

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

In an interview which Senator Orville H. Platt granted to your correspondent yesterday in the marble room of the senate in confirmed rumor that he is favorably disposed towards the president's wish to grant reciprocal concessions to Cuba in the following language: "I am a thorough believer in the doctrine of protection and have so warmly advocated it as to have been charged with being a partisan; I am in favor of granting certain concessions to Cuba in return for similar concessions from the island. I believe that such concessions can be granted without serious detriment to American industries and with material benefit to American foreign markets. The granting of reasonable concessions would, in my opinion, greatly benefit the trade of both countries. Without receding one iota from my position as a sincere protectionist, I believe at the present time it is in danger of injury from its friends who hold out for immoderate and unnecessary duties more than from the advocates of free trade." The senator refused to go into further details in regard to the policy to be pursued in dealing with Cuba, but his position as chairman of the senate committee on relations with Cuba makes his statement a sufficient guarantee of the position which the senate will adopt in regard to this matter.

There is no doubt that the majority of the house committee on ways and means is opposed to granting any concessions to Cuba, nevertheless the knowledge that the senate is sure to do so may serve to induce the leaders in the house to take some such action rather than permit the senate to overrule its decision and take the initiative in so important a matter. Judge Page Morris of Minnesota has, however, formulated a plan for granting the necessary relief to Cuba which is commanding unusual attention from the members of the house and which he believes will meet all the demands of the president and at the same time avoid the danger to the beet sugar interests which might result from a straight reduction of 25 per cent. on raw Cuban sugar. Speaking on the subject yesterday Judge Morris said: "My bill is intended to obviate the difficulties which have seemed inevitable if we accept either horn of the dilemma. It only deals with the sugar problem, which seems to me the most important. Its chief provision is an increase of the duty on raw sugar, 96 degrees proof, from 1.685 to 1.844 cents a pound, accompanied by a rebate to be paid to the Cuban planters of 33 1/2 per cent. This would in my judgment divide the burden of relief to Cuba between the whole people and the refiners, or in other words the sugar trust. It would mean a slight increase in the cost to consumers, but only a slight one, and the balance would be paid by the trust. I figure that the increase of duty would result in an increase of revenue from sugar duties of about \$5,000,000, one-half of which we would return the Cuban planters. I think that quite possibly this arrangement ought to be made only temporarily, say for two years, as that would be long enough to tide the Cubans over their present difficulties and give them a good financial start."

Another statement on this subject which will be received with respect is that of Senator Proctor of Vermont who has said, after proferring his remarks with the statement that he is today as good a protectionist as he ever was: "In my judgment we would not hurt any industry in this country by dealing generously with Cuba. It is also my judgment that if we take any other than a generous course towards Cuba we shall injure the cause of protection in the United States." In view of the statements of Senators Platt and Proctor, the attempt on the part of the Democrats to show any friction between the president and the senate is surely idle.

From a careful canvass of the members of the ways and means committee I believe I am safe in saying that the greatest obstacle to action favorable to the president's wishes in regard to Cuba is Representative Babcock of Wisconsin and his following who, it is feared by the committee, would seize upon any measure looking to reciprocity with Cuba as a vehicle to which to

attach amendments which would be in the nature of a tariff revision. Mr. Babcock attempted to do this in committee and lost by a narrow majority and he asserts that he will make the attempt again on the floor of the house. If the leaders can perfect a rule which will obviate the danger there is every reason to expect that the committee will report a reciprocal measure in the near future.

In the senate this week some exciting scenes occurred during the consideration of the Philippines bill which has not yet been passed. The Democrats taking the ground that the measure is a sanction of "imperialism" are contesting it at every point and delivering long harangues which it is said they hope will stand as a basis for the next campaign. So violent and unreasonable have been some of their protestations that Senator Foraker recently felt called upon to inform Senator Tillman that if it were not for his immunity as a United States senator he would be indictable under the law against treason. As a matter of fact the democratic course is open to the severest condemnation. The insurgents are, according to Judge Taft's testimony before the Philippine committee, little more than brigands and the Democrats are pursuing a systematic course of encouragement of an enemy in open revolt against the authority of this government. Nothing more unpatriotic could be imagined than the course of the democratic side of the senate at a time when their cheerful acquiescence would result in the end of the strife and perhaps save the lives of hundreds of American boys who are fighting in support of their country and their flag.

