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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The Cuban treaty is now in the hands of the senate and will receive prompt consideration after the holidays. It grants to Cuba a concession of 25 per cent from the Dingley rates and secures for the products of the United States concessions varying from 20 to 40 per cent, and averaging about 33 1/2 per cent.

Reversing his intentions as previously announced, Senator Hearst has given notice to the senate that he will introduce an anti-trust bill at this session. When seen on the subject, however, it was evident that the senator's intentions were not well defined, and that what his bill would be and even whether it would be framed at all, would depend entirely on the decision of the attorney general. If Mr. Knox decides that with the new appropriation he can better test the Sherman law and withdraws the recommendations made in his Pittsburg speech for the present, the measure of the venerable senator from Massachusetts will not probably materialize this season.

There is a rapidly growing conviction in Washington that the Venezuelan episode when passed will have added another laurel to the reputation of Secretary Hay as a diplomat and that the course of straight forward diplomacy, as exemplified by President Roosevelt's exposition of the Monroe doctrine in his first message to congress, will have scored another victory. The statement that "The powers concerned—Great Britain and Germany—will deal solely with the United States in the matter of arbitration," is regarded as the greatest recognition the Monroe doctrine has ever received. The acceptance by the allies of the arbitration proposals forwarded by Secretary Hay, although accompanied by some conditions which complicate the situation, is regarded as foreshadowing the peaceful conclusion of the present difficulty and the administration has turned its attention to facilitating that end. While it is obviously impossible for the United States to guarantee the payment of such indemnity and damages as may be allowed by the arbitrators, the government will make it clear to such American financiers as may become interested in the situation, that it will use its power to protect them in any loan they may make to Venezuela.

Secretary Hay, Ambassador Herbert and Senator Depew, the latter representing the Seligman, have already had one conference with a view to determining what can be done to enable Venezuela to meet her obligations and it is believed that eventually a satisfactory settlement will be the outcome of the interest displayed by the American bankers. Representative Hitt, chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, said today, "Both parties in the house believe that the administration has handled the Venezuelan affair with great good judgment and the resolution passed by the house asking for information should not be construed as arguing a want of confidence. The Monroe doctrine has been strengthened in three ways. The powers, by refraining from landing troops on South American soil have shown a respect for the doctrine which will constitute a precedent, the jealousy with which the American people regard the doctrine has been demonstrated and South American countries have again been taught the lesson that they cannot repudiate their just debts and hope to get behind the Monroe doctrine for protection.

Taking the Venezuelan situation as a text, Secretary Moody delivered a powerful argument before the house committee on naval affairs recently. He cited the president's statement that "Our navy must be a match for any," and proceeded to demonstrate the necessity for six new ships to be authorized by congress this year. The president is earnestly backing up the wishes of his Secretary of the Navy. He has said: "I am in favor of building warships every year until the United States navy shall be as strong as any in the world." Every influence which is at the command of the administration will be brought to bear on congress to secure liberal treatment of the navy but there is evidently a disinclination on the part of the naval committee to commit the country to a policy which it fears will entail heavy taxation.

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## BRIEF MENTION.

A number one, or prime large black fox skin is worth \$350, a dark silver grey \$175. Why don't some of our hunters kill a few of these kinds?

The new line of railroad between Port Jervis and Kingston was opened for traffic last Monday and trains are now running between those towns. The Times says Henry J. Kotz, Esq., of Stroudsburg has announced himself a candidate for judge of the Monroe-Pike district. There will likely be others.

John D. Rockefeller has donated a million dollars to the Chicago University. He has also raised the price of oil one cent a gallon, so the public really pays the subscription. A Pittsburg judge has recently ruled that a divorce obtained in Dakota is not good in this state. This ruling may compel interested parties to obtain the home made article.

The sheriff elsewhere advertises two lots in Matamoras on Barker street taken in execution as the property of Daniel and Harriet Cook and Harriet Smith to be sold Jan. 16, 1903, at 2 o'clock. The sale of the Charles Wirtz goods Tuesday attracted a large crowd and prices realized were fully up to value. Hon. L. J. Martin, attorney for Wirtz, was present and directed the auction.

