

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Congress is now in session and will remain for at least six months, into which will be crowded some of the most exciting political experiences that this country has witnessed for many a day.

The democrats in the senate are nearly as badly off. Mr. Bryan has insisted that Senator Jones of Arkansas shall again be leader of the minority in that body and the contemplated revolt by those who object to further dictation from the Nebraska and who think that Mr. Jones failed them woefully by not fighting the army bill and other measures put through at the last session, is indefinitely postponed to await the return of Senator Bacon of Georgia, who is absent somewhere with Representative De Armond. The stars certainly seem to light against the democrats nowadays.

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota has prepared a bill which he will soon introduce to establish the new department of commerce and industries recommended by the recent reciprocity convention and by a number of similar bodies in the past. Senator Nelson has discussed his bill with the president, who has approved it and will urge it upon congress.

Secretary Root's recommendations in regard to Cuba have created a decided sensation here. In effect they are a plea for prompt action looking to reciprocity with the island on the ground that its peace, health, prosperity and independence are necessary to the United States and can only be attained by prompt commercial arrangements that will insure to the island's benefit.

and can only be attained by prompt commercial arrangements that will insure to the island's benefit. "The same considerations," says the secretary, "which led to the war with Spain now require that a commercial arrangement be made under which Cuba can live."

At the republican caucus which was held on Saturday General Henderson, Alexander McDowell, Henry Casson and the other officers of the last congress were nominated by acclamation. The Reed rules, after the usual protest from Colonel Hepburn, were adopted.

The democrats held their somewhat perfunctory caucus on Saturday morning. After nominating a slate for the various officers of the house, including "Slippery Jim" Richardson for speaker, they proceeded to offer a conglomerate of resolutions as diverse and impractical as are the opinions held by the peculiar varieties of chimerical economists who call themselves democrats.

Informal Reception. The reception tendered by Mrs. W. H. Armstrong at her home on Broad street last Saturday afternoon was very much enjoyed by the ladies present.

Excursion Tickets to Charleston. On account of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian exposition which is being held at Charleston, S. C., the Erie will sell a special excursion ticket from Port Jervis to Charleston, S. C., good returning for 11 days, including day of sale at \$25.50 for the round trip, or one local returning up to June 3rd, 1902, at \$34.50 for the round trip.

A Woman's Awful Peril. "There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lane Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice.

PERSONALS

Ben Emery of New York is on a visit with his father. Frank Emery of New York visited his father over last Sunday. Miles C. Rowland of Lackawanna was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. James Quin has gone to Philadelphia for a visit with her son, Halley B. Theodore Crane of Branchville, N. J., visited at the Crissman House a couple of days this week.

August Metz and wife of Dingman township returned from their wedding journey Tuesday. Mrs. H. S. Mott of Washington and son, who have been here for several days, returned home Tuesday.

John de C. Van Etten and L. W. Armstrong of New York were in town a couple of days recently. J. H. Van Etten, as the representative of Milford Lodge, attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge held in Philadelphia Wednesday.

Rev. Homer Mac Millan of Bogota, N. J., who supplied the pulpit here a Sunday some time ago, and who spent the summer in Nova Scotia for his health, was not greatly benefited and this week left for El Paso, Texas, where he will pass the winter.

The Lives of the Hunted. Ernest Seton-Thompson's new book, "The Lives of the Hunted," has a preface which explains his aim as it was not explained in his previous work. He says: "My chief motive, my most earnest underlying wish, has been to stop the extermination of harmless wild animals; not for their sakes, but for ours, firmly believing that each of our native wild creatures is in itself a precious heritage that we have no right to destroy or put beyond the reach of our children."

Real Estate Transfers. Harry W. Buchanan and wife and others to James Edgar Boyd, lot No. 338, Broad street, Milford borough. Consideration \$1000. Jennie Saries to Marie Zimmerman, 22 acres, Delaware. Consideration \$900.

Charles A. Fraus to Robert H. Delbo, 200 acres, William Condell, Lackawanna. Consideration \$1. Hugh Mulligan, map of Baena Vista in Dingman township, 600 lots 25x100 feet each. James W. Oanklin and wife to Lewis A. Briard, lot No. 631, Matamoras. Consideration \$900.

