

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The past week in Washington has witnessed the assembling and the adjournment of the reciprocity convention. The convention passed a resolution urging upon congress the maintenance of the principle of protection and the opening up of foreign markets by reciprocity.

There is wide diversity of opinion as to the results and effects of the convention but a careful canvass among some of the leading republican statesmen warrants the assertion that they consider it demonstrated the fact that while reciprocity is the next logical step of the government the time is not yet ripe for it.

From the west come continued reports of a demand for immediate reciprocity and some revision of the Dingley bill, Governor-elect Cummings of Iowa being the latest caller at the White House to urge caution in the 'let well enough alone' policy.

The president's chief counselors have advised him that he will satisfy the people if he can prevail upon congress to perfect the anti-trust law and to establish the department of commerce and industry and it is the belief that this action will be accepted as an evidence of good faith.

I found a widely prevalent conviction among the delegates to the reciprocity convention that the business interests of the country demanded some radical changes in the financial laws and that Secretary Gage was right in his proposition that 'the present is the most propitious hour in all our history and as favorable as any period we may hope for in the future.'

Speaking on this subject a leading member of the New York chamber of commerce, who requested that his name be withheld, said: 'There could be no better evidence of the necessity of a change than is afforded by the existing conditions. The treasury is overflowing with a surplus of nearly one hundred and seventy-five millions, none of which is drawing a cent of interest. Of course entire co-operation of the congressional committees on appropriations with the secretary of the treasury and a careful balancing of internal revenue with current expenses will obviate the continued accumulation of this immense non-interest bearing fund, but the most serious feature of the situation is that we are now buying bonds at 140 that we sold at 104 1/2 and notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Gage purchases bonds with a view to maintaining an 'easy' money market gold is being shipped abroad at the rate of \$12,000,000 per week.'

Moreover these very bonds that are now being bought up were sold to induce the bankers to increase the circulating medium by means of increased issues of bank notes and now the banks are selling these bonds and retiring their circulation because the government's action has 'balled' the market to an extent which makes this course more profitable than maintaining the circulation. The treasury is getting the short end of the deal, the banks the profits and Europe is drawing away the gold.

To the McKinley administration accrued the glory of vanquishing the free silver fallacy. If to the

Roosevelt administration may be recorded the credit of remedying the remaining defects in our financial system the gratitude of the business men of America will know no bounds and the republican party will have demonstrated its right to administer the affairs of the country for a long time.

At the cabinet meeting on Friday the president read the remainder of his message. Immediately following the meeting he directed that some minor changes be made and then announced that he considered the document completed. He entertained at luncheon Archbishop Corrigan of New York, and early in the afternoon embarked at the navy yard on the yacht Sylph and quietly sailed away. He was accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt and the children, with the exception of his eldest daughter who is visiting in Boston. As no one would furnish any information as to the destination of the party speculation is of course rife. It was suggested that possibly he intended going to Philadelphia by water as he had promised to witness 'the Thanksgiving football game which will be played there between Annapolis and West Point, but it is more probable that he has gone down the river duck shooting.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock has made public his annual report. Referring to the public lands he states that 15,522,728.30 acres have been disposed of in the last year. The total public lands aggregate 1,809,539,840 acres. He deplors the deforestation of these lands and calls attention to provisions of law which made it impossible for him to protect the forests and finally recommends that the care of the forest reserves be transferred to the department of agriculture.

The Indian problem is discussed at length. The total Indian population he places at 178,919 located on an aggregate area of 55,127,000 acres. This is exclusive of the New York Indians and the five civilized tribes of the Indian territory. He announces that hereafter a new policy will be adopted in the treatment of the Indians, all able bodied men being required to contribute to their support by the cultivation of land which will be allotted to them. In this connection he urges that more manual instruction and less 'higher education' be given the Indians in government schools.

Can Women Be Trusted with the Ballot.

