

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Roosevelt has expressed himself as "sincerely hoping that the Hay-Panama treaty will be promptly ratified, the canal bill will be passed immediately thereafter and that work may begin on the Isthmian canal at the earliest possible date."

The reciprocity question is still attracting the greatest interest and the president is acquiring an extensive knowledge of the views of the business men of the country.

The president, as witnessed by many recent utterances, is favorable to reciprocity where it can be effected without injury to American industry, but the conviction is daily gaining strength that he does not propose to perform the duties of congress and that in his forthcoming message he will clearly and concisely elaborate the situation and refer the matter of legislation to congress.

This opinion, which has been gaining ground for some time, was strongly supported by Mr. Roosevelt's remarks to a delegation headed by some of the most prominent business men of the country, who recently called on him to express their views on the subject of reciprocity, and particularly to urge upon him the careful consideration of the advisability of negotiating with Great Britain a reciprocity treaty covering our trade with Canada.

Representative Babcock of Wisconsin, who has been so emphatic in his assertions that he would press his bill revising the tariff schedule on iron and steel products, has made a statement defining his position. He says that where changed conditions have resulted in cheapening the cost of production so that the present rate of tariff is not needed for the protection of labor he would lower the rate until it was only sufficient to make up the difference between the cost of American labor at present wages and the cost of foreign labor.

American workmen, but as soon as the tariff does more than that it becomes a burden on the people. "The question this congress will be called upon to answer is, will it permit a tariff duty to remain in force to enable a trust to pay dividends on watered stock?" said Mr. Babcock.

Representative Bontelle of Illinois, a member of the house committee on coinage, weights and measures, has established himself in Washington for the session. He said on the subject of reciprocity one evening last week: "As I recollect it, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1901, our exports amounted to very nearly \$1,500,000,000, while our imports were about \$900,000,000 so that our exports exceeded our imports by about \$600,000,000. Now it needs no argument to show that in order to continue this present rapid rate of expansion of our foreign commerce we must be able to take more of the products of countries to which our goods are sold. It is simply axiomatic that we cannot continue the present disproportionate ratio between our exports and imports."

"Merit and merit alone will win appointments in our dependencies" were the words in which the president expressed himself to Mr. Clinton B. Woodruff, chairman of the committee on dependencies of the national civil service reform league. This is quite in accordance with the policy of the president in all of his appointments. He has positively refused to appoint anyone whom he did not believe deserved the appointment from the standpoint of merit.

The tangle in the New York situation was partly unraveled Friday by the appointment of State Senator Nevada N. Stranahan, collector of the port of New York, to succeed George R. Bidwell, the present incumbent. The appointment seems to meet with the hearty approval of the business men but it has been impossible to get any information as to the attitude of Secretary Gage. It will be remembered that Senator Platt has made the announcement that Mr. Bidwell would remain in the collectorship as long as he remained in the senate but he now says that, while he considers Bidwell "the best collector New York has ever had," he approves of Senator Stranahan. "No words are strong enough to describe Mr. Stranahan's fitness for the office," he replied when his opinion of the appointment was requested.

Real Estate Transfers. Clara Labes to Felix Boehrer and others, 2 acres, Plymouth. Consideration \$20.

Lillie and George Bachman to H. W. Bachman, release as guardian. August Mercier to Alfred T. Ives and Henry W. Ott, 1 acre, Porter. Consideration \$5.

Joffe Gavaille and others to Louis Stanton, 84 acres, Dingman, part of James Cottinger. Consideration \$600.

C. W. Ball, executor, to William J. Coon, 100 acres, Blooming Grove, part of John Wigton, No. 113. Consideration \$450.

Joseph H. Bromley to Emilie Sawyer Bromley, land on Silver Lake, Delaware. Consideration \$1.

Adolph Bloner, Grand Mound, Ia., writes: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in my family and think it is the best cough cure on the market. I would not be without it in my home, as there is nothing so good for coughs and colds." For sale at Armstrong's drug store.

