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WASHINGTON LETER.

From our regular correspondent.

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The same interests, the sugar and tobacco trusts, which made Mr. McKinley turn such a sudden summersault on the Porto Rican tariff question are now working to make him nullify the provisions of the Foraker act. That act provided that whenever the legislature of Porto Rico notifies the president of the United States that a system of internal taxation has been put into effect that would meet the expenses of the government of the island, the president should issue a proclamation declaring free trade with Porto Rico, and that in any event the tariff on Porto Rican products should cease to exist March 1, 1902. An extra session of the Porto Rican legislature has been called to meet July 5, for the purpose of giving the president the notification provided for in the Foraker act and requesting him to issue a proclamation declaring free trade. This the trust interests are working to prevent on the pretended ground that the system of internal taxation provided by the legislature of Porto Rico will not provide the necessary revenue, but in reality because they intend to prevent free trade between Porto Rico and the United States, if they can. Their plan is to compel Mr. McKinley to decline to issue a free trade proclamation, and then to get Congress to amend the Foraker act, extending the tariff on Porto Rican products, before it expires by limitation. It is difficult to say what the result will be. Mr. McKinley wants free trade with Porto Rico, as he did when he sent his annual message to the last Congress, but the trusts compelled him to eat his words and do their bidding then and they may be able to do so again.

Russia is hitting back at this government, which the short-sighted policy of the administration has involved in a tariff war. First, the Russian duty on American machinery was raised and now the duty on American resin and bicycles goes up a notch. When it is remembered that what we buy of Russia is not a drop in the bucket compared with what we sell her, the silliness of a system of tariff retaliation between the two countries is apparent. It is certain that this policy will not result in extending our foreign markets, an object that Mr. McKinley constantly professes to keep in view.

Secretary Gage has just ordered a countervailing duty placed on sugar from Italy—to the benefit of the sugar trust. The industrial commission has received numbers of affidavits concerning the Standard Oil trust, which will be printed in its permanent report. Following is an extract from one made by F. S. Monett, former attorney general of Ohio: "Campaigns come and go, commissions investigate and legislatures meet and adjourn, magazine articles are written and read, and yet, through their monopolistic and criminal exactions, the Standard Oil combination of transportation and distribution thereof levy upon the owner of the oil rock and exact from the consumer of the refined oil and its by-products an unnatural profit. The public is its victim; the little band of law-violators owning the controlling shares are the beneficiaries of the plunder. The public for a short time stands aghast at their very boldness and defiance. The government alone can check their abuses."

Senator Jones, chairman of the democratic national committee, was in Washington all last week. He talked freely of the political outlook, but said he made no pretense of representing anybody but himself. He thinks that the next session of congress will devote a good deal of time to the Philippine question with which the supreme court has said congress alone has power to deal, and that out of the discussion will grow the principal issue of next year's campaign. "Ought the constitution to follow the flag?" Senator Jones says the democrats will take the stand that we should not control any people who are not considered good enough to enjoy all the rights and privileges of American citizens; that we should assist the Filipinos to set up an independent government, notify the powers that we will brook no interference with it, and then withdraw our flag from the Philippines, but he believes that a majority of the republicans will stand by the administration and its program of holding the islands for the money that can be made out of them. He said the democrats would fight the ship subsidy bill, which he expects to see pushed to the front again just as hard as ever; that he doubted whether Babcock's much talked of anti-tariff bill would ever get out of the house ways and means committee, and rather expected

the order of the trans-continental railroad bosses, to smother Nicaragua canal legislation, to be observed by the republican leaders.

Congressman Clayton, of Alabama, who has just returned from a visit to the constitutional convention now sitting in that state, says the elimination of the negro vote is certain. As to the effect upon the state, he said: "I have seen it stated that with the elimination of the negro vote some of the states in the south will go republican. This is certainly not true of Alabama. It has not been true of Mississippi, Louisiana or South Carolina. Alabama will remain a democratic state."

Of the republican threat to reduce southern representation in congress and in the electoral college, Mr. Clayton said he had no fear. He called attention to the fact that Massachusetts had had a limited suffrage for many years, and Rhode Island had always had such a constitution, and no suggestion had ever been made to reduce their representation.

