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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

"In all my congressional career," said a member of congress Tuesday afternoon, "I have never seen a lobby as large and as active as the one now working against the immigration bill. The representatives of transatlantic and oriental steamship companies and of transcontinental railway companies are here in force. The bill is objectionable to them because it will limit immigration and cut down passenger receipts, and they are fighting it piteously on those grounds. Notwithstanding the efforts to defeat the bill, my opinion is that it will pass after the educational test clause has been stricken out. I believe that clause will be defeated, however."

Senator Quay today introduced a bill to establish a permanent military camp ground near Somerset, Pa., for the instruction and manueuvring of troops of the regular army and national guard. The sum of \$2,025,000 is provided for the purchase of 15,000 acres. Major General John R. Brooke, as a member of a board appointed by the secretary to select four sites in the United States suitable for the manueuvring of troops, recommended the site near Mt. Gretna, Lebanon county, which is on the Corawall & Lebanon railroad and on the main line of the Reading. The military board having selected Mt. Gretna there is little probability that congress will purchase the Somerset property.

It is well known that Senator McComas and Congressman Mudd of Maryland do not pull together on patronage. Mr. Mudd started some of his newspaper friends Tuesday morning by saying that he had placed two of his constituents in prominent positions in Washington and that Senator McComas had concurred heartily. There was instant desire to know who the fortunate Marylanders were whom the senator and representative both favored. "They are Charles Carroll of Carrollton and John Hensen," said Mr. Mudd, "and they have been placed in good positions out in Statuary Hall."

Senator Wellington of Maryland has a mysterious admirer. He is about as much surprised that any one should single him out as an object of admiration as is any one who has watched his erratic political course. Last week when he sat down to his desk he found a large bunch of American Beauty roses. No card accompanied the gift. Tuesday he found another and much larger sheaf of the same flowers attached to which was a card bearing the words "Semper Fidelis." There was no name and none of the pages or attendants could learn how the roses reached his desk. The senator is getting a bit nervous over this mysterious manifestation.

Congressman "Dave" Mercer of Nebraska, big, brawny and full-blooded, was laughing with a high-browed, pale-faced New England colleague. "Here is a fine menu of cereals," suggested the New Englander. "All right," responded Mr. Mercer. "You take the new cereal and I will take the chickbroom. Each is equally nutritious to a man raised on western beef."

An aftermath feature of every congressional campaign is the crop of good old stories—ancient and honorable, that have done service in many a political campaign—which come back to the Capitol cloakrooms in new garb. Here is one brought back by Mr. Lewis of Indiana: "A school teacher out in my district was giving the class a dissertation on the office of president and the self-made man who had filled it. 'Now all who would like to be president when they grow up, will raise their hands,' said the teacher. Every boy responded save one. 'Why, Johnny, don't you wish to be president?' asked the teacher. 'Shucks! 'tain't no use for me to wish,' said Johnny, disgruntledly. 'Why? Any poor boy might be chosen president,' said the teacher. 'Not me,' said Johnny. 'I'm a demagogue.' And then the old members in the group arose and walked saddy away."

Congressman Hildebrandt of Ohio is going about with a startled look

in his eyes and no brows above the optics. Mr. Hildebrandt was sitting at his desk in his committee room, wearing a green celluloid eye shade. He struck a match to light his cigar, and the flame touched the celluloid. The shade and eye brows went up in the same puff.

A new steam heating apparatus has been installed in the senate and a big pipe over the ceiling has a way of giving out sharp, cranking noise at intervals. A senator, who had attended a banquet the night before and was a little irritable, went to Colonel Dan Randall, the sergeant-at-arms, and said: "See, here, colonel, if you don't get a new steam pipe up there, I will have to get a new set of 'morning-after' nerves."

