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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Congress is again in session. With strong republican majorities in both chambers and with a republican president in the White House there will be no obstacles to the enactment of such legislation as is essential to the nation's welfare and there will be time for little more during the current session. When Speaker Henderson lifted the gavel to call the house to order at noon today, he was treated to an ovation for it was realized that it was the last time that he would open a session of the house of representatives. Before the opening, however, a similar ovation had been given to Representative Cannon who is regarded as the assured speaker of the next house and many hearty congratulations were extended. The house presented a brilliant scene for some time before the hour of noon. The galleries were filled with brightly dressed women and the floral tributes sent to the representatives were many and beautiful. The scene was not without its somber side, however, for three desks in the lower chamber were draped with crepe and covered with flowers. They were those formerly occupied by Representatives Russell of Connecticut, and de Graffenried and Sheppard of Texas. Out of respect to the memories of these members the house adjourned before reading the president's message which will be sent to the capital at noon Tuesday.

Even more brilliant was the scene in the senate when President pro tem Frye brought down his gavel and announced that the second session of the Fifty-seventh Congress was now in session. Immediately Senator Burrows rose to announce the death of his late colleague, Senator McMillan, and to present General Alor who has been appointed to fill the late senator's unexpired term. Only the sad nature of Senator Burrows first announcement prevented the new senator being greeted with cheers when he had taken the oath of office, his new colleagues crowded about him to extend congratulations on the vindication which the general predicted would be his when he departed from Washington after resigning the portfolio of war. Almost immediately the chair recognized Senator Burrows again who then moved that, as a mark of respect to his late colleague, the senate adjourn and adjournment was taken until noon Tuesday. This is the third successive time that the receipt of the president's message has been postponed by death. One year ago, congress adjourned out of the respect to President McKinley, and the before year it was for Vice President Hobart. As this fact was remarked, some of the old senators shook their heads and asked each other, "Who will be the next?"

Even this early in the session it may be said with every assurance that there will be no tariff revision before the 4th of March. Senator Frye and Representative Payne have both assured your correspondent of this fact and there is no one more competent to speak. Even Senator Handbrough, who represents the tariff revision sentiment of the northwest, says that there will be no time for tariff revision during the short session. Senator Frye predicts that there will be anti-trust legislation which will be in the nature of an amendment to the Sherman law and will conform to the recommendations of Attorney General Knox as they were voiced in his now famous Pittsburgh speech. Mr. Frye said that he could see no possible objections to such legislation and that he believed congress stood ready to amend the law as to make it meet those requirements which the attorney general had learned from experience to be essential.

Referring to tariff revision, Senator Handbrough said today: "The Dingley law is not a sacred institution. It may be and I think it should be revised at an early date. Nobody believes that the policy of protection is to be overturned in this country but it must be judiciously applied from time to time to meet changing conditions. There is no reason to fear a panic or anything approaching hard times even if the tariff is revised by its friends. The making of a tariff bill, however, with its four thousand or more articles to be considered, is a tremendous task. It cannot be done during a short session. The most

we may hope for, this session, is the ratification of one or two of the least objectionable reciprocity treaties. There should be no delay in reaching a proper agreement with Cuba, not that we "owe Cuba" but that we owe our selves much. General tariff revision, however, is altogether a different matter. Congress must have ample time before it when a tariff law is to be enacted. It should have a long session, or better still, an extra session when congress can pay particular attention to the business in hand."

A vigorous effort is to be made early in the session to secure the passage of the ship subsidy bill. Referring to his measure, Senator Frye said today, that the organization of the Morgan shipping syndicate presented a new and urgent reason for the passage of the bill. If the shipping bill became a law at this session of congress a sum, conservatively estimated at \$50,000,000, which would be expended by the syndicate for new ships, would be spent in this country and would go to American manufacturers and American workmen. Without indorsement offered by the bill, however, that sum would be expended abroad where cheap labor would permit the construction of the new ships at lower cost. "Congress has an opportunity to save this sum for American industries," said the senator, "but it remains to be seen if it will improve it, although I sincerely hope it will."

The president has received word from Havana that progress is being made by General Blanes in the negotiation of the Cuban treaty and is much encouraged at the news. He hopes that the treaty may be completed so that it will be ready to send to the senate even before the holiday recess, although there is probability that such expedition cannot be made.