Manley

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Mr. P. Hayes of Elmwood is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. John Murphy.

Wm. Sheehan has just completed a fine new barn on his farm east of Manley. A temporary floor of polished boards was laid over the permanent one and a dance given the neighbors Monday night.

Arthur Ward entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening at his home east of Manley, the occasion being his twenty-first birthday. The evening passed very quickly and pleasantly, with music, games and conversation. The Grand Prairie school three miles west of Manley closed with a picnic in Mr. Frank Stander's grove last Sunday. Dinner at one o'clock and ice cream and cake later on in the afternoon, were served to the children and a genuine good time was enjoyed by all.

Strawberries have been extremely plentiful in this part of the country all during the season. Fred Rome's patch of strawberries yielded between six and seven hundred quarts and still the supply is not exhausted.

Raspberries and blackberries promise to be plentiful, but the apple crop is short.

John Tighe went to Omaha Wednesday to meet his daughters Bessie and Theresa and his niece Catherine Murphy, on their way home from St. Clare's Academy, Sinsinawa Mound Wisconsin, where they have been at school the past year. All three young ladies won high honors. Misses Bessie and Theresa the laurels bestowed upon the Sub-graduating class, and Miss Catherine the gold medal for department in the Junior division.

Theodore Hanns made a brief business trip to Omaha Tuesday morning. A surprise party was given Clara and Clyde Jenkins, by a few friends and school mates Wednesday afternoon; it was a genuine surprise to the little people, and a very pleasant time is reported.

Farmers are making great progress in the cultivation of their corn, the prevailing high winds are the one drawback. Winter wheat has ripened rapidly within the last few days, and the noise of the reaper is heard over the land.

Only for the cutting of grain, a good rain would be welcome.

Murray

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Tommy Fulton, the Maple Grove blacksmith, took the train Sunday for Council Bluffs.

Chas. Boedeker, H. G. Todd, Charles Philpot and Rob't Young each shipped out a fine drove of fat cattle for the South Omaha market recently.

J. M. Stone, the Nebraska capitalist, was in town Saturday.

Nelson Nutzman and wife of Avoca spent Tuesday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Nich Klaurens.

Walker & Pittman have put a six-horse power gasoline engine into their elevator to supplant horses formerly used.

The new firm of Root & Baker will begin business in the hardware line.

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the first of July, at E. A. Burton's old stand.

Miss Margie Walker spent Sunday with friends in Omaha.

Mr. Sias of Lincoln, an elocutionist of renown, will entertain the people next Monday evening at the Christian church.

The grand and glorious Fourth of July will be properly celebrated at Young's Park, a mile east of Murray. Everything in the line of amusements has been arranged for, and a grand, good time is anticipated.

Miss Hervey of Omaha was a visitor with Mrs. Walker Saturday.

Horace Manners has completed the addition to his barber shop, and has two ample rooms which to display his tonsorial arts.

Grandpa Root of Weeping Water is spending few days with John Edmunds and family.

Peter Klaurens of Union was in town Monday.

We understand from good authority that F. W. Crosser, present postmaster at this place, is to be a candidate for the office of county recorder on the republican ticket. While Mr. Crosser was born and raised in the vicinity of Murray, and has a good clean record for honor and integrity, from boyhood up, yet this political faith-born for generations past, is against him.

Louisville

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

H. E. Brown and wife attended the Belstadt concert in Omaha Sunday.

Uncle Joe Schoeman has purchased the residence property of James Johnson, and will move his family to this city in the near future.

At the regular school election here last Monday Jesse Livingston and E. C. Twiss were selected as the ones to act as directors, in place of C. E. Noyes and Dr. Hasemeier, whose terms had expired.

F. Wegener shipped three carloads of fat cattle to the South Omaha market last Monday. Mr. Wegener has for years been recognized as one of the leading stockmen of his region. He recently invested in a large ranch in western Nebraska, which he will stock with high grade cattle.

Jim Terryberry and Percy Agnew went over to Glenwood last Friday to attend a shooting-match—which was participated in by some of the best marksmen in the country. Terryberry proved himself able to go in a high class by copping out money in each and every event in which he entered.

