

### THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Both houses of congress have worked with unusual energy during the past week and as a result there will be some important legislation enacted before the Christmas recess. In the senate a large amount of time has been devoted to the discussion of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and a final vote will be taken today. That the treaty will be ratified is assured.

Senator Lodge and Senator Foraker have both spoken with much ability in favor of the convention and have shown themselves familiar with its details from every point of view. The consensus of opinion of the senators supporting the treaty is that the United States will by its terms be at liberty to fortify the canal and will have the privilege of making special tonnage rates to her own vessels engaged in the coastwise trade and that, while obligated to maintain the neutrality of the canal when other nations are at war she will, if involved in war herself, be at liberty to suspend its provisions of neutrality so far as her enemy is concerned and, if necessary to her military success, she may even close the canal and as soon as peace is declared the treaty, which would have been merely suspended during the war, will again be in force.

It is unlikely that further legislation will be taken up by the senate before holiday recess with the possible exception of the consideration of the house tariff bill which will pass the latter body on Wednesday.

December 19th has been fixed by both houses as the date of adjournment and it is quite probable that it will be impossible for the senate to take up and enact the tariff bill on the one day remaining after its passage by the house, but some of the friends of the measure tell me that inasmuch as the bill was practically completed on Friday they are trying to get the senators to consider its provisions before its formal passage by the house so that they may be ready for immediate action on Wednesday. If the senate consents to such hasty action it will be unprecedented and will be taken only as a result of the pressing need of the government of a bill providing revenue for the defrayment of the expenses of the Philippine islands.

On Friday the ways and means committee reported "a bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine islands." In explanation of the provisions of the bill and the necessity of its passage Chairman Payne said the United States has found itself confronted with the necessity of making extensive public improvements in the Philippine islands, that schools have been established, roads built and repaired and a large amount of work in improving the harbor of Manila has been already performed, that the continuance of such public improvements will be necessary for an indefinite period, that the treasury department has been collecting the duties scheduled in the Dingley tariff bill on goods imported from the Philippines and that the Taft commission has carefully prepared a tariff bill for the islands calculated to afford the needed revenue. By a decision of the supreme court the duties provided for by the measure mentioned could no longer be collected and, therefore, the present bill became a necessity to the continued administration of the affairs of the islands.

The bill provides for the collection of the same duties as were formerly collected under the Dingley and Taft commission bills and converts all duties collected on Philippine imported goods into the United States into the Philippine treasury. It permits foreign vessels to engage in commerce between the Philippines and the United States on payment of the same tonnage dues as are paid by vessels entering the United States from foreign countries and it further provides for a drawback of 99 per cent on imported goods manufactured in the United States and shipped to the Philippines.

The minority also presented a report denouncing the bill as imperialism, objection to the general course of the United States in her treatment of the islands and dissenting from practically all the provisions of the bill. "We oppose the whole policy of the majority in dealing with the Philippine archipelago," are the words of the minority report. The

discussion of the bill will open tomorrow, and a vote will be taken not later than four o'clock on Wednesday.

The senate committee on Isthmian canals has reported favorably on Senator Morgan's bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Senator Morgan in reporting the bill went into the matter of the Panama canal extensively and had only words of condemnation for the methods of the Panama canal company and their representative, M. Hutin. The present prospect is that the senate will pass the Morgan bill but it is believed that the house will pass the bill offered by Mr. Hepburn and now being considered by the house committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. At the meeting of that committee held on Friday the Hepburn bill was supported by all but one member, Mr. Fletcher of Minnesota. The bill was ordered reported but will not be taken up until after the holidays when it will probably be made the first in the order of business.

Senator Frye has made public an explanation of his ship subsidy bill. After stating that he believes that his former bill was the best that could be framed, the senator says that he has made some modifications in order to meet the objections which were raised against the former measure. He asserts the necessity of the provisions of the bill in order to establish regular steamship lines between this country and foreign ports which alone can establish regular trade, an impossible accomplishment for tramp vessels. He further admits that the bill passed in 1891 has not resulted in the establishment of any regular line with the exception of the American Line to which it was necessary to make concessions not provided for in the bill.