Through the courtesy of the president, the historic crystal chandeliers which have long hung in the parlors of the White House, as well as a number of marble mantels, old and valuable book cases, etc., are to be sent to the capital and there is a considerable rivalry between the chairmen of the various committees, each of whom desires to secure some of this historic furniture for his committee room. The chandeliers alone are valued at \$1,500 each and there are nine of them.

Real Estate Transfers
Jermian M. Titman to George Titman, 50 acres, Lehman, part of Elizabeth Smith, \$95.
Same to same, 95 acres, Lehman, part of Francis J. Smith, \$70.
Alfred Marvin to Cora L. Layton, lot 504, Matamoras, \$600.
Charles Finkelstein to Henry Lind, 50 acres, Porter, part of Barnett Kichelberger, \$1.
C. W. Ball, administrator of J. F. Pinchot, to Samuel Venable, Jr., 100 acres, Blooming Grove, part of Patrick Morgan, \$7.
Samuel Venable, Jr., to J. C. Christian, 185 acres, Blooming Grove, part of Theodore Bowhanan, \$650.
John L. Barcher to Julius Jaeger, 50 acres, Lackawaxen, adjoining lands of James Hanners estate, \$100.
C. W. Boll to Erie Land and Improvement company of Pennsylvania, 400 acres, Shishola, No. 13, Chas. Cooper, \$1.
Lizzie J. B. Waller to John Carlson, 210 acres, Lackawaxen, \$1000.
G. F. Rowland, treasurer to Commissioners, 300 acres, Blooming Grove, No. 253 Peter Wyckoff, \$25.
Commissioners to Geo. W. Pierson, same land, \$12.
G. W. Pierson to Charles Mount, 40 acres, Peter Wyckoff, Blooming Grove, \$10.
Leah Lehman to Geo. W. Pierson, 50 acres, part of Patrick Morgan, No. 150, Blooming Grove, \$50.
Henry L. Wohlbrandt to Winnie Baarstus, lot No. 543, Catharine street, Milford borough, \$750.

Path A Deadly Attack
"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Care constipation, sick headache. 50c at all drug stores.

Getting Through Prints and Cards
Unusual values at 5c per yard at Ryan & Wells.

Factory Inspector Reports
The state factory inspector reports that for the year ending Oct. 31, 1902, twenty-six thousand pieces were inspected and in connection with the statement that the number of deputies is insufficient to visit all the places amenable to law. He says the trade of a single Pittsburg firm in iron ore, limestone, fuel and finished products amounts to a greater tonnage than the combined cotton product of the southern states. Nineteen hundred and seventy-seven accidents were reported last year of which one hundred and fifty-seven were fatal, fifty-four more than last year, but the total of accidents was three hundred and fifty-seven less than last year.

To Protect Lands
The Pocono Fire Protective association, the first of the kind in this state, has been organized in Monroe county to protect the lands of its members from fires. 80,000 acres of land are represented by its 35 members. Officers have been elected, fire wardens will be appointed, and will be paid for patrolling the lands, and rewards will be offered for arrest and conviction of persons starting fires in woodland.

H. T. McIntyre, St. Paul, Minn.
who has been troubled with a disordered stomach, says, "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets do me more good than anything I have ever taken." For sale by A. W. Balch and Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

PERSONALS

Hon. William Mitchell is confined to his home by illness.
Dr. C. S. Coats and wife spent Sunday visiting friends at Boshkill.
Howard and Harry Reed have been visiting their family for a few days.
C. P. O'Malley, Esq., of Scranton was in town Monday on legal business.

Esquire Oscar Lakin of Dingman's Ferry was a visitor here the first of week.
Warren Van Sickle of Layton, N. J., was in town Tuesday on business matters.

Miss Jennie Pine, W. U. operator here, is sick at her home in Caddeshackville, N. Y.
George Mitchell is in the city this week purchasing a supply of new goods for the holidays.

Dennis McLaughlin and family have closed their home here and returned to Jersey City.
Harry Tooker of Brooklyn, who was a guest last summer at the Homestead, is again in town for his health.

Cashier Robert W. Reid has been confined to his home this week by illness and J. Wallace Gordon of Port Jervis has temporarily taken his place.

George Hotalander, formerly with the Wells Fargo at Port Jervis is now employed by the same company at Buffalo, N. Y., and expects soon to remove his family there.

