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WASHINGTON LETTER.

New and Comments From Our Correspondent at National Capital.

As the time approaches for the assembling of the great nominating conventions, the political situation becomes more interesting, and some of the expected changes are noticed.

The Cabinet Ministers who have been west and east are returning and reporting at the White House. They bring good news and are satisfied with the situation. Secretary Hitchcock is back from St. Louis; and Secretary Cortelyou has returned from a tour of inspection in and around New York. The question of who should be of the republican ticket for vice president will be left for the Chicago convention to determine. A Representative from Indiana, who called at the White House Monday, in favor of the president while Senator Fairbanks will not strive for the nomination, he will not decline it if it comes to him as the voluntary wish of the party. Also, Congressman Hepburn of Iowa, also saw the President yesterday. He says that Speaker Cannon under no circumstances will consent to become vice president. Little is now said regarding Mr. Hitt for that office.

On a question which it was thought would occupy a subordinate place in the coming campaign is rapidly coming to the front owing to a variety of unexpected circumstances, and that is the Philippine. The recent decision of the supreme court handed down last Monday, that not even American citizens if they happen to reside in the Philippine Islands are entitled to a trial by jury, together with the vigorous dissent of Mr. Justice Harlan, attracted wide attention. It has long been an open political secret that the anti-imperialists will support the party which denounces imperialism and promises freedom and self-government to the Filipinos. This the Maryland Democracy, inspired by the fist of Senator Gorman has done. In a few days a large Philippine Commission will arrive in Washington and be entertained at luncheon by the President, as well as by the business men of the city. No political speeches may be made, but from June 15 to the Filipinos will be the guest of the New York Stock Exchange, with a big banquet at Delmonico's. The editor of the Manila Times in Washington, to urge free trade. He thinks the people of the Islands will be glad to come into the Union as a Territory, with the privileges of citizenship. All these matters are somewhat perplexing and indicate that there must be a modification of policy. But the republicans are always equal to the situation and will hardly stand by and allow themselves to be out bid by the opposition.

As republicans look at the democratic situation it appears to be full of complications and possibilities. Thus far Judge Parker has 194 delegates; 220 are instructed; Hearst has 90; while the states of Mass., Wis., Md., and Nebraska have favorable sons. The democratic state platforms run through the whole scale, from the platitudes of the New York, to the radical statements of Nebraska and Maryland. One represents the silent Parker, the other the open-mouthed Gorman and Bryan. The question is whether to put a conservative man on a radical platform, or vice versa. We give it up.

Handsome, wealthy, and young Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati, who was often seen in the company of Miss Alice Roosevelt when Congress was in session in this city, is happily in St. Louis at the

same time of Miss Roosevelt's visit. He told the women of the Exposition city that "it is a singular thing that it is your sex and not mine that showed such an interest in Miss Roosevelt. I am sure she dislikes it very much." Of course, Mr. Longworth ought to know. To escape the snap shot fiend while in that city, Miss Roosevelt wore a heavy veil completely covering her face. Even then she was "taken," veil and all, and her picture appeared on the first page of the principal newspapers.

It is known that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has been engaged for some time in the formidable task of reorganizing the rural free delivery in order to be ready for the new arrangements provided by law which go into operation on the first of July. The number of divisions is to be reduced from eight to six; rural agents are to be employed; and the new schedule of salaries will take effect. The department will not be able to do as much for the clerks as it intended, since for the coming fiscal year the amount appropriated for the increase of salaries is but half a million of dollars while for the current year the amount was one million and two hundred thousand dollars. Of clerks employed in the postal service who receive more than \$1,400 a year, of whom there are more than 600, only 40 can be promoted. Of those who receive less than \$1,400 only about 30 per cent of those who have been recommended for promotion will be made happy. And yet, the democrats, in their state platforms, love to harp upon the extravagance of the republicans in voting away the public money.

Tripper Family Reunion.

At the home of Capt. and Mrs. Wm. Tripper in the east part of town last Thursday was held one of those pleasant affairs known as family reunions. The Captain and his good wife had the gratification of entertaining all their children except one, Miss Rose, who is teaching in the east part of the county and could not be here. Those present from out of town were: J. H. Brown and family of Laclede; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Tripper and little daughter, of College Mound; Dr. and Mrs. Bert Tripper, of Brown-ing.—Bulletin.