The serious illness of young Theodore Roosevelt is a matter which will compel the sympathy and anxiety of every true American. Mrs. Roosevelt left Washington on Friday afternoon to be with her son, after having recalled the invitations to a tea which had been planned for this afternoon, and the president's plans are all in abeyance pending the receipt of definite news in regard to the condition of his eldest boy. The story that young Roosevelt started the custom of going hatless at his college at Groton has been widely circulated and to it has been attributed his present illness. As a matter of fact the custom was inaugurated at Groton long before young Roosevelt first entered there and was probably adopted in imitation of the famous "Blue coat boys" of Christ college, London, who have never seemed to suffer from the habit.

F. E. B.
We heard a man say the other morning that the abbreviation for February—Feb.—means freeze every body, and that man looked frozen in his ulster. It was apparent that he needed the kind of warmth that stays, the warmth that reaches from head to foot, all over the body. We could have told him from personal knowledge that Hood's Sarsaparilla gives permanent warmth, it invigorates the blood and speeds it along through artery and vein, and really fits men and women, boys and girls, to enjoy cold weather and resist the attacks of disease. It gives the right kind of warmth, stimulates and strengthens at the same time, and all its benefits are lasting. There may be a suggestion in this for you.

Washington's Birthday Excursion.
Saturday, February 22nd, Washington's Birthday, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to New York and return at one dollar for the round trip, good going on the Orange Co. Express leaving Port Jervis at 6.30 a. m. and good returning on any train leaving New York same day excepting trains Nos 5 and 7. 2-21

C. A. Snow & Co. of Washington, D. C., will send free a booklet containing abstracts of decisions in leading patent cases, and other information of interest to inventors, patentees and manufacturers. They will also send a booklet on trade marks to any one who may desire to have a trade mark registered.

Dress making in all branches. Will go to the house or do the work at home. Address MARY LUDWIG, Broad street, Milford, Pa.

PERSONALS

George Wheeler of New York is stopping in town.
Robinson Shepherd of Edgemere was in town Tuesday.
Lanty Armstrong of New York was in town last Monday.
P. N. Bourne and wife went to New York this week for a brief visit.
C. W. Ball, Esq., spent a couple of days the first of the week in New York.

Postmaster Charles Lattimore and wife have both been confined to their home by illness part of this week.
Lewis Dalrymple and sister, Josie, of Branchville, N. J., visited with Miss Bertha Williamson over last Sunday.

Cpl. A. E. Lewis returned this week from Charleston, S. C., where he has been attending the exposition.

Lorenz Gantz of Greeley was in town Tuesday. It is understood he will be an applicant for a hotel license there at next court.

Miss Jemima Boll gave a small party Monday evening to a few young ladies complimentary to her friend, Miss Bertha Kleinhaus.

It is reported that Herbert Alton and Mrs. Loesch, both well known here and former guests at the Chatham House, are soon to be married.

Mrs. Emma J. Baker of New York attended the cantata of "Queen Esther" given last week at Branchville and while there was the guest of Mrs. Dr. J. C. Price.

A. D. Brown and daughter, Lydia, are camping out at the Kelly place in Dingman township. Mr. Brown has a force of men hauling lumber from his mill in Porter with which he expects to erect a new house for his family in the near future.

It is rumored that there is likely to be quite a lively time over in Dingman township next Tuesday. There seems to be some discontent with a few of the nominees. That township, to its credit be said, has a habit of being quite independent and often breaks the slate.

George V. Koenig of Long Island City, N. Y., a practical poultry raiser, has rented a farm in Delaware township and will engage largely in that business next summer. There is good profit in this pursuit if one trusts to care and good management, instead of luck, and in fact this is true of all kinds of farm work.

Randolph H. Travis of Montague, N. J., who has become somewhat acquainted recently with game laws of that state through arrests for alleged infractions, was last Saturday taken to Newton jail on a commitment issued by Jas. B. Fuller, Esq. The Jerseyman are an aggressive people and generally in such matters take sides, and sometimes the lightning thus let loose strikes rather promiscuously.

