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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

A thorough and adequate program has been practically completed by the senate and is certain to be adopted by the house, so that this session of congress, notwithstanding the brief time at its disposal, and the statehood blockade in the senate, will be able to adjourn with the knowledge that it has done all that is possible or judicious to uphold and strengthen the hands of the attorney general in his efforts to correct the trust evils. The only important feature of this program not yet accomplished is the passage of the Elkins bill by the house and your correspondent has received assurances from Speaker Henderson and the other leaders of the lower chamber that it will be enacted at an early date.

The anti-trust program when enacted will provide an appropriation of \$500,000 for the employment of expert assistance in the prosecution of anti-trust suits; the enactment of a measure expediting the trial of anti-trust suits in the courts; the prohibition of rebates with equal penalties on receivers and grantors, provided by the Elkins bill; a publicity feature for industrial corporations included in the bill establishing a department of commerce and labor. The publicity feature is provided for in what is known as the Nelson amendment. The proposed bureau of corporations has been replaced with a commissioner of corporations who is empowered to collect and compile for the use of the president the necessary statistics.

The interstate commerce commission will remain intact instead of being included in the new department as was intended and as was provided in the house bill. Strengthened by the provisions of the Elkins bill, the commission will become far more effective in its supervision of transportation companies. The assurance of the new department of commerce and labor is accompanied by an authoritative statement to the effect that Mr. George B. Cortelyou, now secretary to the president, will become its secretary and, as such, a member of the cabinet. Mr. Cortelyou has long been a valued advisor of the president and has earned by most exceptional merit the position for which he has been selected.

The statehood situation in the senate is still in "stalemate Quay" to use the witticism of Senator Platt, but there are indications of a compromise which will be reached in the near future. The present plan is to admit Oklahoma as one state and Arizona and New Mexico as another. This does not meet with the approval of the democrats and for that reason Senator Quay has not yet given it his approval, but as it becomes evident that no more favorable arrangement can be made it becomes more likely that he will do so.

The house of representatives passed the Littlefield anti-trust bill on Saturday and it will now go to the senate but will not be taken under consideration there, both time and inclination preventing its being taken up. It will, of course, be referred to the judiciary committee of which Senator Hoar is chairman and he assures your correspondent that he is very doubtful if it will be even reported to the senate.

The Venezuelan controversy has not yet been settled although those persons in a position to know, feel confident that it will be at an early date. The so-called "shirt-sleeve diplomacy" of Minister Bowen came very near precipitating a misunderstanding this week and an attempt was made by the representative of the allies to go over Mr. Bowen's head and secure the intervention and arbitration of the president. This proposition Mr. Roosevelt promptly declined and conferences with Mr. Bowen are again in progress. He has offered to each of the allies a payment of \$27,500 as an evidence of good faith. His offer has not yet been accepted as it is conditional on the immediate raising of the Venezuelan blockade.

Practically no time has been given by the senate to the consideration of any of the treaties now before it and the necessity of an extra session of the upper chamber for their consideration is freely predicted. Senator Lodge told your correspondent today that he believed such a session would be necessary and that the president would not hesitate to call it. A report sent out by the Associated

Press to the effect that there was no hope for the ratification of the Alaskan treaty proves to be wholly without foundation. Seven of the most prominent members of the senate have assured your correspondent that, if a sufficient time for the consideration of this treaty can be secured, there will be no trouble in effecting its ratification. Senators Foster and Turner of Washington say that their constituents are opposed to the convention, but they will not filibuster on it and they are open to conviction and will be pleased to have the advocates of the arrangement prove to them that it is in the best interests of the United States and will not in any injure the existing status of the Alaskan boundary dispute. If this can be done they will withdraw their opposition.

Information has reached Washington to the effect that a congressional election will take place in Colombia on the first of March and that the new congress will meet not later than the first week in April. It is expected that the United States senate will ratify the Colombian treaty, providing for the construction of the Panama canal, at this or at an extra session and it will then remain for the newly elected Colombian Congress to ratify the agreement. Reports from Bogota indicate that the treaty is generally well received and those from Panama state that the people are overjoyed at the prospect of the completion of the canal which will make two of their cities most important sea-ports in the world. Senator Morgan still continues to oppose the treaty but as he has no supporters he cannot prevent its ratification.

