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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)
Washington, Jan. 25, 1903.

"I shall never yield on the Statehood bill until it has been voted on by the Senate," said Senator Quay to-day in answer to an inquiry made by your correspondent. "The Statehood bill shall not pass even though a special session of Congress is necessitated by the methods we are compelled to adopt to defeat it," said Senator Hanna, when an inquiry was put to him and the remarks of the two men illustrate the present situation in the Senate. Under the rules of the Senate it is impossible to secure a vote on any measure as long as anyone desires to debate the question. Senator Quay has by a test vote, demonstrated that seventeen republicans and practically all the democrats will vote for statehood. This has placed the opposition, which includes the men recognized as leaders of the republican party, in the position of filibusterers attempting to talk to death a measure favored by the majority of the Senate and they accept the charge and assert their intention of continuing filibustering and their belief that they are warranted in so doing.

Senator Hansbrough, who is an ardent advocate of statehood, said to-day, "The republicans who support the Statehood bill are acting in accordance with their belief. They feel bound by the pledge of the party platform and reasons, which are convincing to everyone who will take the trouble to investigate them that statehood should be granted to the territories. It is the opposition that is filibustering and preventing other legislation. We are ready for a vote and a vote would dispose of the measure in accordance with the will of the majority. The attempt of the leaders is contrary to the principles of government. They are endeavoring to make the minority rule. Every republican who favors statehood feels that he has good company. Sixteen other republicans think and feel as he does. There is no anti-trust bill before the Senate now. When there is it will become the certain duty of the leaders to permit a vote on the Statehood bill."

The Administration anti-trust bill is now before the House. It has been carefully framed by the members of a sub-committee and the Attorney General and is drawn upon lines dictated by the experience of the latter who has found the Sherman Law deficient and has framed the present measure to supply its deficiencies. The proposed law is not drastic and contains no provision capable of inflicting the slightest injury on any corporation doing a legitimate business. It merely prohibits those discriminations which have, in the past, served to build up huge monopolies and provides the government the means for enforcing the law. It is the ardent hope of the President that the bill may become a law, a wish which is evidently seconded by the large majority of the people judging by the correspondence of numerous members of Congress which your correspondent has been permitted to see. The bill will pass the House at an early date and it is believed, without opposition from the democrats.

According to present intentions the Elkins anti-trust bill which embodies one of the Attorney General's recommendations, that relates and concessions of all kinds on transportation charges be prohibited, will be reported to the Senate to-day. It is said by prominent senators that the Elkins bill will probably pass. The Immigration bill is being pushed in the Senate and Senator Fairbanks, who has the measure in charge, is confident that he will secure its passage.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

ZWALD.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zwald have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their infant child, aged seven weeks, which occurred last Saturday. Interment was made on Sunday in Newton cemetery.

NEWTON.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newton, aged three weeks, died on Tuesday. The little one, which was a very delicate child had been nursed with the greatest care in hopes that its life might be spared, but it peacefully slept away. Interment was made in Newton cemetery same day.

LILLY.

JAMES LILLY, who has been employed as an engineer at the furnace at this place ever since Mr. Brady has operated the plant, died very suddenly last Thursday night, of heart disease. Deceased was apparently in good health and attended an entertainment at the opera house during Thursday evening. Not getting up at his usual time, his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Wright, at whose home he resided, went to his room to call him when she was horrified to find him dead—having died evidently without a struggle. Deceased was born at Hanover, Pa., and had he lived until Feb. 22d, 1903, would have been 67 years of age. For over thirty years he was employed as a railroad engineer and for eighteen years had charge of one of the Pennsylvania passenger engines. Mr. Lilly was always a faithful worker upright and honest in all his dealings, a kind father and of a loving disposition. During his residence in Emporium he made many friends. He leaves two daughters—Mrs. Robt. Fleming, of Wharton, N. J., and Mrs. J. F. Wright, Emporium.

His remains were taken to his old home at Hanover, Pa., on Sunday night, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wright. The funeral was held from Hanover St. John's German Reform Church, on Tuesday.

