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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Several communications have reached the state department urging a protest against the reported persecution of the Jews in Russia, the hope that Secretary Hay would entertain such a request being based on his protest against similar persecutions in Roumania some months ago. That the state department, much as it deprecates the reported sufferings, will feel warranted in taking it, however, doubtful. It is pointed out at the department that in the case of Roumania, the United States was in a sense party to the agreement which preserved the integrity of that nation and could, therefore, protest against a violation of the pledges made by treaty. Moreover, in the Roumania incident there was ground on which this country could base a personal complaint as the ports of the United States were being flooded with an undesirable class of immigrants as a result of the intolerable conditions which surrounded these "people in their Roumanian homes. Russia being a sovereign state, and the United States suffering no personal inconvenience from the persecution of the Jews, the conditions are, it will be appreciated, entirely different and this country would be no more warranted in protest against the present persecutions than Russia would be in protesting against lynching in the South, murdering in Connecticut or Pennsylvania, or White-capping in the West.

The return of the president's train from the west is awaited with no little interest by the Washingtonians in view of the reports which have been received concerning the numerous and varied assortment of presents which have been almost forced upon the Chief Executive by his admirers throughout his trip. It is stated that only by chance did Mr. Roosevelt escape a present of a performing bear offered him at Albuquerque. He was less fortunate at Sharon Springs, Kansas, and the result is that there is a "cute little badger" in "the baggage car ahead." Among the other momentous which now occupy space in the baggage car, almost to the exclusion of necessary provisions, are Navajo blankets, horse hair bridles, bowls, platters, jarmiers, bowie knives, stilltoes, cutlers, a bearskin suit, moccasins and many other trifles which will make interesting exhibits in the National Museum, for it will be impossible for the president to accommodate all his gifts in the White House.

The most sensational development in the postoffice department investigation is the statement of Mr. Tulloch, formerly cashier in the Washington city postoffice, which has been made public. Mr. Tulloch made public and interview some time ago in which he charged Ex-Postmaster General Smith, Ex-First Assistant Postmaster General Perry Heath and other officials and failing to prevent frauds in the department. The postmaster general replied to Mr. Tulloch by saying that unless he could prove his charges he would only have succeeded in branding himself a slanderer. Mr. Tulloch's reply to Mr. Payne's statement is a comprehensive review of the incidents which led up to his interview and, pending the reply of the officials involved, Mr. Tulloch appears to have "made good" his charges. Referring to Mr. Smith he says, "Some people are said to live all their lives within a few miles of Niagara Falls and never become aware of the roar or the beauty of the falls."

Since last week's letter it has been discovered that letters were sent to the carriers on rural free delivery routes instructing them to send to the division of free delivery lists of the persons receiving mail on their routes. There was no occasion for such a request in the ordinary work of the department and the letters were sent out without the knowledge of the first assistant postmaster general, by whose authority they seem to have been issued. As it has been charged that such letters were sent to mail order houses, department stores doing a mail order business, daily papers and "get-rich-quick" concerns, the discovery of these circular letters has given rise to grave suspicion as to what use the list of names so obtained were put.

Director of the Mint Roberts has taken umbrage at the reports sent out from Washington to the effect

that the "Iowa idea" had been abandoned by the republicans of that state. Mr. Roberts says that such is not the case but that the plank in the platform will be merely so modified as to occasion no offense to the "stand patters." Be this as it may, your correspondent learns on the highest authority that Senator Allison submitted to Senator Aldrich the tariff plank which will be reported to the Iowa convention and that it received Mr. Aldrich's approval, and Senator Aldrich is the staunchest of "stand patters." It is further announced by Mr. Roberts that Governor Cummins is like to become a strong candidate for the second place on the national republican ticket and prominent republicans in Washington are not slow to prove of this intention. They believe Mr. Cummins would add strength to the ticket.