M. M. Cady, who was a resident in Milford along in the sixties, and afterwards located for the practice of law in Dubuque, Iowa, where he now resides, has had a successful career as a patent lawyer. Recent ly he won a very important case in the United States court involving the infringement of a patent which was of great value to his clients.

Real Estate Transfers.
John H. Cook and wife, consideration \$450, Lizzie J. Townsend and husband, consideration \$20, Edwin F. Peters, consideration \$1, Charles J. Wallace and wife, consideration \$1 and Daniel Clark and wife, consideration \$100, to Delaware Valley Railroad company, several deeds for rights of way in Lehman.

George N. Jagger and wife to John H. Butler, 63 acres, Delaware. Consideration \$325.

Had to Conquer or Die.
"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa 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 Grippe and Bronchitis; infallible for Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup or Whooping Cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

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

SOME RAILROAD STATISTICS.

From the annual report of the secretary of internal affairs on railroads in this state we gather some figures which seem incredible and almost beyond comprehension. The total steam railway capitalization is over \$4,000,000,000, an increase of over \$91,000,000 from the previous year. The total capital outstanding for the United States was about \$11,500,000,000. There are over 103,000 miles of railway in the United States, and of this amount 10,007 miles are within the limits of Pennsylvania. Illinois leads, but we are a close second. Over 1,000,000 persons are employed to manage and conduct the affairs of railways in the United States and nearly 380,000 in this state. The railways of this state carried last year 218,603,748 passengers, an increase of over 5 per cent. over the previous year, and the receipts from them were nearly \$119,000,000. But when it comes to freight the figures are enormous, the number of tons of all kinds being 478,684,788, or the number of tons carried over one mile being over 58,000,000,000. The total revenue from this was nearly \$354,000,000, not including amounts received in the way of transportation of mails, express, etc. Combining the receipts the total received by the railways reporting to the department was more than \$634,000,000. Of the passengers carried 86 were killed and 1,780 injured; of employees, 987 were killed and 15,456 injured; of other persons, 2,007 killed and 2,601 injured, making a total of casualties of 23,917.

Under the head of "Roads Not in Operation," the Delaware Valley shows \$30,500 expended on construction, etc., the Milford and Dingman \$1,630, the Milford & Log Tavern \$1,135, and the Milford, Matamoras New & York, \$91,763.

WIDER ROAD BEDS.

Minor accidents on account of the icy condition of the roads have been quite frequent the past week, especially near the Cummings place. V. V. Davenport rather quickly dumped a load of chestnut coal there Monday by reason of his sleigh sliding from the highway. This is an other reason why the roadway should be made wider. There is need for a bed sufficiently wide, between here and Matamoras especially, for two vehicles to pass without either going in the side gutter. As it is now there are many places where considerable risk of overturning must be taken to pass teams. The highway below here, too, needs attention of this kind. Automobiles are likely to become more numerous and the road should be so widened and cut out that about turns would not prevent seeing a little distance ahead. Judicial working would soon bring about such a state and the necessity for it is becoming greater each year.

RAILROAD BLESSINGS.

Since the advent of the D. V. R. R. to Bushkill E. F. Peters has opened a coal yard there which will probably largely supply people in the lower part of the valley with that necessary but expensive commodity. The railroad has also opened up the way for a new industry, that of shipping mus-ties and props and the Nyce brothers are now sending out two car loads daily. Already the farmers in the vicinity of Bushkill are arranging to ship milk over the road and from these evidences it is apparent that the lower part of Pike will soon blossom with unenvied prosperity. We are awaiting the coming of spring with impatience that this boon may be enabled to reach our town and we are enabled to realize a long hoped for condition.

BILIOUS COLIC

H. Seaver, a carpenter and builder of Kenton, 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.

Mrs. Odell, mother of the governor of New York, died at her home in Newburg Feb. 10.

BRIEF MENTION.

Wayne county roads have been badly blocked with snow drifts and the people there are just getting out.

A large number of logs is being hauled to Wolf's mill in the upper part of town and that place presents a pretty lively appearance.

A sleigh load of ladies drove out Wednesday to picnic for the day at the Kelly place where Miss Lydia Brown is tenting with her father.

John M. Hoffman of Sawkill brought to town Tuesday a fine pair of fat cattle which Wash Lantz of Hainesville will convert into beef.