The employees of the Emporium Iron Works, where the deceased was very popular, viewed his remains Sunday afternoon, calling in a body.

A Beautiful Life Ended.

On Saturday, December 14th, the community was startled and grieved by the announcement of the death of Miss Alberta Tweed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tweed, from that dread disease of small-pox. On the evening of the same day, as the twilight was deepening, the casket, covered with beautiful flowers from sympathizing friends, was tenderly born from the desolate home, and interred with brief religious services by the side of a brother who perished in the Spanish war. On Sabbath morning a memorial service was held in the Presbyterian church, of which she was a member. Many sorrowing friends were present, and the service was tender and solemn. The family was represented by a single member for obvious reasons, but the whole assembly was in sorrow for the dead and in sympathy with the living. In connection with the usual funeral hymns the hymn "No Night There," was sung as a duet by Misses Enda Irwin and Bessie Cornmesser, a couple of her intimate friends.

An appropriate sermon by her pastor and one of the saddest and most impressive funeral services that ever took place in our town was ended.

The deceased was about twenty-eight years old. She was attractive in person, chaste in speech, gentle and modest in manner and beautiful in life. Her parents with two brothers and one sister survive her. Her sad death will be one of the painful memories of a lifetime to her friends, but her death was the hope of a blessed immortality. —Bellwood Bulletin.

Smallpox.

It is said we have smallpox 21 miles from Emporium but no smallpox here, but there will be a chicken supper at the home of Mr. Henry Lyons, on West Creek, next Friday evening, January 30 from six o'clock until all are served. The price will be 25 cents. There will be sleighs running from town to Lyon's and back. The price for the round trip will be 15 cents. All wishing to go will leave orders at E. E. Mulliner's and they will be called for. The proceeds of the evening are for the benefit of the M. E. pastor. Come and have a good social time.

Poultry for Sale.

I have a limited number of thoroughbred Buff Plymouth Rock and White Wyandot Cockerels for sale for breeding purposes.

J. T. HEALRY.

Postponement.

The postponement of the entertainment for the benefit of the Court House Piano Fund, to Friday evening February 6th, was made necessary by the incomplete canvas for the sale of tickets. The sale of tickets will be actively continued and it is earnestly hoped, the most liberal patronage will be accorded this meritorious undertaking. Reservations secured for January 31st, will be good for February 6th.

Big Gas Strike.

A well has just been struck in the Potter county gas fields, which according to statements of officials of the Potter Gas Co., that will exceed in capacity of gas anything ever struck in this section of the state. The well is located on what is known as the Gaines lease in Roulette field of the company, about a mile and a half from the well known as the "big well." This new well is now producing every twenty-four hours about 50,000,000 cubic feet of gas, enough to supply a city of 350,000.

Oyster Suppers.

The ladies of the Macabees of Silver Star Hive No. 27 of Sterling Run will hold an oyster supper in Brooks Hall, Wednesday evening, February the 4th, 1903, at which time a valuable quilt will be chanced off. Everybody invited.

AGNES WADE, R. K.

The members and friends of the M. E. Church will hold an oyster supper at the home of Elijah Sizer, in Sizerville, Saturday evening, January 31. Proceeds for pastor. Everybody is invited.

The Chicago Glee Club.

The Male Quartette that comes to us next Saturday night Jan., 31 under the above caption is one of the best attractions of its class now before the public. They furnish a form of entertainment entirely original, songs in action and costume, constituting strong features. This is regarded as a delightful diversion and surpasses anything of the kind attempted by any similar organization. They combine harmony in action and harmony in song. The program will be varied and includes, standard secular and sacred music, folk sentimental, plantation and humorous songs. Assisting them is a reader of rare ability. The chart for reserved seats is now open at Lloyd's. The following press notice will be read with interest:

The entertainment given by the Chicago Glee Club on Tuesday evening was a success. The club has the reputation of being one of the finest in the country, and the blending of the voices were faultless. The rendition of "Remember Thy Creator" and "Ole King Cole" was received with a great deal of enthusiasm. At the completion of the program the audience refused to leave until the club responded, rendering "I'm a Pilgrim." —The Ohio State Journal. Chart now open at Lloyd's.

