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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The most complicated situation since the filibuster on the Lodge bill now exists in the senate and threatens the defeat of the Panama and Cuban treaties and even an extra session of congress. Senator Morgan, who is wedded to the idea of constructing the Isthmian canal by the Nicaragua route, is determined to defeat the Colombian treaty and is openly filibustering to that end. He has already made a phenomenal record, having used more than 200,000 words in his argument against the convention without showing signs of fatigue. Senator Quay, exasperated by his failure to secure a date for a vote on his statehood bill, has joined forces with Mr. Morgan, and other disgruntled senators are contributing more or less to the filibuster. The situation is still further emphasized by the inequivalent announcement of the president that in case either of the treaties mentioned fails of ratification he will call the senate in extra session. Unless a solution of the present difficulty is arrived at an early date an extra session of congress will be necessitated.

In view of the facts above stated numerous conferences have been held and at this writing the republican leaders are hopeful of effecting a compromise along the lines of the two statehood bills with some concessions to the democrats, such as a provision for eventual separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico when they have attained a certain prescribed population, etc. The republican advocates of statehood have agreed to this arrangement, but the democrats are yet to be heard from. The effort is being made to secure an agreement to ratify both the treaties in return for the statehood compromise.

Aside from the appropriation bills passed, the house has effected little legislation during the past week. The Fowler currency bill is now under consideration and, while Representative Fowler believes it will pass the house, it may be safely predicted that it will receive no consideration in the senate. An earnest effort will be made to enact the Aldrich bill and that will be all the internal currency legislation enacted by this congress. The senate Philippine coinage bill has been accepted by the house committee and will probably be enacted. The amendment providing for an international commission to devise means for setting a standard for silver was rejected by the house committee.

An agreement on the anti-anarchy bill, which was left in conference at the close of the last session, has been accomplished. As it now stands the measure provides the death penalty for killing the president or his legal successors. An attempt to do so will merit hanging or imprisonment of not less than ten years. Any one who aids, advises or abets such killing shall be deemed a principal offender. Any one who advocates the killing of any officer of a civilized government, other than the United States, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned for not more than twenty years or both. No person holding anarchistic views shall become a naturalized citizen of the United States.

The president, whose capacity for details seems to be unlimited, brought to the attention of his cabinet, at its last meeting, the delay which has attended the construction of naval vessels already authorized and the deterioration in the target practice records recently returned to the navy department. Mr. Roosevelt is an urgent advocate of a large navy and is in entire sympathy with the movement to establish a systematic program for its increase. With regard to the delay in construction, he ascertained that it was chiefly due to the strike of the employees of the steel trust and to strikes in the ship yards of constructors but his insistent questioning revealed the fact that the navy department was also partially to blame because of the lack of uniformity in its designs for vessel fittings. This Secretary Moody announced had been remedied.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

OBITUARY

Deaths of Mrs. A. M. Kanouse and Mrs. Leah C. Krauter
Mrs. Annanda M. Kanouse, widow of the late Rev. Eter Kanouse of Sussex, formerly Dockertown, New Jersey, died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Jones, with whom she has resided for several years, at Nameless, Va. She had enjoyed excellent health until within a few days ago, when pneumonia and a train of ills incident to age, she was considerably past ninety years, overcame her vigorous constitution and wonderful vitality.

She is survived by three daughters, Dora, wife of J. E. Jones of Nameless, Va., Mrs. J. H. Van Etten of this place, Mrs. Aaron Dean of Railway, N. J., and one son, William H., of Seattle, Washington. The funeral will take place today, Friday, at Sussex, N. J., and interment in the cemetery there. A more extended obituary will appear next week.

From our Matamoras Correspondent.
Leah C. wife of Sovereign Krauter, died at her home in Owego, N. Y., Monday, Feb. 23, of a complication of diseases, aged about 45 years. Her husband and one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Vanatta, of Springfield, Ct., survive. She is also survived by seven sisters and three brothers. She was a devoted Christian lady and beloved and respected by her friends and neighbors. She was a daughter of the late Jacob P. Dewitt of this township and is the first of a family of eleven children to pass away. She married in Milford and resided there several years, after wards living here and in Port Jervis. Finally Owego, where her husband is connected with a large piano factory, became her home. The funeral occurred Wednesday and interment at Owego.

