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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, May 2, 1904.

Editor Press:—
The second session of the 58th American Congress adjourned on Thursday, "without day" with all the simplicity, good feeling, dignity and business methods characteristic of the American people and the times in which they live. As Speaker Cannon said in his closing remarks the "heat of the contest has died away," and both sides of the House part with mutual respect for each other. While he cooperated with the majority, he recognized that the minority had a function to perform hardly second in its importance, and so he said it ever will be while the Republic endures.

From half past ten o'clock Thursday morning until nearly two o'clock p. m., business in the House proceeded smoothly and rapidly and many bills were passed mostly of minor importance. It was hard work to keep members in their seats, and they crowded the forum in front of the Speaker's desk like bees in swarming time. Mr. Van Duzer, of Nevada made his usual rainbow speech about that state which he claims is the most important in the Union. This set the House in good humor, and roars of laughter followed.

The only other incident of interest occurred when Mr. Lacey, of Iowa, attempted to have a bill passed reinstating the cadets at the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., who have been discharged by the commandant, Capt. Brown, for disobeying orders and hazing. A hot fire of protest came from both sides of the house. Hon. Champ Clark, Mo., exploded in a white heat of indignation, and figuratively speaking, spread himself all over the surrounding benches. There were some who pleaded for mercy for the boys, on the ground that the punishment was out of proportion to the offence. Others pointed out that a law passed by Congress should be upheld, and that if the cadets were restored to the Academy there would be no further use in trying to suppress hazing. Finally the debate was clinched by a Congressman who announced that if the offenders were reinstated he would offer an amendment to the bill permitting the hazers who were dismissed from West Point to be returned also. So the bill was lost, and the Annapolis cadets of the highest class who mal-treated the young and tender cadets of the lowest class will be forced to return to the walks of civil life.

The proceedings in the Senate, the last day of Congress, were not so lively or interesting as in the House. The President came to the capital early in the forenoon, with his wife and family. While he was busy signing bills in the Executive room, Mrs. Roosevelt occupied a seat in the Senate gallery, and had the pleasure of listening to speeches by Gorman of Md., and Aldrich of R. I., against and in favor of the administration. It is evident that there has been an attempt on the part of many Democrats, to impress the people with the notion that the President is an unsafe man, and has too much influence with the party controlling Congress. Mr. Aldrich denied that Congress had been influenced by anybody, and asserted that it adjourned because it had finished all the business in hand. Mrs. Roosevelt appeared to be both amused and interested in the debate. Mr. Gorman presented the usual resolution of thanks to President Frye of the Senate, and at 2 o'clock he declared the adjournment.

ABOUT ASSOCIATE JUDGES.

Their Necessity and Their Duties Clearly Defined.

(From Tionesta Republican, March 16.)

Some years ago the late Dr. Towler wrote an able article on Justices of the Peace, which was replete with instruction and interest, both in a legal and historical point of view. Afterward thinking of Associate Judges, I noted for several years whatever I could find about their duties and powers, as I knew they were considered by many well informed people as of little value to the public, but have found this to be a grand mistake—finding that they are of more use to the people in vacation when there is no court, than they are during the sittings of the court. Out of the 57 judicial districts in the State only seven have Associate Judges any more, Forest county being in the 37th district. Their duties, when there is no court in session, are many and their powers multifarious, as will be seen by the following brief synopsis, under rules of court as follows:

Rule 6 empowers them on cause shown, in vacation, to enlarge the time for filing affidavits or defense in all actions of assumpsit and Scire Facias on mortgages and judgments. Rule 9, to approve bail on attachment cases and stay of execution on notice and application. By rule 14, Sec. 2 and 3, to grant an allocatur or allowance, requiring bail in any case, and by Sec. 8, to approve of bail which has been substituted or justified and administer oaths. By rule 17, to stay proceedings by special order, on cause shown, on the appeal from the taxation of costs, and to shorten or extend the time for taking of evidence or depositions. In divorce cases to grant leave to attorneys to issue subpoenas and papers.

