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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

In the presence of three hundred representatives, some forty senators and galleries packed with men and women, but amid a silence as complete as it was dramatic, forty odd republicans passed between Messrs. Payne and Tawney, acting as tellers, and then a mighty cheer burst from the democratic side of the house of representatives and the democrats hastened forward to be counted on the motion to overrule the decision of Mr. Sherman, chairman of the committee of the whole. The cheer must have sounded like a wall in the ears of Mr. Payne, for in that brief moment he seemed to visibly age, his hands dropped to his sides and his head on his breast, while in tones which were audible to the farthest corner of the chamber, Mr. Tawney continued the count until he announced the vote 171 to 130, and for the first time in history the Reed rules were overturned, precedent cast aside and the Cuban reciprocity bill, so earnestly championed by the president and on which the republican leaders had staked all their prestige had been weighted down with a free trade mill stone which was calculated to sink it in the oblivion of a conference committee. Cuba's hopes of American generosity had been shattered.

It was late Friday afternoon when Representative Dulzell concluded the general debate on the Cuban reciprocity bill with a forceful and logical speech. Immediately Judge Morris of Minnesota offered the amendment, previously offered in the committee on ways and means by Mr. Tawney, and which provided for the removal of duty on refined sugar. Mr. Payne promptly made the point of order that the amendment was not germane to the bill and the question was argued for hours, the chairman finally deciding the point well taken. Tawney appealed from the decision of the chair and fifty odd republicans voted with the democrats and overruled the chair's decision. The amendment was then promptly adopted, the bill reported to the house and on a ye and nay vote the amendment was carried 199 to 105. The measure as amended passed by a vote of 247 to 52. The bill will reach the senate early this week and will be referred immediately to the committee on relations with Cuba, of which Senator Platt of Connecticut is chairman. As indicated by an interview published in these letters some weeks ago, Senator Platt strongly favors the object of the bill but there is reason to believe that when it is reported back to the senate it will be shorn of its free trade amendment and of the time limit, while the rate of concession is likely to be raised to 25 percent.

Speaking on this subject yesterday, Senator Bard of California told me that he believed there was no chance for the bill in the senate. Senator McMillan told me the same thing a few days before and it seems unlikely that, even if the friends of Cuba in the senate succeed in passing the bill, amended as indicated, there will be any hope of its getting through the house. There was no expectation on the part of those republicans who voted with the democrats to so hamper the measure, that the bill would eventually become a law, as were it to do so, it would prove more injurious to the best sugar interests than would Cuban reciprocity. The action of the democrats in voting unanimously for an amendment calculated to defeat the 20 percent concession to Cuba, which they had previously pronounced a "20 percent concession to their views," is as inexplicable as are the majority of the democratic indiscretions.

The senate last Wednesday passed the Chinese exclusion bill but not until it had been so amended as to be a virtual re-enactment of the Gentry law. The fear that some of the provisions of the new bill would be found to abrogate our treaty with China and so hamper the possibilities of trade with the Orient at a time when the remarkable success of American manufacturing enterprises makes the acquisition and cultivation of new and extensive foreign markets imperative, was responsible for the action of the senators.

On Thursday Senator Lodge called up the bill providing for the temporary civil government of the

Philippines but yielded to Senator Morgan of Alabama who, with characteristic energy, proceeded to deliver a 30,000 word speech on the Nicaraguan canal, speaking for five consecutive hours. Whatever may prove to be the effect on isthmian canal legislation, the effect of the Alabamian's oratory on the senate was immediately apparent. Within ten minutes the senate chamber was practically empty and so remained for the rest of the day. To day consideration of the Philippine bill will begin in earnest.

Early last week the announcement was made at the war department that General Miles would be retired in the near future and that the order for his retirement would be accompanied by a statement of the offenses which had prompted the president to take this action. Since then, however, many republican senators have called at the White House and have finally persuaded Mr. Roosevelt to refrain, at least for the present, from taking so drastic a step. While the senators conceded that there was ample provocation for the retirement of the general, they pointed out to the president that Miles would be retired by law one year from next August and they believed it would be policy to put up with the inconvenience and annoyance of his incumbency until that time.

There has developed among the minority of the senate committee on the Philippines a disposition to prolong the investigation of that committee and so delay adjournment beyond the middle of June at which date the steering committee had hoped to complete the work of the session. The democrats have demanded that Aguinaldo be summoned as a witness and are evidently seeking to embarrass the administration in every way possible. Senator Callom, a member of the steering committee, says that if the isthmian canal bill gets before the senate it will be impossible to adjourn before the middle of July and Senator Allason, chairman of the committee, is my authority for the statement that the canal question will be considered at this session.