The town council at its meeting last Saturday evening passed an ordinance granting privilege to the Van Pike telephone company to maintain its system in the borough. A license fee of 75 cents is placed on every pole set up. Rev. E. M. Sinead has had printed a calendar for the Presbyterian church for the next three months. It shows the time of services, topics for the week of prayer and topics and leaders in the Christian Endeavor society and will be a convenient mentor for church people.

G. F. Rowland, whose term of office as county treasurer will expire Jan. 1st, has made a courteous, obliging and prompt official and one with whom it has been a pleasure to transact business. He expects to engage in the lumber business in Lackawanna township. The employees of G. B. Markle & Co., who live in corporation houses, found on receiving their wage envelopes Tuesday that the rent for the six months they had been on strike was deducted from the amount due them. The rent was \$24, and that about balanced accounts and left them minus any cash.

The incessant rain last Sunday promised a repetition of the floods of one year ago but the snow absorbed the water, and, though the river and streams were quite swollen they were not dangerously high. The absence of frost in the ground probably aided in disposing of the wet, by enabling it to sink away. The firemen's oyster supper to be given in the borough building Dec. 31, proceeds to furnish their rooms, is a very worthy object and deserves it no doubt will receive the liberal patronage of our citizens. A dance will be given the same evening in Brown's Hall. Go out and encourage the boys by your presence and support.

The farmer who has a good wood lot upon or adjacent to his farm can be a truly thankful individual this Christmas season. Every snap of cold weather means a vast amount of intense suffering among the poorest classes of the cities, where coal is still being sold by the bucketful, notwithstanding that considerable of it is moving out of the mines. The possible straining of our friendly relations with Germany calls attention to the extent to which the country is dependent upon us for food and manufactured products. During the fiscal year our shipments to Germany amounted to \$173,999,000 against our importations from her of \$161,800,000.

The Baltimore American says that Bjornbjirne Bjornson, the Swedish jockey has had a birthday anniversary. The farmer who has a good wood lot upon or adjacent to his farm can be a truly thankful individual this Christmas season. Every snap of cold weather means a vast amount of intense suffering among the poorest classes of the cities, where coal is still being sold by the bucketful, notwithstanding that considerable of it is moving out of the mines. The possible straining of our friendly relations with Germany calls attention to the extent to which the country is dependent upon us for food and manufactured products. During the fiscal year our shipments to Germany amounted to \$173,999,000 against our importations from her of \$161,800,000.

**Falls 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. 50c at all drug stores.

## Yule-tide

Ever at Yule-tide when the great log flamed in chimney place and laugh and jest went round. The origin of the feast of mid-winter, the Yule, is very ancient and the wood denoting it is of doubtful origin. It was sacred to Odhinn, the chief god of Northern Mythology, as such a season might be to the god of storms. It is the old English and still, to some extent, the Scotch and Northern name for Christmas or the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. Holmshad in his history of Scotland says sitting at their banquet on the twelfth day in Christmas, otherwise called Yule.

The Yule candle was a large candle formerly used to light the festivities of Christmas Eve. It was an emblem for the candle to burn out before the evening was at an end. Any remnants were kept to be used at the celebrator's funeral obsequies. The Yule log was a large log or block of wood formerly burnt at Christmas Eve. It was brought into the room with much ceremony. Dickens makes the nephew in his dialogue with Scrooge say, "There are many good things from which I might have derived good by which I have not profited, I dare say, Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it came round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred origin if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time, the only time I know of on the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem to open their shut hearts freely and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-travelers to the grave and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore uncle though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good, and I say God bless it."