The Edgemere club recently sent up three fine boats for use on the lake. They are of rather novel construction, being 25 feet long and 10 wide.

A phoebe bird was heard in town plaintively calling one day this week but then one phoebe does not make spring any more than one swallow makes it summer.

Wednesday, Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday, was a legal holiday. There will be two more this month, Feb. 18, election, and Feb. 22, Washington's birthday.

Henry S., the young son of Dr. R. G. Barekley, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is slowly improving and hopes are now entertained of his ultimate recovery.

Dr. Roads, for some time secretary of the Pennsylvania Sunday school association, has resigned to take up similar work for the M. E. church in the United States.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the president, who has been dangerously ill of pneumonia at Groton, Mass., has passed the crisis and is now thought to be out of danger.

Mrs. William Stanton died at her home in Honesdale last Friday night. She was a daughter of the late Hon. C. F. Waller, formerly judge of the Wayne-Pike district.

Louis K. Rudolph of Middletown was in a wreck on the Walkill Valley railroad last week when a train jumped the track near Montgomery. Only one person was slightly injured, and that was not Louis.

The dwelling of John Davey, situated about two miles above Matamoras, was with all his furniture burned last Saturday night. The building was insured for \$500 but there was no insurance on the contents.

The sale of the New York Furniture company at Port Jervis has been well patronized. A fine stock of goods is being sold at greatly reduced prices and many have secured genuine bargains. Those who postpone may be too late.

In the cantata of "Queen Esther" given at Branchville last week Arthur N. Roe took the part of Mordecai; his wife, formerly Mrs. Williamson, was Zeresh; his daughter, Miss Estella Roe, was the queen and Miss Grace Price, step daughter of Dr. J. C. Price, enacted the part of Mordecai's sister.

The conservatory of music of Ed. Westbrook of Ridgewood, N. J., was with its contents totally consumed by the Peterson fire. B. F. Kent also lost both his drug stores and loses heavily by the conflagration. Mr. Kent is father of Mrs. M. H. Chapin of Bridgeport, Ct.

The supper of the Hatcher Society will be given in the parlors of the Presbyterian church next Friday evening, Feb. 21st. The supper will be served from 6 to 10 and will be fairly equal to those previously given. Tickets 50c. All are cordially invited to come and enjoy it and a good social time as well.

R. H. Travis who accompanied the constable to Newton, N. J., last Saturday, was not then locked up but returned to Montague Monday and after transacting some business went back and was placed in the jail under the commitment which is for 90 days. This he will serve unless sooner released on habeas corpus proceedings.

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 50 cents.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The southern democrats are demonstrating their alleged friendship for the farmer by fighting vigorously for oleomargarine.

Baron D'Estournelle de Constant, the noted French diplomat, just arrived in this country, where he will make an address at Chicago on Washington's birthday. He says that he is not visiting the country solely for pleasure, nor to celebrate the glory of Washington, but to seek instruction and bring back examples and models that will be useful to his country. He will try to demonstrate the need of a closer union between France and America in development and progress. He says that all the European countries have a great deal to learn from the United States.

Several papers recently had accounts of the leadership of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., at Groton School, Massachusetts, where he is a pupil. According to the story young Roosevelt had inaugurated the custom of going without a hat, a habit followed by all the boys without regard to the conditions of the weather. It is a mere reporter's story as the Groton school boys never wear hats and the custom started long before the Roosevelt boy came there. A graduate of the institution says that he never wore a hat during the whole six years he was in attendance.

At a visit to Stevens Institute, New York, whose new laboratory is the gift of the great philanthropist, Mr. Andrew Carnegie was presented with a section of the first T-rail ever used in railway construction. It was used on a road between Camden and Amboy, N. J. The rail was made in Wales in 1830.

At a meeting of the Federation of Labor in Chicago the other day many delegates complained that a man over forty-five years old had no chance to get work. It seems strange that a mechanic should be considered at his worst just at the time when he would be at his best in most trades and professions.

The democrats want the trusts removed so that competition will regulate things and bring lower prices. Yet the world is getting to believe that a community of interests may accomplish more in lowering prices than will mere competition. In nature's competition decides which is fittest to survive, but after that the surviving form thrives best when freed from competition. And every farmer knows that if he lets his corn compete with the weeds, or even with too many stalks of good corn in the same hill, he will get no crop. The great problem then is not to foster either line of action in the industrial world but to find the golden mean.

