

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

On Friday the president sent to congress a message devoted exclusively to the subject of Cuban reciprocity. There is nothing dominating or dictatorial about Mr. Roosevelt's utterance. It is a straightforward, forceful appeal to congress to carry to a successful issue the great work begun when the United States declared war against Spain because of the oppression which she had visited upon Cuba, and which ended with the establishment of the republic of Cuba. Mr. Roosevelt urges congress not to curtail the magnificent policy of this great and powerful nation by halting before the complete fulfillment of the pledges she has made to Cuba, to the world, but, more than all, to herself not to permit sordid and selfish reasons to deter her from insuring to the new born republic that measure of prosperity which can result only from generous reciprocal concessions. He expresses the firm conviction that such concessions will not injure any industry in this country. He dwells upon the fact that, by the limitations which we have placed on Cuba's foreign policy through the Platt amendment, we have obligated ourselves to grant her special concessions in return.

Before Mr. Roosevelt sent his message to congress it was urged upon him that such a course would be inexpedient, that it would have a tendency to injure his chances of a renomination, that it might even injure the chances of republican victory at the polls but these objections had no weight with the president. He regards the enactment of a law providing for Cuban reciprocity as a duty and with him the conviction that a certain action is his duty outweighs all other considerations. His manly exposition of his convictions cannot but command the respect of all true Americans whether they take issue with his reasoning or not. In the words of the late respected "Jerry" Rusk, "He seen his duty and he done it." The responsibility now rests with congress.

So far as I have been able to learn the president's message, while commanding respect, produced little effect upon the opponents of Cuban reciprocity. They say that Mr. Roosevelt's views are purely sentimental and that he is mistaken in his conclusions as to the outcome of a reciprocal arrangement. Senator Elkins said, after the message was read, that he saw no reason to change his views, that the president had revealed no new phase of the situation and that in his, Elkins', opinion, the sugar trust would be the only beneficiary of Cuban reciprocity. Senator Bard declined to discuss the situation beyond saying that he had not changed his opinion. Representative Tawney said, "The president is mistaken and the only result of his message, if it has any, will be to make the opposition more solid than before." Representative Long said that the president's message would result in the prompt passage of the Cuban bill, but Mr. Long has held that it would pass from the first. On Saturday Senator Elkins introduced a resolution providing for the annexation of Cuba as a state.

The determination of the senate to vote on the Nicaraguan canal bill on Thursday will "clear the decks for action" on the Spooner bill which will probably be reported from the committee on relations with Cuba today or tomorrow. It is still impossible to foretell what action the senate will take on the canal question although it is generally believed that the Spooner resolution will be passed. The greater part of Friday was spent by the senate in secret session, the nomination of General Crozier as chief of ordnance being under consideration. Senator Proctor made a vigorous speech against the confirmation of Crozier while Senator Cockrell upheld it. Senator Foraker also spoke in favor of confirmation as did Senators Warren and Harris but no final action was taken and no statement was made public.

On Friday the house of representatives passed the irrigation bill previously passed by the senate. The passage of this bill by a generous majority will be a source of the greatest satisfaction to Senator Harshbough and Representatives Mound and Newlands who have worked for it indefatigably during the entire session. Under the provisions of the

bill the secretary of the interior is authorized to begin the great work of irrigating the arid portions of numerous western states immediately. On Wednesday the house defeated the Cortis Pacific canal bill and on Tuesday the Lacey bill providing for a transfer of the care of the forest reserved from the department of the interior to the department of agriculture, was rejected. Saturday was devoted to pensions and today will be spent on miscellaneous legislation.

On Wednesday the house took up the Philippine bill reported from the committee on insular affairs and it is possible that the Lodge bill will be offered as a substitute. The consideration of this bill in the house is not regarded with apprehension by the party leaders. Despite the efforts of the democratic press to mislead the people and of the democratic politicians to distort the facts, current events in the Philippines are serving as a continual demonstration of the wisdom and justice of the policy of the administration in the islands. The insurrection is ended and the bands of outlaws, who for years have been following the nefarious calling of brigands and, more recently, have been reduced to a minimum. The more intelligent portion of the Filipinos, under the benevolent guidance of the Philippine commission, long since turned their attention to the arts of peace and, with the extended authority which the Lodge bill will confer upon the commission, an era of prosperity will be inaugurated such as the heretofore unfortunate inhabitants have never known. The republican leaders, keenly alive to the fact that the enactment of the Lodge bill will be promptly followed by an influx of capital to the islands, will neither delay that end nor haggle over details and within a few months American enterprise will have produced a condition of affairs in the Philippines which will put to shame those democrats who, in their efforts to deceive the public, have slandered the army and foreign unprejudiced civil as a result of the humane policy inaugurated by President McKinley and carried out to the letter by his earnest and energetic successor.

