

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Philippine revenue bill is still before the senate and there seems to be a concerted effort on the democratic side of the chamber to delay its passage. What the democrats have to gain by filibustering is not apparent unless they are hoping to embarrass Secretary Root and the Philippine commission, nevertheless that appears to be their policy. So foreign to the question have been the discussions of some of the senators in speeches supposed to be germane to the measure that Senator Hoar recently suggested that the senate "consider the life and character of Mary Queen of Scots." Senator Lodge has not attempted to press the passage because he first desired that the Philippine committee have an opportunity of listening to such testimony as Governor Taft might have to offer. The governor's statements have all supported the contention of the administration that peace is being rapidly established and that, with the funds necessary to carry on the public improvements required in the islands, the last vestige of the insurrection will disappear. Without the building of good roads, however, some of the brigands in the more inaccessible portions are likely to make trouble for some time to come.

The senate has passed a bill providing for the establishment of a department of commerce and labor; favorable action is expected in the house. Particularly is this assured because the house has already passed a measure making the census bureau permanent, a feature which is practically incorporated in the senate's measure. The republican senators have determined upon a program for the remainder of the session which provides that the Philippine tariff bill, the Isthmian canal bill, the Philippine government bill, the subsidy bill and the Cuban reciprocity bill shall be considered in the order named.

Senator Callom recently delivered a speech setting forth his views in regard to the treaty making powers of the senate and the executive in which he claimed that the provision in the Dingley bill relating to treaties was unconstitutional because it had a tendency to limit the powers conferred on the senate by the constitution. An attempt was made by Mr. Richardson, the democratic leader in the house, to make trouble between the senate and the house in regard to this matter by the appointment of a committee to investigate the powers of the senate, but the superior judgment of the republican leaders prevailed.

The ways and means committee has determined upon the abolition of the special war taxes and the democratic press has been industriously engaged in an attempt to place the members of the committee in a wrong light before the people. When asked for an interview on the subject Chairman Payne handed to your correspondent a statement which is too long for reproduction here, but which says in part that the committee had no thought of disposing of the Cuban question by reporting in favor of the reduction of the war taxes, that the committee had had no conference on the Cuban matter, and that "the bill to reduce war revenue taxes was taken up because it was the sentiment of the committee that the burdens resting upon our own people should be lightened before we turned our attention to lightening the burden of other people." Mr. Payne further assures me that the Cuban matter will receive full and careful consideration before a decision is reached and that it will be considered at an early date.

Congressman John F. Lacey of Iowa, chairman of the committee on public lands, gives me the following explanation of his bill introduced to carry out the suggestion made in the president's message in regard to forest reserves: "In an opinion given by the attorney general Jan. 3, 1902, he holds that congress has practically unlimited jurisdiction for all purposes over the forest reserves, even when they are situated in a state. The bill, following the lines of the opinion of the attorney general, provides that the forest reserves may be transferred from the department of the interior to the department of agriculture by an executive order of the president, but inasmuch as the

boundaries of many of these reserves are in controversy only such reserves are to be transferred as the secretary of the interior and the director of the geological survey will certify to have had their boundaries substantially settled. The president is to be authorized to set apart such forest reserves or parts thereof as may seem proper for fish and game preserves, but if the reserve is wholly in one state the president shall not make such order until the governor of the state shall in writing ask for it. In the territories he can create such game preserves without the action of the governor of the territory. The purpose of this was to avoid forcing any of these preserves on states where they were not wanted by the local authorities. The bill provides that the department of the interior or of agriculture, as the case may be, having such game preserve in its control may make all regulations necessary for game protection thereon. Such regulations shall have the force and effect of law, and a violation of them will be a misdemeanor. All nets, traps, guns, etc., used in violation of the law in one of these preserves will be forfeited on conviction of the party using the same. It also provides that forest officers may arrest without warrant persons found violating the law in preserves. The reason for making the transfer to the department of agriculture is because that department can better administer the permanent forest reserves than the department of the interior. The traditions and the organization of the department of the interior in relation to the public lands has in view the disposition of the lands, their sale and transfer to private parties. The secretary of agriculture has a fully equipped bureau of forestry and is better prepared to administer these reserves than the department in which they are now situated, but it was thought best in framing the bill not to provide for the transfer of any of the preserves except such as have had their boundaries definitely established. The secretary of the interior settles more questions of private right in amount and value in one year than the supreme court of the United States does in ten years. That department is overloaded with work and when one of these reserves is definitely located and established as a permanent reserve the president and both secretaries believe that the department of agriculture should have it to care for."