PERSONALS

J. Ed. Nye and wife of Egypt Mills visited the family of J. C. Bull over last Sunday.

A. D. Brown and wife visited in Chester and Dover, N. J., for a few days the first of the week.

John R. Thornton, proprietor of the Dimmock House, has been quite ill this week with pneumonia.

E. L. Van Erten of New York attended the funeral of his aunt, Cornelia Van Erten, last Monday.

Mrs. Belinda Nye of Stroudsburg is visiting her daughters, Mrs. J. Klaer and Mrs. J. C. Ball, this week.

John C. Prescott of Matamoras, an enterprising dealer in heaters and aerometers, was in town Tuesday.

Mark Brodhead of Washington, D. C., is in town visiting his sister, Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyck.

Mrs. J. C. Schorr went to Hoboken this week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, William Diech.

County Surveyor Frank Schorr was in New York this week to attend the funeral of his uncle, William Diech.

Orrin K. Ayers and wife of Beersville, N. J., visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Anna M. Mettler, a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Partridge of Brooklyn, who has been visiting friends here for several days, returned home this week. She is a sister to D. V. Drake of this town.

Mrs. Frank Hallett, who has been residing with her husband in Cuba for the past year, returned last week for a brief visit, and Dec. 5 they will sail for Brazil where they will reside for some time.

Miss Emma Clark, a trained nurse of Hainesville, N. J., has been here for the past week caring for Benjamin, the young son of Mrs. Anna M. Mettler, who is seriously ill with pneumonia. At present he is not much improved.

At each legislative session for several years the people of Connecticut have been entertained by the wonderful elastic logic of some of their male legislators, newspapers and prominent men outside.

The people of Connecticut are still living under the old constitution of 1818 and representation is not by population but by towns, so that a little country village has as many representatives in the legislature as the large city of Hartford. At each legislative session the members from Hartford and New Haven protest against this injustice and demand against the government of the majority without their consent and against taxation without adequate representation. Then, when the woman suffrage bill comes up, they invariably turn around and vote that the women of Connecticut shall continue to be governed and taxed without any representation at all.

Whenever woman suffrage is under discussion, Dr. Lyman Abbott, the Boston Herald and other newspapers and prominent individuals unite in assuring us that political representation is not a right of either men or women; that no question of justice is involved in it; that it is purely a question of expediency and that the form of government which will produce the best practical results is the one to be chosen. But each year when the case of Connecticut comes up all this is changed. Dr. Abbott, the Boston Herald and all the other opponents of equal suffrage forget their oft-repeated assertion that justice has nothing to do with political representation and denounce in scathing terms the wrongs of Connecticut men. They make no effort to show that the practical results will necessarily be better when the Connecticut legislature is ruled by the large cities than now when it is ruled by the country towns; they scorn even to discuss expediency where the justice of the case is so plain.—Woman's Journal.

Unclaimed Letters. List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Nov. 23, 1901: Miss Swington, Mrs. Frank Mc. Clelland, Mrs. James Goodrich, Mrs. Ross M. Batt, Mr. A. C. Hartley, Miss Pines, Jenna Handide. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. CHARLES LATTINGHOE, P. M.

OBITUARY

CORNELIA VAN ERTEN.

Miss Van Erten died last Saturday morning, Nov. 16, after a brief illness of the infirmities incident to age. Her health had been ordinarily good until Friday when she was seized with illness which soon terminated fatally. She was a daughter of Daniel and Catharine Decker Van Erten and was born on a farm in Delaware township at Conashaugh August 22, 1821. That was her home for many years, but having disposed of it she resided for a short time at Port Jervis and then took her residence here, where she has since lived. She was a descendant of one of the oldest families in this valley and of a large family of children was the sole survivor, but a number of nephews and nieces, including the family of the late David S. Case of Dingman, the family of the late Ephraim Drake of the same township, the family of Samuel D. Van Erten, late of Milford, and E. L. Van Erten of New York, a nephew, survive her. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. C. E. Scudder of the M. E. church, took place at her rooms on Broad street Monday afternoon and interment in Milford cemetery.