Recent reports received by the government from trustworthy sources in Columbia indicate that the reluctance displayed towards ratifying the Panama canal treaty is based on the desire of the government at Bogota to extort a larger price from this country. These reports show that Columbia is financially ruined as a result of her many revolutions and that the \$10,000,000 which the United States offers in payment for the canal privilege will be but a drop in the bucket as compared with the extensive indebtedness of the country. Whether the patience of this country will, however, hold out much longer remains to be seen. The Nicaraguan and Costa Rican ministers are not slow to perceive the situation, are regular weekly callers at the state department and never fail to avail themselves of an opportunity to present the claims of their countries as the most favorable for the construction of the canal. That this government will increase the price now offered for the canal privilege is regarded as impossible.

What People Eat
A bulletin just issued by the dairy and food division, B. H. Warren commissioner, shows that there are many things on the market which are not quite what they purport to be. The following tables show in a condensed way results:

BUTTER SAMPLES	
Which proved to be butter.....	21
Which proved to be oleomargarine 13	
Renovated butter.....	3

PURE FOOD SAMPLES	
Which were pure.....	33
Adulterated.....	8
Preserved.....	8
Colored.....	2

There were 16 prosecutions under the oleomargarine law of 1901, 15 under the pure food law of 1895 and 2 under the renovated butter law of 1901. In many cases the defendants were fined or held for court.

The bulletin is interesting as showing what the various food adulterations are and the dairymen of the state may find food for reflection to learn that from January 1st to April 10th, 1903, licenses to manufacture and sell oleomargarine were issued as follows:

Manufacturers.....	1
Wholesale.....	9
Retail.....	300
Boarding houses.....	4
Total.....	314

The money received from them was \$39,100.29.

Real Estate Sale
The land and building of the Independent School District of Milford, comprising three town lots, with school house thereon erected, situated on the southwesterly side of Catharine street in the Borough of Milford, Pa., will be offered for sale at public vendue on the grounds on Saturday, the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1903, sale commencing at 2.30 o'clock p. m. of said day.

Terms and Conditions will be made known at the time of sale.

By order of the board of school directors of the Independent School District of Milford.

H. E. EMBERTON,
Secretary.
Milford, Pa., May 11, 1903.

A Shilling Test
To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of North Melbourne, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked by violent hemorrhages caused by ulceration of stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c. at all drug stores.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Dr. Walter L. Angle is home from the medical school for his vacation. John J. Gourley has arrived home from Newark and will remain the summer.

F. F. White expects his mother from Summit to arrive today for a visit with him.

Chief Burgess J. C. Chamberlain has been spending a few days in New York this week.

Dr. Persifer Fraser of Philadelphia is in town the first of the week on his way to Silver Lake.

Thomas V. Heller of Salamanca is visiting the family of Mrs. Helen E. Heller. He is accompanied by his wife.

Dennis McLaughlin and family of Jersey City have returned and are occupying their summer home on upper Broad street.

Milton Yetter, president of the D. V. R. R., Martis Gill, Seelye Rosenkrantz and H. F. Coolbaugh of East Stroudsburg was in town Monday.

Harry Dewitt, who formerly was a compositor on the Press and now operates a linotype machine for The Daily Times at Sayre, Pa., is home for a week's vacation.

L. M. Chapin and wife of Brooklyn have been guests at Hotel Fauchere and visited their son, Dr. David Chapin, of Dingman's Ferry. They left town yesterday.

Letters from Harry B. Reed, Jr., who is at Douglas, Arizona, indicate that he is satisfied with his work and situation. At present he has charge of a gang of 300 men erecting a large building to reduce copper ore.

Rev. Eliason J. Perot and Col. A. E. Lewis attended the Protestant Episcopal convention held at Carbondale this week, beginning last Monday evening. One of the important questions acted on was the proposition to change the name of the church.

Remarkable Ages
Recently four people whose combined ages make 333 years sat down to a little dinner party in town. They were William McCarty age 87 and his wife Mary aged 83, Mrs. Susan Olmsted and Miss Nancy Olmsted aged 81 respectively. All these venerable persons enjoy good health, have excellent memories and the recounting of scenes and events occurring in their youth carries the mind back to a period which it is impossible for those familiar with modern inventions to realize, and they in observing the changes seem almost transported to a different earth from that of their childhood.