But the most important of all is under rule 22, on stay of executions, to prevent oppression or correct mistakes or frauds on application to suspend any writ in the hands of the Sheriff on reasonable notice until the next court when the case can be heard by a full bench. Under rule 23, Associate Judges have power on cause shown to both enlarge the time for pleading or filing specifications. Under the Habeas Corpus act, have full power at chambers to grant relief, remand to jail, reduce excessive bail or discharge from imprisonment. Also under act of Assembly to set or fix bail in all criminal cases where Justices have no jurisdiction. By act of 1887, P. laws 198; to approve bonds under the fraudulent debtors' act and grant relief. Again where the body of a citizen is seized by a tax collector, by virtue of his warrant, for the nonpayment of tax, and claims irregularly or oppression, he may apply for relief to an Associate Judge in vacation, by staying the collection of the tax upon his giving bond until the matter can be determined by the Court.

The Associate Judge has power to grant permission to attorney or holder of a judgment note over ten years old for leave to issue on said note upon affidavit before him that the maker is still living and the note unpaid. An Associate Judge under the Price Act, 18th April, 1853, relating to private sales of real estate, both in the Orphans and O. P. Courts, is competent to take affidavits, grant orders, etc., concerning the same, as are necessary in vacation.

Under Act 25, June, 1895, P. L., 230, an Associate Judge can grant rules in vacation to take depositions in other States, in the same manner as if taken in this State, and make orders shortening or lengthening the time. By act 5th May, 1890, can approve railroad and corporation bonds in vacation. By act of 23d of March 1876, can appoint policemen for camp meetings. By act of 17th April, 1876, may grant and allow an appeal in all cases of summary convictions before Justices. First Pur., 143. An Associate Judge may appoint two appraisers in cases of insolvency and perform other duties under assignment for benefit of Creditors Act. An Associate Judge in vacation can allow appeal from judgment of a Justice of the Peace for a penalty under Pure Food law, or fish law acts or the like. 174 Pa., Repts., 23. An Associate Judge can approve all assignees' bonds, under act of 1883, 1 Pur. 144, n. An Associate Judge has power under act of June 29, 1895, to hear and determine cases of persons frequently intoxicated within six months and consign them to an inebriate asylum or the Work House for a period not less than three or more than nine months. Under Act 11th of March, 1836, Sec. 3, an Associate Judge can approve judgments in default of appearance and affidavits of defense, and actions of partition.

It is also worthy of mention that an

Associate Judge is a "free horse" in the acknowledgement of deeds, mortgages, leases and the like.

Under the new replevin act of 1903, P. L., 40 and 41, the duties of an Associate Judge are quite important. It provides the Court or Judge thereof, at chambers in vacation may allow and grant a longer time than 72 hours in which to file and perfect a counter bond by the defendant, and 2nd, the Judge may on motion increase the plaintiff's bond, and alter the amount of bail if he considers it insufficient, etc. These are only some of the numerous powers of an Associate Judge in vacation. His duties on the bench are of minor importance as compared with those in vacation, such as advising the President Judge of petitioners for roads, election places, liquor licenses, appointment of township officers, to fill vacancies and other minor matters, merely advisory.

While the Associate Judge is hot generally learned in the law, in questions of doubt in vacation he can always consult an Amicus Curia, or friend of the Court, who is some lawyer not interested in the case, who freely and cheerfully advises him and does not dare to give him false counsel.

The above is not written at random, but is the result of careful research, as stated, so that the people generally might understand their servants, the Associate Judges, and what value they are to them.

SAMUEL D. IRWIN.

