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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Senator Morgan of Alabama has shown his hand and his determination to defeat the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. When pressed, in a recent executive session, to permit a date to be set for a vote on the treaty Mr. Morgan flew into a rage. After he had refused to permit a vote on any day during the remainder of the session, Senator Cullom charged the Alabama senator with talking against time with the purpose of defeating the treaty. "That is as false as though it had come from the mouth of an imp in hell" shouted Mr. Morgan. "I do not take orders from the senator from Illinois. When I want somebody to act as my captain I will get a man with more mental calibre and broader mind" continued the enraged senator, to the amazement of his colleagues. Mr. Cullom permitted the Alabamian to spend his wrath with remarkable composure and then declared that those charged with seeing the treaty succeed proposed that ratification follow. If the senator from Alabama talked the treaty to death this session he would have an opportunity to attempt a repetition of his tactics in an extra session. Mr. Morgan's attitude is regarded as rendering an extra session of the senate inevitable but Senator Cullom assures your correspondent that the Panama canal and the Cuban treaties will be ratified if it becomes necessary to "hold the senate in extra session until July."

The democrats in the senate prepared themselves for a long filibuster with a view to forcing a vote on the Littlefield anti-trust bill, but the republican managers promptly defeated their purpose by calling for a vote on Senator Blackburn's motion to consider the Littlefield bill and defeating it 28 to 35. Senator Aldrich, speaking of the action of his party said, "It was so obviously ludicrous to attempt to consider so important and far-reaching a measure as the Littlefield bill in the closing hours of the session that the republicans had no fear that the judgment of the people would not sustain them." The democrats appreciated that the consideration of the bill would be impossible but sought this means of embarrassing the republicans and of making what they believed would constitute campaign material.

Democratic members of the House have held a caucus and resolved to obstruct every measure until adjournment. To meet this filibuster the house will, it is expected, be compelled to remain in continuous session until the 4th of March, substituting daily "recesses" for adjournment. Thus every action of the house hereafter will be "as on the legislative day of Feb. 20th." The occasion of the democratic wrath was the re-nesting of Representative Butler of Missouri in favor of Representative Wagoner of the same district, extensive frauds having been found in the election returns.

Practically all the important appropriation bills are now out of the way and there is no occasion to anticipate an extra session of the entire congress although an extra session of the senate is expected.

President Roosevelt has sent to the senate a forcible message opposing to that body to pass the Philippine tariff bill already passed by the house. The president quotes a long cablegram from Governor Taft setting forth the necessity of affording this assistance to the Philippine industries. A careful canvass of the senate reveals the fact that a majority would be glad to support the bill if given an opportunity to vote for it but Senators Teller and Patterson, both democrats, from Colorado, declare their intention to talk the measure to death. These gentlemen are afraid that at some future time the Philippine sugar industry may attain proportions which will enable it to compete with their sugar producing constituents and thus rob them of some of the benefits of the Dingley tariff schedule.

The president and his secretary of the navy are deeply concerned over the action of the senate in amending the naval appropriation bill to provide for 12,000 ton battle ships and 2,500 cruisers, the house having authorized 16,000 ton battle ships and 14,500 ton cruisers. On the same day that the senate took this action the naval board on construction rendered a unanimous opinion to Secretary Moody that it would be "highly inadvisable to build battle ships of

less than 16,000 tons displacement and cruisers of less than 14,500 tons displacement." The naval board says that a change to the smaller type of vessels will necessitate much unnecessary expense and delay as it will mean the changing of plans, patterns, etc., and when the ships are built they will fail to give satisfaction or add to the strength of the navy on lines commensurate with the expense involved. The president is thoroughly interested in the development of the navy and is much disappointed at the action of the senate committee.

President Roosevelt made a recent trip to New York to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of John Wesley. While there he conferred with some of the leaders of his party and some most interesting gossip is coming to Washington as a result of those conferences. The president's friends say that he will be nominated for the presidency next year by the almost unanimous vote of the convention and that Senator Beveridge will occupy the second place on the ticket. They say this is an age of young men and with a president 46 and a vice president but four years his junior the spirit of the age will be carried into effect. It is further stated that during the campaign Mr. Roosevelt will remain in the White House while Senator Beveridge, who is a orator of renown, will "stump" the west in the interest of the ticket. Mr. Beveridge, according to these reports, is very popular in the west and the president's popularity in that section is well known while his hold on New York state is continually growing stronger.

The war department authorities, working under the provisions of the militia reorganization bill, have prepared a course in marksmanship with drill and instruction thereon for to be awarded for proficiency in this direction. There will be seven classes, "experts, sharpshooters and marksmen and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes." It is believed the new regulations will contribute materially to the efficiency of the militia in this direction.