Will Substitute Nickel Rails.

The Pennsylvania railroad company has decided to substitute nickel steel rails on all the heavy curves for steel rails now in use. For two years the company has been experimenting with nickel steel on many of the heavy curves in the Allegheny mountains. These rails have been put in the upgrade track, and although the service is not as heavy as it would be on the down grade tracks there has always been considerable wear on the standard rails and stretches of new track have to be replenished frequently. The nickel steel rails that have been in service for the past two years have given perfect satisfaction. Orders have been placed by the Pennsylvania for 5,000 tons of the new style rails at a cost of \$74 a ton as against \$28 a ton for the standard rails. They will be instituted first on the eastbound tracks of the Pittsburg division and eventually all over the system.

Ginseng and Rattlesnakes.

It is estimated that a half a hundred people in Clinton, Cameron and Potter counties are making from \$4 to \$9 a day gathering rattlesnake oil and ginseng root. The two vocations can readily be followed at the same time—indeed, it is a noticeable fact that where ginseng grows one invariably finds rattlesnakes. Ginseng root sells for from \$3 to \$5 a pound, according to size and quality, and with rattlesnake oil a remarkable article at the rate of \$2 an ounce, the outlook for the "cash wackers" this season is exceptionally cheerful. A Mrs. Norman, of the vicinity of Keating, in one day, last summer killed seven rattlesnakes, from which she obtained eleven ounces of fat. This amount at \$2 an ounce, made her a pretty good day's wages. —Lock Haven Democrat.

All smokers smoke the W. H. Mayer hand made cigar, the best five cent cigar on the market. Be sure you ask for it. 24-ff.

Ask for What you Want.

What is worth having is worth asking for. If you are a merchant and want more patrons ask for them. If you want to increase your business ask the people to help you. They will accept the invitation readily enough, all that is needed is to extend the invitation through the medium of newspaper advertising.

That Election Contest.

The Independent and its curbstone editors appear to take delight in its effort to endeavor to belittle the editor of this journal. Our people have become so familiar with the ear marks of the smart chap who inspires the beautiful productions that all goes into one ear and out the other and is lost. We are content to rest our case before the proper tribunal, believing that justice will be done all concerned. Just one word to the responsible Independent editor: During the years that we have managed this paper we have refrained from publishing personal slurs and, although our safe contains some matter that would look beautiful (?) in print, we shall not lower the standard of clean journalism. During our residence of thirty-five years in Cameron county we feel that no amount of personal abuse at the hands of a few carpet baggers, and hangers on at the public crib, will have any weight with the sensible people of the county. The better element of our citizens are determined to wipe out the curse that has afflicted our people during the past six or eight years. If we are to be denied honest elections without interference from outside influence, it will be useless to hold elections. Nuff sed.

An Imperative Duty.

One of the questions which Governor Pennypacker in his inaugural message asks the Legislature to act upon at its present session is that of senatorial and representative reapportionment. It is a matter of the utmost importance and the obligation to reapportion the State is a constitutional one.

It has been put forward as an excuse for the failure of former Legislatures to perform this duty that it is not possible to make a senatorial reapportionment in exact compliance with the constitutional requirement. This is true, but Governor Pennypacker argues this reason away with the force of an opinion from the bench. He says the Constitution "must be interpreted like every other written instrument, in such a way as to reconcile inconsistencies and carry out the purposes which it was intended to serve," and that such plans as will "most closely approximate the required result ought to be adopted."

The Governor thus sweeps away completely the only excuse that has ever been offered for the repeated neglect of the Legislature to obey the plain mandate of the Constitution. Further failure to discharge its duty in this particular would not be alone a continued injustice to the people of the State, but would amount to a scandal and a reflection on the capacity of the Legislature. The present senatorial apportionment was made nearly thirty years ago, when the population of the State was not much more than one-half what it is now. As some sections have grown rapidly in that time and others not at all it can be readily understood that there is disgraceful inequality in the representation.