Real Estate Transfers. Matamoros Gas Company, articles of incorporation. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Matamoros Gas Company, charter. C. S. Van Eiten to Frank Schorr, lot on Georgia street, Milford borough, \$1275. W. D. Cole and others to John M. Hoffman, 50 acres, Dingman, \$300. John C. Wallace to Thomas Whitaker, 2 lots in Springdale, Dingman township, \$150. G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to C. W. Bull, 10 acres, Lackawaxen, taxes. Some grantor to some grantee, 400 acres, Charles Cooper, No. 14, Shohola, taxes. G. F. Rowland to Joseph Anderson, 50 acres, Lackawaxen, assessed to Gustave Bthke, taxes. John D. and Charles Houck, executors, and others to John D. and Charles Houck, 175 acres, Greene, \$1500.

Making Good Roads. It is said that P. W. Helms and Ira Travis, two supervisors of Dingman township, deserve especial credit for the care and intelligence manifested in working the roads in their charge. The floods last December had badly washed the turnpike and it is a difficult highway to mend but Mr. Helms has shown good judgment and, considering the task in his hands, has put it in very fair condition. Mr. Travis, too, has been diligent and painstaking and his work is highly commended. When a township is so fortunate as to have good, capable officials, especially those who have the care of the roads, it is a mistake not to retain them in office and give them ample opportunity to carry their plans to a successful conclusion.

Unclaimed Letters. List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending June 12, 1902: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reynolds, Mr. L. Rosegnot. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

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PERSONALS

A. D. Brown was in New York Wednesday. Ben. F. A. Kessler of Matamoros returned on friends here Wednesday. Kenneth McClurg of Bergen Point, N. J., is a guest at the Crisman House. H. W. Adams of Hunting Towers was a visitor in town Wednesday evening.

The Misses Alice and Hilda Drake of New York are guests at the Anchorage this week. Dr. Huntington of Williamsport, Pa., visited his mother, Mrs. Griswold, here the first of this week. John De C. Van Eiten of New York, with the C. M. & S. P. R. R., is home for a two weeks vacation. New York papers announce the marriage of Dr. Louis de Plasse and Mrs. Ella Gladwin, which event occurred in that city June 12.

Mrs. Frank Vandenberg and Mrs. Bates of Forest City, daughters of S. S. Drake, are guests with their uncle, R. D. Sayre, at the bridge. Richard Nills has entered the store of A. Q. Wallace and George Lattimore, whom he succeeds, has gone to the drug store of C. O. Armstrong. Clarence Dewitt, who has been employed for some months in Newark painting, is home for the summer. Roscoe Gourlay, in the same business, is also home. Miss Bertha Klenhans of Blooming Grove visited friends in town the first of the week, accompanying her brother, Edgar, here who will remain for several weeks. Dr. Alexander Hadden, president of the Forest Lake association, and wife, who have been on an extended tour on the Pacific coast, returned home to New York last Saturday. E. W. Pierson of Blooming Grove was in town Tuesday accompanied by the Misses Nora and Anna Madden, the latter of whom is on the committee on teachers' permanent certificates and came to attend and the former to take the examinations.

Good Stickers. The seats in the court room are excellent human fly paper. The audience at the commencement exercises last Friday night was "stuck" on them as probably no crowd ever was before, and many were obliged either to remain or peel themselves loose. Some complained that their clothing was ruined and no doubt many spent considerable time next morning and used unprintable language in their efforts to remove the traces of paint or varnish which adorned their garments. Either the material used in the job of finishing the seats or the workmanship is very defective, and papers, which were freely used by the occupants of the benches to protect themselves, are so firmly glued that they can hardly be scraped off. It is up to the commissioners to have the work done now so that a person using the seats can have some reasonable assurance that he or she will not be stuck fast to them. The county might make money by selling the seats for fly paper. They are better than the average.

Prisoners Escape. Charles Grether, recently convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Adam Strunk last fall, and Benjamin Aiello, convicted of murder in the second degree for shooting Henry Labar, escaped from the Stroudsburg jail early last Sunday morning. The theory is that the night watchman who locked the prisoners in their cells did not force the bolt sufficiently in the lock to hold the doors and that Grether, getting out of his own cell, released Aiello, and when once in the corridor they had no difficulty in making their escape. Saves Two from Death. "Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well. Disruptive throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c bottles and all drug and general stores in Pike county. Trial bottles free.

