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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Rapid progress was made last week in congress and today the only matter which stands in the way of adjournment is the Philippine bill, which is still in conference. When the Philippine bill came to a vote, on Thursday evening, it passed the house by a strict party vote, only one republican voting with the democrats. Friday and Saturday conferences were held between the representatives of the senate and the house and several of the provisions of the bill were so altered as to meet the approval of both parties. The two provisions of the bill which present the greatest difficulties are those dealing with the emergency question and the local government of the islands. The house conferees have so far insisted on a gold standard for the islands and the senate conferees insist upon the silver provision, which passed the senate without division. The representatives of the house also believe that their course in establishing a Philippine legislature is to be preferred to the senate's more tentative provision that a census shall be taken with a view to the establishment, at some subsequent date, of such legislature. There is, however, a general disposition on the part of the conferees to meet each other half way and the more sanguine leaders predict that all differences will be met in time to permit of adjournment tomorrow noon, while others set the date of adjournment as the 31 of July.

The earnest effort of Senator Quay to secure action on the omnibus territorial bill has met with partial success inasmuch as the 10th of December has been set for the consideration of the bill in the senate and the senate committee on territories has been authorized to meet to consider the bill during the summer recess.

The conferees on the isthmian canal bill did not take long to come to an agreement and now the Spooner bill requires only the signature of the president to become a law. Senator Morgan tells me that he considers the prospects of a canal better than they have ever been before in the history of the agitation, notwithstanding the fact that the Panama route has been chosen.

One day last week the senate passed the bill providing for the establishment of the Appalachian forest reserve and the measure has been approved by the house committee on agriculture and will be reported for action next session. The bill carries a total appropriation of \$10,000,000.

The senate has passed the general deficiency bill, including appropriations of \$500,000 towards meeting the deficit of the Buffalo exposition, and \$100,000 towards the deficit of the Charleston exposition. The bill also appropriates \$45,000 to pay the expenses attending the last illness of President McKinley.

Representative Woods of California recently expressed to me his extreme satisfaction at the outcome of the Cuban reciprocity agitation, saying that the refusal of congress to sacrifice the best sugar producers to a sentimental regard for the Cubans would go far to insure the success of the republican party in his state. Mr. Woods believes that the full complement of republican congressmen will be returned from California, whereas, he asserts, such would not have been the case had the Cuban bill passed. Speaking of reciprocity in general, Mr. Woods said that many leading republicans had been sadly misled on the subject; that the reciprocity advocated by Blaine contemplated only the extension of the trade of the United States with the countries of South America and the reciprocity advocated by McKinley expressly provided that concessions were to be made only on products which were not produced at home.

I have just received news from Nome, Alaska, which reveals another chapter in the story of corruption that has already made a treasury of justice in that judicial district and adds another link to the chain of evidence of an organized conspiracy to subvert the United States courts. The sad story of Judge Hayes is still fresh in the minds of the public, the unwarranted conviction by the United States

court of appeals of the ninth district, and the subsequent pardoning by the president of young Claude A. S. Frost, are but matters of yesterday. The strenuous efforts made by certain interested parties to secure the permanent appointment of Judge Wickersham to the Nome federal bench have hardly ceased and now comes the news that United States Marshal Richards, who doubtless refused, as did young Frost, to be party to the malevolent schemes of the Pacific coast conspirators, has been arrested on the charge of contempt of court, convicted of "packing a jury" on the evidence of detectives said to be in league with the ring, and is now awaiting the sentence of the court. It is hardly necessary to add that Wickersham is the judge who convicted Richards nor to emphasize the fact that by bringing the charge of "contempt of court" the judge found a means of convicting without giving to the marshal the benefit of a trial by jury.