Hon. James A. Norton, who begins his third term as congressman from Ohio next December, has unequivocally announced himself an advocate of woman suffrage. He says:

'The intelligence of woman, her progress as a member of society, the part she plays in earning her own living, and frequently in contributing to the support of an invalid husband, are only a few of the reasons why she should have just one more privilege accorded to her—that of helping to make the laws she lives under, of helping to elect the officers and to be one of the officers who executes the laws.'

'The woman who is responsible for my existence as a man, who nursed me in my infancy, who moulded my youthful mind and character, who gave me the rudiments of education, who is good enough to be my lifelong companion and other self, whose influence in the home and in society makes me what I am—I think she is good enough to go with me to the election booth, and I know she can be trusted to vote right.'

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PERSONALS

George Lawson has been seriously ill at his home on Water street this week.

Miss Lida Van Etten of Bridgeport, Ct., spent Thanksgiving here with her parents.

E. J. Cole is confined to his home with an attack of his old foe, rheumatism.

James R. Keeney of Philadelphia visited at The Anchorage a few days recently.

Bennett Rundle of Montague, a student at Cornell University, spent Thanksgiving at home.

George Wheeler left for New York Tuesday but he will enjoy the sights until the holidays.

County Surveyor Frank Schorr has been up in Lockawagen this week using his 'iron string.'

Little Benjamin Mettler, who has recently suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, is now rapidly improving in health.

Moses Detrick has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., for a visit of some weeks with his brother, Calvin, who is not in good health.

John Herschler and brother, who have been domiciled for some time at the Crissman House enjoying the shooting in this vicinity, returned to New York this week.

Frank P. Sawyer and wife of Chicago, Ill., are visiting here. The latter is a daughter of H. R. Wells. Mr. Sawyer is president of one of the largest cereal companies in the west.

Among those home Thanksgiving were Harry Reed of Lehigh University, Howard Reed of the U. P., Vivian Strothers, Norman Harsell, business manager of the *Turf, Field and Firm*, Miss Irene Caddenback and George Scudder of New York, a brother of Rev. C. E. Scudder.

Whence These Bones.

The story of a wonderful find in Pike county comes from Susquehanna. A party of gentlemen from that city were recently at Stroudsburg on a hunting trip and they report while excavating for a hut near Shohola Glen they discovered a cave in which was found a huge skeleton in a sitting position, with its knees drawn up to its head and clasped in a bony embrace by its fleshy arms. At its feet were several bowls, originally made of red clay, but hardened by the lapse of ages into a substance resembling flint. A stone tablet was near its head bearing a long inscription in hieroglyphics and covered with rude imitations of some extinct animal, half reptile. Several implements were also found, among them a stone axe, the handle and head being of stone, while the edge was formed of iron of great hardness, mortised into flint.—Stroudsburg Times.

Wonderful what Pike produces! And how soon people outside the county find it out. About the only thing that has not been found here is a republican majority.

Unclaimed Letters.

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Nov. 30, 1901: Jas. Connor, E. Graff, Jos. Anderson, H. S. Graff, H. S. Neidig, A. Schuler, Geo. S. Cronhamel, J. F. Moyer, O. J. Eagleman.

Factory Inspector's Report.

The report of the state factory inspector for this year shows the number of accidents to have been 223 less than last year. This decrease is attributed to the law enacted last session which gives the department more power to investigate and which results in more care being taken to guard against accidents. There were 103 fatal, 345 serious and 1536 less serious, making a total of 2834 reported.

Bricks Without Straw.

An excellent building material, resembling pressed brick, but harder, is being made at European gas works from coke ashes, hitherto a troublesome waste. The ashes are powdered, mixed with a tenth part of slaked lime, formed into a stiff paste with water, and pressed into bricks like clay. The bricks, protected from rain, harden in the air without artificial heat.

Chase & Sanborn's Old Homestead Java coffee at Armstrong & Co.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

So many deer have been killed that there is danger of their becoming extinct.

I am glad to note that Benjamin Mettler, Jr., is slowly improving. Skating and pickerel fishing through the ice have been indulged in already.

Chauncey Watson has been unfortunate again. One of his mules died.

Have you had your picture enlarged for nothing and been confronted with a bill for five dollars for a fifty cent frame?