Real Estate Transfers

Frank Holbert to Wm. E. Wood, 1/2 acre, Lackawaxen, \$50.

Edward E. Riches to Charles C. Hanna, 63 acres, Delaware, Piffls farm, \$475.

C. W. Bull, administrator of J. F. Pinchot, to Drusilla Quick, 128 1/2 acres, Westfall, near Halt-Way House, \$920.

Frank Ludwig to Mary Ludwig, 167 acres, Delaware and Dingman, \$2.

Paul Lemenmeier to Edmund Deller and wife, 2 acres, Lackawaxen, \$100.

Henry Masaker to Otto Lutz, 78 acres, on Shiny mountain, Palmyra, \$1000.

Mary E. Rowland and others to G. F. Rowland, 206 acres, Lackawaxen, \$1000.

Bridget O'Donnell to G. F. Rowland, 188 acres, Lackawaxen, \$700.

Louise Beck to Jos. A. Revoyre, lot 332, Broad street, Milford borough, \$1000.

S. G. Peters to J. H. Shull, Trustee property of late H. S. Labar at Baahkill, Lehman, \$2000.

Washington's Birthday Excursion

On account of Washington's birthday falling on Sunday this year the usual celebrations will be held on Monday, February 23rd. There will be matinees in all theatres, and to afford all who wish an opportunity to visit Greater New York on a week day, the Erie will run a special one dollar excursion Monday, February 23rd, tickets good going on train No. 36 leaving Port Jervis at 6.30 a. m., and returning on any train leaving New York on Monday, Feb. 23rd, except trains No. 3 and 5, giving you the choice of taking the train leaving Chambers street at 4.20, 4.28 or 9.15 p. m. Remember the date, Monday, February 23rd, train leaving Port Jervis at 6.30 a. m., and fare only one dollar for the round trip. 2w5

Negotiate for Purchase of Vessels

Commander Clover, naval attaché to our Embassy at London, is to inspect the battleships now being built in England for the government of Chile. Our naval representative at Rome will perform a like service with respect to the armored cruisers building for Argentina in Italy. This is to determine whether the United States shall negotiate for the transfer of those vessels to the United States.

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. "A terrible cough set in, that, in spite of a good doctor's treatment for several weeks, grew worse every day. We then used Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was soon sound and well. We are sure this grand medicine saved his life." Millions know it is the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. All druggists guarantee satisfaction. 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Percy Lyman visited in town the first of this week.

Alice Baker has gone to Branchville for a visit with Mrs. J. C. Price.

Col. A. E. Lewis has returned from his trip in the south and is looking much benefitted thereby.

The case of the commonwealth vs. Charles Hason is set down for hearing in the supreme court for Feb. 23rd.

Through the accidental swallowing of a number of quinine pills, little Clarence, a son of Melvin Howell at Franklin Furnace, died recently.

To Restrict Cartoonists

Some newspapers in the state are having considerable fun over a bill introduced by Representative Frederick T. Pusey of Delaware county to restrain newspaper and other publications from printing or publishing any "cartoon or caricature or picture portraying, describing or representing any person either by distinction, innuendo or otherwise, in the form or likeness of any beast, bird, fish, insect or any other unhuman animal."

The penalty attached is a fine of \$1000 and imprisonment for two years or either or both.

It will be recalled that during the last gubernatorial campaign Governor Pennypacker was caricatured as a parrot with spectacles and that considerable freedom was taken with his ancestral boots. Governor Stone was often portrayed as a pachyderm, and Senator Quay was represented in the guise of a disreputable looking owl and also in various other more or less irreverent ways. It is understood that all these gentlemen are to an extent interested in the bill.

Since its introduction Mr. Pusey has come in for a large share of notoriety, and as oats are fond of the bill he might be turned loose in the office aimed at with disastrous results to the parrot and owl.

To Amend the Constitution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of this state has been introduced which is as follows:

Add to the end of section 7, article 3, the following words: "Unless, before it shall be introduced in the general assembly, such proposed special or local law shall have been first submitted to a popular vote at a general or special election in the locality or localities to be affected by its operation, under an order of the court of common pleas of the respective county, after hearing applications granted, and shall have been approved by a majority of the voters at such election. Provided, that no such election shall be held until the decree of court authorizing the same shall have been advertised for at least thirty days in the locality or localities affected in such manner as the court may direct."

