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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Last Saturday there occurred on the floor of the senate chamber a fist fight engaged in by the senators from South Carolina. The senate immediately went into executive session and declared the offenders "in contempt." It had been my intention to permit this disgraceful episode to pass unnoticed but the events which followed make it necessary to refer to it. On Monday when the Philippine revenue bill came to a vote, President pro tem Frye refused to let the senators in contempt as an opportunity to vote and precipitated a protest from the minority, who claimed that the action of the president was unconstitutional in that it "disfranchised a sovereign state." The chair adhered to his decision and the bill passed by a strict party vote.

On Tuesday Senator Frye, while affirming that his position had been correct and that senators in contempt had neither vote nor voice on the floor, restored their names pending the report of the committee to which had been referred the question of censure, etc. Immediate adjournment was taken by the senate on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday was devoted to the joint session referred to below and on Friday the committee on privileges and elections reported censuring Senators Tillman and Mc Laurin and relieving them from contempt. On that day the senate approved the permanent census bill, as reported by the conference committee, as did also the house and with the signature of the president it will become a law. The senate then took up the irrigation bill which was next on the calendar.

Senator Penrose, at the request of your correspondent, recently made a brief statement of republican policy in the Philippines. "The United States will stay in the Philippine Islands," said the senator, "and will convert them to a prosperous portion of the country. They will, I presume, be given territorial rights in time, and a resident commissioner as Porto Rico now has. The resources of the islands are incalculable and when they are developed by American capital and American enterprise it is my opinion that they will not only be adequate to meet the current expenses of the territory but will afford it and its residents the many advantages of higher civilization now enjoyed by the citizens of the United States. Under the guidance of the Philippine commission the islands now enjoy infinitely better educational advantages, better courts of justice and, in a word, better facilities for the attainment of civilization than they ever had or ever would have enjoyed under Spanish rule. With the exception of a few professional fighters, the people are happy and contented and the time is not far distant when they will be more so. With the insurrection ended the United States will be in a position to still further carry into effect the beneficent intent which she has in view and a satisfied and prosperous people will bless this country for their deliverance from Spanish domination."

The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was passed by the house during the past week and a committee was appointed to confer with the senate committee on the Philippine bill. On Friday the house devoted itself to the calendar and exceeded all previous records by passing 159 bills in three hours. It then adjourned until this morning. The question of reciprocal relations with Cuba is still unsettled and the best thought in the lower chamber is being devoted to the solution of the problem. It will be considered in session this evening.

On Thursday congress went into joint session in the house of representatives and with the guests, the president and his cabinet, Prince Henry of Prussia and his suite, the diplomatic corps, the justices of the supreme court and a number of invited guests, participated in the beautiful memorial services of which Secretary Hay delivered an eloquent eulogy of William McKinley. Addresses will not do justice to the glowing tributes which the secretary of state paid to his dead chief.

Your correspondent was present at the memorial exercises in the house of representatives and noted particularly the bearing and pres-

ence of distinguished personages and especially the foreign visitors. Prince Henry of Prussia was ushered into the hall twelve or fifteen minutes before the president arrived. He bowed slightly to the speaker and to the audience and then bringing himself to the military attitude of "attention" stood for fully ten minutes as stiff and immovable as a pillar, looking neither to the right nor to the left until the arrival of the president. He then bowed to the president and took his seat. The address of Secretary Hay was delivered in a monotonous tone and was fully an hour and twenty five minutes in length, during which time I observed particularly the bearing of the prince. He sat bolt upright with his feet evenly in front of him, and I think I may say with assurance that during that long ordeal there was not the movement of a limb or muscle. It was a revelation of the influence of rigid military training and etiquette as practiced in a country renowned for its rigorous observance of form. In marked contrast was the natural expression of fatigue of President Roosevelt, who sat by him. The president shifted his position again and again, and while doubtless interested, found the long address, or especially the necessity of sitting through it, a penance. It was evident that he would have given a great deal to vary it by a horse-back ride or a running walk of ten miles.