A compromise is now suggested in the statehood fight, viz. that the territories of Arizona and New Mexico be admitted as one commonwealth and Oklahoma and Indian Territory into another. When Senator Quay who is leading the fight for the admission of the separate territories as states submitted his report he prefaced his remarks by saying "I am a political orphan." Among the telegrams which he offered and had read by the clerk was one which expressed the opinion that statehood for Oklahoma would make it "hopelessly" democratic. He, however, announced that he had sent it to the desk by mistake. A counter trick was played by the opponents of the omnibus statehood bill by withdrawing the substitute bill by withdrawing the substitute bill. This will delay consideration and a test vote can not be had until the substitute bill is reported back to the senate.

**Masonic Election**  
At the stated meeting of Milford Lodge, No. 344, F. & A. M., held Wednesday evening the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:  
W. M.—Wm. B. Kauworthey.  
S. W.—Piero M. Nills.  
J. W.—George R. Ball.  
Secretary—Nathan E. Neery, Jr.  
Treasurer—Randall D. Sayre.  
Trustees—O. W. Ball, A. Riviere.  
Representative to Grand Lodge—J. H. Van Ethen.  
Monsieur Bethell of Philadelphia, representing the grand master, was present as an instructor and installed the several officers.

It was decided by the members to have a banquet on the night of St. John's day, inasmuch as the one held last year was such an enjoyable occasion, and a committee was appointed to take the affair in charge.

**Unclaimed Letters**  
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Dec. 13, 1902:  
Master Painter, Mr. Deshuke.  
Foreign Assignor Sontarofelice.  
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
James W. Pinchot, executor to E. S. Wolf, 400 acres, Thomas Hough, No. 23, and 203 acres, Andrew Russell, Shohola, \$215.  
Catherine Schomover to Catherine M. Eilenberger, 3 acres near Boskill, Lehman, \$1,200.

Port Jervis complains loudly because while hundreds of cars of coal are hurried through the town only very occasionally one is halted and delivered to the dealers. A great shortage exists and our neighbors fear a freeze. Saw wood and warm up is the only advice we can offer.

**The Christmas Dinner**  
In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, ceases appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

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. Rymen & Wells.

## PERSONALS

John Almer is on a visit with friends in Philadelphia.

Leon Schanno has been quite indisposed during the past week.

Lynis H. Wagner has gone to Irvington, N. J., where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. S. A. Beach, who is spending the winter with friends in Brooklyn, made a brief visit in town this week returning to the city yesterday.

John Vater of Delaware township, who recently underwent an operation in a New York hospital, has been discharged greatly improved and is expected home in a few days.

G. M. Gordon of Port Jervis has been employed in the bank here to fill the place of Cashier Reid until the latter is able to resume his duties.

Judge Lynch of Luzerne county made an order this week in his court removing three constables and directed the district attorney to proceed to indict them for intentionally omitting to return saloon keepers who were violating the liquor laws.

Some Philadelphia ministers are arranging to start a daily paper with no Sunday edition and a lot of newspaper men are said to be anxious to work on it. No prize fights, horse races, etc., to be reported. But think of the prayer meetings they would have to attend.

Tuesday was the coldest day in 37 years. The cold wave which has overspread the country during the past week has been almost unprecedented. In some parts of New York state the thermometer went down to 42 degrees below zero and 20 degrees below zero was common in the east.

An editor in the New York Evening Journal, writing on "The Reason Why Women Use Their Minds to Better Advantage Than Men," gives as one reason the fact that women having had generally less education than men, they are more given to thinking. There must be some highly educated men on the Evening Journal.

A sentimental editor out in Kansas asks: "Are there any sweeter words in the English language than these, 'I love you?'" Perhaps not, but the world, "Here's that dollar and a half I owe you on subscription," are not without honey to the ear of a newspaper man.

We are in receipt from the United States department of agriculture of a little work called "The Woodsman's Handbook" by H. S. Graves, director of the Yale forest school. It contains various tables and rules for measuring contents of logs and is intended for practical use by lumbermen, foresters and others interested in the measurement of wood and timber.

The editor of the El Dorado, Kan., Republican figures that a bushel of corn worth thirty cents and a bushel of wheat worth sixty cents with fifteen cents worth of grinding, makes seven dollars worth of health food. How long will it take the manufacturers to grow rich? A hog of beer costs the brewer 30 cents, judiciously developed in the hides of a lot of boys how much mischief will it make? Problems for the conundrum corner.