The Dry Spell
A general snow storm prevailed in Montana Monday. Through the northern portions of the state it assumed blizzard proportions. In this state, New York, New Jersey and Delaware crops have been irretrievably injured by the drought. From all sections comes a lament over the destruction, and the drought throughout the eastern states is said to be the worst ever recorded. Small fruits are drying up, meadows and grass lands are parched, crops planted do not grow, and the ground is so hard that plowing is practically impossible. There have been thirty five days of almost continuous dry weather.

Hogan Seems Afflicted
George F. Hogan, a school teacher who has spent considerable time in the vicinity, is reported as having had several narrow escapes recently from being killed on the railroad tracks down in Monroe. He attended the normal there some time ago, is a cripple and acts unbalanced in mind. He apparently seeks destruction having been discovered several times seated or lying on the tracks. The authorities at Mt. Pocono now have him in charge.

The Best Liniment
"I have derived great benefit from the use of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism and lumbago," says Mrs. Anna Hagelgans, of Tuckahoe, N. J. "My husband used it for a sprained back and was also quickly relieved. In fact it is the best family liniment I have ever used. I have recommended it to many and they all speak very highly of it and declare its merits wonderful." For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, Pa. All general stores in Pike county.

WANTED—YOUNG MEN to prepare for Government Postings. Fine Opportunities. All Departments. Good Salaries. Rapid Promotions. Examinations soon. Particulars Free. Write to: Inter-State Cur. Inst., Cedar Rapids, Ia.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The republican state convention will meet May 27 to ratify the ticket slated.

The Bluff House is having a building erected in which to do laundry work for the house.

B. E. Brown has been appointed by the directors supervising architect of the new school building.

Geo. A. Elston has arranged his matters and the sale of lands will not take place as advertised.

The new house for T. B. Morse, on George street, is nearly completed and the work is being pushed in hopes to have it ready for occupancy early in June.

Through the assistance of Joseph C. Chamberlain, Mrs. Sarah Davis of this borough has secured the neat sum of \$648.16 back pay and a pension of \$8 a month.

A monument costing \$3000 will be erected at Belmont, Wayne county, to mark the grave of Hon. Wm. M. Meredith, Secretary of the Treasury from Pennsylvania in 1849-50, whose remains lie buried there.

We are informed that our Silver Lake correspondent was slightly in error last week in stating that a new barn was put up by Eugene Raitt. The barn is on lands of Mrs. C. Adams and is only for use of Raitt as tenant.

The insurance Press reports that there was paid for life insurance during the year 1902 at Dingmans Ferry \$59,262 and at Milford \$21,000. Over three hundred and twenty million dollars were paid out by life insurance companies in the United States during the year.

The three commissioners from Wayne county were here a few days ago to settle some matters with the Pike county board. The father of his country must be held in high esteem there or else the people are partial to that name for office holders. The incumbents are George Seaman, George Taylor and George Roberts.

WANTED—A good willing boy, about 15 years old, for general work. Also girl to do family ironing. Apply at MILFORD HARD LAUNDRY, Centre Square, Milford, Pa.

Opposes Change of Name
Bishop Ethelbert Talbot in his opening address before the annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania held at Carbondale this week said: "I am of the opinion that a change of name of our official title at the present time would be inexpedient. Even if at the next general convention an affirmative resolution leading to a change could be carried it would evidently be done at a sacrifice of feeling not justified by the results to be gained, and would inevitably leave a large minority of our people aggrieved and saddened."

The proposition to change has been brought up by those who have pronounced ritualistic tendencies in the church and who desire that the word Protestant be eliminated from the name.

Gubernatorial Poetry
Up beyond Reading, halfway to the top of Mount Penn, is a little road house which has more than a local reputation for good cheer in the way of drinkables. While a candidate Governor Pennypacker was introduced to this charming retreat kept by a German and so entranced was he by the view and other visions that according to the Philadelphia Press "he made up some verses out of his head" and here they are:

Though steep the climb,
Though road be lost,
The wine is good
In Kuechler's roost.
—S. W. Pennypacker.

Proposed Trolley Roads
The Stroudsburg and Wind Gap street Railway Company has two lines under way to build from Wind Gap, one route is by way of the Delaware Water Gap so as to reach the Gap with a spur and the other is by way of Lake Pocono and Scioto.