Fortunately, however, the men who have sought to pervert justice to their own ends have overreached themselves, and the president has grasped the situation and taken steps to remedy it. Despite the pressure brought to bear on him to make Wickersham's nomination permanent, Mr. Roosevelt has appointed his associate in the person of Mr. J. S. Moore of Pennsylvania, who is now en route for Nome. Judge Moore is a man of unquestioned probity and had the endorsement of Attorney General Knox and of Senator Quay. Mr. Roosevelt has also appointed as United States attorney for the Nome district Colonel Grigsby, formerly of the Rough Riders, and it is safe to anticipate that the presence of these two men of unquestioned honor and unlimited courage will remedy a condition of affairs in the Nome district which has been a blot on the judicial system of the nation, and it is not too much to hope that they will succeed in disrupting the infamous ring which has done so much to make Nome justice a caricature and a by-word.

Real Estate Transfers.

Philip F. Counterman to Egypt Mills club, fishing rights on Toms creek, Lehman.

Harry J. Atkinson to John S. O'Connor, 3 acres, Palmyra, \$100.

Martin Hutton to George Retailic 25 acres, Delaware, \$320.

Commonwealth to David McKean, 2 patents, 55 acres and 79 acres, Shohola.

David McKean to Warren McKean, 79 acres, Shohola, part of Samuel Insko, No. 149, \$2.

G. Frank Rowland, treasurer, to James Conwell, 208 acres, Dingman, taxes.

"The Hound of the Baskervilles."

Sherlock Holmes greatest piece of detective work is done in the new story by Dr. A. Conan Doyle, "The Hound of the Baskervilles." Holmes himself says to Watson, his co-worker. "Here at last is a foeman worthy of our steel." The result is a story which, for thrilling interest, stands by itself. From the first discovery of the hound's trail, when the dried-up young doctor brings to Sherlock Holmes the ancient manuscript, to the final scene where the great detective is brought face to face with the monster of the moorland, there is not a sentence that does not carry the reader breathlessly forward. It is a great novel, with a great subject, by a master of the craft. This thrilling story begins in "The Philadelphia Press" Sunday, July 6. Be sure not to miss it. 6-1-02

Teachers Employed.

The directors Monday evening engaged teachers as follows for the coming year:

Principal, John C. Watson, salary \$40.

Intermediate, D. H. Hornbeck, \$40.

1st primary, Louise Kiser, \$30.

2d primary, Lizzie Roschott, \$30.

Schoolkeeper, Jennie Struthers, \$20.

Janitor, E. E. Steele.

A Poor Milliner.

Lately served in London because he could not digest his food. Early use of Dr. King's New Life Pills would have saved him. They strengthen the stomach, aid digestion, promote assimilation, improve appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by all druggists.

PERSONALS

Capt. C. H. Cooke of New York was in town recently on his way to Dingman's Ferry.

Mrs. Quinn of New York, formerly Miss Nellie McNichol, is visiting in town this week.

Mrs. Thomas Rodman of New Hampton, N. Y., is spending a few days with friends in town.

Miss Mary Wells is in very ill health and her condition hardly warrants expectation of recovery.

A. V. McCarty of Dingman township suffered a stroke paralysis last week and is now entirely helpless.

Miles C. Rowland of Kimbles was in town Monday. He was accompanied by Mr. Beu, a land agent for the Erie.

The boys of Camp Yapechoc under the care of Prof. Geo. Wilson are again located on the farm of J. C. Bull in the township.

Mrs. John D. Biddis and daughters, Helen and Patty of Washington, D. C., arrived in town this week for their summer vacation.

Mrs. Anna B. Nichols spent a couple of days this week visiting Mrs. Dr. J. C. Pries in Branchville. She returned yesterday in company with Miss Bertha Williamson and Miss Susan Nichols, who drove over for her.

Over fifty boys under Major Hyde of New York are camping up on the turnpike. They marched through the street Tuesday in martial style full uniformed and accoutred and looked like a lot of healthy chaps who will have a good time.

Mr. Rutherford, an architect from Scranton, was in town last week looking over the property recently bought by Dr. C. W. Roberts with a view to making plans for such improvements and changes as may be requisite for the business of giving chemical baths.

Charles D. Loraux, formerly a resident here but now engaged with the Keystone watch company in Philadelphia, is visiting friends in town, his first return in twenty-two years. Time has not dealt unkindly with him and beyond a little more frost on his head he appears the same as of yore. It is a pleasure to have those whom we know years ago return and give the hearty hand shake.