F. W. Ellenberger of Monroe county was in town last Saturday. He is one of the leading men down there in politics and business and is especially delighted over the result of the congressional election.

Hon. E. Hornbeck, formerly associate judge of this county, now residing in Philadelphia where he is employed in the mint, who has been spending a vacation of several days down in Delaware, returned home this week.

Rev. Montgomery M. Hooper of New York supplied the Church of the Good Shepherd here last Sunday. He was its first rector officiating from 1872 to 74 and part of the time since has been an assistant in Trinity parish, New York.

Miss Bertha Williamson and Miss Dalrymple of Branchville made a brief visit in town yesterday. Miss Williamson expects soon to go to New York where she will take a course of study preparatory to becoming a nurse for convalescents.

A. R. Sherman and wife of North Wilkesboro, N. C., visited in town for a few days the first of the week. "Ap." as he is familiarly known, has not greatly changed in appearance since he left here 25 years ago and his disposition is as sunny and genial as of yore. He is superintendent of a large tanning concern and is apparently prospering. His many friends were glad to give him a cordial hand shake.

Two Boys Arrested
Tuesday evening Henry Fallstok aged 18, a boy who originally came from the Orphan's Home at Bethlehem, and who for some time has been living in town, Alvah Lambert aged 19, it is alleged, fired a gun through a window of the kitchen of the jail in which were Mr. Hissam's wife and children. The shot went over Mrs. Hissam's head and tore a hole in the ceiling. The boys were arrested and had a hearing before Justice Schorr Wednesday. No evidence was produced showing that they were seen or that they had a gun in their possession and both strenuously denied the charge, but the justice as a matter of precaution held them in \$200 bail each for court. It is more than doubtful if the shot was fired from outside. The appearance of the hole in the ceiling and the location of the shot in the roof above indicate that the gun must have been in a nearly perpendicular position when it was discharged.

A Million Voices
Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Iowa. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes "it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and lung troubles. Price 5c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

Merry Christmas to all. Our assortment of Christmas goods have never been so complete as now. Gifts for young and old. Prices to suit all. Ryan & Wells.

The President's Message

President Roosevelt's message to congress is a powerful clear out document. It discusses living issues with clearness and force restating the majority and disappointing the minority in that it is not sensational and will not have a tendency to breed party division. Some of the declarations of principle made by him are stated with earnestness and are literary gems. The most striking sentences are:

I believe that monopolies, unjust discriminations which prevent or cripple competition, fraudulent overcapitalization and other evils in trust organizations, and practices which injuriously affect interstate trade, can be prevented under the power of congress to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states.

If it prove impossible to accomplish the purposes above set forth by such a law, then assuredly we should not shrink from amending the constitution so as to secure beyond peradventure the power sought.

The country has acquiesced in the wisdom of the protective tariff principle. It is exceedingly undesirable that this system should be destroyed or that there should be violent or radical changes therein.

In my judgment, the tariff on anthracite coal should be removed and anthracite put actually, where it is now nominally, on the free list.

Reciprocity: If it prove impossible to ratify the pending treaties * * * then the same end—to secure reciprocity—should be met by direct legislation.

Labor and Capital: Each must refrain from arbitrary or tyrannical interference with the rights of others.

New Cabinet Office: It is earnestly hoped that a secretary of commerce may be created with a seat in the cabinet.

Cuban Reciprocity: It is unworthy of a mighty and generous nation, itself the greatest and most successful republic in history, to refuse to stretch out a helping hand to a young and weak sister republic just entering upon its career of independence.

The Philippines: No policy ever entered into by the American people has vindicated itself in more signal manner than the policy of holding the Philippines.

The Army: I urgently call your attention to the need of passing a bill providing for a general staff.

Other recommendations include extension of the free delivery service, land law for Alaska, sanitary legislation for Washington, additional safety appliance laws for protection of railroad employees, civil service principle equalizer service and extension of the national museum.

Wayne county creamery better commands the highest prices in the market. It now retails in Honesdale for thirty cents a pound. Why can't we have one of these prosperous producing institutions near this town. Some live men could make money with it and at the same time greatly encourage farmers and revive our dairy interests.