The Bears in Yellowstone Park. In his latest book, Ernest Seton-Thompson makes mention of a fact not generally known, namely, that nobody is allowed to carry a gun in the Yellowstone park. This fact causes nervousness in some visitors who do not know the habits of animals very well, as they see the bears and other supposedly ferocious beasts walking about scuffling with each other or coming to poke in the garbage pile outside the kitchen door for tidbits. Mr. Thompson states that the bears actually come to the back door of the hotel for scraps and are rarely disappointed. He also says that during the days that he spent in the park he was repeatedly in close proximity to bears and never heard one of them approach him. Somehow or other their big, velvet-padded feet were set down in such a way as not to produce the slightest rattle of a sound. This would certainly be decomposing to the nerves of a timid person.

But Mr. Thompson sat in the woods among these bears all of one day and was not molested in any way, though he confesses to have had some fears of the big grizzly which at one time came charging down apparently at the very place where he was hidden. It turned out, however, that the grizzly merely wanted to see what was in a tomato can nearby. All this goes to prove what the Hindu sage says, that wild animals, even the most ferocious, are not apt to molest man if he does not arouse their animosity and excite their combativeness by continued hostile demonstration. In the long process of evolution wild animals have learned the superiority of man in practical ways and acquired a fear of him which usually results in their giving him a wide berth. It is said, however, that in regions where the large carnivora are left unmolested by man they show little if any desire to take the offensive toward him though they are generally too shy to make friends. The Yellowstone park experiment seems to indicate this.

Spreads Like Wildfire. When things are "the best" they become "the best selling." Abraham Hare, a leading druggist of Belleville, O., writes: "Electric Bitters are the best selling bitters I have handled in 20 years." You know why? Most diseases begin in disorders of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, blood and nerves. Electric Bitters tones up the stomach, regulates liver, kidneys and bowels, purifies the blood, strengthens the nerves, hence cures multitudes of maladies. It builds up the entire system. Puts new life and vigor into any weak, sickly, run down man or woman. Price 50 cents. Sold by all druggists.

The J. W. Pepper Piano Music Magazine, published at 8th and Locust streets, Philadelphia, is one of the newest magazines in its field. Nobody can complain of not getting the worth of their money, as it publishes 21 pieces—10 vocal and 11 instrumental—making 64 pages of the best music and all of it original and written by the most popular composers of today. Price \$1.00 per year.

BRIEF MENTION.

Snow whitened the earth here Tuesday morning.

William Diech of Hoboken, husband of Anna Steicher, formerly of Dingman township, this county, died last Monday.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to John E. Jordan of Tusten, Sullivan county, N. Y., and Jane Bearson of Shohohol.

Wallace & Thrall have a fine stock of goods for the holiday trade. Just the things to make a table groan with goodness. See their new ad.

C. F. Van Inwegen, president of the First National Bank of Port Jervis, has been elected a member of the Chamber of Commerce of New York.

The M. E. church people at Dingman's Ferry will have a chicken pot pie supper Wednesday evening, Nov. 27. It will be preceded by an entertainment.

The time table of the Delaware Valley railroad appears in another column. At present it is operated to Shoemakers but it is expected soon to reach Bushkill.

Over seven million dollars in gold bars was shipped this week to England on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. This is the largest single cargo that ever sailed to a foreign port.

John Stretford of Parker's Glen was found on the Erie tracks Monday night near that place with both legs crushed and he died soon after. It is supposed he fell from the Mountain Express.

The will of Cornelia Van Erten probated this week devises some furniture to Charles R. Van Erten and the balance of her estate to Bertha, wife of Charles G. Wood, and names him as executor.

The county commissioners with their clerk went to Lehman Tuesday to inspect the site of the bridge over Little Bushkill approved by the grand jury last term with the condition that it be kept in repair by the township.