Mrs. C. B. Quick of Quicktown, Mrs. Mary Bartlett of Port Jervis and Mrs. Harriet Pray of this place, sisters, attended her obsequies.

Mrs. Krauter spent some time here last summer with her sister, Mrs. H. I. Courtright while undergoing an operation at the Port Jervis sanitarium for cancer of the breast.

Senatorial Filibustering
A new turn was given the Panama canal matter the other day when Senator Quay the leader of the statehood fight commenced a filibuster against this treaty. When the senate went into executive session it was supposed that Senator Morgan would continue his speech against the treaty. The senator from Pennsylvania however, took the floor, his desk piled high with documents, and began his filibustering by having the clerk read the constitution of Columbia. While the clerk droued out the uninteresting details of the constitution, Senator Morgan leaned back in his chair a study of contentment and gratification at the sight of the Pennsylvania fighter coming to his aid. Senator Quay's explanation of his action was that he felt himself the victim of sharp practice. He entered into the agreement to allow the Panama treaty to be pushed, on the strength of representations that the option of the United States upon the Panama property was in imminent danger of expiring. It was later found that there was no danger of expiration of the option and therefore no necessity for immediate action upon the canal treaty.

Mrs. Roosevelt has just received a courteous note from the ladies at Dallas, Texas, to whom she sent the much talked of handkerchief. It reads as follows: "The Dallas Free Kindergarten Association desire to thank you for your kind remembrance by which they were enabled to realize the magnificent sum of \$121 for their building fund. Your gift netted more than any other contribution, the proceeds of the entertainment being more than \$2,500. I wish, also, to express my personal appreciation of your prompt response to my request. Yours faithfully, I. S. Calhoun."

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and unequalled as a quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Thomas Sykes of Philadelphia is in town this week.

Mrs. R. Reid is visiting in Brooklyn, N. Y., this week.

Thomas McMurray of New York visited his son here this week.

Valentine Hipsman of Shohola was here Monday on business affairs.

Rev. E. M. Smend was in New York a few days the first of the week.

J. G. Van Gordon, Esq., of Matamoras greeted acquaintances in town Wednesday.

Dr. C. W. Roberts and wife of Scranton were here this week for a couple of days.

Ex-County Superintendent George Sawyer of Mill Rift called on friends here Wednesday.

Vivian Struthers of New York was a guest with his parents over the recent holiday.

Charles Nobs of Newark spent a few days this week at his Dingman township residence.

Miss Bertha Kietuhans, after several days spent with friends here, returned home Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Van Etten left town Wednesday to attend the funeral of her mother which occurs today.

Robert Terwilliger, Harold Thornton and George Beach of New York, former Milford boys, paid brief visits in town this week.

Miss Bertha Williamson of Branchville visited with friends in town this week. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. N. Roe.

George R. Bull, Esq., was admitted Monday to practice in the supreme court. The motion for his admission was made by Hon. Henry Wilson of Honesdale.

To Locate New School House
Pursuant to a request of the directors of the independent school district a number of citizens attended a meeting at the court house Wednesday to discuss the question of location of the proposed new school house. After organization and discussion an informal vote was taken on three sites suggested, resulting in 6 for Catharine street, or where the building now is, 6 for Ann street, opposite the M. E. church, and 18 for the lots corner of Harford and Fifth. A committee consisting of H. B. Wells, E. Warner, C. O. Armstrong, Thos. Armstrong, J. H. Van Etten and C. W. Bull was likewise appointed to further ascertain public sentiment in the matter and to meet with the board in an advisory capacity to assist in settling the question.

Schools a Center of Educational Life
The public school should be the center of educational life of the community in which it is located. Especially should this be true in rural districts. Here should be found the public library for the use of all; here the educational extension courses should draw the old and the young; here may literary and social meetings be held which will tend to uplift the mental, social and spiritual life of the people. Freed from the ravenous influence of partisan politics, untouched by the narrowness of rigid sectarianism, the public school should become the real center of the broader intellectual life, the educator of men and women beyond the school age as well as the guide of childhood and youth.—National Educational Association.

Unclaimed Letters.
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Feb. 28, 1903:
Mrs. John Wismer, Geo. Gehver, Rev. A. M. Higgins, D. A. Martiny, S. J. Shoemaker, S. M. Stevens.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATTINORE, P. M.