In the matter of representative apportionment the conditions are nearly as bad. The present allotment of members to the several counties was made on the census taken twenty-three years ago, when the population of the State was 4,282,894. The population, according to the last census, was 6,302,115. Many counties are entitled to an additional number of members, some to less. It is an indefensible wrong to the whole State to allow this matter to be longer neglected. Every member is sworn to obey the Constitution, which requires that there shall be a rearrangement of the districts every ten years, immediately following each census.

Every Governor for years has pressed the matter upon the Legislature without success. Governor Pennypacker shows much earnestness in his recommendation, and it should not go unheeded. It would be entirely too humiliating to suppose the Legislature is incapable of performing this duty. —Phila. Press.

Adjourned Court.

Adjourned court was held at Emporium on Tuesday. The most important business before the court was the delayed election contest petition, presented December 3rd, 1902. The court designated Fred C. Johnson as Master to take testimony and J. I. Hagerman stenographer. Comments are not necessary.

BRIEF MENTION.

Neck wear in great variety at N. Seger's.

The Emporium band expects to drive to Austin on Friday evening.

The best place to buy your clothing is at N. Seger's. Give him a trial.

E. M. McFadden contemplates extensive improvements on his Cameron hotel.

Ezra S. Grey, one of the editors of the DuBois Courier has been appointed secretary to the Senate Appropriation committee.

Richard Kelly has taken charge of the Star Restaurant which has recently been painted, papered and otherwise beautified throughout, and is now prepared to serve his customers with the best to be had in the eating line.

If you have never been to N. Seger's large clothing store on Alleghany Ave. you are surely losing a great opportunity as you can buy much cheaper there than you can at any other place in this county.

A special from Punxsutawney to the DuBois Courier says that in Eleanor borough, Jefferson county, which has 2,000 inhabitants, there are nearly 50 cases of smallpox, and the town is quarantined.

The Williamsport Bulletin says, Charles Dugan of that city has secured the contract for a large piece of brick and stone work at Emporium and left with fifteen men to commence operations.

The Bachelor Girls Club enjoyed a sleigh ride to Sterling Run last Tuesday evening. After partaking supper at Alpine House they returned home, having enjoyed a delightful ride.

Harrisburg Telegraph: If the Legislature could compel constables to make true returns of infraction of the law that come to their notice it would gain a great victory for law, order and morality in this State.

A contracting firm for the Pittsburg Shawmut & Northern railroad has a standing offer of \$100 to any man who will crawl a distance of 1,800 feet through a two foot sewer at Friendship, laid thirty feet underground, for the purpose of inspecting the same. The feat is considered a hazardous one because the sewer is laid in quicksand.

In both her numbers Miss Cochrane exhibited rare powers of delineation altogether removed from the stage rant common to many elocutionists. Miss Cochrane has a charming presence and manner, and the close attention with which she was followed showed a complete capture of the audience.—Chambersburg, (Pa.), Public Opinion. Peoples Course, Court House, Saturday evening, Jan. 31.

The record of the Austin mills for 1902 produces some astonishing figures. To manufacture 99,865,530 feet of lumber at two mills means that the logs must be kept on the move most of the time. It is an easy matter to show what activity this work means, but when it comes to figuring the profits on the 95,228,376 feet that were sold and shipped, that is a part of the business that the country publisher has no way of finding out. Suffice to say, that at the ruling prices of hemlock the past twelve months the Goodyear Lumber Company have lost no money in their saw mill investments, and are prepared so chance it for another year, hoping that the record of the Austin mills will continue to increase.—Austin Auto-graph.

The event of the season will be the Washington birthday Colonial banquet and soiree given by the Presbyterian church Corner Stone Club, in the Opera House, Thursday evening, February 19th. The club are sparing no expense or effort to make this an evening of completeness from start to finish. The ladies of the church have very kindly consented to prepare the dinner for the Club. Mrs. Rorer, the famous cooking school artist, has been consulted, and her suggestions added to the already noted Presbyterian dinners give promise that the inner man will be feasted. While the stately minuette danced by little tots in colonial costume, sweet music both vocal and instrumental and other unique features will delight the artistic nature of all. Now a word regarding the cause: This is to assist the building fund of the Presbyterian church and you are not only paying a dollar for a good dinner and entertainment, but you are giving a dollar to a very worthy cause. Past experience of churches and societies prove that the people of Emporium have not been appealed to in vain. Monuments of their generosity are scattered over this little town, and in less than a year let their be another one, viz: the new Presbyterian church.