The ladies of the Presbyterian congregation tendered a reception to Rev. E. N. Smead, the pastor, last Tuesday evening in the church parlors. The event was a very pleasant one and greatly enjoyed by the large number of friends present.

The apple crop in Kansas this year is estimated as follows: Acres in orchard, 159,640; bearing trees, 7,500,000; average crop per tree, 2 1/2 bushels; average price per bushel, 69 cents; total value, \$15,820,050; average gross receipt per acre, \$99.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Mary Bridge, a daughter of Charles Bridge of Sawkill, and August Metz of Dingman township and they were joined in wedlock the same day, Nov. 21st, by Rev. C. B. Carpenter, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

William H. Rose, who formerly resided in Westfall township, died at State Hill, N. Y., which place had been his residence for some four years, Tuesday aged about 45 years. He was a son of the late B. H. Rose and at one time was owner by inheritance of a large farm at Rosetown. One daughter, Grace, survives. The remains were brought to Matamoras and the funeral services, conducted by Rev. T. G. Spencer, will occur today at Epworth church. Interment at Rosetown.

Constable Frank Kelly of Lackawanna overhauled a party of hunters named Myers, father and two sons, of New York, at Lackawanna recently and found in a trunk they were about to ship to New York a quantity of venison, several rabbits and woodcock. The men were arrested, taken before C. C. Shannon, Esq., and one of them, who assumed the whole responsibility, was fined \$50, which was paid. They were discharged and the game was sent to the Lackawanna Hospital at Scranton.

Erie's Winter Excursions. The Erie has placed on sale at the ticket office, Port Jervis, winter excursion tickets to Atlantic City, N. J., Asheville, N. C., Cape May, N. J., Gettysburg, Pa., Jacksonville, Fla., Lakewood, N. J., Luray, Va., Old Point Comfort, Va., Southern Pines, N. C., Thomasville, Ga., and many other points in the south at very low round trip rates. For routes and rates please call or address Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, N. Y.—11-23

Johns and DeVoes paints at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Early History.

As matter of interest we give the following account of an Indian incursion into Montague in the war of the revolution which was verbatim communicated by Hon. Isaac Ripwell to the compilers of a history of New Jersey published in 1811:

One morning about daylight, a party of about 30 Indians crossed the Delaware in canoes and attacked a dwelling occupied by a family by the name of Jobs, where they killed and scalped three young men of the family and took the remainder prisoners. From thence they crossed Shimer's brook to the dwelling of Captain Abraham Shimer, about fifty rods north. The captain, who was of German extraction, and a very brave man, had with him five or six negroes; and as he had incurred the deadly hatred of the Indians, his capture was the prominent object of their incursion. One or two of the savages had entered the house ere the inmates were apprised of danger. The negroes instantly rushed upon them and forced them out. The captain, at that time in bed, was alarmed by his slaves. He immediately ordered the doors and windows of the lower story to be barricaded and stationed the negroes at them armed with axes while he, with the only gun in the house, went upstairs, placed a feather bed against the window, leaving one pane of glass uncovered, through which he fired at the Indians. They returned the fire and one of their balls entered through the same pane and grazed the captain's face. Shimer shot one of them breaking his thigh and he was borne off by his companions. A small fort, at that time occupied by militia, stood on the banks of the Delaware. Tidings had been conveyed to them of the approach of the Indians, but thinking it was false they paid no attention to it until, hearing the firing at Shimer's, they came to the rescue. A skirmish ensued and the Indians retreated across the Delaware, abandoning in their haste all their prisoners, among whom was one of the captain's negroes.