A Character Sketch of Senator Quay

Matthew Stanley Quay, senior Senator from Pennsylvania, is the subject of a frank and brilliant character sketch in the May number of The Booklovers Magazine. It is written by Mr. Joseph M. Rogers, the leading editorial writer of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Through his intimate knowledge of national politics and his close touch with the politics of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rogers is unusually well qualified to write of the astute politician whom he describes as "a cross between the Egyptian Sphinx and a stroke of greased lightning." In the article Mr. Rogers has read the riddle of Pennsylvania's political sphinx. At least he has put two and two together in such a convincing way that the total is very close to four! Mr. Quay is characterized as "a consistent and persistent opportunist." That he has for so long kept in the saddle is due, not to his affiliations with the corporations, but to the fact that "he has looked after his state and has given people what they want, though not what some estimable and ultra reformers think they ought to want." Thus it has come about that a man currently held to be utterly unscrupulous "maintains his hold upon a rural constituency which is morally honest and God-fearing." The whole sketch of Quay is full of telling points, caustic and humorous, and is written with all of Mr. Rogers' skill in narration and his singular ability to illuminate his subject with apt illustration and anecdote. Every Pennsylvanian should get hold of the May number of The Booklovers Magazine and read this keen analysis of the chief political force in his State.

President Roosevelt's Position.

McClure's Magazine for May prints a most interesting excerpt from a letter written by President Roosevelt to Ray Stannard Baker, commenting on his discussion of "Great Labor Conflicts," in that magazine, in which the President defines his attitude toward capital and labor as follows:

"I believe in corporations. I believe in trade unions. Both have come to stay and are necessities in our present industrial system. But where in either one or the other there develops corruption or mere brutal indifference to the rights of others, and short-sighted refusal to look beyond the moment's gain, then the offender, whether union or corporation, must be fought, and if the public sentiment is called on to the iniquity of either, by just as much the whole public is damaged."

Art School.

Miss Eva Leet will finish her junior year in the Art Department of Wilson College early in June and will then be prepared in teaching. She will receive beginners in oil and china painting at her studio during her summer vacation. She will also fill orders for oil paintings or hand painted china. 11-3t.

For Sale.

The undersigned has some second hand platform wagons, buggies and harness for sale. Cash or good paper. J. W. NORRIS.

That Beautiful Gloss

comes from the varnish in Devoo's Varnish Floor Paint; costs 5 cents more a quart though. Sold by Murray & Coppersmith.

Ex-County Treasurer Chas. M. Thomas Killed.

We hold the PRESS to announce the sad intelligence of the death of Mr. C. M. Thomas of this place, at his lumber operations at Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pa., this (Thursday) morning. About eleven o'clock this a. m., a telegram was received from his Supt., informing his family that he had been seriously injured by falling from a log car, only to be followed by a telegram later informing them of his death.

Mrs. C. M. Thomas and daughter Miss Maud left for Ligonier, on noon flyer. It is impossible to gain additional information. Mr. Thomas, who is a member of the firm of Thomas & Whiting are extensive contractors in this county, as well as Potter county, Westmoreland county and in West Va. He has resided in this county for many years. His remains cannot possibly reach Emporium before Saturday. This is certainly a terrible blow to the afflicted family, who but few months ago were visited by death, the loss of their eldest son by accident. Mr. Thomas is in his 53rd year.

Very Sick Man.

Edward Joyce arrived in Emporium from Wisconsin yesterday afternoon, in very poor health. He is stopping with his brother Thos.

Board Will Open.

The reserved seat board for Commencement will be open at H. S. Lloyd's, Tuesday morning next at 8 o'clock. Tickets, 25c and 35c.

Needed Improvements.

The Commissioners have greatly improved the Sheriff's residence by having it papered and painted. The interior of the jail is now in first-class condition.

Enlarged Facilities.

G. H. Gross & Co., are now located in the new store room on Broad street, having plenty of room to meet the demands of their increasing grocery and meat trade.

Car Load of Buggies.

Haupt & Hauber have received a car load of carriages and buggies to be disposed of at reasonable prices. They are beauties. Call at their establishment on Broad street and see what bargains they are offering.

Another Robin Killer in Jail.

An Italian by the name of Dominic Toler, was arrested at Huntley last week by a state game warden, charged with "killing robins and game on Sunday, an alien without license." He was taken before Squire Gentry, who fined him \$96.55, including costs and in default of payment the violator of the law was introduced to Sheriff Hemphill for safe keeping. The authorities are determined to check the practice of killing robins and other song birds. Go on with the good work, others should be arrested.

Judge Cockran National Delegate.