**The Strike Commission**  
Witnesses before the strike commission have been testifying to evasions by the company, and of the methods practised to collect rents. In some instances where husbands and fathers were killed the wives and children worked for years to pay rent in arrears and received no pay in any other way. It was also shown by witnesses that a company had attempted bribery of union men in order to force through a resolution ordering the men back to work, as a swag to break the solid ranks of the strikers.

**Foils 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. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at all drug stores.

**FOR SALE** One two seated survey with top, one light runabout wagon, one set, single harness, one well skin robe, two horse blankets and two lap robes. Enquire at the Pizzos office.—1f

## Two Towers of Tammany's Strength

Many explanations have been offered of the unexpected and amazing increase of the democratic plurality in greater New York this fall, as compared with the result in the gubernatorial election of two years ago. Republican apathy and indifference may account in part for Tammany's enormous plurality, which rose from 33,000 two years ago to over 121,000 in the contest just closed. Democratic enthusiasm had behind it some unusually forceful and decisive factors. Two of these, according to ex-Collector Erhart, were the twelve thousand saloon keepers and the eight thousand policemen. It is calculated that each of the former was good for about five votes on the average for the democratic state ticket, and that each of the latter was able to influence at least three votes on the average, in favor of the democratic candidates. This means an army of eighty-four thousand votes, marshaled by two influences for personal and business reasons. Saloon-keepers want greater freedom in the sale of their commodities on Sundays, and the police, realizing what a reform administration means, are anxious for the speedy return of Tammany's blackmailing control in city affairs. It is no secret that the advocates of good government in New York stand aghast at the showing of democratic strength just made, and it is not too early to point out that the two forces mentioned must be reckoned with in the municipal election of next year and that we had better begin to reckon with them now.

The organization of saloon-keepers should be met by the organization of the churches of New York, and the abhorrent power of the police should be minimized by the adoption of the most heroic measures at Albany, even by the passage of a state constabulary law, if that be found necessary. The success of Tammany Hall at the municipal election in 1903, and the consequent surrender of every department of this great city on the first of January, 1904, to the same political gang of freebooters that held sway under Croker, would be a public menace in a presidential year, and would do more to jeopardize the success of the national ticket in this state than anything else that could happen. The friends of President Roosevelt should bear this in mind and bestir themselves.—Leelle's Weekly.

## OBITUARY

### HIRSHAM LOUD

Mr. Loud, who years ago was an employee in the gold watch case shop here, and who since has been employed in the same occupation in Brooklyn, N. Y., came up to Milford Thanksgiving day hoping to obtain rest and quiet and recuperate his health which for some months has been failing. The change did not prove beneficial and he grew worse rapidly and died at the Centre Square where he was staying last Sunday morning the cause being consumption.

He was born about 41 years ago and was a son of Manly and Rosanna Albright Lord, former residents of Delaware township, this county. His mother deceased many years since. His father residing in Sandyston, N. J., a wife and two sons living in Brooklyn and a sister, Carrie, of East Orange, N. J., survive him.

The remains were taken Sunday to the home of his uncle, Andrew Albright in Delaware and the funeral conducted by Rev. Greenleaf held Wednesday, interment in Delaware cemetery.

**New York Excursion Dec. 14th**  
Sunday next, December 14th, the Erie will run a popular one dollar New York excursion leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m. arriving in the city at 10 a. m., allowing over in Greater New to attend the special services in all the churches and visiting with friends as the special train returning leaves West 23rd street at 7.35 p. m., Chambers street at 7.45 p. m. and Jersey City at 8 p. m., arriving in Port Jervis 10.55 p. m. Remember only one dollar for the round trip.

A. W. Balch and Son, Matamoras, all drug and general stores in Pike county guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. 25c at all drug stores.

## BRIEF MENTION.

The thermometer here registered two degrees below zero Tuesday morning.

After December 15th two trains will run daily each way between Port Jervis and Kingston.