The town council is to be commended for putting down the culverts. They are better and cheaper in the end than stone, do not fill up and streets can be kept neat. Let the good work go on wherever new culverts are necessary or old ones are taken up. They will be a saving to taxpayers in the end. Township supervisors can also take a hint.

Holiday opening at Ryan & Wells store. The best of everything for Christmas. Come in and look the goods over it will you to see our display this season.

To Get Rid of a Troublesome Cough
First soak it in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing the blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by A. W. Balch and Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county.

BRIEF MENTION.

"Jack" Kimble of Paupan has not yet lost his cunning as a hunter and marksmen. Last week he killed a large deer with fine shot.

Letters received here from Dr. H. E. Emerson locate him at Jacksonville, Florida, with his party where he will likely remain for some time.

The sheriff will sell Monday, Dec. 8, a farm in Dingman on the property of John Case and on Saturday, Dec. 13th, the farm of the late Stephen Caddeshack in Milford township.

Both Hon. John Dalzell of this state and Hon. Sarena E. Payne of New York have withdrawn from the speakership contest leaving Mr. Cannon of Illinois without opposition.

The receipts for the fiscal year just ended show that they have been larger than for any previous year in the history of this state. They amount to nearly twenty-three million dollars.

The mine strike commissioners reassembled at Scranton Tuesday and resumed taking testimony. It is uncertain how long the session will continue. It may last three weeks or as many months.

Louisa C. Hess, administratrix of John Hess, late of Shishola, will sell the real estate of decedent at the court house Monday, Dec. 8th. There are 75 acres of which 70 are improved with good buildings.

Mild weather has possibly led you to postpone buying underwear. If so "The Big Store," see the ad, is stocked with good qualities of low prices and will be pleased to have you call and inspect its contents.

By reason of lack of attendance the sale of Emil Kennitz was not concluded and he now advertises a sale at the Dinwiddie House in the borough on Wednesday, Dec. 17, at one o'clock. Posters will give articles.

A Virginia legislator has introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for persons to kiss each other unless they hold a certificate that they have no contagious or infectious disease. Fine and imprisonment will result for violation if the bill becomes a law.

Hon. Joel G. Hill, senator elect from Wayne county and a former associate judge, gave a banquet last week to the bench, bar and editors of that county. Speeches were indulged in and apparently all had a good time.

A woman recently recovered a judgment of \$100,000 against the New York Central railroad for the death of her husband killed in the tunnel accident last January. It is the largest ever given in this country or England.

Judge Bittinger of York county has decided that a tax cannot be levied by township supervisors under the act of 1835 to pay an indebtedness which the township owed to certain parties for money borrowed by the supervisors and auditors at various times. The opinion is in line with a former common pleas decision.

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Dr. Mills Dead

Rev. Samuel Wickham Mills, D. D., of Port Jervis, probably the oldest minister in this vicinity and perhaps of the Reformed church, to which denomination he belonged, died at his home Thursday evening, Nov. 27th. He was born near Scotchtown, Orange county, April 5, 1820, was graduated at Rutgers college in the class of '38, studied theology in the Seminary of the Reformed church at New Brunswick and graduated in 1847, was ordained at Bloomingburg, N. Y., in May, 1843, and began his work as pastor of the church there which continued for fifteen years when he became pastor of the Reformed church of Port Jervis and so remained for fourteen years when he resigned, since which time he has held no pastorate but has preached as a supply and there are probably few congregations in this section which have not listened to his sermons. He was largely instrumental in founding the Minisink Valley Historical Society in 1889 and has ever since been its president. Besides his second wife, who was Miss Amira St John, he is survived by three children, Esther wife of C. E. Caddeshack Esq. of Port Jervis, Dr. Theodore D. Mills of Middletown, and Mary D., wife of J. A. Stitt of New York. The funeral was held last Monday.

For a Tariff Commission
The bill introduced by Hon. Chas. N. Fowler of New Jersey in the 57th congress aims to establish a commission whose duty shall be to investigate all duties on imports and recommend changes therein, negotiate reciprocal trade treaties, collect such information with regard to products, manufactures and commerce as will aid in performing its duties and provide for the general welfare. The commission would derive extensive powers under the bill and could adjust the duties in imports in such manner as not to disturb trade conditions or incur hostility of other countries. The commission would be permanent and could work out tariff adjustments from time to time as the business of the country demanded. This would do no violence to established rates and would not unsettle conditions in such manner as to cause injury to business. It would seem to be more desirable to treat the tariff question in this elastic manner than to frame any rigid bill.