Cheap Rates to the West
Now is the time to go west, as the Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, is prepared to sell tickets to any Pacific coast point daily until May 1, 1903, at the low rate of \$90. Remember this when contemplating a trip to the far west. 3-20

Millions Put to Work
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.

DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

What They Can do to Make the Schools More Efficient

There are a multiplicity of things that may be done by directors to increase the efficiency of a school, but I will undertake to enumerate but a few that come to my mind. In the first place the director should take an active interest in the school over which he exercises the authority conferred by the patrons of his district. He should frequently and kindly confer with teacher, parent and pupils, and be able to see clearly any beneficial results following any special work done by teacher or pupils, and bestow words of encouragement and praise accordingly. He should be slow to condemn and sparing in criticism.

When a good teacher is secured and has proven himself worthy, the director should use every endeavor to retain him. Keep him if his salary has to be raised, and by so doing you incur the everlasting enmity of the useful individual who parades over the non de plane of "taxpayer."

The practice, happily now waning, of changing teachers every term or two, or giving the school to the lowest bidder, regardless of qualifications, is most pernicious and demoralizing.

Next to the teacher comes the school building and play grounds. Look after them carefully. They are silent, though powerful, educators. See that they are kept scrupulously neat and clean; see that the janitor looks carefully after details. Keep the school house shining with fresh paint and clean paper. No boy will dare step inside such a place with muddy shoes without a sort of wholesome fear stealing through him, even though he is not reported. It commands his respect and he will show it by a marked improvement in his general neat appearance. In its possession the teacher, pupils and inhabitants of the entire district will take a distinct pride and will be greatly benefited.

In the purchase of school apparatus, maps, books, etc., the director should not be afraid of the investment of a few dollars annually. Show me a school well supplied with apparatus and I will show you a good school, where good work is being done. Appropriate a few dollars for experimental material for the philosophy and other classes. The boys and girls will appreciate it and it will add variety and life to the usual routine work. In buying apparatus don't throw your money away. Exercise care, prudence and business sense in its purchase. Don't waste the money because it belongs to the district and buy everything that every agent has to sell. I know districts that have hundreds of dollars invested in curios and whatnots that are not worth the price of a load of cobs. Buy, but buy judiciously and carefully.

Visit the school frequently, advise and counsel with the teacher. If he has done anything that specially pleases you, or is worthy of praise, tell him of it, and strew a few flowers along his pathway. Don't oppose, without good reason, any new method of work that may be suggested by the county superintendent or teacher. Remember that they are just as much interested in the success of the school as you are, and perhaps more so.

Remember that the world moves and that the schools of today are not like those of twenty or thirty years ago, and that their needs are sometimes different. If you can't persuade your self to believe this, call in some primary tot and get a few pointers. Visit the school frequently, talk with the teachers and pupils and county superintendent, attend the teachers' meetings and institutes, familiarize yourself with the needs of the school room, or else resign your position and pay your poll tax like a man.—ADAMSON PACT, Member Board of Education, Elmwood, Illinois.

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's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. All druggists guarantee satisfaction. 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Ernest Rigny, it is said, will engage in the watch and clock repairing business here this spring.

The annual election for officers of the Hook and Ladder company will be held at the Borough Building, Friday evening, March 6th.

John T. Palmer has just been appointed post master at Stroudsburg, succeeding J. C. Bensingger, whose term expired last June.

Sheriff Gregory Monday sold the property of Julius Bornkan, 447 acres in Delaware, to E. S. Wolfe for \$448, and that of the Zoellner's in Shohola to Otto Zoellner for \$576.
Geo. R. Bull, Esq., went Monday to Philadelphia to be present at the argument of the case of the commonwealth vs. Charles Hazen which will be heard in the Supreme court this week.

The attendance at the supper of The Hatchet society last Friday evening was not quite so large as in former years. Those present, however, had an evening of thorough satisfaction and enjoyment. The net proceeds were \$40.

George Dauman, Jr., contemplates becoming a Jersey farmer this spring and is purchasing stock, implements and other utensils to carry on the business. There is no doubt of his success, because added to his thorough knowledge of the business he has a push and energy.