It is all wrong for a chap to get a jag on, but it is worse yet to show off in a crowd around the post office delivery window.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Dr. Eston Cole of Montague.

Last Sunday was about as stormy as any one could wish for and the attendance in our churches was light.

Considerable excitement was occasioned by the ringing of the fire bell about the same time as the church bells were ringing in the evening. Our fire ladders of course responded but the hook and ladder boys had the hardest job. The truck is entirely too heavy for a few to haul through the mud and the few who started with it were winded before they arrived at their destination.

What's the matter with having a gas jet burning by the hose nose door nights?

Rumor has it that there has been a very quiet wedding in this town. It must have been if the tin pan brigades did not know it.

Hope the Press devil will enjoy his turkey dinner.

Funeral of Mrs. Van Wyck.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Kate B. Van Wyck held in the Presbyterian church last Monday was largely attended notwithstanding the severe storm, evidencing the high esteem in which she was held by her friends and neighbors here. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. M. Smead, the pastor, assisted in the services by Revs. C. B. Carpenter of the Episcopal church and C. E. Scudder of the M. E. church. Edgar K. Spring of Port Jervis presided over the organ and a quartette, composed of Miss Benedict of New York, Mrs. Kathryn St. John of Port Jervis, and Messrs. W. C. Wooden and E. P. Crissman of New York rendered solos and hymns. The floral display was in exquisite taste and the several pieces were beautiful. The active pall bearers were: John U. Warner, W. F. Chol, H. S. Angle, W. A. H. Mitchell, Geo. R. Bull and A. J. Wallace, and the honorary: Hon. Jos. J. Hart, Hon. Charles DeKay Townsend, Hon. Jacob Kiser, Hon. William Mitchell, Wm. H. Armstrong, C. W. Ball, Hy. T. Baker, J. H. Van Etten, Esqs., P. N. Bourneque, John C. Westbrook, Jr., C. O. Armstrong and E. T. Riviere. Among the out of town relatives were Mrs. J. B. Hastings and son of Morrisstown, N. J., Mrs. H. S. Mott and son, Ross and Mark Brodhead of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Wilfred Brodhead of New York.

Real Estate Transfers.

H. Alfred Freeman and wife to Edward C. Halloway, lots in Blooming Grove. Consideration \$20.

William J. Coon and wife to Blooming Grove Park association, 100 acres, Blooming Grove, part of John Wigton, No. 113. Consideration \$450.

Nicholas Hess to Martin Diederich Rurorde and others, 1 acre, Shohola. Consideration \$3.

Charles A. Preis to Ross Dale Gilmore, 250 acres, part John Shook, No 160, Porter. Consideration \$1.

Nancy Armstrong to George Smith, lot No. 484, George street. Milford Borough. Consideration \$175.

Great Lack of An Editor.

'For two years all efforts to cure Eosoma 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.

Two barrels good roasted Rio coffee 12 1/2 cts. per lb.; one barrel Maccabo and Mocha mixture roasted 18 cts. per lb. at W. & G. Mitchell's.

The Preservation of Native Birds and Animals.

Sombody proposes to stock the lower part of Indiana with Mongolian pheasants. The Belgian hare and the Angora goat, to say nothing of the English sparrow, have already been domesticated in this country at one time or other, and candor compels one to admit that when strange beasts and birds from foreign parts have lived here at all they have usually become a pest. The balance of nature is disturbed, and the result is that there is discomfort all round.

It seems as if, instead of introducing new species where they do not belong, some effort might well be made to preserve native birds and animals. The gray squirrel, which is certainly an animal worth preserving, has been almost exterminated in many parts of the country, owing to the beauty of its skin. Native song-birds and some species of game have shared the same fate. It would take comparatively little money and trouble to establish preserves of these creatures, defend them from their natural enemies and see that they were fed and sheltered until their original haunts were restocked with them. Then by judicious legislation and enforcement of the game laws they could be protected so that the natural proportion of them would be kept up and the whole country would be the richer for it.