The visit of the prince to Washington was a memorable and enjoyable occasion. The almost democratic simplicity of the royal guest and the good fellowship which seems to be so thoroughly developed in those whose profession leads them to "follow the sea" rendered the duties of those to whose lot it fell to entertain Prince Henry, a pleasure. Speaking of the question which has been raised, as to whether it is not questionable Americanism to so elaborately entertain a member of royalty, a republican senator said to me recently, "Every courtesy which we can extend to the prince as the representative of the German people is proper, because his presence affords us an opportunity of showing our esteem for the people he represents but our attention to him should be based on that fact and should in no way differ from those we would show to a brother of the president of France, for instance, were he to come here representing the French people. In a word, it is not royalty but the nation which we seek to honor."

As a matter of fact the personality of the prince has done much to make this visit a pleasant one. Rear Admiral Evans predicted that he would be popular and the prediction has come true. Such little attentions as his going, at his own request, to the sick room of young Theodore Roosevelt and chatting for a few minutes with him, his solicitude for the tree he was asked to lead him to get down into the excavation to tramp the earth about the roots, and his presentation of handsome gold watches to the train crew which conducted his train between New York and Washington, have all helped to produce the heartiness of his reception.

Strayed or Stolen.
A liberal reward will be paid for the return, or information that will lead to the return, of "Gordon Barber" dog that strayed from my house Monday morning, March 3.
Dog has curly black hair, except lower half of each leg is brown, white spot on breast, and deep scar across upper left eyelid. P. N. Botassique, Milford, Pa.

Strikes a Rich Find.
"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

150 patterns of wall paper at W. & G. Mitchell's.

PERSONALS

Hon. John A. Kipp of New York was in town the first of the week.
Mrs. F. F. White, who has been visiting in New York for several weeks, returned home Tuesday.
Miss Happy Van Wyck, after a visit of several weeks in Nebraska and Cleveland, Ohio, returned home this week.
Prothonotary John C. Westbrook was at Scranton the first of the week as a witness in the case of the parties arrested for transporting game out of the state.
Geo. Reynolds and Geo. Senman, two of the Wayne county commissioners, were in town last Saturday in reference to rebuilding the county line bridge at Cromwelltown.
C. W. Bull, Esq., was in Scranton Monday attending the trial of the several defendants, members of the Blooming Grove park association arrested for unlawfully transporting game out of the state.
Rev. H. W. Gross, recently pastor of the Hope Evangelical church at Matamoras, has been transferred to Shamokin, Pa., and is succeeded by Rev. Caleb Weidner of Bethlehem, Pa.
Dr. W. B. Kenworthy conveyed the remains of his mother to their final resting place, Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia, this week. The body was also accompanied by Undertaker Charles G. Wood.

Real Estate Transfers.

J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to John C. Westbrook, two deeds conveying David Beveridge, No. 88, 415 acres and Daniel Deppy, No. 110, 2d, 400 acres, Blooming Grove, Consideration, taxes.
Geo. Daman, treasurer, to John C. Westbrook, five deeds conveying 105 acres, John Towns, Daniel Hicks, No. 188, 387 acres, Andrew Simpson, No. 133, 3d, 397 acres, John Simpson, No. 112, 2d, 395 acres, No. 111, 2d, Thomas Craig, 860 acres, Blooming Grove. Consideration, taxes.
Louisa Ebbart et al. to Phillip Elwanger, right, title and interest to 285 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$600.
Geo. Daumann, Jr., treasurer, to Nicholas W. Holden, two deeds conveying John Nicholson, No. 145, 87 acres, William Smith, No. 183, 50 acres, Dingman. Consideration, taxes.
Nicholas W. Holden and wife to Eleanor L. Hilliard, same lands. Consideration \$175.
J. B. Westbrook, treasurer, to county commissioners, John Gates, No. 102, Porter, 153 acres. Consideration taxes.
County commissioners to E. T. Riviere, same land. Consideration 50 cents.
Horace O. Kipp to J. D. Holdman, 28 acres, Delaware. Consideration \$1.
Maria Baxton et al. to William B. Gray, 438 acres, Lackawaxen. Consideration \$1.
John Volkstein to Geo. G. Shafer, 58 acres, part of Jas. Coperthwait, Greene. Consideration \$5.
Christian Rose to Frederick Rose, 58 acres, Greene. Consideration \$2.
Christian Rose to Christian J. Rose, 80 acres, part of Conrad Harris, Greene. Consideration, support and maintenance.