Typhoid fever is epidemic at Cornell University and there have been eleven deaths. The cause is attributed to contamination of the drinking water. Dr. W. L. Cuddeback of Port Jervis, whose two sons were inmates of the university, brought them home last Monday.

Richard Hottels, a guard in the cell of Charles Greiber at Stroudsburg, was accidentally shot in the leg last Sunday morning. Thinking he heard a noise he reached for his revolver when the weapon fell to the floor and was discharged, the ball entering his right leg near the ankle.

President indications are that the republican state convention for the nomination of candidates for auditor general, state treasurer and two judges of the superior court will be held at Harrisburg Wednesday, May 27th. The usual custom in "off years" has been to hold the convention in August, but the reason for the earlier meeting is said to be the contemplated absence of several prominent members of the state committee. Probably going fishing.

Real Estate Transfers
Sarah C. Westbrook to John C. Westbrook, Jr., and wife, lots on 8rd and Ann streets, Milford borough, \$6000.

James W. Quick, treasurer, to G. H. Rowland, Jr., and wife, George Tull, No. 6, Lackawaxen.

J. M. Van Akin, treasurer, to same, 65 acres, same land.

Chas. R. Biddis, treasurer, to same, 48 acres, Thos. Wiggins, No. 5, Lackawaxen.

John M. Van Akin to same, 8 deeds, 104 acres, Thos. Wiggins, 60 acres, George Morton, No. 4, 60 acres M. Sheridan.

Chas. R. Biddis, treasurer, to same, 50 acres, John Malone, Lackawaxen.

Annie Yennie et al. to James W. Lauer, lots 755 756, Milford borough, \$850.

Overcomes Gravitation
Alice, a young daughter of Lunellus of Port Jervis, is astounding medical minds by her wonderful power in overcoming the laws of mechanics. If she places her hand on a strong man it is impossible for him to lift her from the floor and it is said that in this manner she overcame the combined efforts of three men. The theory is that she brings her will power into harmony with that of the person who attempts to raise her, thus destroying his individuality. Other remarkable attributes are credited to her touch, such as healing and the control of pain.

Porter Officials
Supervisors—T. Ferry Port, Geo. Miller.
School directors—Jeffrey W. Smith, P. B. Clark, Mrs. Sarah Miller.
Overseers poor—P. B. Clark 2 years, M. C. Smith 1 year.
Constable—George Miller.
Clerk—P. B. Clark.
Auditor—M. Cortright.
Judge election—J. W. Smith.
Inspectors—P. Van Why, W. J. Smith.

FOVERTIS PARTIE

An Old Time Gathering to be Held at Dingman's Ferry

Ye be all herewith invited to a gathering to be held on ye evening of Wednesday, March 4th of ye year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and three, in ye parsonage, next door but one to ye Methodist meeting house, Dingman's Ferry.

ADMISSION:
"Two pennies it shall be to all, Whither be ye great or small."
Ye womanne must wear ye cotton gown and apron or equally befitting apparel. Ye menne must wear ye plain attire. Such menne as do bedeck themselves with gold watch, chain or brocade tie, shall pay a fine of five cents. Ye manne and ye womanne who shall appear at such partie in garments most suitable shall partake of ye supper free of compensation.

These rules shall be enforced by ye select committee, who will likewise introduce strangers and also befriend ye bashful menne. In ye dining room crullers, cookies and gingernuts will be served with coffee.

These be ye fines for womanne: No apron, 2 cents; earring, plain, 5 cents; diamond earring, 10 cents; willedress, old, 5 cents; willedress, new, 6 cents; trimmed apron, 5 cents; finger rings, plain, 3 cents; diamond set, 10 cents; silk dress, 10 cents; evening dress, 25 cents.

These be ye fines for menne: Whitehandkerchiefs, 5 cents; mustache, full grown, 5 cents; hair gressed 5 cents. All ye other fines will be in ye spirit of ye hard times.

Ye select committee of young womanne will make change for ye bashful young menne.

Come, come one and all.