A CLASS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Continued from last week.) What they had to say concerned me and mine. I fenced myself behind this excuse in defending myself against the self-accusations of eavesdropping. Mine? I had looked her way a hundred times and she had completely ignored my presence. Had she given signs of studied indifference, I should not have cared, for where a woman takes the trouble to dissemble, she has something to hide. What they were saying concerned me alone, then. "I can't understand, Rebekah, why she don't go just for the trip," said Mrs. Miller, emphasizing her remark by striking her nose with her finger. "Think of the excursion!" "That's just what I was a figurin' on, Caroline. Think of the trip! So I says, says I, 'Maria, is an opportunity to see the country you'll alius regret havin' missed. I'm an old woman,' I says, 'but if I ever have a chance to go west you can figure on me takin' it.'" "They say Willie Bawkis has got the idee, too," said Mrs. Miller. "My man told me that just last night Willie was allowin' round the store that he'd like first rate to git some gold if it wasn't so fur."

"Now, Caroline, you doesn't suppose them folks would be bothered luggin' along a great big ester like Willie Bawkis, do you? Him go? Why he alius allows he's goin' to do everything anybody else does, just so as to be bigwigs. Maria, she tries hard to give the idee nobody is goin'." She said flat she wasn't, and that fur as she knowed the Doctor would stay home, too, and let John Roker take the trip alone. "But, Maria, I says, says I, 'think of your father. Think what a trip it 'ud be for him. Why, the Centennial ain't in it with such opportunities.' She just laughed, Caroline, and 'loved it was only gossip anyway, for if Mr. Roker went to the Klondike--'" "To the Klondike! So cousin Joe was right. When you are soon to move up yonder you don't care only to change your county here." Now it was easy to see the whole of Mr. Roker's scheme, and it was plain that it was one that might be readily carried out. The Klondike meant gold. The Doctor in his old age was having a few misgivings about the future of his daughter. As long as he lived she would have a home. But after that? Here was a way to make up for the waste of the past. One winter in the new Eldorado, and riches for Maria! Then think of the adventures. On Mr. Roker's part there was the well grounded belief that the girl would not allow herself to be separated from her father even though she might have to endure with him the rigors of the northern climate. There she would be far away from the fascinations of "fancy clothes" and smooth tongued men from town. He would have her all to himself.

"What did he then do, Miss Spade? what did he then do?" The Squire was shouting at the inattentive spinster. If he thought to embarrass her by his glaring eyes he was mistaken, for she quickly gathered up her paper, ran her finger down the column and said, "He had fifteen sons and twenty servants." "No, no, no," cried the Squire. Miss Spade gave no heed. Her eyes were not turned in his direction for she and Mrs. Miller had put their heads together again. "Mr. Hume, you may tell us what did he then do?" "I had not the slightest idea, for my mind had wandered toward the Arctic circle. Mrs. Marcy came to my rescue by whispering through the corner of her mouth hidden from her preceptor, "Thirteen." "So Mephiboseth dwelt in Jerusalem," said I. "And where did he eat, Mrs. Marcy?" "He ate at the King's table." "And what affliction did he suffer with, Mrs. Yoller?" "He was lame in both his feet." "As I was sayin', Caroline," Miss Spade was whispering, "Marna, when I mentioned the matter this mornin', said it was too ridiculous."

Didn't Marry for Money. The Boston man who lately married a sickly rich young woman is happy now for he got Dr. King's New Life Pills which restored her to perfect health. Infallible for jaundice, biliousness, malaria, fever and ague and all liver and stomach troubles. Gentils but effective. Only 25c at all druggists.

A Terrible Explosion. "Of a gasoline stove bursted a lady here frightfully," writes N. E. Palmer of Kirkman, Ia. "The best doctors could not heal the running sores that followed, but Bogden's Arnica Salve entirely cured her." Infallible for cuts, corns, sores, boils, bruises, skin diseases and piles. 25c at all druggists.

BRIEF MENTION.

Cherries will be scarce in this vicinity. Saturday will be the longest day of the year. The bridge at Strable's mill is now open for travel. You may catch bass now if you can coax them to bite. Hon. C. F. Wright of Susquehanna was nominated for congress in the 4th district Tuesday. All the counties but Wayne voted for him on the first ballot. Hon. John D. Houck of Greene visited Milford a day recently. It is current rumor, and not denied, that he will be a candidate for the legislature this fall. Thos. B. Gould of Washington, D. C., who is connected with the U. S. department of fisheries, made a tour along the river this week to ascertain the number of shad taken at the different fisheries this season for statistical purposes. At the adjourned term of court held June 16 a number of treasurer's deeds for lands sold by him were acknowledged. The court on motion of J. H. Van Eiten, plaintiff's attorney, dismissed the rule to show cause why the Delaware Valley railroad company should not be allowed to file bonds to condemn lands in Delaware. The Milford and Dingman railroad company was the opposing corporation. A couple of Port Jervis toughs indulged in a fight last Tuesday night in which one, Reilly, was badly cut in the groin by a knife in the hands of Gouley. The row occurred at the corner of Pike and King streets and was the result of a trivial dispute. Reilly is in the hospital and Gouley in Goshen jail awaiting the outcome of the wound. Saturday our town was visited by a party of the same ilk and two of the men finally landed in the lockup. Payment of a fine and costs gained them liberty.