Lewis A. Briard and wife to Benjamin C. Totten, lot No. 129, Matamoras. Consideration \$100. The Telephone Fiend. Since the advent of the telephone another parasite has developed itself. The mail parasite which busied itself opening other people's letters whenever opportunity afforded has been supplemented by the telephone fiend.

Pennsylvania in History.

An unknown writer in an article in the October Atlantic Monthly entitled "What Is the Matter with Pennsylvania?" makes some grave charges against its political and moral standing. He says she has more than one disease but principally she is politically the most corrupt state in the Union and her notoriety in this respect impairs her credit so that Philadelphia cannot borrow money at 3 per cent.

Judge Ponnypacker in answering this attack quotes the splendid history of our state and compares her to Massachusetts, the home of the Puritan influences. He points out that although Pennsylvania was settled over sixty years later than Massachusetts she was first in establishing schools, libraries, philosophical societies and first in efforts to abolish slavery.

While all may not be prepared to accept the comparisons and conclusions of the learned judge, his article shows him to be a thorough scholar, a keen observer and an able, adroit and forceful advocate of his opinions.

Southern Moss for Christmas. One of the prettiest sights in Florida is the beautiful Spanish moss. It is a living air plant, which grows in the tree tops, hanging downward in graceful festoons, yards in length, swaying to and fro with every breeze.

Mrs. F. A. Warner, Public Beach, Fla. "It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Oysterstreet of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life."

Chas. Replogle, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a great deal with my kidneys and was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again; now I am entirely well." Sold at Armstrong & Co. drug store.

BRIEF MENTION.

Frank Schorr has recently purchased a new compass and will now be able to survey with nicety. The snow which fell Tuesday has made very fair sleighing in this section. There is none in New York or Philadelphia.

Frank Dewart and wife of upper Harford street are rejoicing over the advent of a ten pound baby which arrived last Sunday. An engine on the D. V. R. R. crossed over into Pike last Saturday on the new bridge over the Bushkill. It is expected to run trains from that place this week.

The prosperity of the Erie is shown by its largely increased net earnings each month. For the four months ending Oct. 31 the net increase was over \$1,000,000. Next week the school marmas of the county will grace the town with their presence.

Dr. John Kelley hung out two fine deer this week, the result of a recent hunting expedition. One, a four prong buck, was a large specimen and would probably gross 175 pounds. Looks like prospective game supporters for the genial Doctor's friends.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow entered congress Dec. 1, 1861, fifty years ago and has outlived not only all who were sworn in with him but all over whom he presided as speaker from '61 to '63 are either dead or have disappeared from public life. He is now 78 years old, clear headed, hale and hearty.

The Teachers' Institute. The Pike county teachers' institute will convene in the court house on Monday, Dec. 9, at 2 p. m. Arrangements have been made for a very interesting session during the entire week. The program for each evening will be replete with entertainment. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the teachers during the day sessions and by Milford local talent for the evenings.

Tuesday evening Miss Lella E. Patridge of Philadelphia, author of the famous "Quincy Methods," will lecture on "Girls." Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be filled by Dr. and Mrs. Byron W. King of the Pittsburg School of Oratory. Mrs. King will give an evening of "Artistic Sketches" and Dr. King, "Character Sketches" or a "Lecture Recital from Shakespeare."

Unclaimed Letters. List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Dec. 7, 1901: Miss C. F. Howard, Milford Chronicle, The Standard Bone Cutter Co., Alfonso Palmisano, Geo. B. Hynson. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Food Changed to Poison. Pottery food in the intestines produces effects like those of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels gently, easily but surely curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headaches, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c at all druggists.

Responsibility of Directors.

An interesting example of some men's ideas of duty and responsibility comes from Grand Rapids, Mich., where a former bank president is on trial for aiding and abetting the making of false reports to the Controller of the Currency. This banker, on the stand in his own defence, declared that he was made president of the bank on the understanding that he was not to devote his time to it.

A famous college president used to impress upon his students the sense of personal responsibility for their undertakings by an oft repeated example of the man who "took the bank to bed with him." Evidently this Michigan banker never came under his influence.