The Trans-Mississippi Concert company have been performing todelight audiences every evening this week. This company has proven itself the cleanest and most successful in its line of any that has ever visited here.

The Greenwood and Louisville ball teams met on the local diamond last Saturday afternoon, and struggled for nine innings through the heat and dust. When the dust cleared away it was found that the visiting team had won by a margin of two runs—the score being 10 to 8. The same teams will meet again at Greenwood Saturday, when it is expected that the fur will fly.

Wants Damages.

A dispatch from Beatrice to the Lincoln Journal says: "Dr. Dearing, ex-superintendent of the institute for the feeble minded youth here, has filed a petition in district court against B. F. Lang and the Fidelity company, asking damages in the sum of \$650 for loss of salary, attorney's fees and costs in an injunction case brought by Lang to maintain his position as superintendent of the institute after he had been asked to vacate the position and turn it over to Dr. Dearing. George A. Murphy appears as attorney for Dr. Dearing."

PLATTSMOUTH PHONE ACTIVITY.

The Plattsmouth Telephone Co. has a force of men busily engaged setting poles on the streets. They will wire this city and put in the exchange here first, unload the material for the toll line at this point and work back to connect with their line at Greenwood.

Messrs T. H. Pollock and T. H. Ewing, of the head offices, have been here this week, mapping out the installation work and seeing to its execution.—Havelock Times.

George J. Stohlman of Louisville precinct was in town Thursday and on the Journal. He said he expected to begin harvesting his twenty-five acres of winter wheat today. Appearances indicate a good crop of fair quality. He says the hot weather is booming the growth of corn—and enabling the farmers to kill the weeds,

HOLMES THE CRIMINAL ESCAPES.

Leaps From Flying Train, Hand-cuffed—A Daring Act of Desperation.

The story of the week, locally, is that of the sensational and dare-devil means of eluding the clutches of the law, successfully taken by C. E. Holmes, in plunging headforemost, hand-cuffed and almost helpless, through the car window of Burlington flyer, No. 5, running at the rate of 40 miles an hour, two miles west of Albia, Iowa, late Tuesday night.

Holmes, in custody of Sheriff Wheeler, was being brought back from Chicago on extradition to answer the charges of perjury and grand larceny. That from 14 to 15 years hard labor in the penitentiary stared him in the face, Holmes well knew, and to one who enjoys freedom and the fruits of ill-gotten gain as well as he, even death seemed preferable to such a fate.

In fact, his friends declared he would suicide rather than serve out a penal sentence. This frame of mind offers the only explanation of an act, the desperate extremity of which almost exceeds the pale of comprehension, and for the very reason entirely excuses, if, indeed, excuse be necessary—Sheriff Wheeler in the minds of all rational men.

The graphic description of Holmes' escape given by the sheriff and the conductor of the train is well worth the telling. The train had left Albia, and was speeding upon a down grade. It is the testimony of the engineer himself that he was making a round 40-mile clip, when the air-brakes jerked his engine back upon its haunches. Holmes sat by the open window, his arm in the sash, apparently reading from a paper held in his manacled hands, before his face. Immediately in front, and facing him, sat Sheriff Wheeler.

The conductor had just passed the officer and his prisoner, and paused for a moment at the water tank, when suddenly, swift as the leap of a flying fish, Holmes raised himself on his elbow, and dove headforemost through the window, his heels clacking the sides with a resounding thump as they whisked out of sight.

Quick as was the prisoner, Sheriff Wheeler was none the less so, but his clutch on the bottom of Holmes' trousers was insufficient to stay the course of the prisoner's body. Yet in that brief moment the officer might have shot his prisoner dead, but a natural instinct of human feeling prevented. It would have been like clubbing a drowning man. Without a moment's hesitation, however, the officer pulled the air cord, and before the train came to a stop, jumped down and ran back along the track with no other expectation than of finding the mangled remains of his late charge.

Luckily for Holmes he struck in the soft bed of a wide fill, cushioned by a dense growth of weeds. Had he alighted fifty feet further along, he would have shot down a 75-foot embankment, and this story would have had a different conclusion.