It is reported also that a syndicate proposes to build a line from Stroudsburg, which in connection with the other would make a continuous line from Stroudsburg to Philadelphia by way of Easton. All our hands are up for one to lead from here to somewhere.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Ixative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 50c.

RAYMONDSKILL FALLS

One of the Most Picturesque Spots in This Region Famed for Waterfalls

The description of Raymondskill Falls which follows is from the pen of the well known writer, Edmund Clarence Stedman, and was written many years ago for the Aldine. The photograph from which the cut is made was taken by J. A. Myer and is one of the best, if not the best, view of these beautiful falls ever taken:

How often, entering beautiful Milford, and having left the clutter and turmoil of the great city but four hours' ride behind me, have I thought of Gaspar Becerra's lesson, "That is best which is nearest!" We go, looking after brook-foam, tree-bloom and bird-song, far off to the New Hampshire Hills, the North Woods, or the thousand St. Lawrence isles, when Nature, in her most frolic and coquettish mood, is hid-

—here and there, and everywhere—being as any lumberman will tell you, while he sits at lunch upon the half-sawn log, "of no 'count round here, and a natural product of the site." The Cockney tourist, whose first inquiry on landing at New York is, "Have you any catarracts near by?" is guided to Trenton Falls, or Watkins' Glen, when he might so easily reach Milford, just off the line of travel, and satisfy to the full his

"hunger for the living wood, The laurelet crags, the hemlocks hanging wide, The rushing stream that will not be withheld, Bound forward to wed him with the river's tide."

Close against the mountain-wall is built the valley turnpike, a natural "Macadam," for the shale thrown upon it from the roadside, packs down as hard and even as a mosaic floor. Far above rise the oak, maple and chestnut, birch and pine, and at intervals of every league, I say, dark gaps open like doorways in the



THE RAYMONDSKILL FALLS

den, like Fair Rosamond, awaiting her lover in a labyrinth that he may reach between a summer-day morn and noon. More than one poet, to be sure, and artists like him to whose exquisite drawings my words are but a dingy setting, have been her favorites, and possess the key to this forest-olde, and the clue that leads to her inmost covert. They will not refuse to welcome other gentile spirits to the woods and waters that so long have been their haunt.

Pike County—was ever a tract of beauty christened by rude sponsors with a more heathenish name—is a rugged, natural park, which forms the northeastern corner of Pennsylvania, divided by the upper Delaware from New York and New Jersey on the hither side. By some uncommon fortune, the Erie Railroad, that passes through Port Jervis, has put forth an antenna toward Milford, which still lies unperturbed and secluded, one hour's stage ride below, crowning a plateau beside the river, and everywhere guarded by the Pike County hills. From the northern border to the famous Water Gap, forty miles south, stretches a gigantic ridge, compact of slate and shale, overhanging the rich meadow-banks of the Delaware, and fringed with pine and fir. Standing on its crest, you see the checkered fields of wheat and corn, through which the river winds afar, and can almost hear the song of the jolly raftsmen, whose annual cruise from head water to ocean-port I have so often longed to follow. Along the romantic valley are cliffs of wildest, craggiest forms, and streams as virginal as when they were the Indian maiden's bath and mirror. They tumble over the great bluffs into the lowland and the welcoming river, even at their own wild will. Shut in with woods and buttressed with mighty walls of rock, are cascades lovely as any in the world—almost peerless in grace and variety of feature. These, too, by the score

billside, through which the trout streams—that here are brooks and kills, but which would be rivers in New England, and soiled, in the judgment of anglers, poets, and painters, with all ignoble use—are plunging, as yet, unstained and free. A land of streams:

"Some, like a downward smoke,
Slow-dropping veils of thinnest lawn,
did go;
And some through wavering lights and shadows broke,
Rolling a slumb'rous sheet of foam below."

But there is no swooning of the languid air, and no seeming always afternoon. It is a Morning Land, with every cliff facing the rising sun. The mist and languor are in grain-fields far below; the hills themselves are of the richest, darkest green; the skies are blue and fiery; the air is crisp, transparent, oxygenated, American; it is no place for lotus-eating, but for drinking water of the fountain of youth, till one feels the zest and thrill of a new life that is not unrefined, yet as fresh as may be from the lethargy of mere repose.