Also the following is now pending: An act to permit the electors of any city, borough or township, or of any ward in any city of the first and second class in this commonwealth, to vote upon the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, and providing the punishment for illegal sales.

Believes in Woman Suffrage

Dr. Clara Marshall, dean of the woman's medical college, Philadelphia, declares she has always been in favor of woman suffrage.

Dr. C. N. Pierce of the same city shares her views and writes:

"My memory does not go beyond the time that I was not favorable to my sisters enjoying all of the privileges that I have; and when at years of maturity I deemed it a gross injustice that my women friends could not exercise the same influence through the ballot that their brothers, fathers and husbands did. I have seen no reason to change my opinion."

A Legacy of the Grip

It is often a run-down system. Weakness, nervousness, lack of appetite, energy and ambition, with disordered liver and kidneys often follow an attack of this wretched disease. The greatest need then is Electric Bitters, the splendid tonic, blood purifier and regulator of stomach, liver and kidneys. Thousands have proved that they wonderfully strengthen the nerves, build up the system, and restore to health and good spirits after an attack of grip. If suffering, try them. Only 50c. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

SOME COUNTY HISTORY

IS THE TREASURER AN UNDER-PAID OFFICIAL?

A View of the Inside Workings of the Court House Ring—Figures and Facts Showing Emoluments of Treasurer and How They Were Increased

The figures given below may interest a great many of our taxpayers, especially those that evince such a lamentable lack of knowledge as to the emoluments of the office of county treasurer. The figures given are for the year 1902:

Treas. com. on Co statement	\$ 892 61
Treas. com. on state statement	78 81
Cert. & seal on receipts 244 @ 30¢	73 20
Licenses 7 at \$150	\$1,050 00
Licenses 23 at \$75	1,725 00
45 to municipalities @ \$100 @ 5%	108 00
Licenses receipts 30 @ 25¢	7 50
Dues 103 @ \$4 12 1/2	\$424 50
Less unknown	\$103 00
Less advor. m't.	\$1 50
Bonds 25 @ \$1	\$25 00
Less recording 50¢	12 50
Total from above sources	\$1,457 16

That amount of revenue from an office requiring so little work or attention ought to be considered very liberal, but there are many other perfectly proper and legitimate perquisites of the office that increase the above figures by a considerable amount, and it is safe to say that the office for some years past has been worth to the treasurer on an average \$1,500 to \$1,600.

The above figures are taken from the public books and documents, most of which were examined by the county auditors and all available to them during settlement. Still in face of these facts they refused to approve the action of the commissioners in fixing the commissions the same as for the several years past, but persisted in the increase from four to five per cent. It is a matter of easy calculation to see that where the late treasurer received \$895.54 on county funds, his successor—the present incumbent—on the same amount of funds will receive one quarter more or \$1,119.32. The added one per cent, if same had been allowed to Rowland, would have swelled his official income, from the sources above cited, from \$1,457.16 to \$1,682.04.

The auditors appointed for their clerk Josiah F. Torwilliger whose term of office as auditor had just expired. At least one of the auditors compliments him as "the smartest young man in Pike county," and with his experience as auditor, and general familiarity with the various county offices, surely he had opportunities to acquire an approximate knowledge of the emoluments of the treasurer's office. One of the auditors publicly announced at various times that the five or six hundred dollars received by the treasurer was insufficient, and that his commissions should be one quarter more, in other words two and one half per cent each way instead of two per cent which had prevailed for several years past. Did "the smartest young man in Pike county" wilfully misinform the auditors as to the treasurer's income from the office, or did he blandly sit quiet and permit those officers to make themselves ridiculous by uttering statements that all their hearers knew to be false? He knew they were using the argument to effect the increase of the per centage, and he had every facility for knowing that their contention was without a foundation of truth. Maybe this was part of the scheme of his appointment. Frequently the commissioners and treasurers are more interested in the personnel of the board of auditors than the auditors themselves.