Only one dollar to New York and return Sunday next, Dec. 14, special train leaving Port Jervis at 7 a. m.

Note the offer of the Weekly Tribune and Press for \$1.55 and the Press and Tri-weekly World one year for \$2.

G. A. Knealing became purchaser for \$410 of the farm of the late John Hess in Shohola at administrator's sale Dec. 8th.

John Case, Jr., bought the property sold by Sheriff Gregory last Monday as that of John Case in Dingman township for \$110.

Hon. Harry F. Walton of Philadelphia seems now to be the most likely candidate for speaker of the next legislature. He has previously served in this capacity.

W. & G. Mitchell call attention this week to lines of new goods. They have an especial stock for the holiday trade besides seasonable articles of all kinds.

Calvin Van Benschoten, who formerly kept a hotel at Long Eddy, N. Y., and at Lackawaxen in this county, died at Middletown, N. Y., last week.

George Titworth removed last Monday from the Thompson place in Dingman township to the farm of Mrs. L. W. Armstrong in Milford township.

Rumor says there are at least half a dozen candidates for the position of commissioners clerk. Evidently there will be no difficulty to find some one willing to serve in that capacity.

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who perhaps more than any other man was instrumental in the downfall of Boss Tweed, died last week at Quaquelet, Ecuador, where he was consul general.

Jacob Garrison of Schoocopee, who for the past 30 years has served customers with milk in this town, has sold out the business. He will retain the wagon which has always served his use as a memento.

Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed died in Washington early last Sunday morning. He was a brilliant man and probably one of the best parliamentarians who ever wielded the gavel over an unruly congress.

George Titworth, who has been employed at Hotel Seitz up to a recent date, was arrested Wednesday and lodged in jail for an alleged assault on Mary Brady, a girl fourteen years old who was working at the same place. The offense is said to have been committed last Friday night.

The commission appointed by Governor Stone to report in the condition of Hon. P. P. Smith, a judge of the superior court, has reported that by reason of physical disability he is incapable to perform his judicial duties. Judge Smith declines to resign and will resist any efforts to retire him.

Justice Brown of the supreme court in an opinion lately reported uses the following language: "The plaintiff stopped his team, a one horse wagon, inside the open gateway." It is claimed by certain critics here that this is an incorrect expression inasmuch as team is always descriptive of two or more horses, etc., attached to a vehicle.

A concern styling itself the Columbia Mercantile company is selling certificates of membership to country people which entitles them to purchase at wholesale prices any article of merchandise they may need. The certificates are good for one year and cost \$25 each. Any person purchasing the certificate will be out his money with no sign of merchandise in sight.

### 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.

## Our Grazing Land

The recent annual report of the Secretary of the Interior makes pointed reference to a bill now pending before congress providing for leasing the remaining six hundred million acres of public land for grazing purposes, concerning the measure as one calculated to work much injury to the nation. The question of the position of the remaining public lands is one which has an interest for every citizen both East and West. The bulk of our beef and mutton supply comes from this section, and as the free range is becoming more and more overcrowded, and the grasses trampled out and eaten up by the roots, the greatest discussion is given to the necessity for some regulation of this vast acreage of government lands, by leasing or otherwise, which will enable stock growers to improve it and prevent overgrazing. It is estimated by agricultural experts that were the range properly controlled it would support at least one-half more stock than it does at present, which would mean, of course, cheaper beef.

In considering this problem, however, another question of prime importance arises, and this question Secretary Hitchcock discusses in his report. No leasing law should ever be enacted which will interfere with the development of the country through actual settling and homesteading and irrigation. The leasing bill referred to would stop all settlement by homesteaders and would practically turn the western states over to immense live stock interests. The secretary does well to direct attention to the dangerous provisions of the bill; still there is little if any danger of its passage, since statesmen realize that the remaining public lands are the heritage of the people, and must be reserved for actual settlement. Nor would such a measure get past the president's keen scrutiny.