The speckled trout of this region though not so large as their Long Island kindred, are more in number; growing in weight as the fisher wanders down the current, and leaping at his fly with a lusty mountain vigor—a spring like the quiver of a sword blade. Fishing in the pre-arranged brooks and ponds of the lowlands will do to furnish one's larder but you cannot feed anglers so! I would as lief shoot a farmer's ducks in the barnyard and fancy it sport. Give me a highland mountain trout—

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Made Young Again
"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again," writes D. H. Turner of Dempsietown, Pa. They are the best in the world for liver, stomach and bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c. at all drug stores.

Quick Arrest
J. A. Gullodge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing twenty-four tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It cures quack aches and kills pain. 50c. at all drug stores.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

All is not gold that glitters, neither is every hayseed a fool. E. T. Riviere went to the city yesterday morning.

The Judge Townsend cottage on upper Harford street is open for the summer.

Dynamite seems to be the anarchist's weapon. Only a week ago some devil in human form tried to ship an infernal machine on board of an ocean liner. What would have been the result if the thing got aboard and exploded? Hanging is too good for a scoundrel guilty of such an offense.

Labor still has progress tied up in several large cities. Pretty soon capital will retaliate and then—

Crissy Lebbe will leave his farm in Milford township and go to the city next week, where he has accrued a position.

The much longed for rain is a good while a coming.

How about that Fourth of July celebration? It will soon be time to talk it up.

The Port Jarvis Gazette comes out this week printed with new type. Biz must be improving up there.

A number of strange faces are seen on our streets daily. There are more coming.

Montague let fly at Milford fishermen in Tuesday's Gazette. Well both parties claim, but only one can be in the right. The middle is unfortunate for the fishermen, but lucky for the shad.

Old farmers tell us that the cider crop will be a failure this season. The supply was more than full last year but has been used up.

Tomorrow the Catharine street schoolhouse, dear to some, will be sold to somebody if it brings enough.

Memorial service in the M. E. church next Sunday evening. All three of the borough pastors will participate. The M. E. church should be filled to overflowing.

The Delaware bridge is being overhauled, work is progressing finely on the bridge abutments near the Hamilton farm and maybe before snow flies again the Mott street bridge will be replaced by a new one.

Real Estate Transfers
Mary J. Aken to Albert Wadley, 75 acres, Delaware, \$1.

Mary J. Aken to Albert Wadley, part of John Tittermary, No. 263, Greene, 115 acres, \$1.

Antoinette Whitaker to Henry H. B. Hazen, lot 375, Matamoras, \$1.

Autoni Podlaski and others to Annie Rabigo, 25 acres, Blooming Grove, consideration payment of dower to widow.

Hugh Mullanig to Abraham R. Tallman, 353 acres, part of William Smith No. 183, 150 acres; 133 acres, part of Samuel Ganzsaher, Dingman, \$3000.

Abram R. Tallman to David S. Eoglian, conveys same as above, \$1. J. B. Westbrock, treasurer, to County of Pike, 109 acres, Porter, Charles Boyd, No. 27, tax.

County Commissioners to E. T. Riviere, same lands, taxes.

Martha Helms to Sarah Davis, parts of lots 683, 670, on High street, \$300.

B. C. Totten to Nicholas Walsh, lot 240, 1/2 of lot 144, Matamoras, \$1500.

Decoration Day New York Excursion
Saturday, May 30th, the Erie will give the people of Milford and vicinity a grand opportunity to visit Greater New York at the low rate of one dollar for the round trip. Special train leaving Port Jarvis at 7 a. m., arriving in the city at 10 a. m. Returning special train will leave West 32nd street at 7.35 p. m., Chambers street at 7.45 p. m. and Jersey City at 8 p. m., allowing over nine hours in which to take in any of the many seaside resorts in and about Greater New York, many of which have their opening days on Decoration Day. There will also be base ball both morning and evening between the Boston and now famous New York's at Polo Grounds. Remember the rate only one dollar for the round trip and that the special train leaves Port Jarvis at 7 a. m. May 30th. St

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