Erie Bridge Wrecked.

A bridge on the Erie at New Hampton was undermined by the flood last week and rendered unsafe for trains. Workmen attempted to repair the foundations but the damage is so great that a new structure will have to be built and meanwhile a temporary wooden bridge is being erected for the passage of trains. Mail here have been greatly delayed as the Erie was compelled to run its trains around over the N. Y. & W. from Middletown to Paterson and also over the O. & W. to Campbell Hall and then to Goshen. It will be several days before traffic can be resumed over the road at that point.

A Horrible Outbreak.

"Of large sores on my little daughter's head developed into a case of scald head," writes C. B. Ishbi of Morganston, Tenn., but Buckle's Arnica Salve completely cured her. It's a guaranteed cure for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Pimples, Sores, Ulcers and Piles. Only 50c at all druggists.

French mushrooms at Mitchell's.

THE MIGHTY FLOOD.

Waters Rose to a Great Height. Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed and Many Lives Lost.

It would be impossible to give in detail the list of casualties occasioned, and the property damaged and destroyed by the flood which occurred in this and the eastern states last Friday and Saturday. The rain which fell copiously, rapidly turned the deep snow to water and it rushed down through the creeks and rivers drowning out the lowlands, tearing out roads, carrying away bridges and houses, inundating farms, washing out railroad tracks or covering them with water, flooding mines, bearing away houses and working destruction in many ways. Along the Susquehanna, which has low banks, the damage, was especially great. The Lehigh also contributed its share and many towns along it were partly submerged. In Philadelphia much damage was done by the Schuylkill which spread over part of the city. The river here rose rapidly Saturday morning and by noon reached its highest level. Vast quantities of ice from above came tearing down but the height of water prevented any gorge here. Down near Cave bank the ice stopped for a while and the back water soon covered the bridge across the Raymondskill at Schanno's about four feet deep. The water in the road back of Warner's farm was probably in places 10 feet deep. Across the river from town the Jersey flats were covered with ice and water, but no special damage was done. In town the water came down Harford, Ann, Catharine and High streets and they resembled large brooks rather than village streets. Culverts were wholly inadequate to their requirements and the water sought its own way and flooded the town. Pedestrians unless with rubber boots was utterly impossible. Some cellars were partially filled but little damage was done in town beyond washing out a few gullies in the streets. The Sawkill rose very high and carried away about 3 feet of the top of Well's dam. The hill at Conshangh, which was washed out last fall, was again badly washed and the former filling became so soft that it was nearly impassable. Up in Port Jervis the water covered the part of the village between the track and river and also in Sparrow-bush and Tri-States streets and cellars were flooded. The electric light plant, gas works, saw factory and some of the coal yards were affected by the overflow.

Six lives were lost in the Wyoming valley. At Wilkesbarr the Susquehanna was two miles wide and hundreds of cattle, horses, sheep and chickens were killed.
A large bridge at Harrisburg was damaged half a million dollars, Potte-town was under water, Danville was on an island, and at Easton the highest mark on record was made, the water being 34 feet above low mark and 6 inches higher than in 1891. The loss in Allegheny will equal a million and a quarter dollars and at Philadelphia it will probably amount to much more. In the Lehigh valley railroad bridges were wrecked and the roads were tied up for several days. At Paterson, N. J., hundreds were made homeless and there was greater loss to property than by the recent fire.
Cochecon, N. Y., was inundated, houses, stores and a church torn away, and the bridge crossing the river carried off. Standing on the bridge across the river here it was a grand sight to see the swelling mass of ice and water, in which were logs, flumbers and the wreckage of houses, rush maddy under and it forcibly conveyed an idea of the irresistible power of the elements. The ice from up the river passed here during the forenoon of Saturday and while it piled high against the Jersey pier and abutment did not come within many feet of the structure which was not disturbed by even a tremor.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had no suspicion so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three 41c bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 53 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

La Grippe Quickly Cured.

"In the winter of 1899 and 1900 I was taken down with a severe attack of what is known as La Grippe," says E. L. Hewitt, a prominent druggist of Winfield, Ill. "The only medicine I used was two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It broke up the cold and stopped the coughing like magic and I have never since been troubled with Grippe." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can always be depended upon to break up a severe cold and ward off any threatened attack of pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, too, which makes it the most desirable and one of the most popular preparations in use for these ailments. For sale by A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

Danger of Colds and La Grippe.