The ease with which the native inhabitants of a country regain their old position in nature's economy after having been driven out of it for a time is shown by the rapidity with which game is increasing in the abandoned farm regions of New England and New York. In places which have not known venison for two or three generations the farmers are shooting a deer now and then. The animals wander down from less frequented forests into the abandoned lumber camps and woodlands and in time into the villages. With a little encouragement they would return to the haunts which their forebears knew a hundred and fifty years ago.

Thanksgiving Day on the Erie.

The Erie's special Thanksgiving menu card is remarkable not only as a masterpiece of the engraver's art but also as representing one of the most elaborate meals ever served in a dining car.

The beautiful engraving of the old New England homestead shown at the top of the card will awaken happy memories in the minds of travelers, but compensation for absence from the dinner itself, which will consist of the very best the market affords. Reading the menu makes one regret not being able to travel daily on the Erie so as to enjoy the sumptuous repast. Old travelers will recall the time when in order to appease hunger it was necessary to rush from the train at some way station and regale the inner man with a sandwich on which the summer flies had put their trade mark and wash it down with a cold mixture called by courtesy tea or coffee. How different now to ensconce oneself in a comfortable chair and while speeding along take in not only the beauties of the scenery but as fine a meal as can be procured at any first class hotel in the country.

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. Pats new life and vigor into any weak, sickly, run down man or woman. Price 50 cents. Sold by all druggists.

The Close Season.

The season for killing deer will close tomorrow, Nov. 30; for quail, pheasants and woodcock and grey and black squirrels Dec. 15; black bass and pickerel Feb. 15.

WANTED—A woman to care for office and bedroom. Widow with no children preferred. House rent free. DR. D. R. CHAPIN, Dingman's Ferry.

BRIEF MENTION.

Homar Greene of Honesdale, it is said, will be a candidate for congress from that district next year.

David Nation has been granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Carrie 'Hatchet,' by the Kansas courts.

A marriage license was granted this week to Julia M. Kern and John B. McCarty, both of this borough.

Nicholas Shields, an old resident of Shohola township, died at his home last Monday evening, aged 84 years.

The large grist mill of Wall & Murphy in Hawley, Pa., was burned recently. The loss is estimated at \$18,000 with an insurance of \$8,000.

Mrs. Wm. H. Armstrong has issued invitations for an 'at home' tomorrow afternoon. Those having cards will enjoy a pleasant reception.

Prof. John C. Watson has received from Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of public instruction, a certificate of his appointment on the committee on permanent certificates for this county.

John L. Burcher of Burcher's Glen while driving along the old canal tow path near Hawley turned out to avoid a pole and his sulky was overturned throwing him out and breaking his collar bone.

John B. McCarty and Miss Julia Kern, both of this borough, were united in marriage at St. Joseph's church, Matamoras, Wednesday evening by Rev. Joseph Treis. The young couple will reside on Catharine street.

By a recent reciprocal arrangement between New Jersey and Pennsylvania, normal school diplomas are now recognized in each state from the other without any examination of the holders being required. This is as it should be between all the states, providing always that the course of study has been of a similar grade.

An alarm of fire last Sunday evening promptly brought out the department. The cause was a blaze in a room in the house of Sheriff elect George Gregory on upper Hartford street. A daughter was using a colloid comb which caught fire and communicated to the bureau cover and thence to some clothing. The interior of the room was badly charred.

OBITUARY

SAMUEL DINGMAN.

Samuel, the youngest son of Evi Sayre Dingman and wife of Scranton, employed as a fireman at the Oxford colliery, while oiling was caught in the machinery Nov. 14 and so badly mangled that death ensued the following Saturday evening. His age was 21 years. He was well known throughout the Wyoming valley, exemplary in habits, generous and kind, and being the youngest of a family of five was greatly loved in the home circle. He was a member of a baseball and also of a football club and was distinguished in athletic sports, and in all the walks of life won admiration and distinction. At the time of his death he was arranging to quit labor and prepare himself for college and enter on a more active life. He is survived by his grief-stricken parents and the following brothers and sisters: Andrew, Edward, Mary and Anna. Deceased was a nephew of A. S. Dingman of this borough, whom he visited some four years ago. The funeral occurred Nov. 19 and was very largely attended. His pastor, feelingly spoke of him in the highest terms of praise both as a man and a Christian.