**Short Wheat Crop.**  
Farmers in many sections of the wheat growing states in the west are plowing under their crops. Hot winds blowing for two days over Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma have reduced the condition of the wheat to a point where if rain does not come the ruin will be widespread. The April government report on April 10 places the condition at 78, the lowest with two exceptions in 15 years and it is estimated that this has been reduced 10 points since.

**Educational Exhibit at Charleston.**  
In the last three or four expositions held in this country, educational institutions have taken a prominent part. Persons interested in education will find no lack of material to attract their attention in the Charleston exposition, where will be found the best arranged and most completely representative exhibit of the existing phases of education yet made in any of the southern states. It was arranged by Dr. S. H. Peabody, who also installed the educational exhibits for the expositions at Chicago and at Buffalo. An examination of the list of universities, colleges and other educational institutions involved would give a comprehensive idea of the importance of the exhibit. Not only are Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Pennsylvania and a host of other universities and colleges represented, but also numerous technical and art schools, women's colleges, normal schools and public schools. The unique display from kindergartens from all parts of the United States is also very remarkable; it includes several exhibits from the Hawaiian islands.

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## PERSONALS

J. H. Hennmann of Studolia was in town a day this week.

Mrs. Adams of Hunting Towers was in Milford Tuesday.

Edward Shepherd of Edgemore was at the county seat Monday.

Mrs. Robert Warner Reid is visiting relatives in Brooklyn this week.

E. F. Peters of Bushkill was a guest with friends here last Sunday.

Alfred Marvin, Esq., of Matamoras transacted legal business here Tuesday.

Charles Mayne of New York with Mrs. Mayne visited town the first of the week.

Vivian Strathers of New York was a guest with his parents over last Sunday.

Hon. John A. Kipp of New York smiled on former acquaintances here recently.

Mrs. Dr. J. C. Price of Branchville accompanied by Mrs. Sifullie was a guest in town recently.

Mrs. J. de P. Brower of Caldwell, N. J., who spends her summers here, arrived at the Dimick House today.

E. S. Wolf, who says he really has no time to be sick, was confined to his home a few days this week with lambo.

Charles C. Tyler of New York, who has been spending the winter at the Crisman House, left last week for his city home.

W. F. Waterman of Dingman's Ferry, who has charge of lumbering operations for F. B. Smith in Delaware, was in town a day recently.

Rev. E. M. Smead and Elders William Mitchell and John C. Wallace attended the meeting of presbytery held in Goshen this week.

Dr. Louis de Piase of New York, who has just recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia, greeted his many Milford friends last Sunday.

Col. A. E. Lewis has returned from Washington, where he had been attending a meeting of the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the Revolution.

Ex-County Commissioner James M. Bensley of Lehman was a visitor here the first of the week. We understand his wife recently suffered a stroke of paralysis which has left her in feeble health.

Isaac V. Westbrook of Lehman visited the county seat Wednesday. He reports that a recent letter from Hon. J. B. Westbrook, who was at Richmond, did not bring very encouraging news of his health.

Kurt Rudolph Sternberg, manager of the Deerpark brewing company, and T. Hunt Brock, proprietor of the Erie Hotel at Port Jervis, greeted acquaintances here Wednesday. Both are genial gentlemen whom it is a pleasure to meet.

Harry S. Angle, connected with the advertising department of the New York Sun, was in town recently. He is engaged interviewing summer resort people in the valley with regard to advertising in the paper which "shines for all."

Jas. W. Pischot of New York is in town this week supervising the library which he contemplates donating to the town. It is reported that it will be named the Homestead Library, probably in commemoration of the building which was for many years the residence of his parents.

B. F. Killam, Esq., of Paupco was in town Monday on matters connected with proving the will of Joseph Smith, late of Palmyra township, deceased. Decedent devises all his estate to Edward Probst, who is named as executor, subject to the support, etc., of his widow and children.

Mary E., wife of Alfred Westfall, died at her home near Philips, Ontario county, N. Y., April 19 aged over 74 years. Deceased was a sister of John M. Van Akin and was born in Westfall township, this county.

**A Raging, Raging Flood.**  
Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. G. Ellis of Lishou, Pa., had to repair. "Straddling waist deep in icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cough and cold. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb., Sioux City and Omaha said I had consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1.

