

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The statehood fight in the senate has grown into one of the bitterest parliamentary contentions of recent years.

Senator Quay's latest move has been to attach the statehood bill to the agricultural appropriation bill.

So absolute has been the statehood blockade in the senate that no other legislation has been even considered.

The negotiations between Venezuela and the foreign powers, which have been conducted in Washington, have not so far accomplished any material results.

There are indications that the immigration bill will be passed at this session, but not without the sacrifice of the clause providing for an educational qualification.

The house enjoyed a lively if not very important session on Saturday, when private claim bills were before the committee of the whole.

bers. For two hours the persistent members awaited the arrival of the missing representatives.

By a contrivance of fate, the famous sideboard presented to Mrs. Hayes, wife of President Hayes, by the young ladies of Cincinnati as a mark of their approval of Mrs. Hayes prohibition of the use of wine in the White House, was recently discovered in a Washington bar-room.

Senators and members of congress are receiving letters from all parts of the country protesting against the proposed amendment of the law whereby it will be possible to detain cattle on trains without food or water for 40 hours instead of 28 hours as is now provided.

1. Pick the lungs, breathe in until they are full, hold on awhile then exhale slowly. Do it out doors. Repeat it two or three times, and several times a day.

2. Bathe in soft water; if at night in warm water followed by a dash of cold and brisk rubbing; if in the morning, tepid water.

Secretary Shaw on Protection At the celebration of President McKinley's birthday in New York, Secretary Shaw paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of the martyred president.

Real Estate Transfers George Decker to Nelson Decker, Jr., 12 acres, Lackawanna, on line of Wayne county, \$300.

Buckler's Arnica Salve The best and most famous compound in the world to conquer sores and kill pains.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Frank Sells and wife spent the week in New York for business purposes.

Dwight Ryman has a position as clerk in the bank and assumed his duties Wednesday.

Samuel M. Stevens, a master plumber, visited his sister, Mrs. G. H. McCarty, this week.

Mrs. Helen E. Heller expects to accompany her daughter, Mrs. Justin Lancham, who has been visiting her this week, to Nyack.

Miss Maggie Brink is visiting the family of James S. Drake in Scranton. They expect to remove to Hartford, Ct., in the spring where Mr. Drake is superintendent of a branch of a school of correspondence.

Miss Jennie Pine, who has been W. U. operator here for several years, has been transferred to Liberty, N. Y., and the office here will be managed by Miss Margaret McCormick.

Dr. Wm. B. Kenworthy was called to Philadelphia last week by the serious illness of his grandmother, Mrs. Bartle. The venerable lady is nearly eighty years old and her chances for recovery are not hopeful.

Frank Holbert and Samuel Alman of Lackawanna were in town yesterday and made a very pleasant call at this office.

Venezuela

The supposed intention of the powers to raise the Venezuela blockade at once has not materialized.

Mass Over Hawaii

The unanimous protest which went up from Hawaii against the adoption of the recommendations of the senate subcommittee has checked for the present all action on the general measures proposed.

Township Nominations

The following republican ticket was nominated in Westfall township: Justice peace—Alfred Marvin.

Illness Put to Work

The wonderful activity of the new century is shown by an enormous demand for the world's best work—Dr. King's New Life Pills.

Huntingdon Reformatory

The annual report of the superintendent discloses some very interesting facts relative to the inmates of the institution. There were during the past year 763 boys and young men.

Rev. H. E. Foss on Woman Suffrage

Rev. Herbert E. Foss, Pastor of Arch St. M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Pa., when asked his views of woman suffrage replied: "I know of no good reason why women should not have the full right of suffrage."

Statehood Bill

Senator Quay's latest move in the statehood fight is the introduction of the Omnibus bill, as amendments to the agricultural and to the sundry civil Appropriations bills.

A Legacy of the Grip

Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

BRIEF MENTION.

The annual county statement appears on the fourth page.

A new Richmond boiler has been put in the Brown building by Swinton & Co., of Port Jervis and a new piano has been placed in the hall.

Pike has two inmates in the Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, Pa. They have aggregated in time there 470 days and the county was charged up to Dec. 31, 1902, \$141 for their maintenance.

