the measure are now speaking confidently of the result but it is not likely that a bill will be reported from the senate committee until there have been pledged sufficient votes to secure its passage in the upper chamber.

The decision of the senate committee on territories, reached last week, to permit the omnibus statehood bill to go over until next session, is a source of great disappointment to the friends of the bill, which, outside of Senator Beveridge's committee, had been constantly gaining ground. Speaking on the subject recently, Senator Penrose told me that he intended to vote for the bill if he got the opportunity. He said that not only was the measure endorsed in advance by the national platform but he believed its passage would meet the approval of eastern business men. "Eastern capital is constantly seeking opportunities for investment where the security is good and the rate of interest reasonably profitable," said the senator. "Past experience has demonstrated that there are no better opportunities for investment than in the newly created states. Under state laws the security is better and the rapid advancement which follows admission to statehood results in a large demand for capital. For that reason the passage of the bill, whenever it comes, will meet with approval from eastern business men."

Seven Years in Bed. "Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Poase of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from headache, backache, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, fainting and dizzy spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

The June Courts.

The regular term was held Monday before Associate Judges B. E. Brown and John F. Kogelhart. Constables Levi Lord of Blooming Grove, Charles Person, Delaware, Julius W. Kiesel, Dingman, Otto E. Simons, Greene, Ross Rosenkrantz, Lackawaxen, Stacy Feller, Milford borough, C. Harman, Milford township, and John DeGroat, Paimora, made returns.

Accounts estate Bertha Schussler and estate Lydia M. Arnet confirmed in si; also widows' appointments, estate C. U. Siamon and estate John Hess.

Estate C. C. D. Pinchot, deceased, and John F. Pinchot, deceased. In partition. Heirs called and no one holding order of sale of real estate made Jas. W. Paschot, executor, to sell in estate of C. C. D. Pinchot, and C. W. Bull, administrator, in estate of J. F. Pinchot.

Auditors reports estates of Jacob Kleinhaus, Charles Wolf and Ruth S. Hill confirmed in si.

The viewers appointed on petition to lay out a road from "Aleck's" bridge to road near C. J. Boileau's in Dingman township reported there was no occasion for the road.

Road in Greene. Report of viewers confirmed in si both as to laying out and vacating.

Estate Amanda Hopps, Bond filed.

Estate of Louis Spungenberg. Sale of real estate confirmed in si.

John N. Tobler naturalized.

Deed of trustees of Delaware academy to directors of school district confirmed and approved.

Sheriff acknowledged deeds to Catharine Bohan for land sold as property of Honora Van Dyke and to John W. Brown for lands of Garrett B. Brown, deceased.

Road in Dingman. Report of viewers confirmed in si.

The following accounts were confirmed absolutely: Estates of Nancy J. Hall, J. C. Hissam, Elizabeth J. Van Auker, Samuel M. Arnet, James M. Galligan, L. W. Armstrong, Sarah Brown.

Sarah Z. Quick vs. Raub. Computation filed.

Schoonmaker vs. Schoonmaker. Divorce. Evidence filed and divorce decreed.

Bridge in Lackawaxen near Jason Cortright's. Exceptions to confirmation filed.

Court adjourned to June 16, 2 p. m.

BRIEF MENTION.

John Curry Shot. Last Friday two Matamoros boys, John Curry, sixteen years old, and William Sheen, about fifteen, went to Brink pond for a day's enjoyment. About midnight they went out in a boat to look after the outlines they had set in the pond, taking with them a gun. In some manner this was discharged and the load entered the abdomen of young Curry terribly lacerating his intestines. He, however, rowed the boat ashore and the two boys sought an unoccupied house near by. Help was summoned and Curry's parents notified. The father in company with a physician arrived early Saturday morning and the mother a little later. Medical aid, however, was unavailing and the boy died Saturday afternoon. The remains were taken to his late home last Sunday and the funeral was held Tuesday. No blame attaches to the Sheen boy who was entirely exonerated by his companion before his death.

James W. Gross and family of Port Jervis, while driving last Saturday, met with an accident near Manor Hall in Delaware in which the wagon was wrecked but the occupants were not injured.

As the Misses Pamela Reed and Louise Kler were driving on the road to Dingmans Wednesday when near Adams brook the horse took fright at a carriage top left lying there after the accident Sunday and sided. The young ladies were thrown out of the wagon and Miss Kler was quite severely bruised.

The Boer war in South Africa is ended after a struggle of more than two years and a half by the surrender of the burghers. The terms are on the whole favorable to the defeated nation. The war has been long and expensive for England and she has lost greatly in prestige, while the Boers have been nearly annihilated and their county almost completely laid waste.