Real Estate Transfers.
David L. Hardenbrook to Henry W. Richardson, Shohola Glen and personal property. Consideration, exchange.

Mary M. Kleinhaus, administratrix, to Philip C. Kinkel, 2 deeds conveying lots in Milford borough, Nos. 912 to 919 inclusive. Consideration \$250.

Eliza H. Thompson and husband to Philip C. Kinkel, lands in Dingman township, 3 acres. Consideration \$30.

Pedestrianism has been difficult on our sidewalks for the past week and most of the town people have been middle of the roaders.

William D. Cole, formerly of this county, now residing at Dover, N. J., has recently been promoted to a position in the Lackawanna freight department. He is the father of E. J. Cole and Mrs. J. C. Watson of this borough.

Last Saturday the Warner boys, George and John C., drove their team on the hill in Dingman after wood. The horses were tied and blanketed, but soon the large hay was noticed to be very uneasy, as if sick. Examination by W. V. Davison, who was sent for, showed that the forage was broken in the shoulder and the animal had to be killed. The mystery is how the accident happened.

Bilious Colic
H. Seever, a carpenter and builder of Keaton, Tenn., when suffering intensely from an attack of bilious colic, sent to a nearby drug store for something to relieve him. The druggist sent him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, three doses of which effected a permanent cure. This is the only remedy that can be depended upon in the most severe cases of colic and cholera morbus. Most druggists know this and recommend it when such a medicine is called for. For sale by A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. T. Seeley is visiting her mother in Port Jervis.

Commissioners Beck and Nills were at Shohola Wednesday attending a road view.

Constable W. S. Van Auker of Lehman was in town on business a couple of days this week.

About thirty young people from here enjoyed a sleigh ride to Dingman Wednesday night.

George Lattimore, who has been employed in a Brooklyn drug store, is home for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Mary Kitley of Dingman's Ferry visited her brother, A. S. Dingman, a few days this week.

William Bryant of Greely died last Sunday night. He was 49 years old and unmarried and had always been a cripple.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Armstrong left for New York city this week where they will spend some time and after will go to Washington, D. C., for a sojourn.

Miss Minnie Porter of Irvington, N. J., and Frank G. Orben, a son of Jacob Orben of Dingman township, were married at the bride's home Jan. 28 by Rev. Albert Lyle.

Mrs. Kathryn E. St. John of Port Jervis has tendered her resignation as musical director and instructor of the choir of St. Paul's M. E. church at Middletown, N. Y., which position she has held for the past two years.

Ebenezer Warner and John C. Warner and wife, Mrs. Mary Shimer of Milford and George Warner and wife of Dingman township attended the Armstrong-McCarthy nuptials Wednesday. A large number of guests, friends and relatives were present.

Miss Frances Dingman, who recently suffered an attack of pneumonia, is recovering. Her condition was so alarming that her sister, Mrs. G. S. Garretson, who was visiting in New York, was called home and she was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Newburn.

A party comprising Mrs. Jennie Sherer, Mrs. Frances Westfall, Mrs. J. H. Van Eiten and the Misses Bertha Williamson and Lydia Brown went to Branchville last evening to hear the rendition of the cantata, "Queen Esther," given by the choir of the Presbyterian church, in which Arthur N. Roe and wife took prominent parts.

People in this section will regret to learn that the New York Furniture company of Port Jervis is about to relinquish the business. Fair dealing, moderate prices and reliable methods have earned for the company an enviable reputation. The ad. this week gives a clew to wise householders.