Worst of All Experiences.

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years" she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered." For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. Its guaranteed by J. H. Brown Druggist.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Laclede June 1 which if not called for in thirty days will be sent to the dead letter office: J. Dudley Brown, Joshira Childress, Mr. J. W. Johnson, Mr. Lewis Higgins, Mrs. Mamie Miller, L. O. Nigus, Mrs. Lillie Peer, 2; Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Eliza Stoddard, Mrs. Addie Woodward, N. E. Wellman, Mrs. S. A. Wilson, W. M. Owensworth. In calling for any of the above, please say they have been advertised.

A. J. CAYWOOD, P. M.

Go South.

Farm values are cheap—manufacturing opportunities unprecedented. Write Jno. H. Beall, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Mobile and Ohio Railroad, St. Louis, Mo., and he will put you in touch.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

Jacob Shirey's residence looks very neat in its new coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Edwards returned to their home at Marceline Tuesday after a pleasant visit of several days with relatives here and at Linneus.

Dr. Fawcette's old house is being moved to its new location today. Carothers Bros., are already at work getting out the window and door frames for the new house.

Attention is directed to the abstract advertisement of Charles Petts, of Brookfield, in THE BLADE today. Mr. Petts can furnish a complete and correct abstract of every piece of real estate in Linn county.

S. J. Merchant, township clerk, and E. K. Welsh were at Linneus Monday laboring with the county court to get that body to order a new bridge built in the southwest corner of Jefferson township.

Geo. M. Cassidy's friends are glad to see him out again after a severe spell of sickness. He says he now feels better than any time in five years. He and Mrs. Cassidy will leave next Tuesday on a trip to Oklahoma.

From his announcement in THE BLADE today it will be seen that Dr. Stephenson, the eminent eye and ear specialist will be in Laclede one week from next Wednesday, June 25. Those needing his services should remember the date and call and see him.

Regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen Saturday night. It is important that every member who can attend this meeting. The question of repairing and making important changes in the Woodmen building will come up for immediate action and a full attendance is desired.

Advertising car No 2 came in Thursday and rebilled the town and surrounding county for the Pan-American Shows that are to exhibit here next Wednesday. They have fine paper and use it freely. It is the only big show the people of Linn county will get an opportunity to attend this year.

The P. E. O. sisters were delightfully entertained at the pleasant home of Miss Grace Wilson on the evening of June 8. A fine musical program had been prepared which was very much enjoyed by all, as were the delicious refreshments served by the hostess. Each member saying how much she enjoyed the evening and wishing for more such gathering.

Tom Shohoney, who is well known in Laclede, lost a foot in a railroad accident on Friday of last week. He was switching in the O. K. yards at Milan where he had been at work for the past few months. In making a coupling he attempted to kick the link in and his foot was caught between the drawheads and mashed so badly that it had to be amputated just above the ankle joint.

Thompson Bros. of Illinois, have bought the Carter stock of goods at Boomer, Mr. Carter moving to Brookfield. The Thompsons brought some goods with them from Illinois and bought new goods until they now have a \$2,500 stock. C. C. Armstrong is still postmaster at Boomer. He resigned several months ago but there is no applicant for the place and he can't get loose from the job.

There is a Smart Alex in nearly every crowd that gets together. There was one in a crowd of Brookfield people going a fishing last Thursday. The hack stopped in the east part of town and a sapient youth asked a man standing out in his yard if this

was Laclede or Chicago. The gentleman answered that he didn't know about that but he was pretty certain that part of asylum No. 2 was in the street before him.

Laclede is to have a real show—a big circus and menagerie—with a full grown street parade, big white tents, big elephants and fine horses. The Great Pan-American Shows will be here next Wednesday, June 15. A big free street parade at 10 o'clock. The Pan-American is one of the biggest and best shows on the road and is the only one of the large circuses that will visit this part of Missouri this season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Humphrey, who have been here the past month visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. Wm. Mize, like Laclede so well they have decided to make their home here. Wednesday they purchased Mrs. W. A. Brown's residence in North Laclede at \$1125, and on the same day bought the R. J. Wheeler eighty a mile northwest of town, known as the Paddy Lyons' place, at \$35 per acre. Both sales were made through Silas Thompson, real estate agent. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey will visit relatives in Illinois and after attending the World's Fair go to their home in Los Angeles, Cal., and return to Laclede about September 1 to make this their future home.