Historical Society Meeting

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Minstak Valley Historical society held at the Fowler House, Port Jervis, Monday was largely attended. After the business meeting the guests, eighty in number, repaired to the dining room where an excellent dinner was served. C. F. Van Inwegen as toast master was in a happy vein and acquitted himself with much credit. Rev. T. H. McKenise read an appropriate minute on the death of the late president, Rev. S. W. Mills, and Dr. H. C. Berg of Ellenville followed in a few well chosen remarks. Hon. W. S. Bennett of New York proved himself a ready and witty speaker and Rev. W. E. Foots of the Port Jervis Baptist church made a scholarly address on some of Washington's traits. Geo. M. Gordon gave an interesting talk on the situation in the Philippines, from whence he recently returned, and Alfred Marvin, Esq., read a very humorous and well prepared paper on the customs of former centuries. The several speakers were entertaining and instructive and were listened to with marked attention. Altogether it was an enjoyable event. Among those present was James Easton of Otisville, N. Y., who, though bearing the burden of eighty years, is well preserved and an enthusiastic member. Hon. Jacob Klaer and J. H. Van Etten were guests from Milford.

A Democratic Candidate

The statement that Judge Parker is to be the democratic presidential candidate with the backing of the trusts and unlimited money for the campaign is hardly ingenious enough to be credited. Certain professional politicians are antagonistic to the president as are also many of the trust interests which have not been pleased with the president's aggressive demands for anti-trust legislation. But Mr. Roosevelt himself could want nothing better than an opposing candidate backed by Wall Street, and whatever punishment the trusts contemplate meting out to the president for his temerity in interfering with their operations, it is evident that they will be careful not to publish their program broadcast to the country.

A Legacy of the Grip

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.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Last Sunday was the first fair Sunday this year.

The birthday of the father of this county was observed here by the business places closing at noon.

Last Sunday a considerable number enjoyed sleighrides. Some indulged also in some very reckless driving.

The Hatchet society came out better than they thought they would.

Among the visitors in town the fore part of the week were John Gourlay, Robert Terwilliger, Vivian Struthers and Mrs. Hannah Roe.

Ed Boyd and John A. Watts took in the New York excursion last Monday.

Miss Dolla Gavoille spent this week in Newark and New York.

Give some people a finger and soon they will take the whole hand.

The Misses Lily and Mamie Van Tassel and Willie Van Tassel visited friends in Sussex county the past week.

How about those weddings? The boys are getting tired waiting.

Port Jervis is bound to keep up to the procession. Another murder is laid up against that peaceable village.

Now the question is, "When the ground for the proposed new school building is located, how many will be satisfied?"

Normal Authors

An excellent criterion of the intellectual strength of the faculty of the East Stroudsburg Normal School is the reception their works as authors has met with at the hands of the educational public. Ever since the school was founded it has been the aim of the trustees to secure most competent instructors and most commendable progress has been made in that direction.

Prof. Kemp who last year assumed the principalship has been signally successful thus far. His reputation as a skillful teacher and as a person of excellent attainments was well known throughout the district and has largely been instrumental in placing the East Stroudsburg Normal to the front. His scholarship has however recently received wider recognition than a mere Normal School District or even state fame. His work, History of Education, lately published by the J. B. Lippincott Co., has been adopted as a text book on that subject by several states and is acknowledged by all educators as an authority.

Prof. Sandt has recently copyrighted an herbarium for the use of students of botany. The reception this has met from teachers of that science stamps him as one thoroughly familiar with the subject. Nor is his popularity with students less than his abilities as teacher or his attainments. In one short term he asserted both to the thorough satisfaction of all, pupils and officials.

Prof. Higley is the third teacher who is about to ask consideration from educators through a publication. As is well known he is the popular teacher in mathematics and is now preparing and soon will print tablets for review and examination work intended to break up the habit pupils have of coaching one another. Something in this line is badly needed in Graded and Normal schools and we hope the professor will solve the problem of how to prevent it or minimize it.—Monroe Democrat.

Pennsylvania's Rank

Pennsylvania is not only far behind several other states in the amount of salary paid teachers and also twenty-seventh down in the list in point of illiteracy, but she also falls far short in the amount appropriated for her school of agriculture. There are seven states making far larger appropriations for this purpose. Minnesota leads with \$347,500 and our own Keystone state foots the list with only \$27,000. It would seem that our educational showing for some reason is allowed to compare very unfavorably with that of many newer and less wealthy states.

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No octopus hunts have been announced thus far for February.