## Returns of Republican Primary, April 18, 1902.

NAMES OF CANDIDATES	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	TOTAL	ABSENTEE
Prothonotary, Etc.	10	44	38	60	20	4	55	8	21	—	19	77	244										
County Commissioner.	10	41	30	64	27	6	67	8	22	—	17	79	269										
County Treasurer.	10	42	27	64	26	4	56	8	22	—	18	79	261										
County Auditor.	10	41	28	64	26	4	62	7	22	—	18	77	264										
Representative.	9	47	30	62	25	3	57	8	22	—	14	77	255										
District Attorney.	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—										
Deputy.	4	7	18	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—										
William Angle	5	25	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—										
Congressional Candidate	10	34	34	61	21	4	50	8	20	—	10	68	210										
Wm. H. Cullback	9	33	23	63	22	5	44	7	19	—	11	67	208										
Senatorial Candidate.	10	11	12	63	9	3	25	7	14	—	5	68	217										
G. H. Gilpin	10	6	11	63	4	1	17	5	14	—	4	46	193										
County Committee.	10	22	16	63	4	2	27	6	7	—	5	45	158										
Frank Harding	7	13	11	66	9	—	31	6	9	—	6	71	214										
William S. Hopp	8	11	10	66	9	—	30	7	8	—	1	46	201										
George H. McCarty	9	21	22	63	15	—	48	5	10	—	10	68	202										
Charles Lord	8	11	10	66	9	—	30	7	8	—	1	46	201										
Honore G. Kipp	9	24	18	69	23	—	51	5	11	—	10	47	202										
Charles H. McCarty	8	28	19	67	21	—	57	5	10	—	13	51	203										
P. B. Cross	9	24	18	69	23	—	51	5	11	—	10	47	202										
W. A. H. Mitchell	9	24	18	69	23	—	51	5	11	—	10	47	202										
Frank Threlk	9	24	18	69	23	—	51	5	11	—	10	47	202										
Harvey Waters	4	11	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—										
William Armstrong	4	11	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—										
J. C. Prescott	1	35	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—										

## PARK SUIT DISCHARGED

The Game Test Case Escapes Trial  
—The Opinion.

The indictments against N. S. Smith of New York, president of the Blooming Grove park association, John S. Kuzer and Benjamin Kuzer of Trenton, N. J., Robert Post and Andrew J. Post of Jersey City, Thos. J. Barry of New York and R. B. Brentnall of Newark, N. J., members, charging them with a violation of the Lacey law which prohibits the transporting of game outside of the state in which it is taken were held back on demurrer by Judge R. W. Archbald of the United States court for the middle district of Pennsylvania in an opinion filed April 19.

It was charged by Dr. Joseph Kalbfuss, secretary of the state game commission, that the defendants Oct. 21, 1901, were intending to ship game outside the state in packages not properly marked and also that some of them had game in sachets with like intent. The act provides that all game intended for shipment to other states shall be so marked that the contents of the package may be readily known. The defendants demurred to the indictments on the ground among others that there was no violation because there was no shipment. Judge Archbald holds that "it is the shipment or delivery for shipment which the act forbids and punishes, not the intent to do so, nor the preparation for it; or in other words it is the complete and not the incipient act which it undertakes to control, and that the court has no right to carry it a single step farther." As to other points raised the opinion says: "The larger question whether the act is a legitimate exercise of the power given to congress by the constitution to legislate with regard to interstate commerce or is merely, as charged, a national game law thinly disguised which it had no authority to pass, although fully discussed at the argument, I do not feel called upon to decide. Neither do I the further question whether, assuming the act to be valid, dead game carried in the hands of or as part of the personal luggage of the party who has killed it, must be regarded as falling within the terms of the act when transported under such conditions from state to state. These are interesting and important, but I prefer to dispose of the case upon others which are much more obvious."

**Real Estate Transfers.**  
William H. Reed to Margaret Simpson, 50 acres, Lackawaxen, \$50.

Margaret Simpson to Peter Herche, same land, \$50.  
John Heller to Charles Peters & Bro., 54 acres, Lehman, \$200.

Thomas G. Barber to John Carney and wife, lots Nos. 115, 113, 111, Matamoras, \$395.

Claus Umland with W. G. Giles & Hess, agreement for sale of timber, Lackawaxen.

Philip Elwanger to W. G. Giles & Hess, 171 acres, Lackawaxen, \$1325.