Hon. Jos. W. Cochran, formerly a resident of this place, now residing at Ashland, Wis., where he takes a very prominent part in state politics, was last week unanimously elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention. The Congressional district is composed of thirteen counties. The Judge's old friends in this Congressional district, which he has so ably represented in previous conventions congratulate him upon his continued loyalty and his district upon selecting a wise and safe man.

Graft at the St. Louis Fair.

You already hear much complaining comment on the manner in which all things work together for graft at the World's Fair, and not the smallest matter, not the most insignificant want of the public, but has been anticipated, and the means of selling or satisfying that want has been syndicated, monopolized, and conceded, and the public will have to pay. It should make up its mind to this right now. The "able" Fair management has adopted a policy that will distinguish this Fair in the annals of World's Expositions as the one most ill-famed for the refinement and greed of its schemes, as well as their variety, in getting money out of the public.

Recently an order was issued prohibiting anyone bringing a camp-stool or other piece of furniture to sit on in to the World's Fair grounds. This is to make good the seat graft; for, gentle reader, if you visit the Fair and become weary, you cannot sit down to rest yourself unless you pay for the privilege. The thousands of common people who have but little more than enough money to visit the Fair will remain on the grounds for one day, will be mercilessly grafted for the ordinary privilege of sitting down to rest. A fellow has bought the seating privilege; and to further make this graft good, he should have an order issued that anybody caught sitting on the ground should forfeit his coat and hat and be summarily ejected through the gates.—The St. Louis Censor.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

SIBERT.

In our last issue we made mention of the death of Charles Sibert, who had been instantly killed near Altoona, Pa., Saturday night April 23. Mr. Sibert was employed as brakeman on the P. R. R., and stepped off his train and was struck and instantly killed by the fast flyer, his body being badly maimed.

The Brotherhood took charge of his remain and had them prepared for burial. Short funeral services were held at his home at Altoona, after which his body was taken to Sunbury for interment.

Charles Sibert was born Feb. 15, 1873, his age being 31 years, one month and 16 days. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Sibert, of More Hill, who accompanied the remains to its final resting place. He is also survived by a wife and daughter, six months old.

LEWIS.

MISS RUBIE O. LEWIS, aged 18 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis, of Rich Valley, died last Monday night, of typhoid fever, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral takes place to-day at the Rich Valley Church, Rev. O. S. Metzler, pastor of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Emporium, to officiate. Deceased is highly spoken of by all who knew her. The bereaved parents request the PRESS to thank those kind and attentive neighbors who have been thoughtful and attentive during their affliction—even comparative strangers having ministered to their wants, which they deeply appreciate.

Golden Wedding.

The fiftieth anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ensign, was duly observed last Monday, at the home on the Portage. We had fully intended to give a full account of the great event, but illness prevented our doing so, greatly to our annoyance. We understand the gathering was very large and all enjoyed the occasion. The "bride and groom" were the recipients of many handsome and valuable presents. This venerable couple we have known for many years and respect them as well as their estimable family.

Fifty-Third Anniversary.

Last Monday afternoon and evening the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Trotter, respected residents of Emporium, called upon the venerable couple, the occasion being the 53d anniversary of their marriage. The ladies of First Methodist Episcopal Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church presented the deserving couple with a fat purse containing \$126.00. The receptions were pleasantly arranged, being served afternoon and evening—in afternoon by ladies of Emmanuel Church and during the evening by ladies of First Methodist Church.

Eye Removed.

Floyd Barton, aged 17 years, son of Chas. Barton of this place went to Ridgway Hospital last week and had a diseased eye removed, Dr. McAllister performing the operation. The young man when a small boy ran the point of a knife blade into the eye, which has annoyed him ever since and rendered the operation necessary. He is doing well.

Ice Cream Parlors.

Mrs. Elizabeth Easterbrooks has recently remodeled and improved the interior of her Ice Cream Parlors, refurnishing and greatly adding to the attractions of this popular establishment. She is now prepared to serve the popular Warren Ice Cream and soft drinks of various kinds. Private families and parties supplied with cream in quantity. 11-3t.