Postmaster Whiteman Dead.

Postmaster J. Whiteman, of Marceline, died on Thursday night of last week after a brief illness of gastritis. He was 53 years of age and was serving his second term as postmaster. He was a good official, an honorable and esteemed citizen whose death is deeply mourned.

Startling Evidence.

Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds to be unequalled. A recent expression from T. J. McFarland Bentorville, Va. serves as example. He writes: "I had bronchitis for three years and doctored all the time without being benefited. Then I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles wholly cured me." Equally effective in curing all Lung and Throat troubles Copsuntion, Pneumonia and Grip. Guaranteed by J. H. Brown Druggist. Trial bottles free, regular sizes 50c, and \$1.00.

Cheap Rates to St. Louis.

On June 13, 20 and 27 the Burlington will sell round trip tickets from Laclede to St. Louis at \$5. Good returning seven days from date of sale. F. F. PRATT, Agent.

That Tired Feeling.

If you are languid, depressed and incapable for work, it indicates that your liver is out of order. Herbine will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J. J. Hubbard, Temple, Texas, writes, March 22, 1902: "I have used Herbine for the past two years. It has done me more good than all the doctors. When I feel bad and have that tired feeling, I take a dose of Herbine. It is the best medicine ever made for chills and fever." 50c a bottle. Sold by Dr. J. T. Stephenson.

Notice To Hunters.

All persons caught hunting, trespassing or cutting bee trees on our lands will be prosecuted. Take warning.

TURNER & ATWOOD.
Z. T. STANDLY.
GEO. W. ANDERSON.
PETER SMITH.
WM. L. SINSENTAFFAR
SINSENTAFFAR BROS.
MOSES FIFIELD.
J. W. FORSYTH.
BREWER & SON.
RICHARD PARKER.

POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE WEDDED.

Mr. Fred Weaver and Miss Hettie J. Mouser Married Tuesday Evening.

At the pretty country home of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Harter, on last Tuesday evening, June 7, occurred the marriage of Miss Hettie Mouser, sister of Mrs. Harter, to Mr. Fred Weaver, in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few new friends. The ceremony was by Rev. E. L. Robison, pastor of the Laclede M. E. church, who, with impressive earnestness, spoke the magic words which binds two loving hearts together for all time.

The wedding march was played by Miss Hattie Sparrow, of St. Louis, cousin of the bride. The house decorations were roses and ferns.

The fair young bride was attired in white brillantine, accordion plaited, and wore a handsome bouquet of bride's roses. The groom conformed to the usual custom and appeared in black.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper was served. The newly married pair, accompanied by J. L. Mouser and Miss Hattie Sparrow, brother and cousin of the bride, left on the 12:40 train that night for St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver will spend several days in the city visiting relatives and attending the World's Fair after which they will return to Laclede and take up their residence in the Toothaker purchased which Mr. Weaver recently purchased.

These are two of Laclede's best young people and have the congratulations and best wishes of their very large circle of friends.

County Convention in Laclede.

The republican county central committee met at Linneus last Monday and decided on Tuesday, July 5, as the date for holding the county convention to select delegates to the state nominating convention to be held at St. Joseph on July 27. Laclede was selected as the place for holding the convention. According to the basis of representation which was fixed at one delegate for every 25 votes cast for Judge Higbee in 1902, there will be 100 delegates in the convention.

M. E. Church Notes.

Sunday School 9:45. a. m.
Preaching 11. a. m.
Epworth League 7 p. m. Subject—"Conditions of Christian Decipleship" Miss Eva Ormsby, leader.
The ladies' Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. W. H. Wood next Wednesday afternoon.

Children's Day Exercises Sunday evening, June 12. A good program is being prepared. Come and bring your friends.

Under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society, Miss Jane Polson, of Chicago, accompanied by Miss Grace Wilson and others, will give a music recital in the M. E. church Friday evening, June 17. Admission 25 cents.

That Throbbing Headache.

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headaches. They make pure blood and build up your health. Only 25 cents, money back if not cured. Sold by J. H. Brown, Druggist.

Expression of Gratitude.

We desire to express our gratitude to the kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our dear beloved father and grandfather.

CHILDREN and GRAND CHILDREN of Wm. Leavy.