We are far too lenient on that subject in this country, and there is need of copying the Germans, who have taught their business men the meaning of responsibility in connection with office in financial institutions. No man has any right to put his name on the list of a bank directorate who does not to the full perform the duties of his office.

December Weather. The following data covering a period of thirty years have been compiled for the month of December: Mean or normal temperature, 36. The warmest month was that of 1859 with an average of 44. The coldest month was that of 1876, with an average of 25. The highest temperature was 70, on December 4, 1874. The lowest temperature was 5 degrees below zero, on December 30, 1880.

PRECIPITATION. (Rain and Melted Snow.) Average for the month, 2.70 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch more, 7. The greatest monthly precipitation was 0.83 inches in 1877. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four hours was 2.23 inches, on December 16 and 17, 1888. The greatest snowfall in any twenty-four hours was 6 inches, on December 17 and 18, 1887.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER. Average number of clear days, 8; partly cloudy days, 11; cloudy days, 12. WIND. The prevailing winds have been from the northwest. The highest velocity of the wind was sixty-three miles from the southwest, on December 10, 1878.

Of Course It Wouldn't. During the early days of the Metropolitan elevated railroad in New York the trains did not run on Sunday. One Sunday morning, ignorant of this fact, a traveler rushed up to the stairway only to find the gates closed. Noticing the letters "M. E. R. R." over the entrance, he said in disgusted tones: "I might know a Methodist Episcopal railroad would not run on Sundays!"

Says He Was Tortured. "I suffered such pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklen's Arnie Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, eczema, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

WANTED.—Energetic man or woman to act as local secretary in this district, \$936 yearly. Enclose self addressed envelope to "Vice President," care of Paton.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

It is a good policy to prepare the cage before you catch the bird. The deer can rest now. Poor things! they have had a hard time of it. Good to be on time but it is rather risky to be too far ahead of time sometimes. There may be an accident.

Prof. Dunn's dancing class and their friends had a good time in Brown's Hall Thanksgiving night. Only, unusual to recount, there were more boys than girls in attendance. The Boer war has been ended a dozen times, Miss Stone, the missionary, has been reported killed by the brigands several times, and yet the world moves on and we do not know all there is in it, either.

The W. C. T. U. of New Jersey is trying to secure a pardon for a woman, Libbie Garabrant by name, who was convicted in Paterson 30 years ago of murder in the first degree for killing Ransom F. Burroughs. The sentence of death was commuted to life imprisonment and the woman has served 30 years. She was 18 years old when convicted. Rev. Daniel Halloran, pastor of the M. E. church of Paterson, opposes granting a pardon giving for his reason that the woman is better off in prison than out, which is showing a new kind of "Love thy neighbor as thyself." I wonder if the Rev. D. Halloran is the same who preached in Port Jervis a few years ago.

The air is filled with the sounds of wedding bells. The time of the meeting of the dancing class has been changed from Thursday to Tuesday evening of each week. Next week this town will be full of good looking school marmas and we expect a lively time.

Miss Agnes Hess of Shohola, who has been spending a couple of weeks with friends in town, has returned home. Cold, high winds, snow and rain all inside of a week is enough to wreck a castron constitution and no doubt is responsible for the unusual number of colds reported among our residents. I hope Brother Warren will excuse us for not attending the farmers' institute at Layton. Could not possibly leave here.

Glad to note that Benjamin Mettler, Jr., is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness. The reports from the bedside of George Shauson are also favorable. Mrs. Susan McGinnis of Dingmans, a sister of A. S. Dingman here, does not materially improve. Maria Titman is also reported quite seriously ill at her home on Water street.

We Are Equal Builders. So I bid hold to the appointed thing. For me, my part in God's great plan, the big. He leaves for my most patient fashioning Of Life's Work, incomplete for lack of it: So I am wiser, where needs the humble wit To broiler ward an altar-covering. Or to its place one stone more truly fit. With joy, not shame, my service I will bring.

For lo! the Temple in its beauty stands, And we are equal builders, thou, and I. And all God's helpers, whether great or small. In the result are neither low nor high: For each hath used his gift of brain or hands, Ann God, the Master Builder, wrought through all. —Jas. Buchanan.

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