There is almost unanimous disappointment at the report of the Senate court of inquiry which, by its general report, condones Admiral Schley on almost every count in the "precept" but which is accompanied by a minority report signed by Admiral Dewey and exonerating Schley on every count. Admiral Schley and his friends profess to be much gratified that the hero of Manila should have declared himself guiltless. Attorney Raynor expresses himself as sadly disappointed and believes that the admiral should now seek redress by a libel suit in the civil courts. As a matter of fact, after all the expense and turmoil of the court of inquiry, the matter is left very much where it was before the investigation was begun and it is extremely probably that a congressional investigation will be considered unavoidable.

### For Another Erie Cutoff.

A dispatch to the New York Tribune and other city papers from Susquehanna says: The Erie Railroad company has a large force of civil engineers at work upon its Delaware division surveying for a cutoff between Port Jervis, N. Y., and Lackawaxen, Penn'a. It is expected that the road will be shortened 12 miles between the two points named, and a heavy grade and several bridges will be avoided. It is stated that a cutoff will also be surveyed by the Erie from Lackawaxen, Pa., across Wayne county in Uniondale on the Jefferson division of the road, thence to Susquehanna, where it will again return to the main line. The company will thus connect its House-dale and Jefferson divisions and shorten its line 20 miles. The present main line between Lackawaxen and Susquehanna would therefore be used principally for coal and freight.

The distance by rail from Port Jervis to Lackawaxen is about twenty-three miles, the air line distance is about twelve miles, so to shorten the line twelve miles would be to make it an air line. Every one knows this is just as impossible as it is to straighten the river between two points. But then of just such stuff are many dispatches from Susquehanna.

### Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such pain from colic I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Buckler's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on spasms, bruises, cuts, sores, eczema, burns, boils, pleurisy. Perfect protector of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by all druggists. 25c.

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### PERSONALS

P. B. Clark, Esq., of Porter was here Wednesday.

Dr. de Plasse of New York was in town over last Sunday.

O. L. Rowland, Esq., of Honesdale was in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. W. K. Peters, who has been spending some months in town, has returned to New York for the winter.

Commissioners Beck and Nills went up Tuesday to inspect the location of the late bridge at Cronwelltown.

Mrs. Ed. Reel of Port Jervis has been spending a few days here recently, a guest in the family of C. H. Wood.

Hon. Jacob Kleer drove over to Blairtown this week to bring home his two children, Edna and Henry, who are in Blair Hall.

Mrs. Geo. H. McCarty of Dingman township left this week for Asheville, N. C., where she will spend some three weeks or more in the sunny land, visiting the Charleston exhibition in the meanwhile.

### A Buddhist Temple.

Professor Maxwell Sommerville has formally presented to the University of Pennsylvania his magnificent collection of Oriental treasures which for several years he has been making in his travels in the east. A reception was recently tendered the distinguished savant at Houston Hall at which the presentation was made. His, with great difficulty and a magnificent outlay, succeeded in securing these priceless and sacred objects from priests in charge of Buddhist temples in many eastern countries through which he traveled in quest of gems, carvings, and engraved objects. This collection presented, unsurpassed for its beauty because of the rare judgment and extensive knowledge of the eminent Egyptologist, who has devoted years of study and research in pursuit of Oriental engraved gems, is valued at more than a half million dollars aside from the value of the Buddhist objects presented, all of which will be installed in the Sommerville section of the University museum and placed in the Buddhist temple. There are a countless number of objects symbolic of various phases of the religious as well as the material life of Buddhists used in their religious ceremonies and worship and in the most complete collection of the kind in any Christian country. A description of some of the gods would be of great interest but would occupy too much space. They could only be fully appreciated by being seen.

### Why Not Change the Road?

Now that the bridge where the old turnpike crosses the Sawhill between Dingman and Milford townships near the Hamilton farm is gone together with a considerable section of the road, it might be well for the people to consider a change in the location of the road to avoid four bad hills, one at the Pinchot place, one at the Hamilton place, one at W. H. Werner's and one at Thompson's. Why not select some point somewhere between the Sticher place and Kinkel's and lay the road from the turnpike across to the Schoepes road in Milford township? It is in order to make improvements on all roads where possible and even though the immediate cost may be more the advantage of an easier and better road is for all time and it should be the aim to improve as far as conveniently may be done, the roads by better locations and avoiding hills.