"The smartest young man in Pike county" had received from his uncle, a county commissioner, and other friendly county commissioner many checks for printing and stationery furnished by him without the formality of "advertising for bids," and had secured late in December from the old board, through its retiring clerk, Mr. Geo. A. Sweepster, an order for sufficient stationery to supply the incoming board for their full term without any competitive formality, and it was quite natural that "the smartest young man in Pike county" was anxious to take a hand in passing his own bills and those of his benefactors and that the officers that had so feathered his nest would feel safer with a friendly representative always with and steering the board of auditors.

Unclaimed Letters
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Feb. 14, 1903:

Mr. Brink, Supt. schools (2).
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Groves' signature is on each box. 25c.

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BRIEF MENTION.

E. S. Wolf lost one of his team horses Monday from colic.

An earthquake shock affected part of the states of Illinois and Missouri last Sunday. No especial damage was done but the wave was very perceptible.

Forest Leaves for February contains a fine cut of Paupac Falls near Hawley. The view of these falls, especially when the water is high, is a fine sight.

A late issue of Turf, Field and Farm, of which paper Norman Harsell is treasurer and manager, contains an excellent half tone of "Miss Fan" and her "fiddle." A brief sketch accompanies the cut.

Proprietor Nills of the Crissman House has been having the billiard room newly papered and painted, anticipatory to having a new table placed therein. When this is done he will have an attractive billiard parlor.

Mrs. Lafayette Taylor of Coatsville, Sullivan county, N. Y., was arrested last Sunday for killing her husband. She chopped the body in small pieces and burned them in the cooking stove. The crime is alleged to have been committed January 27th. She is in the Monticello jail.

The question of high license and local option or prohibition was submitted to the people recently in Vermont and the former won by a majority of 1037, in a total vote of 60,117. The country went for prohibition and the cities for high license.

The Tampa, Fla., Tribune, a recent number of which has reached our table through the courtesy of A. D. Brown who, with his daughters, is now domiciled there, shows that city to be a very thriving place and that the business transactions for the past year have broken the record in almost every item. The temperature Feb. 4th averaged 70°.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to confer on persons employed by the state commission of forestry the same power now possessed by constables and other peace officers to arrest without first procuring warrants, persons offending against the laws protecting timber, game and fish on state lands.

The Philadelphia Press is urging higher wages for teachers, and incidentally showing up the wages paid in some of the counties of the state. Susquehanna, Tioga and Monroe county papers will not be likely to make very copious extracts from its pages, and we in Pike are not yet out of the woods if it happens to get its eye on the one green spot.

An act has been introduced relating to automobiles or motor vehicles; providing for their registration, regulating their speed on the public highways; providing for licensing their operators by the State Board of Highway Commissioners, fixing the amount of license, and regulating service of process and proceedings in actions of damages, prescribing penalties, etc., for violation.

Farm for Sale

The farm contains 103 acres and lies four miles back of Dignman's Ferry in Delaware township. About a mile of Decker's creek runs through it on which there is a fine opportunity to build an inexpensive dam which will flood twenty acres, making an elegant trout pond. There are a number of cascades on the stream surrounded by groves of pine and hemlock. Building stone, gravel and an excellent quality of sand abound. The premises are well adapted for a club house or a summer resort, and should the railroad come up the river the value will be enhanced. A large barn nearly new with basement stables, and an 8 room house on the farm. Price \$1,500. For further particulars enquire of Joseph Canno, owner, or of Albert Helms at Milford, Pa.

Buckles' Arnica Salve

The best and most famous compound in the world to conquer aches and kill pains. Cures cuts, heals burns and bruises, subdues inflammation, masters piles. Millions of boxes sold yearly. Works wonders in boils, cinders, felons, skin eruptions. It cures or no pay. 25c at all drug stores.

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DIRECTORS NOT DIBOTING

What the Act of Assembly Prescribes as Their Duty—How They Fail It

The school law provides among other duties of directors, "they shall exercise a general supervision over all the schools of their respective districts, and shall by one or more of their number visit every school in the district at least once in each month, and shall cause the result of such visit to be entered on the minutes of the board."

The reports of teachers showing who visit the schools would be presumed to mention the fact of a director having made any visit.