Using All Rubber Tires. O. I. Terwilliger & Son, the undertakers of Port Jervis, are having their large hearse equipped with heavy solid rubber tires. They now have all their vehicles used for funeral work equipped with rubber tires, being the first ones in this section to apply rubber tires to vehicles of this kind. The tires, aside from being an addition to the appearance, greatly lessen the wear on the vehicles.

A Terrible Explosion. "Of a gasoline stove barred a lady here frightfully," writes N. E. Palmer of Kiriman, Ia. "The best doctors could not heal the running sore that followed, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve entirely cured her." Infallible for cuts, cornea, sores, boils, bruises, skin diseases and piles. 25c at all druggists.

Try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. For sale by A. W. Balch & Son. Matamoros, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

Geo. A. SWENNER, Commissioners' Clerk. June 2d, 1902.



REV. EDGAR MASON SMEAD, A. M., B. D.

The Rev. Edgar Mason Smead, A. M., B. D., who has just been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Milford, Pa., was born the thirteenth day of October, 1871, in the town of Owego, Tioga Co., N. Y. Early in life he entered upon a business career with his father and continued therein until the spring of 1889. Having taken a deep interest in the Young Men's Christian Association and having evidenced that satisfied himself together with the encouragement of his friends he decided to give his life to preparation and service in the gospel ministry. He prosecuted his studies preparatory for college with zeal and enthusiasm and in two years completed a four years' course of classical studies under the regents' system of New York state entering Princeton university in September, 1891, without a condition. In his preparatory course, which was necessarily a hurried one, he earned second place in his class and was awarded the Latin oration. By economizing and working what spare time he had he earned his college expenses and graduated with his class in 1895. In September, 1895, he entered Auburn theological seminary where he enjoyed the benefit of a \$500 scholarship and when graduated from that institution in May, 1898, two flattering fields of labor were inviting him to come to them. His choice was Naples, Ontario Co., N. Y., where he ministered to a loyal people until October, 1900, when he resigned to take further studies in Princeton university and seminary. That year he earned two diplomas, the university conferring the degree of A. M. on the basis of theses and examinations while the seminary conferred the degree of B. D. for advanced study pursued in that institution. Plans to go to Japan and take up work in an English speaking church at Kobe having miscarried, it was through the recommendation of one of his professors in Princeton that he came to Milford last July where he has remained and was last Tuesday evening duly installed as pastor.

PERSONALS

Hon. J. J. Hart spent the first of the week in New York.

Emil Gumble and wife visited her parents in Paupac over last Sunday.

Oscar M. Wells of New York was in town, a guest with his mother Memorial day.

Hon. John A. Kipp of New York transacted business here a couple of days this week.

Mrs. F. F. White and daughter, Lola, have gone for a visit with friends at Summit, N. J.

Miss Mabel Armstrong arrived in town a few days ago to spend the summer with the family.

Mrs. Anna M. Mettler and son, Benjamin, are visiting her brothers in Pittston and Scranton.

E. L. Van Etten of New York spent Memorial day with his daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Wood.

Dennis McLaughlin and family are again domiciled in their summer home on upper Broad street.

Mrs. O. B. Van Wyck and son, George, are domiciled in their Ann street cottage for the summer.

H. H. Sanderson of Walpole, Mass., a former resident of Delaware, visited the county last week.

Mrs. William J. Milligan of Philadelphia, formerly Carrie Wells, is enjoying a visit with friends in Milford.

Horace E. Kipp of Wilsonville was a guest with his daughter, Mrs. Fred Gumble, a couple of days recently.

Fred Klaer, a student in the medical department of the U. P. at Philadelphia, is home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Arthur N. Roe of Branchville, after spending some ten days with her parents, Ex-Prothonotary J. C. Westbrook and wife, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Millie Westbrook of Ridge-wood and Miss Laura Bennett of Brooklyn, formerly a resident here, accompanied Miss Bertha Willard on her return home Tuesday and are now her guests.

Miss Mary for Money. The Boston man who lately married a sickly rich young woman is happy now for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills which restored her to perfect health. Infallible for jaundice, biliousness, malaria, fever and ague and all liver and stomach troubles. Gentle but effective. Only 25c at all druggists.

Horse Stolen. Barn Burned.