Farmers Bulletins
The United States department of agriculture is sending out some bulletins of great interest to farmers. One on silos and silage gives valuable hints as to the form, construction, cost, methods of filling, feeding to stock and kinds of crops, with best methods of culture. Every one owning or who contemplates building a silo should read bulletin No. 32.

Another is on leguminous plants for manuring and feeding. It shows how land by green manuring can be brought from barrenness to a state of fertility where it will produce profitable crops. One of the propagation of plants is valuable as showing how this may be done and has likewise a treatise on grafting. All these bulletins are of great practical value to farmers for they give in easily understood terms, illustrated with cuts the ideas which are needed to make the work easy and successful. Farmers could easily increase their information on many subjects of profit to them by sending for these bulletins which may be had for the asking.

A Railroad Sold
The Port Jervis, Monticello and New York railroad was sold at foreclosure sale at the Fowler House, Port Jervis, Tuesday and was bought by B. D. Richard for \$250,000. It is assumed that inasmuch as the purchaser is treasurer of the Ontario and Western the road was bought for that company. The road from Ellenville to Kingston is nearly completed, trains will be running over it by the middle of this month, and that will give a connection from Port Jervis direct to the eastern states. It only needs the Delaware Valley road now to make a short line from up east south.

The Pride of Heroes
Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet and stiff joints, Buckles' Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for burns, scalds, boils, ulcers, skin eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 50c at all drug stores.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Just ask Pierre Nills if he has the correct figures on the deer increase by this time.
We came near having a nasty little snow last Sunday, just enough to keep people from going to church. Louis Wagner has resigned as sexton of the M. E. church. John McCarry will take his place.

A little shooting was done here Tuesday evening. If the congregating of a number of boys in one or two places in this town could be stopped, it would be better for the town and for the boys in the end.

The firemen of this borough talk of having a dance about Christmas. If they do they should have the full support of our citizens.

When a man attempts to carry more than eleven hundred in one load through the mud he undertakes more than his constitution stand. A fence or a friendly shoulder to lean on comes handy.

Mud and blizz. next it will be snow and blizz, so prepare your wood piles and coal bins for the inclement weather which is sure to come.

There is an amen corner in this town not far from the post office where a few of our residents meet every evening and talk about how things used to was. I believe there is a possible chance of forming a genuine liars club, elect officers, etc. If this should be done somebody's ears will burn.

The box social at James Ryder's up in Chucktown last Tuesday evening was attended by quite a number from our borough. Proceeds \$28.55

An ounce of prevention is worth dollars worth of cure.
Six dollars is pretty steep to attend one show.

A broad smile on the face of Christian Leide is accounted for by the fact that he is the father of a bouncing boy.
If the law is obeyed the poor deer can now take a rest.

Don't mention it. The bridge on upper Water street is a reality.

Glen Eyre Sold
The former lively little hamlet of Glen Eyre known in older days as Millville went under the sheriff's hammer Monday. The place was settled by Peter Killam many years ago. He built a cabin and saw mills and conducted a thriving business, but his mills burned about 1835 his lumber was swept away by floods and his creditors took the property. Later John Deining built factories and dwellings and engaged in the manufacture of chairs and furniture but misfortune overtook him and he sold out and moved away. Since then little has been done there except to quarry blue stone of which there is considerable on the land, and the buildings have fallen into decay. At the sale Monday the Erie gave notice that it owned by purchase, from former proprietors certain water rights and privileges and also part of the land on which the buildings are and a right of way for its tracks.

The Recent Snow Storm
The government weather man says the past was the warmest November on record, but it ended last Sunday night by falling into a snow storm to cool off. Snow began coming down about dark gently and modestly as if rather uncertain of its reception. It soon mantled the trees and ground in white and kept on until some three or four inches covered everything. Monday morning the earth appeared like a fairy land and when the sun came up he added to her resplendence. Our old mother which had gone to sleep habilitated in sombre garments rose appareled like a bride and as the sun kissed her face she got muddy and made it disagreeable for her inhabitants. That is both the poetry and prose of the business.

Seed at Grave's Brick
"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsum, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. 50c at all drug stores.

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