The greatest danger from colds and la grippe is their resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is used, however, and Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for these diseases, we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that it is a certain preventive of that dangerous malady. It will cure a cold or an attack of la grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

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

Great reduction in shirt waists at T. Armstrong & Co.'s. Prices now 35c, 55c, 75c and 90c.

BRIEF MENTION.

The county bridge at Glipin's dam in Greese township was wrecked by the high water last week.
Snow fell here Wednesday to the depth of eight inches but the weather cleared yesterday and was warm and pleasant.
The annual election of Milford Hook and Ladder, No. 1, will be held Friday evening, March 14, at 8 p. m. at the borough halling.
H. W. Buchanan will occupy his farm in Dingman Twp. after April 1st and G. H. McCarty, the present tenant, will remove to this borough.
There is quite a scarcity of fodder in this section and the high prices preclude farmers from buying much feed so early grass will be a great boon.
Ex-County Commissioner James H. Heller will remove his family April 1st from Centre Square to the James Boller house on Catharine street.
At the sheriff's sale of the Ludwig property in Delaware township held last Saturday M. B. McCarty, the plaintiff in the writ, became the purchaser for \$985.
A large flock of blue birds was seen up in Dingman township last Saturday. These are said to be harbingers of spring and everybody is hoping the saying may be true.
William Retalick, expecting to move, will have a sale of stock, household goods and farming tools at his place two miles from Dingman's Ferry Tuesday, March 18, beginning at 10 a. m.
Geo. H. McCarty will have a public sale of stock and farming implements Saturday, March 22, at 11 p. m. at the Buchanan farm in Dingman township. He has an especially fine colt which will be offered.
Ernest Biguy will remove this spring from the farm of Mrs. Jordan in Milford township to the Dallas boarding house in Dingman. It is rumored that John Darling will occupy the vacated premises.
Charles Person, recently elected constable of Delaware township, was arrested last week for furnishing liquors to persons on election day, Feb. 18. At the hearing before Squire Frazer Saturday he gave bail for his appearance to court.
Dr. W. B. Kenworthy, appreciating the general sympathy expressed and many kindnesses manifested during his recent bereavement in the death of his mother, desires to express his sincere thanks to all who so unreservedly tendered aid and consolation to himself and family.
Fred Kurtz captured a wall eyed pike Monday in a small pond up near J. M. Aldrich's, where it had been trapped by the receding water, which weighed over eleven pounds. How a fish of that size would open one's eyes if he got on a hook and started down the river with the fisherman!

By reason of an ice gorge at Park 14th in Honesdale the Main street bridge across the Lackawaxen river which cost \$3500 was swept away and part of the town deluged with water causing many thousand dollar damage. Large casks of ice filled the principal streets, many cellars were flooded and household goods ruined.

In the case of the United States vs. several defendants, members of the Blooming Grove Park association, indicted for violation of the Lacey law, a motion was made Tuesday at Scranton to quash the indictments, one ground being that no birds were shipped and another that the law is unconstitutional. The court heard argument and the several cases were continued to the next term.

Town Council Organizes.

The newly elected members of the council were sworn in Monday and with the hoidover members met the same evening for organization. Following are the appointments:
President—Geo. A. Swepensier.
Clerk—Theodore F. Baker, salary, \$60 a year.
Street, fire and light committee—W. F. Chol, G. R. Quick.
Borough building and finance—J. F. Terwilliger, Hy. T. Baker, Geo. A. Swepensier.
Lockup—R. Findlay, J. H. Ryder.
Law—H. T. Baker, J. H. Ryder.
Street commissioner—P. E. Steele.
Special police—E. C. Wood, at \$12 a month for the year.
The council took possession of the borough building this week and in future will hold its meetings there as will also the fire companies.

Drowned in the River.