A bill introduced in the legislature to allow beer to be sold on Sundays in Fairmount Park, near Philadelphia, has called forth protests and severe criticism from the clergy and many temperance people throughout the state.

Harriet Couze, wife of Floyd E. Williams, who many years ago taught school in this place, died at her home in Pittston, Pa., last Saturday of pneumonia.

Bringing Up Children

Among the passengers in a train were a lady, a nurse girl and a little boy. The boy pinched the nurse's face, tore her bonnet, kicked and screamed as only a spoiled child can.

In a Soldier's Home

Harvey R. West, who is in the National Home for Soldiers at Danville, Illinois, has written a letter to Albert Helms describing the comforts and conveniences he now enjoys.

Public Land Frauds

It is a significant fact and it is an uncertain argument to the western congressmen who contend that the present operation of the desert land act and the commutation clause of the homestead act are used for speculative purposes by the big stock outfits.

Rip Van Winkle

The eminent dialect actor, Mr. J. E. Toole and his metropolitan company of players will produce the Joseph Jefferson version of "Rip Van Winkle" at Brown's Hall Wednesday, Feb. 11th.

Saved Her Child's Life

"In three weeks our chubby little boy was changed by pneumonia almost to a skeleton," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, O.

Better Pay for Teachers

A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Representative Snyder of Schuylkill county to fix the minimum salary for public school teachers. It provides that on and after June 1, 1904, no teacher shall receive less than \$40 a month and any district failing to comply with the act shall forfeit its state appropriation.

One township in Fulton county receives from the state \$1,008.14 and pays its teachers \$1,050.50 that is, apparently the people there only raise \$51.86 to pay teachers.

The movement to increase the wages has its inception in the fact that competent teachers cannot be procured for the wages paid. We think, however, that the minimum fixed by the bill is too high and that it would bear too heavily on taxpayers in small counties like Pike \$85 a month would be better and should enable directors to secure good teachers.

Cambridge Springs a Winter Resort

The idea that because "a change" is needed it is necessary at this season to go to some much warmer climate, is not always correct. Such a course may sometimes be necessary, but in nervous troubles, disorder of the digestive functions, kidney complaints and many others, nothing is gained, and much is often lost by breathing an enervating atmosphere when vitality and vigor most are needed.

Senator Stewart's Committee

Senator Stewart's committee is trying to place the blame for the Washington coal shortage and high prices. He says that somewhere among the regular or independent operators, the coal roads or the retail merchants, downright robbery is going on.

Mother's Recommendation

I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Tobias Nelson is taking an involuntary rest. The cause is he met with an accident Saturday afternoon which fractured several of his ribs.

The accident to Thos. Armstrong's team near the Mott street bridge Saturday afternoon could have been more serious than it was. The wonder is that the driver and team escaped injury. Logs now guard the road.

The tin pan band was out in force Saturday evening.

Montague's tin pan brigade seemed to be out in full force Monday evening. The noise was heard plainly over here.

Kicking a fellow when he is down and not able to help himself is not always good policy.

Bills are posted notifying the public that the Hatchet Society of the Presbyterian church is still very much alive and will have its annual supper on Friday evening, Feb. 20. It is to be hoped that the weather man will have pity on the boys and give them a pleasant evening.

We are promised a genuine show in Brown's Hall next Wednesday evening. It would be a good plan for the proprietor of the hall to send for a veterinarian and have the grand piano doctored up before the event.

The ground hog had a chance to see his shadow last Monday. We will see if he returns and keeps his quarters for the next six weeks.

A report has reached town that Major Hyde, who was in command of St. Luke's battalion here last summer, has got into trouble with his employer, John Wanamaker. The major was a salesman in the furniture department.

Often we hear the question "where does all the money come from for the support of the four churches in this town?" Three of the churches at least need one thousand dollars each, which looks like a large sum in a small community like ours. The churches are all up to date and still more improvements are contemplated. Why not improve our school buildings? A good school is as much needed in a community as a church.

More Weddings!

John A. Watts is making preparations to build an addition to the Vantine house.

Soon the small boy will have to put aside his sleigh and skates, but he can take up the sidewalk and play marbles.