### Lodge Election.

At a stated meeting of Milford Lodge, F. & A. M., held Wednesday evening Geo. A. Swainson was elected W. M., Dr. W. B. Konow, Secy., S. W., P. M. Sills, J. W., N. Emory, Jr., secretary, R. D. Sayre, Treasurer, A. D. Brown, representative to G. L., and C. W. Ball and Alex. Hejler, trustees. It was decided to have a Masonic supper St. John's day, Dec. 27.

### Food Changed to Poison.

Poisoning 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 and surely curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headaches, Fevers, all Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. Only 25c at all druggists.

### DAMAGE WROUGHT BY STORM.

Many Bridges Washed Away and Roads Torn Out.

No more disastrous storm has ever passed over this county than the one which visited here last Saturday, Dec. 14, and not since the memorable freshet of 1863 has the water risen higher in the streams. Last Saturday the rain fell steadily nearly all day but in the night it came down in sheets and torrents. The creeks rose rapidly, soon overflowed their banks and the work of destruction began. Instead of the usually rapid and swollen streams, which they become after a rain, they became veritable young rivers, and the absence of frost enabled the water readily to cut away the ground. The banks were undermined and overflown and the rushing water tore up the soil and whirling it away. Bridge abutments crumbled and the structures were swept down stream.

The county bridge across Adams creek near Laf. Quick's, the one at Dingman's Ferry below the High Falls Hotel near Gunn's and the one at Mollineux mill were damaged. Several smaller bridges in that township on the Dingman creek belonging to the township were washed away. The one at Steele's, the one by the old factory, the one at Adams', the one at the old Lattimore place and the one at the Angle bridge are gone. The township bridge in Letman near Mrs. Spackman's was wrecked. The road at Conestoga and at Ed. Shepherd's was badly washed and in fact in all parts of the county roads have been torn out.

In the township of Dingman the bridge at Nobs' was damaged and the one near Montemont's, 23 feet long, built in 1888 and costing \$247.75, is gone.

The county bridge at Struble's mill in this borough, 64-foot long, built in 1893, costing \$1250.50, is partly down by reason of the abutment on the township side going away. The abutment was built in 1898 and cost \$377.

The county bridge near the upper dam, 27 feet long, built in 1888, with a considerable section of the road in Dingman township and the mill dam of Thos. Armstrong, is torn away.

The county bridge on the turnpike near the Hamilton place, 45-foot long, built in 1895, costing \$354, and the masonry, is with probably 200 feet of roadway gone.

The county bridge across the Wallenpaup at Cronwelltown, 82 feet long, built in 1899, costing \$539, and the masonry \$350, has disappeared, making five county bridges which have cost in superstructure alone over \$2000.

Five township bridges in Lackawaxen were carried away and the roads made impassable. The dam at Glen Eyre went out carrying away the old factory in which there was considerable machinery and about \$500 worth of iron tools which J. F. Kilgour had sent up preparatory to gathering the ice on the dam. The cost of reconstructing the bridge, rebuilding the abutments and repairing the approaches will be heavy and made more so by the necessity for building temporary bridges for use this winter.

The townships also suffer severely in the loss of bridges and damaged roads. A. D. Brown's race at his mill in town was broken, the road torn, two bridges wrecked, the third damaged, the cribbing to his race torn out and part of the underpinning to his saw mill. Struble lost the entire trunk leading water to his mill. Wolla's dam was somewhat damaged, the roadway was washed out and the dam filled with dirt and stones brought down the creek. Several large trees along the stream were torn out. Everywhere is evidence of the presence of the flood. The Delaware rose until the backwater crossed the road at Struble's mill. The road along the mountain between Milford and Raymondkill was several feet under water. Schanno's lost several pigs, some of their outbuildings floated away and the water filled the cellar of their house. Fred Bangall up in Lackawaxen lost all his chickens, 250. Farmers everywhere suffered from loss of small cattle and swine on their farms. The large best house and swimming platform owned by the boys of Camp Ypsocopus on the bank near J. M. Aldrich's floated away. Individual businesses of damaged all over the county are too numerous to mention and it will be a long time before things are restored to their normal condition.