Leroy, the twelve-year-old son of Edwin M. Kimball and wife of Matamoras, accidentally slipped in the ice while playing along the river at Matamoras last Saturday afternoon and was swept away by the current. No one saw the occurrence but it was assumed from appearances where it was supposed he fell in that he had approached too near and slipped on a cake of ice. His father, who is an Erie trainman and was at the western end of the road when the accident happened, came east as rapidly as the condition of affairs would permit and reached home late Monday night. Tuesday morning he started in search of the body and found it in a kill near the head of Bell's Island. It was lying on a rise of ground the head down stream and legs caught by a hooked tree. There were some abrasions on the forehead and one boot was gone. The remains, after being viewed by the coroner, who concluded there was no reason for an inquest, were interred in Laurel Grove cemetery Thursday.

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Jury of Inquest.

Sheriff George Gregory, with C. P. Mott, Frank Schorr, G. R. Quick, Stacy Fuller, W. F. Chol and Frank Reser, have been over the country this week as a jury of inquest making an appraisement of the lands of the Pinchot estate.

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OBITUARY

PETER VAN HORN.

After a distressing illness from that dread disease, cancer, Peter Van Horn of Long Meadow died on Saturday forenoon last aged 81 years on the 17th of last September. Thus passes to his rest a citizen of most excellent qualities and one who was highly esteemed by his neighbors. He was industrious in every sense of the word; quiet, unobtrusive, and careful to keep a aloof from any social complications.
Deceased was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, but about fifty years ago came to this part of Pike county, where he bought a tract of land and cleared a nice farm, and by assiduous industry and assisted by an excellent wife made a good home and accumulated a sufficient competence to place himself and family above want in his declining years.
He married Miss Sarah M. Campbell, who with five daughters, Jennie, wife of E. M. Earl, Emma, wife of Blumick Quick of Mill Hill, Pa., Ella Van Gorden of Raymondskill, Anna, wife of W. T. Struble of Milford, Minnie, wife of Frank Stewart, at home, and three sons, Henry and Daniel of Conshangh, and Hugh of Matamoras, survive him.

MISS MARY SWEETZ.

Miss Sweetz died at Walker Lake Feb. 27th at 6.30 p. m. of spinal meningitis. Her death was a great surprise and shock to her many friends as she was known to but few that she was seriously ill. The deceased was twenty-one years and three days old. The youngest of eight children she was the first called by death. Her life was a bright example and showed that she had chosen that good part which cannot be taken away. The funeral was held at the school house at 2 p. m. on Sunday. The brothers and sisters were all present except Charles, who enlisted three years ago and after serving in Cuba and the Philippines is now in California. Her father, a veteran of the Civil war, died suddenly two years ago. Mary's untimely death has cast a gloom over the neighborhood but nowhere will the blow be felt as in the home where she was so constant and helpful, and by that faithful mother whose life has been one of devotion to her family.
The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Rhodes of Barryville. The pall bearers were James McKittrick, Henry Bradford, Emmanuel May, David Shields, Charles Shields, and Joseph Shields.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Moses Detrick is on the sick list. Jas. Lauer has recovered.
Bert and Harry can exchange receipts.
Invitations are out for the masquerade to be held in Brown's hall Monday evening, March 31. The invitations are signed by "The Jolly Five." Robert Terwilliger, Chas. Gustia, John Degen, Jr., Ed. Klein, Frank Brink.
Water and ice mixed with snow have been making things lively around here of late. Considerable damage has been done, too.
I think when Prince Henry returns to Germany he will be much impressed with the ways of the people in this country. He will have had a good time, been fed on the best the land affords, rode in an A No. 1 place car, and he also will have been treated to about as mean weather as could be produced.
Yes, Brother Warren, pass all the bills to stop outsiders from hunting, and then look up one of your own residents for killing one quail.
How happy a few of the boys were Monday evening about nine o'clock.
It has been a long time since New York mails have arrived here so irregularly as during the past week.
A building without a good foundation is liable to go down; so is a person if their either extremities are too tight for the load they are expected to carry.
Talk of fish being scarce when you can kill a 12 lb. walleyed pike with a club.
C. W. Bull, Esq., and John C. Westbrook, Jr., spent Monday and Tuesday at Scranton, Pa.
The firm of Wallace & Thrall has been dissolved, Frank Thrall retiring. The business will be carried on as usual by Wallace, who by this time has gained considerable knowledge how to conduct a grocery store and please customers.
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