Wheeler had no difficulty in finding the place, but of his man

there was not the slightest trace, other than the newspaper he had been reading, and a pencil which he had borrowed of the sheriff. He had disappeared completely and the steep, rugged hills over-run with scrub growths failed to offer the slightest clue to the direction of his going.

All that night and all of the next day posses under the direction of sheriffs, deputies and constables scoured the hills, searched the innumerable coal mines and prospect holes, and communicated with all the towns for miles around, but in vain. The prisoner remained at large, and Sheriff Wheeler, after liberally posting rewards, returned Thursday morning.

Chagrined though the officer may be he should yet appreciate that everyone understands that he it in nowise to blame. Indeed, he acted with carefulness, celerity and good judgment. Such accidents are likely to happen under any circumstances and conditions, and to any man in the same position. And although Holmes may be at large, he is too thoroughly well known and too much wanted to remain at liberty long.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Gun club will have a shooting match next Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Elag Parmele leaves for California next week, to be gone on a visit for three months.

Mrs. Isabel Richey of this city has been chosen vice president for Nebraska of the Association of Western Writers, at its late meeting at Warsaw, Indiana.

The "Boston Bloomers" baseball aggregation, which was advertised to be here and play an engagement with the local team Thursday afternoon, failed to appear.

Mesdames Wise and Elson entertained a number of the ladies at the home of Mrs. Elson Thursday afternoon, the occasion being the joint anniversary of the two hostesses.

The Big Muddy shows signs of getting over its tantrum, and is subsiding within its ordinary banks. Its overflow was less than nine feet, and only continued about a week.

A very nicely arranged garden party was given Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Spurlock. A large company was present, and much enjoyment was evolved.

Five year old Helen Hunter, residing with her parents four miles south of here suffered the misfortune to break the humerus of the right arm in a fall from a porch one day this week.

A very select party of sixteen fishermen went up to Busche's lake on Cedar Creek, last Sunday, and tried to break the Sabbath by catching bull-heads and catfish. Several of them succeeded admirably.

The band gave another of its weekly concerts Thursday evening at the corner of Main and Third Sts. It is estimated that two thousand people came out to hear the music—including many from the country.

Mrs. B. Elson and Mrs. J. N. Wise, whose birth-days occur the same day, gave a "Rose Luncheon" to some fifty of their lady friends at the former's spacious home, Thursday afternoon. It was a most delightful affair.

George Walker of Avoca is in jail for having broken into Marquardt & Co.'s store for the purpose of robbery Wednesday night. He was caught in the store, before he had stolen anything. Reports indicate that he is a bad egg.

The last touches of the painter's brush are being put on the new Gund building, and it is now practically complete throughout. The building is probably the best brick structure in the city. It makes a very striking appearance, with its walls of cream-colored brick, ornamented by a dark green shading.

Claus Brekenfeld, until recently manager of the Louisville mill, is organizing a milling company at Mardock and expects to put up a mill and manage it at that place. He is a good mechanic, a fine miller, is sober, industrious, careful, and a thorough gen-

tleman, and it is hoped he will succeed in his efforts.

The Ebinger Hardware company has just received a large shipment of the celebrated haying tools. Any farmer who has ever used these implements or seen them work will be satisfied with no other. If they are new to you, step in and examine them at the Ebinger store.

The new fish law will be apt to put a quietus on much of the sport of fishing in the Sarpy county lakes by parties of Plattsmouth fishermen. The law goes into effect July 1st. It is a very stringent measure, requiring all non-residents of counties to take out a licence before being permitted to fish in the waters thereof, under penalties that are quite severe. Those who delight in piscatorial pursuits would better take their revenge out of that law and its makers by going to Minnesota to fish.

NEW ENTRIES.

Since mentioning the possible candidates for county offices on the republican ticket, two new aspirants have appeared on the scene of action. L. A. Tyson, druggist at Elmwood, has entered the contest for the nomination for county clerk, and J. P. Ellis, Missouri Pacific agent at Louisville, would like the nomination for recorder. Plattsmouth News.

According to the News it might readily be inferred that any other republican in the county is "aspiring" to the distinction of offering himself a willing sacrifice before the convention.

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LIST OF LETTERS

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