A few days after, the same party attacked a house a few miles north belonging to Mr. Patterson. They captured that gentleman and his two sons, one five and the other seven years of age, and then returned to their country on the Niagara frontier. Mr. Patterson, being carelessly guarded, had several opportunities of escaping but as he hoped to save his sons he continued with them until within one day's journey of their villages, where he knew a cruel death awaited him. In the night when the Indians were asleep, he took two horses which they had taken from him and escaped. The second day, being without food, he killed one of them. The other, alarmed at the scent of blood, broke loose and Mr. Patterson, going in pursuit, not only lost him but was unable to find the spot where his slaughtered companion lay. In the course of this day he heard the Indians yelling in pursuit. He, however, eluded them and traveled on by the sun for five days without any food excepting buds and roots and a snake and a toad he had killed, when he arrived at the headwaters of the Susquehanna. There he crooked a pin for a hook and attaching it with a worm at the end of a line made of the bark of slippery elm caught five fish and ate them raw. This appeased his hunger and gave him strength to construct a rude raft, on which he floated down to the Wyoming settlements and from thence returned home.

The sons were adopted by the Indians, became domesticated among them and thoroughly savage in their habits. Elias, the youngest, when a man returned to this part of the country and married, still retaining many of his Indian customs. Here he resided until 1833, when he and his wife left for the Tuscarora reservation.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

In the death of Miss Cornelia Van Erten another of our oldest residents is departed.

Some interest is shown in the extra meetings held in the M. E. church but conversions seem few.

John R. Thornton's trotter is expected to clean up everything around here.

Hon. John A. Klipp of New York was up a couple of days the latter part of last week.

Prof. Dunn's dancing class expects to have a lovely time in Brown's Hall on Thanksgiving night.

It gives a person the chills to hear of the amount of game which is said to be killed around here. I think some of it is counted three or four times, deer especially.

J. E. Boyd has purchased the Buchanan house on Broad street.

Harvey Kyte has returned to Newark.

The latest! A rifle going off all by itself.

Mrs. Richard Steele has been confined to the house the past week with a heavy cold.

"Jack," the Montague correspondent of the Port Jervis Gazette, is having a dig at the game laws in force over there. There is little if any difference between their game laws and our popular (?) laws here, only no license is required over there of non residents. No use kicking as long as our legislatures will only pass laws to favor a few and ignore the masses.

Venison suppers begin to be fashionable now. It is either eat or give your game away.

I notice several of our street lamps without globes. It improves the light when the moon shines.

Jas. Hotalon is putting the finishing touches of paint on the exterior of the M. E. parsonage.

Our crack shots should attend the shooting match at the Brick House tomorrow and get their Thanksgiving turkey.

William Transue has left the employ of Wm. Struble and returned to Walpack, N. J.

Aginaldo Would Plead in Congress. Aginaldo has written to General Chaffee, the military governor of the Philippines, asking the latter's permission to go before congress and express the desires of the Filipino people.

Aginaldo further requests to be accompanied by eight friends whom he designates, four of whom are prisoners at Guam, while the others are prominent in Manila.

Sixto Lopez, who has been in the United States and Europe in the interest of the Filipino insurgents, and is now at Hong Kong, has written to Governor Taft asking to be exempted from taking the oath of allegiance to the United States upon his arrival at Manila, asserting that this action might injure his labors in behalf of peace.

A fund is being raised by the Federal party in Manila for the purpose of attempting to prevent the execution of the Filipino general, Isidoro Torres, who surrendered to the American authorities in the early part of this year, and who was later tried on charges of having violated the rules of warfare and sentenced to death. Several congressmen will be asked to exert their influence in favor of General Torres.

Warning to Hunters. G. G. A dispatch to the Philadelphia Press via Stroudsburg says Van C. Peters of that town and a party of hunters fired at a deer in Pike county when the wounded animal turned and ran toward Peters. Lowering its antlers the deer made a dash for Peters. A dog was in the buck's way and diverted its attention from Peters, who thus escaped. While the deer was chasing the dog several additional shots from the hunters killed it.

Great Luck of An Editor. "For two years all efforts to cure Eczema in the palms of my hands failed," writes Editor H. N. Lester of Syracuse, Kan., "then I was wholly cured by Bucklen's Arnica Salve." It's the world's best for Eruptions, Sores and all skin diseases. Only 25c at all druggists.