The Delaware overflowed its banks and was a sight to behold, but the large bridge across the river near the town was in no wise affected. The water did not reach within ten feet of the floor. The Sawhill falls were a magnificent sight. The water filled the gorge above and came down in a mighty torrent thundering over the precipice and filling the chasm below, while a beautiful rainbow spanned the whole giving evidence as of yore that the rain had ceased. The stand pipe of the water company became filled and for a while the supply was cut off from town. Water was abundant everywhere and several cellars in town were flooded and fires in furnaces quenched.

In many parts of the state great damage was done. Bridges, houses, and roads were swept away. Factories were stopped, railroads washed out, telephone and telegraph wires torn down, farms inundated, mines flooded, people driven from their homes and many thousands of dollars worth of damage done. It was the greatest flood which has happened in this state in forty years.

Trains on the Erie were delayed by the flood and several washouts occurred along the line. At one time Port Jervis was in darkness because of the flooding of the electric light plant. A wreck on the Erie occurred last Saturday at Randle's curve near Tri-States, in which a brakeman was killed and a number of cars destroyed. Dams above Honesdale were washed out and several buildings and factories swept away. Hawley was also inundated.

### OBITUARY

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL.

W. F. Kimball died at the Danville Hospital Monday, Dec. 16. He was born in Sparrowbush Aug. 28, 1870, and soon after his parents, Marvin and Malinda Kimball, went to Port Jervis, where they lived several years, when they removed to Matamoras which place was their home until their death a few years ago. "Will," as he was called, learned the printer's trade and for a short time was on a Troy paper, then worked on the Port Jervis papers and Nov. 1, 1896, when the PIKE COUNTY PRESS was launched took a situation on it and remained for more than three years. Soon after leaving he suffered a stroke of paralysis and his health was gradually undermined.

He was faithful in his work but deafness, the result of sickness in his infancy, was a serious drawback to companionship and rendered acquaintance and intercourse difficult. In October he was taken to the hospital where he died. He was a member of Hope Evangelical church and of Deerpark Council No. 66 R. T. O. T. Two brothers, one Edmund M., of Matamoras, and three sisters survive. The remains were brought to his home in Matamoras, the funeral held today and the interment made in Laurel Grove cemetery.

### HYMNICAL

ROSECRANS—ELLENWEIN.

The wedding of two very worthy young people of Delaware township occurred Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Reformed church parsonage in Port Jervis when Miss Katie Ellenwein, a daughter of Frank Ellenwein and Mary, his wife, and Frank Rosecrans, a son of the late D. D. Rosecrans, were united in marriage by Rev. T. H. McKenzie, the pastor. The groom is a very worthy and industrious young man, possessed of considerable of this world's goods and will in all respects make a good husband. The bride is a most estimable young lady and in every respect a fitting helpmeet. The happy young couple have our sincere congratulations, and we hope that their path may be strewn with roses and their skies always of curulean blue.

### 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 Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, Typhoid, Only 50c etc. Guaranteed. For sale by all druggists.

### BRIEF MENTION.

R. F. Kipp of Greensburg has been appointed by the commissioners mercantile appraiser for 1902.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Campbell died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Samuel S. Van Etten, in Port Jervis last Sunday.

The county commissioners let a contract Wednesday to E. S. Wolf to build a temporary bridge near Selts hotel 54 feet long for \$90.

In the absence of Rev. E. M. Smead last Sunday the Presbyterian pulpit was occupied by Mr. Campbell, a student of Princeton theological seminary.

Marriage licenses have been issued to John M. Decker and Anna Martin of Palmyra and Frank W. Graser and Anna E. Walz, both of Greentown, Pa.

Letters of administration have been granted on the estate of Randall Van Gordon, late of Delaware, to his widow, Hannah Van Gordon, who will continue the hotel business.

At the sheriff's sale Saturday, Dec. 14, of the real estate of the late John T. Armstrong situated on George street in the borough Walter H. Warner became the purchaser for \$600.

The storm last Friday night prevented Dr. Byron W. King from filling his engagement at Hainesville, N. J., and the people in that vicinity were thus deprived of a great treat.