Brookside Villa, for some years conducted by Tobias Nelson as a summer boarding house, will no longer be open for guests. The house, by a recent arrangement, has been converted into a private residence and will be closed to the public.

Considerable interest is being aroused in the state over the libel suit of Frank Harris against P. Gray Mack, editor of the Bellefonte Watchman, now on trial in the Centre county courts. The defense has subpoenaed the governor and many prominent state officials and politicians and expects to air the transactions of the last legislature.

Judge Diekey in the Orange county court has decided that when an insurance agent places a risk in an insolvent or fake company he becomes personally liable in case of loss to the insured. Mr. Landusky of Greely placed his house with E. C. Beirne of Port Jervis who wrote the policy in a Chicago company which proved to be a wildcat concern. Fire destroyed the building and suit was brought against Beirne personally. A judgment has been rendered against him for the full amount of the claim, \$1,000 and costs.

End to Conquer or Die.
"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Hous Richardson of Laurel Springs, N. C., "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life-saver in Consumption, Pneumonia, La Grippa and Bronchitis; infallible for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Whooping Cough, Great Croup and all other ailments. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

OBITUARY

GEORGE A. BAKE.
Mr. Bake died Tuesday, Jan. 28, at his brother's home in New York, where he had been a couple of weeks for treatment. His malady was of long standing and it was with the hope that he might be benefited that he was taken to the city. His age was about fifty-one years. He was an excellent citizen and neighbor, and a kind husband and father. The remains were brought to Dreher and interment was made last Friday. His wife, six children and several brothers and sisters survive.

ARMSTRONG-McCARTY.
Miss Emma Armstrong, a daughter of Geo. Armstrong of Montague, New Jersey, and Jacob C. McCarty were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 3 o'clock. The happy couple left for a tour which will embrace Washington and perhaps cities farther south. The groom is a prosperous farmer and the bride a most excellent young lady. Their many friends will unite in wishing for them a life free from trouble and sorrow and full of sunshine and joy.

Rumored Changes.
The reported changes so far this spring are Dr. W. B. Konworthy to his new house on Broad street, Emilie Gumble to the house vacated, and the Wheeler family to the premises vacated by Gumble on Harford street, C. O. Armstrong to his new home on Ann street and the deBerle family to the house he leaves. J. F. Terwilliger will establish his Laces and Penates on Ann street and John McCarty will occupy part of the house of Mrs. M. C. Nyce on Broad street.

A Surprise Party.
A jolly crowd numbering about thirty from Matamoras surprised William Angle, Esq., Tuesday evening. The party brought along a fine assortment of edibles, but called on the squire for the liquid and smoke solace, both of which were bountifully supplied, the former being water, to which the visitors added a proper quantity of coffee, and the latter came from the furnace pipe, but all had a good time anyway.

Look Out for These.
In some neighboring counties a gang of swindlers is operating to relieve farmers of their hard earned money. They induce a farmer to act as agent for a hay tork and agree to give him a fork if he will show it to his neighbors and devote one day a month to taking orders. He signs a contract which when out in two is at the signature and a cut-throat judgment note payable at some bank.

Rights to Carry Freight.
A suit is soon to be argued at Harrisburg which is intended to settle the controversy as to the rights of trolley companies to carry freight. The contention on the one side is that such companies have no right to act as common carriers of freight and on the other that the companies are doing a legitimate business in so doing.

Unclaimed Letters.
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Feb. 8, 1902:
Zelda Dings, May M. Walker, M. Jagger, W. B. Gerhart, Dr. T. C. Curry.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

A Thousand Dollars Thrown Away.
Mr. W. W. Baker of Plainview, Neb., writes: "My wife had long trouble for over fifteen years. We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it. Sold at Armstrong's drug store."
Great reduction in shirt waists at T. Armstrong & Co.'s. Prices now 25c, 50c, 75c and 90c.

BRIEF MENTION.

A fire at Waterbury, Conn., recently destroyed five million dollars' worth of property.