Congress has provided for a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument or memorial to be erected to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, which is to be a magnificent affair, worthy of that great man. The commission is to consist of the chairman of the senate library committee, the chairman of the house library committee, the secretary of state, the secretary of war, Senator Vest and Representative Richardson.

It is an open question whether Mr. Bryan's or Mr. Watterson's arraignment of Mr. Cleveland's "harmony" speech was the most severe. Each of these gifted editors, without going beyond the bounds of parliamentary language, called the sage of Princeton everything bad from a party standpoint, which could possibly have been thought of by a dozen ordinary orators. Mr. Cleveland's political offenses, they state, have placed him outside of the bounds of any possible claim to true Democracy.

When Representative Champ Clark was making a speech in congress the other day a republican representative innocently inquired whether he had read Mr. Bryan's remarks on Ex-President Cleveland's "harmony" talk at the Tilden Club. Mr. Clark replied that he would not answer any such impertinent questions, which was followed by loud roars of republican laughter, the democrats meanwhile appearing as gnomes as clams.

Senator Quay has obtained unanimous consent that on the 10th of December next the omnibus statehood bill, including Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, shall be made the unfinished business of the senate and continued as such until disposed of. This means statehood for those territories.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. A. W. Balch & Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that gives appetite. Price 25c. Money back if not satisfied. Sold by all druggists.—10-31

TRUSTEES ELEGANT FACULTY.

Prof. E. L. Kemp Made Principal of Normal School—A Man of Great Ability.

At the meeting Thursday afternoon of the trustees of the state normal school, in East Stroudsburg, Prof. Ellwood L. Kemp, A. M., was elected principal of the school.

Prof. Ellwood L. Kemp, the newly elected principal of the state normal school, was born at Hamburg, Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1857. He attended the public school of his native town until nearly seventeen years of age. Then he followed a varied program for about five years, part of that time being a silk hatter's apprentice and the balance of the time he worked in a steel rolling mill and on a truck farm.

Prof. Kemp's first attempt at school teaching was in 1878, when he secured a position as teacher in the schools at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, not far from his native home. He taught there for two years and privately prepared for college in that time, entered the Junior class of Franklin and Marshall College and graduated at the head of his class in 1881.

He was elected professor of Latin and Greek in the Keystone state normal school at Kutztown, the year of his graduation from college. After holding that position for two years he was elected to teach psychology, pedagogy and literature in the same institution. After serving five years in that professorship he left the Keystone state normal school to take charge of Wichita University, at Wichita, Kansas.

He was at the head of that university for three years. Then he was elected principal of the Palatinata college at Meyerstown and after remaining there two years he was elected vice principal of the state normal school at East Stroudsburg when it was opened and has occupied that chair ever since.

Professor Kemp has done much good work in lecturing and instructing at institutes in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Kansas.

In 1888 he was ordained a minister in the Reformed church and served two mission churches in Kansas in connection with his duties in the University at Wichita.

Professor Kemp is the author of a volume of poems and of a history of education. The history of education was published by J. B. Lippincott & Company. The company is now preparing to publish a second edition of the work. The book has been adopted by a number of large normal schools on the Pacific coast as well as in the east and for the training schools of a number of large cities.

The trustees made no mistake in electing Professor Kemp to succeed Prof. Geo. P. Bible as the head of the state normal school of East Stroudsburg. He is a man of broad and liberal views and there is not the least doubt that the school will prosper under his administration as it never has before.

Today's Races.

The entries for the races at the driving park today are as follows:

FREE-FOR-ALL.

Egdale, Hornbeck, Port Jervis. Major C. Carr, Goshen. Anita T., Donahue, Port Jervis. Joebe, Ruddle, Montague. Olla, Demarest, Goshen.

2-35 CLASS.

Friday, Heath, Goshen. Topsy O., Kyte, Milford. Dewey, Stearns, Port Jervis.

STOCK HOLIDERS.

Prince R., Armstrong, Milford. Jaybird, Thornton, Milford. Lizzie McCoy, Bourne, Milford. Frank W., Ruddle, Montague. Doc, Kenworthy, Milford. Should today, Friday, prove stormy the races will be postponed until tomorrow.