The British house of commons has for the fourteenth time passed the "deceased wife's sister bill," permitting a widower to marry his deceased wife's sister. It was met with unsurmountable opposition in the house of lords, so that such a marriage is still illegal in England though possible in the colonies.

Large exports of gold are leaving the country, mostly to France in payment of obligations created by American bankers abroad. The place of the United States as a creditor nation whose financial influence is felt all over the world is thoroughly assured.

Editor Bryan says that his paper will not support any one who was even a lukewarm democrat at the time of the last national campaign. Two questions naturally arise at this: Is he trying to retaliate, or he is going to support only William Jennings Bryan.

The Los Angeles Times is authority for the statement that the liberal patent system of the government is in a great measure responsible for the present supremacy of the United States in the industrial world. The inventors it has offered have been large, as have the rewards of successful invention. Improved machinery and methods have given America an advantage that Europe seems to be unable to overcome in spite of her much cheaper wage scale.

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

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Uncle Jim Mollineux has returned from Philadelphia.

Miss Lena Schreiber is visiting friends in Hawley, Pa.

Mrs. A. Warner has gone to New York to spend a week.

Rev. Chas. B. Carpenter has been spending some of his spare time fishing but he reports no big catches.

Sorry to hear of the illness of Rev. C. E. Sandler.

Sharp shod horses are still a necessity.

This celebrated trespass and hunting on snow law suit seems to have drawn to a close. The defendant, Randolph Travis, not giving a bond for his appearance at court, was taken to Newton. Wonder if that is the end?

Skating is fine, even in town. There is a lovely pond for sliding on the upper end of Broad street.

Now we have to prepare for the supper which the Hatcher society will furnish on the evening of Feb. 21st.

Wash Lantz purchased of Ex-Sheriff Hoffman a yoke of fat oxen. They tipped the scales alive at 2810 pounds. Now for some fine steak.

John Watts is overhauling the ice box in Boyd's meat market. John knows a thing or two about refrigerators.

How many valentines did you receive? is the question.

Numerous changes among our citizens are talked about. But as it is early there is time for a change of mind yet.

Alonzo Warner will relinquish farming and take up his residence somewhere in town.

GARDEN FOR TWELVE CENTS.

F. B. Mills, the seedsman of Rose Hill, N. Y., is distributing 800,000 copies of his greatest seed book—souvenir of his fifteenth year of successful business. Along with it to every one that sends 12 cents, together with the names and addresses of three friends who are likely to plant seeds. Mr. Mills will send 40 varieties of vegetable seeds and 100 kinds of gorgeous flower seeds. This is the biggest seed offer ever made—particularly so in view of the high quality of Mills' seeds and the great number of valuable novelties in vegetables and flowers that have originated here. But the book itself is a beauty, filled with fine photographic reproductions from nature and many artistic color plates. Another feature is a large list of elegant premiums offered for orders this year. Don't send a seed order until you get the Mills' book and don't plant anything without giving at least some garden space to the famous Mills' varieties. Address today, F. B. Mills, Seedsman, Rose Hill, N. Y.

CAUSE OF NEW DISEASES.

Some time ago it was revealed to congress that much of the nice white flour used in every home throughout the country contained more or less "mineraline," a white clayey substance found in the Carolinas and sold to flouring mills in various parts of the United States at the cost of a fraction of a cent a pound. Last week three and a half tons of baking powder, seized by the board of health of New York, were found to contain 29 per cent. powdered rock. Is it any wonder that the human stomach and intestines are being destroyed by diseases that are new to and baffle the skill of the medical fraternity?

We know of no way in which we can be of more service to our readers than to tell them of something that will be of real good to them. For this reason we want to acquaint them with what we consider one of the very best remedies on the market for coughs, colds, and that alarming complaint, croup. We refer to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it in our family so long and with such good results that it has become a household necessity. By its prompt use we have n't any doubt but that it has time and again prevented croup. This testimony is given upon our own experience, and we suggest that our readers, especially those that have small children, always keep it in their homes as a safeguard against croup—Camden, S. C., Messenger. For sale by A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.