George M. Arnat, administrator, to Harry P. Arnat, 8 acres, Lehman, \$350.

E. Vandermark, sheriff, to Betty Cornelius, interest of John C. Cornelius in lands in Milford, \$57.50.

**Township Committeemen.**  
At the republican primary held last Friday the following named were elected committeemen for the several townships:

Blooming Grove—D. G. Hutton.  
Delaware—John W. Kilsby.  
Edgemoor—James E. Boileau.  
Greeng—Geo. H. Banks.  
Lackawaxen—W. C. Courtright.  
Lehman—G. E. White.  
Milford Boro.—C. W. Angle.  
Palmyra—A. J. Kimble.  
Shohola—John Marquardt.  
Westfall—John S. Durand.

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## BRIEF MENTION.

Frank R. Stockton, a well known author, died at Washington last Sunday.

The dust on the Port Jervis road this week was beyond its usual quality, quantity and density.

Frank Shimer, a brother of Earl Shimer of the Port Jervis Gazette, died very suddenly in Denver, Colorado, last week.

Street Commissioner Steele began sprinkling the streets Wednesday, which proved a great relief from the dust which had become very dense.

Mrs. Wager by her will devised her house on Seventh street to her four sons for life with remainder in fee to her four grandsons, sons of W. M. Wager.

Rev. Fletcher S. Gariss of Flat-brookville has been appointed pastor of the M. E. church at Branchville. He is a recent graduate of Drew theological seminary.

James M. Bensley of Lehman is quite sorely afflicted. His wife has suffered a second stroke of paralysis and is practically helpless and a daughter he fears is suffering with that dread disease, consumption.

The county commissioners last Saturday contracted the building of the abutments, replacing the bridge and repairs of the bridge across Adams creek near Laf. Quick's in Delaware to Harry L. Brisco for \$160.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will probably hold its last social meeting for the season in the church parlors Thursday evening, May 1st. Let this be the best attended of any, though all have been very pleasant gatherings.

Hon. J. B. Westbrook, who has been a few days at Richmond, Va., returned to his home at Dingmans Wednesday evening not improved in health. His condition is understood to be very serious and there has been a gradual decline of his powers during his absence which does not argue well for his recovery.

Samuel McEwen, residing in Chicago, a son-in-law of Arthur B. McCarty of this town, was attacked by two footpads while returning to his home one night a few days ago and severely beaten in an attempt to rob him. He fought the scoundrels off and they were unsuccessful in obtaining his money or valuables but he was so badly injured that he was in the hospital several days.

One of the particular joys of this season of the year is being on your knees with a mouthful of ticks and a small hammer in your hand putting down carpet and occasionally pounding your thumb while racking your brain to find some new form of speech to express your sentiments. The above, of course, only applies to those who cannot induce their wives to relieve them of the pleasure.

The Philadelphia Press reports say that the trout fishing in this and adjoining counties is unusually good this spring and it argues that this proves the wisdom of the fish commission in sending out small trout fry for stocking streams instead of year old fish. If the fact was as stated that fishing is good it might support the contention, but so far as we are informed the catches here have not been such as to warrant the statement.

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**Three men were arrested** in Carbon county last week for violation of the fish law by having in their possession a number of fish below the limit in length. Two were fined and the third is yet to be tried. Would the fish warden have any business up in this section?

**He Kept His Leg.**  
Twelve years ago J. W. Sullivan of Hartford, Conn., scratched his leg with a rusty wire. Inflammation and blood poisoning set in. For two years he suffered intensely. Then the best doctors urged amputation, but he writes, "I used one bottle of Electric Bitters and 1 1/2 boxes of Buckle's Arnica Salve and my leg was sound and well as ever." For eruptions, eczema, tetter, salt rheum, sores and all blood disorders Electric Bitters has no rival on earth. Try them. All druggists will guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Only 50c.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

The proudest man in town is W. A. C. L. also smiles. What is the cause?

Mrs. Lucy Burns of Port Jervis was a visitor in town last week.

Only one physician was left in town the fore part of the week, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Barokley having gone to New York, and Dr. and Mrs. Emerson to Old Point Comfort, Va.

Martha Padgett is spending a week in Port Jervis.

Thomas Armstrong will soon have his farm house located on its new foundation across the road from the race track.

Warner Bros. have a new 1400 lb. horse.

George Horton is getting his wagons and harness in shape for his sale on May 1.

The pork trust won't be in it. Frank Black of Montague expects to have about one hundred pigs to kill this fall.