Permission has been asked and given by the council of Honesdale to sink a well for oil in that town.

Burglars entered the Chester, N. Y., post office Sunday night, blew open the safe and secured about \$800.

Backetstown so far has had 115 cases of smallpox but it is thought the disease there is actually checked.

The county commissioners have levied 10 mills for county purposes. Dog tax, 50 cents on female and 25 cents on male.

Trains are now running on the Ellenville and Kingston road for about a mile and a large force of men is at work building track.

According to the report of Jesse K. Cope, dairy and food commissioner of Pennsylvania, there were 850 creameries in the state last year.

Surveyors are at work on the proposed new road of the Erie up the canal from the Delaware bridge and it is said construction will soon begin.

Hawley will soon have a new industry, that of manufacturing the Hartford Insulator. This will give employment to a large number of men and boys.

A cow belonging to Geo. H. McCarty in Dingman township last week produced twin calves. The question is will she double her flow of milk to provide for them.

The storm here last Sunday was a genuine blizzard west interlarding with railroad traffic and breaking down telegraph and telephone lines. It was also destructive to shipping along the coast.

The policy of abandoning the Philippines, suggested by the democrats, savors very strongly of shirking a duty. They seem to want to lay down the "white man's burden" long before the proper time.

The several electric interests in Port Jervis including the light, power, gas and railroad franchises are bonded for \$275,000, and the 5 per cent thirty year gold bonds are now being offered at 102 and interest.

The will of Mrs. Trompe, lately deceased, divides her house and household goods to her daughter, Cora Beardsley, gives \$25 to her son, John, and the balance of the estate to her daughter, Josephine.

James T. Mulhearn, Esq., a prominent attorney, and Dr. Zorn of Carbon county are out for the state senatorship of the 22d district. As that county is in line for the next nomination the contest there will be lively.

The ground hogs in this section did not see their shadows last Sunday, unless they brought their looking glasses out with them, but as zero weather has prevailed ever since they must feel that they have lost prestige as weather prognosticators.

If Bryan did not make a new speech once in a while, if Miss Stone was not released with periodic frequency, and if Governor Dole's resignation did not put in its appearance every once in so often, the editors would be in serious need of reliable "fillers."

The Biddle brothers, under sentence of death for murder in the Pittsburgh jail, escaped last week by the aid of the warden's wife, who furnished them saws and revolvers. She fled with them but they were recaptured and the Biddles so badly wounded that they have since died. The woman also was shot but is recovering.

C. C. Shannon of Lackawanna was stricken with paralysis a day last week while driving from his farm to the town and was for some time in an unconscious condition. His many friends will earnestly hope for a recovery. He is an excellent citizen and has long been prominent in the affairs of his township and county.

A Card to Investors and Patentees.
In a recent publication we are tempted by another patent attorney with "railroading" applications for patents through the United States patent office. Statistics show that railroad travel is not only the swiftest but the safest in the world. There are, however, people who prefer ox-cart and ass-cart locomotion.
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Editorial Notes.

Many people in the United States, having in mind the tax that has been made on their geographic and orthographic knowledge since the country has taken its place as a world power, hope that the route with the shortest and easiest name will be chosen for the isthmian canal.

Recent debates in both branches of congress show that the old wheel-horses, men who have been in the legislative halls for a long time, have a decided advantage over the younger members who try to cross lances with them. They leave at the tips of their tongues witty sallies and retorts for any and every occasion.

A newspaper rumor has been started that there are negotiations pending for the sale of the Philippines to Germany and that the visit of Prince Henry to this country is preliminary to the announcement of the sale. Whether true or not, it is infinitely better than the abandonment of the islands by this country to internal dissensions or the preying of other countries.

The United States has in round numbers 200,000 miles of railroad in operation or more than two-fifths of the mileage of the world. Germany is the nearest rival with 82,000 miles. Russia comes next with 30,000 miles, and France, India, Austria Hungary, British Isles and Canada follow in order. Almost one-third of the total mileage is government owned, and the railroads of France will revert to government control about the middle of the century.