Owing to the floods Judge Allen Craig was not able to reach here Monday to hold court and Judge Houck being also prevented Judge Kleer adjourned the several courts to meet Monday, Dec. 23, at 2 p. m.

Constables Frank Kelly of Lackawaxen, George Burgard of Shohola, John N. DeGroat of Palmyra, Chas. Bosler of Milford township and Geo. Smith of the borough filed their returns last Tuesday with the probatory.

The sermons in the Presbyterian church Sunday will be on Christmas topics. At the morning service Henry M., the infant son of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Barkley, and Anna Cornelia, the daughter of C. W. Bull, Esq., and wife, will be baptized.

Hon. Charles Emory Smith has tendered his resignation as postmaster general to President Roosevelt and Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin will succeed him early in January. This step was not taken because of any friction but because Mr. Smith desired to again resume the active editorship of the Philadelphia Press.

Rev. George E. Gillespie, for six years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Port Jervis, has resigned to accept the pastorate of a church at Coatesville near Philadelphia. In resigning he stated that he was actuated largely by financial reasons believing it a duty to himself and family to embrace the opportunity to improve his circumstances.

Miss Mary Boardley and Samuel Fuller, both of this borough, were married by Rev. U. Symonds, rector of Grace Episcopal church in Port Jervis, Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, at the home of Frank Brogan. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride in town. The couple will reside on Seventh street, where the groom has already furnished a cozy house.

John W. Nyco, Esq., who went west several years ago from here where he was admitted to the bar and received his first political impulses, is now and has been for several years postmaster at Caldwell, Kansas. He has had a very successful career in that town both in politics and business and may have higher honors yet awaiting him. In renewing his subscription to the Press he kindly says "it is absolutely all right," a compliment we highly appreciate, but one, strive as we may, we fear is not wholly deserved. It is the aim, however, of the Press to fill the bill and it does an editor good to have his readers encourage his efforts with such kind words.

### Excursion Tickets to Charleston.

On account of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian expedition 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 day including day of sale at \$35.00 for the round trip, or one week returning up to June 3rd, 1902, at \$24.50 for the round trip. These tickets will be on sale every day up to May 31, 1902.—12-20.

### THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Holy Moses, what a flood struck us last Saturday night! People residing near streams will prepare an ark hereafter.

The prevailing question: How and which way did you get here? We regret to here of the sudden death of William Kimball of Matamoras. He meant to be a very good fellow.

Sam went quietly off and got married, and for once the boys did not catch on the first evening and give the customary serenade.

Now if we wait a little while we can find out how a prosecution for trespass will work over in Montague. A case will be tried shortly at Hainesville when all its ifs and ands will be explained.

Everybody is now getting ready to properly celebrate Christmas.

The prevailing complaint: A cough closely resembling the whooping cough. Have you had it? Question: Where are you going to get your ice?

Wm. Struble, disgusted with the action of the water, contemplates furnishing power for his mill with a modern engine.

Hops all the readers of the Press, the editor and even the "devil" will have a merry Christmas.

The Sunday schools of the different churches are preparing for suitable entertainments, and the youngsters are waiting for their presents.

The few remaining turkeys are roosting high.

Another of Chaucey Watson's horses has gone to its death.

Eddy Gelsenholmer of Port Jervis, Amos Finchot and Dr. de Plasse of New York were visitors in town last week.

James Mollineux, Esq., will leave Milford and spend the winter in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Philadelphia.

### Schley Court of Inquiry Report.

The following is taken from the main report of the naval court of inquiry:

Commodore Schley should not have made the retrograde turn westward with his squadron. He should have promptly obeyed the navy department's order of May 25. He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at anchor near entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29 and 30.

He did not do his utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 31.

By commencing the engagement on July 3 with the port battery and turning the Brooklyn around with port helm Commodore Schley caused her to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels, especially with the Vizcaya and Colon.

The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made to avoid getting her into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made towards the Texas and caused that vessel to stop and to back her engines to avoid possible collision.

Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

His conduct during the battle of July 3 was self-possessed, and he encouraged in his own person his subordinate officers and men to fight courageously.

Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish fleet.—Dewey's Special Report.

### Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet 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." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases, 50c and \$1 at all druggists. Trial bottles free.