Commencement Exercises. The exercises last Friday evening at the court house by the pupils of the Milford schools deserve the highest commendation and it would be invidious where each part was so well taken to make special mention. The program was long and many of the pupils were embraced in the selections, which gave opportunity for the display of their talents and it is pleasant to say that none were disappointing. All entered with hearty zest in the spirit of the pieces and all acquitted themselves with great credit. The Schoopoe school was especially happy in the dialogues and even its warmest friends were agreeably surprised. Its teacher, Miss Florence Rochotte, has reason to feel proud of her work and those under her charge displayed an aptitude which speaks well for their application. The graduating class individually deserve words of praise. Perry W. Hart, valedictorian, entered into the spirit of his oration and delivered it with force and good elocutionary effect. The salutatory by Miss Alicia J. Emerson was a well rendered and happy effort. The history by Miss Helen O. Palmer did that young lady much credit and the poem by J. E. Wolf contained sparks of genuine fervor. Louis Gregory, presenter, distinguished himself by animation and clearness and proved that he has the elements of a forceful speaker. Excellent piano music by Misses Maude Klein, Bessie Armstrong and Myrtle Ryder enlivened the occasion and those young ladies showed themselves skillful in technique and happy in expression.

Seven Years in Bed. "Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Poase of Lawrence, Kan. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility; but "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes, "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from headache, backache, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, fainting and dizzy spells will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Brother W. of Sandyston, please don't throw any stones at us over here. The trick of stealing a horse and burning the barn was invented in Jersey. Remember a case about twenty years ago? Washington Padget has been spending a few days at Mill Rift visiting his parents. Wash is a member of the 23d U. S. Infantry at present stationed at Fort McPherson, Georgia. The finest strawberries I have seen this season were raised by Joseph Shimer of Montague. The agony is over. There is a county superintendent of schools. Some joker remarked in our hearing that a new lockup will be built against the borough building to keep the latter from leaning. The sticky seats are nice to sit in on a warm evening especially if the sitters wear light colored clothing. Not every unfortunate (?) individual who gets full has a sister who comes, pleads for him and pays his fine. The small boy is happy. School is closed and the ever glorious Fourth with its fire crackers will soon be here. The upper glen has been cleared of brush, etc., and presents a neat appearance. The farmers' hotel has been repaired by Frank Van Campen and Fritz Pollon. Jake Wacker secured the contract to rebuild the Mott street bridge abutment. The price is \$285. The Rev. E. M. Smead announced last Sunday evening that hereafter during the hot spell he will preach sermons "short and to the point." That is right as it is no pleasure to sit in any building for more than one hour at a time when the mercury marks 90. Tuesdays cool breeze came very acceptable, the preceding showers having laid the dust and put new life into growing vegetation. Chas. Zimmerman and family of New York are again domiciled in the Dr. de Plasse cottage for the summer. Our livermen are prepared to cater to the summer trade judging by the number of new wagons they have added to their stock.

The Sunday School Class. The Squire's method of teaching, which is concluded this week, rather broadly but quite truthfully illustrates the manner in which much of the teaching is done in Sunday schools now with the aid of the lesson books and other papers generously issued, at a profit, by the respective religious publishing houses. The question is, Are pupils gaining much either of Biblical historical knowledge or of the great moral lessons supposed to be inculcated by the study of Bible characters? In all these matters, as well as in the methods pursued in these days in our public schools to a great extent, is there not an effort to macadamize a royal road to learning along which youth may walk pleasantly and with utmost ease? Helps are proper and necessary to aid the faltering footsteps of the young and to point out how knowledge may be most rapidly and thoroughly acquired, but after all were not the good old times when pupils were required to do more searching of the Scriptures to properly learn the lesson more conducive to their knowledge than the present methods of putting it all before them so that without mental effort they can answer the questions propounded? How many Sunday school scholars today can repeat a whole chapter of the New Testament? How many have memorized one of the grand old hymns their fathers and mothers used to sing? Complaint is made that grammar has been supplanted by language lessons and as a result children are becoming ungrammatical in speech, and in the same way it may be said Sunday school lesson helps and in fact some of the lessons given in the series have about as much point and teach as much moral truth as the one elucidated by the Squire and his class.

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