Articles of food that are damp and juicy should never be put in paper. Some paper is simply a compound of rags, glue, lime and similar substances, with acids and chemicals mixed, and, when damp, is unfit to touch things that are to be eaten.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)
FRIDAY, Snow.
SATURDAY, Rain or snow.
SUNDAY, Fair.

L. O. T. N. Installation.

Tuesday evening, January 20, Miss Nellie Lounsbury of Corydon, Great R. K., of Pennsylvania, visited Emporium for the purpose of installing the following officers of Gladioli Hive, No. 32 for the ensuing term: Past L. Com. Deborah Hockley; L. Com. Sarah Swartz; Lieut. Com. Isabella Ensign; Record Keeper, Helena M. Butler; Chap. Laura Ling; Seagr't. Kate Summerson; Mist at Amrs. Clara Clark; Sent. Elizabeth Robinson; Pickett, Anna Zwald. After the installation Miss Lounsbury in a few well chosen remarks presented the retiring L. Com. Deborah Hockley, with a beautiful silver dish as a slight token of the regard in which she is held by the members of the Hive. She has faithfully served as L. Com. for three consecutive years. L. Hockley responded very feelingly and in turn presented Miss Lounsbury with a Pennsylvania and Emporium Court House Souvenir spoon, in behalf of the members of the Hive. An elegant banquet was then served to 125 Lady Bees and invited guests. This Hive is at present in a very flourishing condition with a membership of 118; representing \$96,000 in life benefit certificates; and a general fund of \$158.00, January 1st.

Another Lumber Purchase.

Wilson & Co., who recently purchased a large body of timber and a saw mill at Huntley Siding, west of Duffwood, have made another purchase, closing the deal last Saturday, whereby they become owners of the timber interests of Shafford & Metzger in this county. The timber all comes to the mill at Huntley. This purchase, with their previous purchase, gives them several years sawing. A new mill will be erected for the manufacture of shingles, and other improvements are contemplated. A new depot will be erected at the station and a large store room.

Mr. H. H. Cloyes, of Emporium, one of the most energetic and efficient managers has been secured by Wilson & Co., to take effect March 1st, but we are pleased to note that he will continue to reside in Emporium, where he and his excellent family have many friends.

Anniversary Surprize.

Wednesday January 21st, being the 16th anniversary of the marriage of our genial townsman, Robert Clark and wife, a few of their friends and neighbors conceived the idea of helping them remember the fact, and about thirty having quietly gathered nearby, stepped in just as they were about to retire. Surprised, well, just ask Robert about it. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. All were served with an oyster supper, and retired at midnight wishing their host and hostess many returns of the day, after presenting them with a set of silver knives and forks to remember the occasion.

Rich Passenger Agent

Clinton Jones, who has been passenger representative at San Francisco, for the Rock Island road for twenty-seven years, has decided to retire on account of ill health. He has a fortune of about \$800,000 and is considered the wealthiest passenger agent in the United States. During the '70s and '80s as high as \$20 commission was paid on a single ticket between this city and New York. Jones came here for the Rock Island for a certain salary and commission on tickets he could sell. President Cable, when in San Francisco a few years ago, said he could make money by changing places with Jones.

Killed by Cars.

John Sullivan, a brakeman employed on P. & E. R. R., fell from the top of a car, at Howard Siding, Tuesday night, being instantly killed. His remains were taken to LaBar's undertaking rooms and prepared for burial. He was a single man and resided at Renovo, although his former home was Dents Run. His remains were taken to his home last evening for burial.

Rumored Fast Trains for P. and E.

There is a rumor afloat that several fast through express trains will soon be running between Renovo and Duffwood, similar to the solid fast trains on the main line and will make stops only at junction points. —Lock Haven Democrat.