Astonishing Discovery.

From Coopersville, Mich., comes word of a wonderful discovery of a pleasant tasting liquid that when used before retiring by any one troubled with a bad cough always ensures a good night's rest. 'It will soon cure the cough, too,' writes Mrs. S. Himmelburger, 'for three generations of our family have used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and never found its equal for Coughs and Colds.' It's an unrivaled life-saver when used for desperate lung diseases. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1 at all druggists. Trial bottles free.

WANTED, TO RENT—A small farm in this county. Address giving terms, this office.

A New Style Piano.

The making of a 'geological piano' has been for thirty years the unique hobby of M. Honore Baudry, now living in a small town of India. Stones giving forth musical tones are not common, those emitting a desired note are much more rare, and it was many years before the first 'do' of the first of the two octaves was obtained, the last 'do' of the second octave being still lacking. With the present instrument, however, the geological musician is able to play a variety of airs. He uses an iron frame, from which the stones are suspended horizontally by double strings, and the best results are had by striking with a hand flut upon the sensitive spot experiment reveals in each stone. Some stones are of curious forms, lower 'mi' being a prehistoric axe and 'sol' a petrified fish.

SANDYSTON.

Thanksgiving promises to be very generally observed, and judging by the way buyers are picking up turkeys the people down country must all want a turkey for that day and a good many will be needed here, too. A dinner will be given by a party at Layton on that day consisting of three, each of whom was born on Nov. 28. The eldest was born in 1843, the daughter in 1889 and the invited young lady in 1887.

Eston Van Sickle departed on Saturday last to join his father in Ohio, where he is engaged in business, and Estor will be his assistant. Estor is a graduate of the Port Jervis high school and can fill the position with credit.

When the writer was in his teens it required no effort to get enough young folks together to have a dance or a party on short notice, but in these days the ladies lean against the church and the gents flee to the cities to engineer one end or the other of a trolley car, and molasses candy pulls are the only party in vogue. Well, they beat sitting at home, if someone doesn't steal the candy while cooling.

B. B. Hursh and wife are doing the west in great shape, and when last heard from were taking in the sights of Kansas City, Mo. Ben is going to make a thorough job of it and will see what is in the states west of the Mississippi.

The approaching farmers' institute to be held in the M. E. church at Layton on Dec. 2d and 3rd promises to be largely attended. The address of Mr. Gould of Ohio on 'Neighbors in Feathers' and 'Dairying for the Creamery and How to Make It Pay' will be worth going miles to hear. Your Dingman's Ferry scribe remarks that they will try and beat Sandyston in attendance this year. All right, Mr. Scribe, just come over to our institute and bring your wife and friends and as this is the day of reciprocity we will reciprocate by attending yours. Please give us the date of yours.

The trout hatchery at the Flatbrook fish club now have about 55,000 eggs in the boxes, which may be increased to 100,000 or even more. Under the watchful management of B. F. Rosenkraus, the present manager, the hatch has increased greatly and the club will have a fine lot of young trout to let loose in our streams.

A hunting party was out one day last week when one of the hunters shot a partridge but was unable to find the bird. Passing on they saw a hawk flying near them with what appeared to be a chicken in its grasp. Making a great noise, the hawk dropped its load and it proved to be the lost partridge. This is a fact.

In looking over our county papers I find that every one is condemning the D., L. & W. R. R. management for the way it is running its trains to the inconvenience of its patrons. Merchants with whom I have talked say that it takes a week to get goods from New York whereas formerly it required a couple of days. Branchville merchants say they will try the Midland R. R. and have their goods shipped to Augusta, as they can get them quicker and the charges are less. While I am on the subject, why not form a committee of three in each of the over-mountain townships to solicit the right of way through each, and see if we cannot get the D. V. B. R. to pass through these towns from Flatbrookville to Port Jervis.

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