That Sideboard Story
After all the fuss and feathers it develops that the sideboard from the White House recently sold at auction to a saloon keeper was not the one presented to Mrs. Hayes by the W. C. T. U. In fact no such sideboard was ever presented to her by that organization. The article in question was bought for the White House during the incumbency of President Arthur.

On a par with this story is a criticism that the portraits of the mistresses of the White House are hung in the "cellar." The fact is that these portraits hang in a corridor—leading to the president's private office—off of which there are several guest chambers, all guests having to pass the pictures. The portrait of Mrs. Roosevelt hangs directly opposite to that of Mrs. Hayes.

Evils Ruinous to Schools
Partisanship, hoodling, favoritism, and logrolling are familiar political evils which are ruinous to schools. The merit system alone is adapted to good government. When the intelligent patrons become personally and actively interested in the schools, then reform will be easy. Board members, as logical leaders in educational sentiment, can do much with the people. A board which openly, fearlessly, intelligently, and faithfully discharges its duties, shirking none, delegating none, awakes an interest in the people, inspires them with faith in their institutions, and disabuses their minds of the notion that any politician or fossil is good enough for school board members.—F. G. Ferris, Moberly, Mo.

Trial Last for March
A. Robertson & Son vs. Roidmuller. Attachment proceeding.

W. H. Coonrod & Co. vs. H. I. Coonrod. Appeal.

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 \$50. Remember this when contemplating a trip to the far west. 3-20

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

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Orin Sarfass, Esq., has been appointed postmaster at Easton.
Mrs. Fred Wilson of New York is spending a couple of weeks in town.
Hon. John A. Kipp of New York was in town with his family a couple of days this week.
Mrs. George Beach of Brooklyn, L. I., is visiting at the home of her brother, J. H. Ryder.
Samuel A. Finger of Lambertville, N. J., has been visiting his mother and sister here for a few days.
James Mollineaux, who has been spending part of the winter with his son in Philadelphia, is home again.
Miss Annie S. Finger of Trenton, who has been visiting relatives here during a part of the winter, returned home this week.

It is said that Mrs. Bigelow and family, who occupied the Sykes cottage on High street, last summer have engaged it for the ensuing season.

Wide Tires

It is worse than useless to create expensive and valuable highways, to have them only cut to pieces by the use of narrow tires, as now used for the hauling of heavy loads in this state. When an expensive highway has been created it must be taken care of, and methods heretofore permitted must be changed in order to help maintain it. Wide tires are of the greatest value in preserving ordinary dirt roads. In France every freight and market wagon is a road maker. The tires are from three to ten inches in width—usually from four to six inches. Most loads are carried on two-wheeled carts with a single horse, the loads weighing over two tons. With the few four-wheel vehicles used in France the tires are rarely less than six inches in width, and the rear axle is about fourteen inches longer than the fore axle, so that the rear or hind wheels run about one inch outside of the level rolled by the front wheels. In Germany the law prescribes that all the wagons drawing heavy loads, such as coal, brick, earth, stone, etc., must have tires at least four inches wide. European countries have long ago discarded narrow tires, in order to preserve and build their highways, and also because it is an economy in the use of the vehicle and the weight that a horse is able to draw. Wide tires are not only lighter in their draught than narrow ones, under nearly all conditions, but they roll the roads smooth, instead of cutting them to pieces. A four-inch tire on a wagon carrying a heavy load is a road builder.

A state wide tire law should be passed, simple in its requirements, positive in its enforcement, and going into effect two years after its passage, in order to permit every wagon user to have ample time to adapt wagon tires to the new law in the interest of road maintenance.

The Philippine Tariff
The urgent telegrams sent by Governor Taft from Manila to the president and Secretary Root have caused the president to send a special message to congress urging the passage of a suitable tariff law to relieve the serious conditions in the islands. The president suggests a special reduction in tariff levied against Philippine goods coming into the United States. He states a series of calamities have befallen the Philippine people. Just as they were emerging after nearly six years of devastating warfare, there has occurred an epidemic of rinderpest destroying 90 per cent of the carabao, the Philippine cattle, leaving the people without draft animals to do farm or other work. The president's message to congress is a very strong one, but it is doubted whether such a law as he urges can pass that body at this time. Although low tariff is a democratic doctrine, there are elements of the democratic party, such as Senators Teller, Patterson, DuBois and others hailing from beet sugar and cane sugar states, who will work to prevent any such tariff bill becoming a law.

It Saved His Leg
F. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Balm wholly cured it in five days. For sores, wounds, piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by all druggists.

Advertisements in this Press.

ANOTHER RAILROAD

A Project Which if Consummated Means Great Benefit to the County

A recent issue of the North American contains an article of much interest to this section. It is a statement that a construction company is now being organized to build a railroad from Pittsburgh to Port Jervis which it is strongly intimated is to be a connecting line to the east for the Wabash system. One factor in the move is the independent coal operators, both in the bituminous and anthracite fields. The survey, as made, establishes the distance between Williamsport and Wilkesbarre as seventy miles, or thirty miles shorter than by any route, with not more than a one per cent grade at any place, and for twenty-eight miles as level as a floor. From Wilkesbarre to Port Jervis is 85 miles, and at Port Jervis connection is made with the O. & W. to tide water. Arrangements have already been made with that road for a connection and it will receive a large traffic in anthracite coal from independent operators.