It Baffles the World.

No discovery in medicine has ever created one quarter of the excitement that has been caused by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Its severest tests have been on hopeless victims of consumption, pneumonia, hemorrhage, pleurisy, bronchitis, thousands of whom it has restored to perfect health. For coughs, colds, asthma, hay fever, croup, hoarseness and whooping cough it is the quickest, surest remedy in the world. It is sold by all druggists who guarantee satisfaction or refund money. Large bottles 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

BRIEF MENTION.

John M. Aldrich is about completing a substantial and easy residence on his farm near town.

Dogs killed two sheep and badly wounded a third in the flock of John C. Beck at Schuylkill last Sunday.

A party of eight young men passed through town Tuesday to their camping grounds near L. W. Quick's in Delaware.

The Union party will hold a convention in Philadelphia Sept. 3 to give an opportunity for expressing views on the question of nominating a ticket for state officers.

Those Waltons who indulge in trout fishing have not been, with some few exceptions, very lucky recently. The catches have been small and so have the fish.

The town council with very commendable judgment improved the streets this week by mending culverts and gutters so as to carry off the water. Street Commissioner Steele had the work in charge.

Grether has been returned to the Monroe county jail and argument on his motion for a new trial was had Monday. Aiello, the Italian, waived the motion for a new trial. Both cases will be disposed of by Judge Heydt July 12.

Some of the local horsemen are betting largely on the races today and are lavishly putting up, hot air. Several thousand dollars worth of that substantial commodity was recently staked here in one evening.

The Weather Last Year and Now.

There was a striking contrast between the weather last year and this around the latter part of June and the first few days in July. Last year people were sweltering with heat with the thermometer standing far up in the nineties while this year overcoats and heavy wraps were not uncomfortable. Last year the hot spell broke all records and caused hundreds of deaths. As marking more distinctly the contrast, in June 1902, there was a deficiency of 43 degrees while last year there was an excess of 27. The excessive rains of the past few days have been general and very damaging to crops. In some places in this state crops were washed out of the ground. It may be of interest to recall that the weather of 1816 was phenomenal. In May of that year the medium temperature was 57. Cold, frosty weather prevailed, ice frequently formed, corn was replanted two or three times and little came to perfection. In June the medium temperature was 64. One morning vegetables were frozen, snow fell from 6 to 10 inches in Vermont and 3 in central New York. Fruit was wholly destroyed. In July the medium temperature was only 68. One frosty night was succeeded by another and July 5th their was ice as thick as a window glass in this state. The medium temperature for the whole year was 49. Ice formed every month in the year and it was the year in which there was no summer and is known as "eighteen-hundred-and-freeze-me-to-death."

OBITUARY.

ELIHARD W. HOFFMAN.

Probably the oldest man in this county and one who in his day and generation was a prominent factor in its affairs passed away Sunday in Dingman township when Mr. Hoffman entered the years given to but few after the into his rest.

He was born at Mt. Salem, New Jersey, April 6, 1814, and was a son of Zechariah W. and Hannah Dennis Hoffman, both members of old and respected families. In 1840 he removed to this county and located near Sawkill pond, in which vicinity he has since resided engaged in farming. His good judgment and practical common sense were recognized by the people of his township who elected him to nearly every local office in their gift and he was for fifteen years a justice of the peace. He also served as county commissioner for three years from 1869 to 1872 and was active in building the new court house. He was twice married but both his wives are long since dead. Two children, John M., ex-sheriff of the county, with whom he lived, and Sarah J., wife of G. W. Chamberlain of Lehman, survive. The funeral was held Tuesday and interment in the upper cemetery near Milford.

Frank P. Sargent took the oath of office, June 25, as Commissioner General of Immigration, to succeed T. V. Powderly.

The house and senate conferees are agreed upon the isthmian canal bill. Senator Morgan, who has been always the champion of the Nicaragua route, has advised the acceptance of the Spooner substitute, which provides for the Panama route if a satisfactory title can be secured. This will insure the digging of a canal. Senator Morgan, however, believes that the negotiations for the title of the Panama route will fail, so that ultimately the Nicaragua route will have to be selected under the act.