There are frequently things said to congress that do not get in the sedate pages of the congressional record. For example, in the recent tilt over the Philippine tariff bill in the senate between Senators Lodge, Teller, Beveridge, Spooner and Money, one of the gentlemen said: "Let the Philippines go to the devil!" This was expunged from the official document, as was the greater part of the heated passage at arms.

In a letter to the adjutant general of the army Gen. Bells says that the influence of one American woman can contribute more to the reformation of the Filipinos than any company of men, soldier or civilian. He cites several instances where the presence of officers' wives, who have sympathetically tried to understand the natives, has worked an entire change in the attitude of even the revengeful Tagalos who are willing to concede that with such good women, Americans can not be all bad. Gen. Bell recommends that permission always be given for officers to be accompanied by their wives.

The French official census has just been issued. Returns are made in that country every five years instead of every decade as in the United States. The most significant figures are those that have to do with the birth rate that has constantly decreased, until now the excess of births over deaths is only three in every 10,000 inhabitants. The military aspects of the census are the most alarming to France, as computations show that in 1919 the annual contingent for military service will be only 180,000, while the same calculations applied to Germany show that she will have twice as many fighting men as France. It is maintained in France as a vital factor that the equilibrium must be preserved between the two countries, so that the present mortality statistics show that France must seek new and powerful allies.

New Erie Depot at Lackawanna.
The material used in the building is native blue stone. The structure is to be one story and an attic and will consist of a freight room 18x39 feet, ticket office 10x19, general waiting room 18x24, ladies' waiting room 6x14 and toilet room about 6x9 feet. There will be a covered platform 15x30 and a flagstone platform will extend around the building and about 300 feet from each end.

The interior will be finished in panel and plaster in the general waiting room, and plaster and wainscoting in the ticket office and toilet rooms. An arched doorway opens into the general waiting room with plate glass in the door. The work is being done by contract.—Hawley Times.

A Fireman's Close Call.
"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy a locomotive fireman of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 30 cents.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Sleighriding and cold fingers are fashionable.

This is the blacksmith's harvest. Cold produces sleep, long hours weariness, excitement weakness.

Some of our boys who went to Port Jervis Monday evening got lost, strayed or were stolen. Nothing was seen of them until Tuesday afternoon.

John Wolf went to New York yesterday to attend the funeral of his niece, Mrs. Anna Barbara Klinge, who was killed by being run over by an automobile in Central Park at 62d street Monday night.

This week will give the ice gatherers all they need. The crop is up to the average.

Frank Seitz is building an addition to his barn.

It is an easy job for a fellow to put his foot in it but a hard job to get loose again.

Is the editor of the Press going to take cake after the receipt he published last week? If so he should save them for the men's supper.

Trouble never comes singly. A short time ago Warner Bros. lost a fine young cow and last week they were compelled to kill their best horse on account of a broken leg.

Did would-be burglars visit our town this week or was it imagination? A good watch dog comes in handy sometimes.

Something very useful and ornamental which will make the driver of a sleigh, if he be not a member of a church, swear quicker than anything else: A pile of coal ashes. Lots of them can be found in any of the borough alleys.

Geo. Armstrong and wife of Montague were guests at "Model Farm" last Sunday.

How soon are we going to have that masquerade ball?

John Degen is in the nursery business.

Some claim the groundhog did see his shadow last Sunday. I don't believe it, unless he had a lamp to light up his quarters.

The World almanac publishes a list of 3,456 millionaires in the United States, while the Tribune's gives 4,000, a multiple of the famous "400" of Ward McAllister. Taking the carefully revised list of the World we find that New York state has approximately 1,000. Pennsylvania comes next with 369, Massachusetts, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Michigan, California and Maryland follow in order, the list so far given including those that have over 100 in the state. At the other extreme North Dakota has only one millionaire, Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, South Dakota and Arkansas have only two apiece. There are several states that have none at all. The District of Columbia, naturally sought as a residence city, has 49, the largest number in proportion to inhabitants.

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