**Abuse of Homestead Laws**  
Colonel Mosby, whose name struck terror to the Union troops in northern Virginia in the sixties, is now a special agent of the interior department in Nebraska, and the old veteran appears to have gotten into the enemy's camp as effectively as he was wont to do forty years ago. He has discovered that some of the big live-stock outfits have been fraudulently acquiring title to thousands of acres of government land by inducing widows of old soldiers to take up homesteads and get title to the land and then for a small bonus immediately transfer it to the companies. Which is but one evidence to show the necessity for the repeal of the commutation clause of the homestead law, which allows such fraud, also the desert land act, another law whereby the government is steadily losing large acreages of its best remaining lands through the fraudulent manipulations of the big companies. The people of the east should remember that they are joint owners with the rest of the country in the vast areas of public lands of the United States.

**Judge Ashman on Woman Suffrage**  
"Woman Suffrage is one of the few questions in morals and politics about which it has always seemed to me there was scarcely room for conflicting opinions. The axiom that taxation without representation is tyranny, would seem to secure the franchise to woman as a matter of indisputable right; and I have met with no objection on the score of policy to its exercise by her, which has not seemed puerile and selfish. The plea that she is mentally incapacitated to exercise a sound judgment in civil matters is grotesque when we consider the mental make-up of thousands of men who through the polls and in effect, control the destinies of a party; and the plea that her womanly duties are incompatible with the duties which she owes to the state, has been disproved by experience. After all, the convincing argument with me is that the average woman is on a higher moral plane than the average man; that she is a worse sufferer than he from the mischiefs of misrule; that instinctively her voice would be raised for social order, and that her presence at the ballot-box would be, as it now is in the church, a force upon the side of enlightened rule."

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## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

What did you find in your stocking?  
The Sussex Register is making fun because it takes 280 dollars to do a 15 dollar job here in Pike county.

Mrs. Amelia Rosenkrans of Newton visited her sister, Mrs. K. R. Van Aken, last week. Uncle James Mollinoux has left town for the winter. William Mote lost his sorrel horse last week.

The attendance at the different Sunday Schools has been very large of late, but as Santa has made his visit the rush is over until picnic time. Charles Lebbe of New York was a visitor here last week. There is not much danger of a person getting lost in this town. The lost usually turn up. Last Sunday was about as disagreeable day as any one wished to see and be out of doors.

Lafe Brink, who recently moved from here to Port Jervis, has taken up his residence at Mill Rift. He will now engage in the chicken raising industry to break the egg trust. Not many counties have as good a showing as little Pike. In former years there used to be three and four jury courts held here in a year and now we seem to get along with a jury once in a year. That fact alone should keep the expenses of the county down considerable but yet some people seem to lose sight of that fact. How much is the expense of a panel of grand and petit jurors to the county for a term Mr. Editor? The organizing of the Lairs' Club has been postponed to some future time. Several would be members having business elsewhere for the present, and the walking after dark rather bad for some of the rest.

Walter Angle is home from Philadelphia to spend his vacation. Clyde Kipp is also here. Remember the poor you have always with you. It is better to give—if you are able—than to receive. The Lord helps them who help themselves—but not to other peoples property. Fritz Pollion is in town after an absence of several months.

**Cannot be Civilized**  
The Latin-American comes painfully near being an impossible character. Consul General Bragg, though he was indiscreet in writing to his wife, was pretty near the mark when he said that Uncle Sam might as well expect to make a whistle out of a pig's tail as a "good citizen" out of the Spanish-American. Here we have Columbia, with an opportunity to secure the construction of a great work which will result in untold benefits to her, haggling over a few immediate dollars. Alongside of her is Venezuela trying to get behind the skirts of the United States to escape what appears to be her just obligations. Then we see Cuba, after her deliverance from the worst tyranny imaginable, acting toward her benefactor like the veriest child—willful; unreasonably and ungrateful. This all grows out of the idea, ingrained in the Spanish-American character, that politics is simply a game to obtain public power with the avowed idea of using office for the purpose of making as much personal gain as possible. Anyone who knows anything of the character of the people of our tropics realizes the long process of evolution necessary before our southern neighbors can become patriots in the sense understood by citizens of this country.

**Election of Managers**  
The annual election for managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the borough of Milford on Monday, Jan. 6, 1903, between the hours of 2 and 3 p. m.

**William Mitchell, Secretary.**  
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**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 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.

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