The Republicans are more than willing that the Democrats should make an issue on the tariff. They conclude that it will be hardly necessary to do more than to "stand pat" on this proposition and let the opposition convince the country, if it can, that the calamitous times of 1893 and the Wilson tariff were preferable to the present prosperity.

Whits Tan Turned Yellow.

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty of Lexington, Ky., when they saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered terribly. His malady was yellow jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Electric Bitters, the wonderful stomach and liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured." A trial proves its matchless merit for all stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only 50c. Sold by all druggists.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

There should be a thorough ordinance against the everlasting firing of rock-ets, crackers, etc. It is a wonder there are not more runaways caused by careless boys.

We are not to have a celebration, but there will be enough doing to keep alive on the Fourth. You can have the pleasure of attending a prohibition picnic in the glen, the races at the driving park, and in the evening a dance in Brown's hall.

Mrs. Edward Everitt of East Orange visited friends here the past week.

Mrs. Robt. Oliver, a former resident of Milford but now of Mountclair, N. J., visited friends here last week. Miss Mary Quick is now behind the counter of the general store of T. Armstrong & Co.

There is no occasion to grumble about dry weather. It rains of late about every other day and sure on Sunday.

Delays are always dangerous. Our postmaster now wears a broader smile than ever. He has a right to feel proud.

The vicinity of Milford is becoming noted as a camping ground.

Where are the sons of sunny Italy? Not one of them has made his appearance so far this season.

A horse turned out on the road to pasture near Dingmans was the cause of a smashed carriage, a young man breaking an arm and a young lady getting bruised? Question? Who is responsible?

No doubt next Saturday there will be a good deal of that tired feeling also the usual number of burnt fingers etc. But they belong to the ever glorious Fourth.

JOHNNIE'S CELEBRATION.

"I s'pose you've awl herd of tyn' tin cans and firecrackers too dog's tails on the Forth but he tell you somethin' a great deal funnier. Last Forth I planned two have a good time with the boys but I wanted a celebrashun awl tew myself and pritty soon I thot of a good wun. Forth of July mornin' I waz up long before breakfast shootin' off crackers and rockets with the other boys. Pritty soon ma called me in two breakfast and then I remembered my surpris; I run up in my room to get it. It waz a big Red rocket that I baut the nite befor—the biggest wun I eod fin l. Wen I cam down I sean the old cat, Tab, asleep under the stove, while the dog, Spot, her mortal inimy, wuz laying down by the door. Ma waz in the pantry and pa wuz jest settin' down two the tabel when I got down behind the stove and tied that big rocket fast to that cat's tail. Wen I tached a match to the face I expected she'd move and spoil awl my plans but she only winked wun i at me. "Breakfast is reddy, Johnnie," sez ma. "Yeggum," sez I, and got up and set down two the tabel. Then pa put on a long face like Deakn Skinner's at prayer meetin', to say grace. "Oh, Lord, we thank thee for the munny blessin's that thou dost bestow upon us," he begun, when a loud explosion awlmost took the roof off the house and with a blud-kurdlin' yell Tab sprung on Spot's back. With a snarl Spot jumped back and Tab jumped agun and this time landed square on pa's head. She clawed, and pa swore and knockt her off on the tabel, tippin' 'er ma's new china sugar bowl. Ma fainted just as Tab made her last jump, gain thru the open window, breakin' down wun wonderful shrub that Unkel Bob brant back from the West Indies, finally landin' in the flower bed. Then she disappeared and wuz sean no more for a weak. As far ma, she cum too in time to dress pa's wounds. He had 4 big scratches on his face. The first thing he sed after ma dressed his wounds wuz, "John Henry, he settel with yew fur this. Come out in the woodshed fur a wile." I won't say wot happened then but if the Forth wazn't a celebrashun durin' the next ten minits, it wuzn't pa's fault.

She Didn't Wear a Mask. But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Then they vanished as will all Eruptions, fever sores, boils, ulcers, carbuncles and fulems from its use. Infallible for cuts, corns, burns, soalls and pites. Cure guaranteed. 25c at all druggists.