### Murderer's Second Escape

Charles Grother, convicted of the murder of Adam Strunk and now under sentence of death escape or rather walked, out of the Monroe county jail the second time last Sunday morning. Both the sheriff and his deputy were absent and the premises were in charge of William Reinhart, a watchman. Grother was allowed to take a bath and Reinhart walked out of the jail corridor to the reading room forgetting to lock the doors. Grother observed this and soon after when the watchman had seated himself to read the papers, he and Van Buskirk, another prisoner, left the bath room. Grother went up stairs to a room in an adjoining dwelling and jumped from a window. Grother was pursued and late Sunday afternoon discovered in a barn about five miles from Stroudsburg where he had lain about four hours. He made some show of resistance with a new revolver but was captured and returned to the jail.

### Spelling Incorrectly

In a spelling examination for entrance in the Northwestern University of 141 students who took it 85 missed 20 or more words out of a list of 150. The words were fairly selected without special search for any unusual or difficult. Professor Clark's comment is, "As long as the word method of spelling is taught in the public schools, just so long will boys and girls enter college unable to spell correctly." Perhaps this deduction is not unreasonable from his past and present experience, but if his theory is wrong, the Chicago Inter-Ocean says, there is still a very unsatisfactory condition to be explained. Is there any better way after all to teach spelling than the old fashioned method of requiring the student to pronounce the syllables.

### Saved at Grave's Brink

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newson, 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.

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

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

The New Jersey Herald has been enlarged. Politics is a full crop in Sussex county.

How often a fellow can catch a blessing? Evil news travels fast and a mole hill grows into a mountain before it gets out of sight.

With the first fall of snow our physicians are again more or less in demand.

If the shoe fits, wear it, if not pass it by.

A long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether is needed to accomplish some ends.

The late little snows show who our citizens are enterprising and who are not. The sidewalks tell the story.

Bicycles and auto's can go into winter quarters now. The shot gun can soon follow, but then there is fishing through the ice, sleighrides, little parties and a dance thrown in. So don't despair.

Trusts have kept up prices pretty well, but none have been more obstinate than the common barn yard hen. Her fruit can not be adulterated, neither has a substitute been found.

Schwartz means black, Maria means Maria. What we would either be between here and Port Jervis.

The time for colds, grip and other disagreeable complaints is here again and the usual amount of discomfort which goes with them will have to be borne by those who are stricken.

Hot gin and lemon is said to be a good cure for grip.

What is the speed limit in our borough? Or is there none. I notice some can drive as fast as they please while some other cars gets pulled for going a good deal slower.

The snow has done one thing. Bicycle riders will now keep off the sidewalks.

This evening there will be a joint meeting of the fire department.

By the way I understand that the insurance on the Borough Congress Hall will not hold good unless the building is kept locked. To do so will make it necessary to have keys. Now, if a person discovers a fire and has no key he can't ring the bell, neither can a member of the department get to the apparatus without a key.

The Judge Parker boom for the democratic nomination in 1904 is progressing—by back-roads and wood-lanes.

It is being generally conceded by the friends of Mr. Bryan that wheat and silver have really diverged; but this is due to imperialism and the Central American volcanic disturbances.

Democratic campaign speeches of 1896 are highly edifying reading just now—with wheat around 80 cents and silver little or nothing.

With Bryan eliminated, Tom Johnson obliterated, Cleveland impossible, Gorman distrusted, and Hill a dead one, how a man must enjoy being a democrat these early winter days.

The Hon. Adlai Stevenson's "unbroken front" democracy has been preserved—laid away to be trotted out for the next campaign.

Negotiations have been resumed with Columbia with a view to the perfection of the canal treaty. The fact that congress has authorized some other than the Panama route in the event of failure to get a good title, should have the effect of bringing Columbia to time.

Solid silver spoons can now be had for a few cents a dozen, whereas it is expected that grains of wheat will soon be quoted by the hundred. Wheat and silver, Hm! And Bryan!

President McKinley's inaugural definition of reciprocity was: "New markets for the products of our country by granting concessions to the products of other lands that we need and cannot produce ourselves and which do not involve any loss of labor to our own people, but tend to increase their employment." And this is the kind of reciprocity to which every American citizen can subscribe.

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