Mrs. Julian Entertains.

Mrs. Fred Julian entertained at luncheon a small party of friends Monday evening, consisting of Rev. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Van Gelder, Rev. O. S. Metzler, Dr. and Mrs. Rieck, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, of Buffalo; Mr. Ericsson, Mrs. Bryan, Miss Bryan.

The most handsome line of gents furnishings in this section at N. Seger's.

WEATHER REPORT

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Showers.
SATURDAY, Rain.
SUNDAY, Fair.

Political Announcement.

Editor Press:—

Please announce my name as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the decision of the Democratic County Convention.

HENRY LUDLAM.
Emporium, Pa., April 26th, 1904.

Stockholders Meeting.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Keystone Powder Mfg. Co., will be held at the Company's Office, at Emporium, Pa., at three o'clock, p. m., on Tuesday, May 10th, 1904. By order of the President.

A. C. BLUM, Sec'y.

The Attorney General and the Coal Roads.

One line of Democratic attack of late, duly participated in by the Independent, has been to impugn the sincerity and earnestness of the administration in its attitude towards the violators of the Inter-State Commerce and Anti-Trust Acts. In pursuance of this line of attack, the Democratic leaders in the House recently introduced a resolution requesting the Attorney General to lay before Congress the information against the coal roads which had been submitted to him eighteen months ago by W. R. Hearst. It was alleged that this evidence was sufficient to convict the coal roads of an unlawful conspiracy, but that the Attorney General had quietly put it away in a pigeon-hole to gather dust. The reply of the Attorney General in response to the House resolution is of such a nature as to silence effectually all criticisms upon the good faith and zeal of the administration.

It appears now for the first time that the Attorney General had commenced an investigation of the affairs of the coal roads before Mr. Hearst had submitted any information to the department. The investigation was soon halted, however, by the refusal of the managers of the railroads in question to open their books for inspection. Not having legal power to compel them to open their books, the Attorney General invoked the service of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and induced it to undertake the investigation. In its first efforts the Commission met with no better success than did the Attorney General, since the managers of the roads still refused to open their books. Application was then made to the United States District Court for an order to compel the roads to open their books, but the application was refused. Nothing daunted, an appeal was taken from this adverse decision to the Supreme Court at Washington. A decision was rendered a short time ago by the Supreme Court reversing the decision of the lower court. The Inter-State Commerce Commission is now in a position to push the investigation, and will do so energetically.

The intention of the Democratic leaders was to make it appear that the administration has been slack, indifferent and hypocritical in its attitude towards the coal roads case; they have succeeded in revealing the earnestness, the energy, the persistency, the skill, and the resourcefulness of the administration. The Attorney General is a modest man; he does not sound a trumpet before him as the Hearsts do. He saws his wood in his backyard, not in his front-yard. The Democratic leaders have done a service to the nation and to the Republican party in bringing to light the accomplishments of this modest man of action.

Eye Specialist.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known Eye Specialist, of Binghamton, N. Y., will be at R. H. Hirsch's jewelry store, Emporium, Pa., May 13th and 14th. If you can't see well or have headache don't fail to call and see Prof. Budine, as he guarantees to cure all such cases. Lenses ground and fitted in old frames. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

Special Term of Court.

The special term of court called for May 31st, as will be seen by the list of causes published in another column. The causes are moved from the courts of McKean county and may consume two weeks. Constables and Justices are not expected to make returns at this time.

Public Notice by Mayor.

Public notice is hereby given that the Chief of Police has been instructed to rigidly enforce the law prohibiting the sale of cigars and merchandise on Sunday. This will apply to hotels and drug stores, as well as all other business places.

JOSHUA HOWARD, Burgess.

May 4, 1904.

Paint Your Buggy for 75c.

too \$1.00 with Devoo's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ozs., more to the pint than others, wears longer and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by Murray & Coppersmith.

Teachers Summer Normal.

The Teachers Summer Normal, will open in High School building, Monday, May 23, for a term of six weeks. Tuition \$5.00. 10-3t. E. S. LING, Principal.