Last Monday morning the barn of W. T. Struble at the lower mill was burned, presumably set on fire to cover the theft of his horse. The thief had just before entered the barn of Floyd Bevans at the Half Way House and took his horse, wagon and harness. Arriving in town they went to Struble's barn where they evidently exchanged horses and took his, which is a large bay. About three o'clock Mr. Struble discovered that his barn was on fire and it was with the horse entirely burned. In the morning Mr. Bevans, learning his loss, came down and identified the animal by the traces. It then became apparent that the thief or thieves had made a trade and to conceal the crime or mislead the scent burned the barn. Equiry and search have been made in all directions but so far nothing definite concerning the road the thief took or his identity have been discovered.

Real Estate Transfers.

Elizabeth Eva Englehart to John W. Englehart, 1 acre, Shohola, \$3.

Elvin Morrison to John W. Frazier, 57 acres, Delaware, \$250.

G. Frank Rowland, treasurer, to John August Levin, 275 acres, John Craig, No. 130, Shohola, taxes.

George Gregory, sheriff, to Catharine C. Bohan, lots Nos. 8, 9, 18, 19, Matamoros, \$100, property of Honora Van Dyke.

John C. Westbrook to Jodie Gavaille, 60 acres, Delaware, formerly assessed to Reuben Spencer, \$140.

Epidemic of Crime

It is reported that parties Monday night stole about sixty ties from a pile of Fred Ellenberger on the Smith tract in Delaware. The wagons were tracked to Dingmans Ferry but there the trace became obscure and was lost. It seems almost incredible that such bulky plunder could be concealed or sold without detection, and that thieves would take so great a risk when more portable articles could easily be selected. It is also said that within the past two weeks Thomas McKittrick up in Shohola lost two cows which he suspects were driven off.

Saves Two from Death. "Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1 bottles guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

Mr. Geo. Wilson, who last year brought a number of boys to camp Yapschu on the farm of J. C. Bull, was in town a few days ago arranging for the summer outing of the boys in his charge.

American fence plain and barbed wire at W. & G. Mitchell's.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Milford is getting a reputation. Three horses have been stolen out of our borough in less than one year. The stealing of the Gumble Bros. and Tobias Nelson horses was bad but the last one, when a poor brute is put in a barn and the building set on fire, is a little too much. Talk against lynch law. That is the only law which should be applied to persons guilty of such horrible brutality. A person who will burn a building to cover his crime will not hesitate to murder if occasion offers.

The several cottages which have been closed during the winter are occupied again and our town begins to awaken.

Mrs. Augusta Boyd of Port Jervis has been spending a week down here.

Frank Black of Montague informs us that he has not recovered the cow he lost about a month ago, reports to the contrary notwithstanding.

You can hear some people farther then you can see them.

The weekly dances at Hickory Grove promise to be as popular as ever.

The Jolly Five and a few of their friends enjoyed a dance at the Grand View House Monday evening.

Pretty rough when the costs of selling a property amount to as much as the selling price.

No ad, no news.

Dr. John Kelly has the prettiest and best arranged refrigerator in town.

There is no use of trying to make a five minute horse trot in three. It only worries the horse and makes the driver look out of place.

The taking down of the hill at the bridge near Struble's lower mill will be greatly appreciated by the traveling public.

G. N. Cosner of the Port Jervis Union spent a couple of days in town this week getting new subscribers.

With Jesse Shoemaker and Ex-Sheriff Elijah Vandermark as aspirants for the honor of being county commissioner and the old board candidates for reelection, there is liable to be some fun.

Pike a Paradise.

Since the days of Greeley, whose confiding philanthropy was wounded by an experiment within our borders, this county has enjoyed through his courtesy and by dint of the persistent iteration of some of its citizens the distinction of being a paradise for democrats, whiskey and rattlesnakes. Whether any of these products have suffered diminution may well be questioned. According to contemporaries, who delight in recounting such tales, snakes have been killed here by the million. It may be possible that in some instances the Keeley cure destroyed more than have been slaughtered by beautiful Amazons with fence rails. Nevertheless to read the columns of snake papers the numbers here do not diminish. The whiskey, though it is most persistently and pertinaciously punished, survives in almost unlimited quantity. As to democrats the local scribes "point with pride" to the "one green spot" and biannually raise their tinny voices and shove their wisty and trenchant pens in proclamation of their increasing numbers and prodigious vitality. It must be assumed then that the products of our beautiful county are evolved, fostered, developed and increased by that on which they feed. Progression is a law of the universe and soon those who boast so loudly of all that Pike naturally develops must add another attraction to the desirable list by adding thieves to the catalog, and then we can all sing a quartette instead of a trio.

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Clover, grass and garden seeds of all kinds at W. & G. Mitchell's.