The report of Prof. John C. Watson, principal of the high school, does not show any visit by a director since March 1901 and the next preceding visit shown was in December 1900. The report for the intermediate department shows no visit of a director since May 1900, the report of the second primary contains a minute of a visit by Hon. J. J. Hart in October 1900, none since by a director, the report of the first primary shows no visit by a director since February 1900, and the Schoepce school report makes no mention of any director having visited the school with his presence since November, 1897, over five years ago. Other visitors are named in each of the above reports and it hardly seems possible that visits of directors, if made, would not be noted. Are the directors performing their duty under the law, and if not, why not? And if they are so negligent in the performance of the most important duties pertaining to their office, that of supervising the schools, should they be entrusted with other matters which, though of great moment do not rank with the primary essential, that of seeing that the children in our schools are being properly educated. There are many people in this town who cannot afford to send their children away to school—are not those children entitled to the best education obtainable here and are those parents doing their duty by their children when they vote to retain men in the office of school directors who utterly neglect their interests. This should be a serious question for every parent.

St. Valentine's Day

This day, which was formerly much more observed than now, was originally a festival instituted in memory of the good Bishop Valentine who was beaten with clubs and beheaded at Rome at the time of the heathen festival of love and purification Feb. 14, A. D., 278. As it was the day on which Roman youths went to make choice of sweethearts by drawing the names of young women from a box—a custom derived from the old notion that birds began mating Feb. 14th—the pagan observance was engrafted in the Christian festival, with this difference, that the names of certain female saints were substituted. The saint thus drawn by chance as patron for the ensuing year was called a valentine. Soon as was to be expected, the fair daughters of Eve still in the flesh began to supercede those translated to the skies. A present of a scarf or other article of female finery was the usual intimation to the fair one of the issue of the drawing, the drawing of names, which was first added in 1667, was a custom out of which has sprung the modern epistolary valentine. In February of that year Pepy writes "I do first observe the fashion of drawing of mottoes as well as names, so that Pierce, who drew my wife's, did also draw a motto 'most courteous and most fair' which as it may be used, or an anagram made upon each name, might be very pretty."

Central America on the War Path
Secretary of State Hay is very anxious to prevent an outbreak of hostilities in Central America. The threatened revolutions appear to be due to the personal ambition of the part of presidential candidates. While the secretary is using every effort to avert what threatens to be a general war among the little republics, his position is merely that of a friend.

The Fleet

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The wonderful activity of the new century is shown by an enormous demand for the world's best workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. For constipation, sick headache, biliousness, or any trouble of stomach, liver or kidneys they're unrivaled. Only 25c at all drug stores.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Almost every Sabbath of late is stormy.

Most every one has made up his mind how to vote on the school question next Tuesday.

Look out for pictures tomorrow.

It is a long time since we had such slippery walking, as it has been of late.

Some of our citizens are getting more than their share of sudden sit downs.

Friend Warren, the distance was gotten at by actual measurement of a wart. See!

Born to Mr. and Mr. Percy Lyman Tuesday morning, a daughter.

Grip, or whatever you choose to call it, is making life a little unpleasant for those unfortunate enough to be afflicted with it. Jake Van Tassel has been confined to the house for a week or more with the disease.

Frank Seitz has been busy this week with his engine, converting George Warners wood pile into fire wood.

The indications are that the supper of the Hatchet Society like its predecessors will be a howling success. I would advise the Editor of the Press to petition the weather man for a clear evening.

Is there an ordinance prohibiting the shooting of firearms in the borough?

Since Thomas Armstrong has taken charge of the Brown building a number of needed repairs and improvements have been made. The hall looks like a different place, and the piano. Don't mention it.

Dr. de Piase and family of New York were Sunday visitors here.

Will Yennie has taken possession of part of the Boyd house on Broad street.

Where will the next wedding be?

How about the one where the license was issued over two weeks ago? I could mention names but I won't.

Lecture in the M. E. church Monday evening next.

A person mean enough to scatter poison to torture and kill a dumb animal will, if occasion presents itself, do worse.

Venezuela Imbroglio

Disappointed at their inability to have Venezuela's representative, Minister Bowen, concede their claims to be treated as preferred creditors, the allies sought to have President Roosevelt decide the question. His refusal to be drawn into the controversy will necessitate, after all, the reference of the dispute to "The Hague tribunal." While this will, of course, involve delay, yet it will result in an early raising of the blockade—on the signing of the protocol of submission.

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