The proposed new road is made possible by an old charter granted to the Lehigh and Eastern in 1868 which was very liberal in its provisions and which has been kept valid by partial construction and legislative enactment. This charter gives a right to build a road from a point in Luzerne county and extend its lines to almost any point in the state. It can bridge the Delaware or any other stream and cross the lines of any other railroad at grade or otherwise. It is a liberal charter and one of the kind granted when charters were not so valuable as now. Under this charter, it will be remembered, considerable grading was done in this county in 1874.

Real Estate Transfers
Jas. G. Holbert et. al. to John P. Mounson and wife, M. DeWitt place, 100 acres, Lickawaxen, \$1000.

E. T. Riviere to Commonwealth, 7 tracts, Porter, Margaret Stoker, No. 188, 255 acres; David Ogden, Jr., 190 3rd, 300 acres; Richard Ogden, No. 71, 318 acres; Richard Lewis, No. 194, 486 acres; William Hanson, No. 181, 400 acres; Isaac Wykoff, No. 178, 400 acres; Margaret Stoker, No. 80, 282 acres. \$2,722.08.

Arthur Lederer to same, Mathias Kerry, No. 73, 394 acres; Isaac Wykoff, No. 178, 400 acres. \$1,101.75.

Mathias Gally to Leopold Komlos, 141 acres, Palmyra, \$1.

W. Jacob Garrison to the Egypt Mills club, 1 acre, Lehman, \$57.

Bills Introduced
Three bills recently introduced are of general interest, one requiring all deeds and other conveyances of real estate in every county to be registered in the office of the county commissioners before being recorded, another requiring all county officials who, under the law, are required to give bonds for the discharge of their duties, to give corporate security, and providing payment thereof by the proper county, and another authorizing county commissioners in counties having a population of less than 150,000 to borrow money for current expenses and regulating the manner of borrowing.

"The Garden of Lies"
The romance of a beautiful American girl, in which the fight for a throne figures prominently, is the basis of "The Garden of Lies," the most fascinating love story since the "Prisoner of Zenda." From start to finish the tale teems with adventure and excitement. The plot is novel and well handled and there is not a dull line in it. Though it is a story of valor, it is first of all a story that will strike a sympathetic chord in every reader. Be sure to read this striking romance in next Sunday's "Philadelphia Press." Order it of your newsdealer in advance.

"What did Cleveland stand for?"
Well, according to the correspondents there were times when he stood for hours in the hot sun waiting for a bite.

Tragedy Averted
"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Frenzy had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for coughs, colds and all lung diseases. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Working Overtime
Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing indigestion, biliousness, constipation, sick headache and all stomach, liver and bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25 cents at all drug stores.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

President Roosevelt has called an extra session of congress.
Ryman & Wells have a fresh stock of wall paper. All prices.

Blue birds, whatever they may be a sign of, appeared here Monday.
The high water Saturday tore out part of H. B. Wells' dam at the foot of Broad street.

It is reported that a case of small pox exists at Rowlands and that the school there has been closed.
Governor Pennybacker has named two Fridays as arbor days for planting trees, April 3rd and 17th.

The Hawley Times appeared last week in a new dress, which is a substantial sign of prosperity.
George J. Hubbard of Port Jervis has purchased of J. Emmet Wickham the large office building opposite the Fowler House.

A law became operative this week which will close all bars in the senate and house restaurants. Hereafter the capital building will be dry unless in committee rooms.

Hotel and boarding house keepers on Pocono mountain, in Monroe county, object strenuously to the location of the consumptive home in that section believing it would work injury to their interests.

Iron, it is said for a new bridge at Mott street, has arrived, but there seems to be a general ignorance as to any facts connected with this matter. Some may know more about it later.

Crop reports indicate that generally over the country the snow has covered the ground during the past winter to such an extent that grain has been well protected and comes out this spring in excellent condition.

People of this section will sincerely hope that the talk of a railroad through this county will not turn out to be what Uncle Joe Marcy called a "shymary." They have been chasing that elusive phantom for many years.

February, just ended, will go down in history as a phenomenally cold month. The minimum temperatures accompanying the cold wave of the 15 18th in the Missouri, central Mississippi valleys, and Gulf states were, in many places, the lowest of record for the middle decade of the month.

F. B. Thrall has made application for the appointment of agent for the society of prevention of cruelty to animals. We hope he will receive it and that it may be the means of bringing some of those who inhumanly treat their dumb servants to a realizing sense of their cruelty and neglect.

Elsewhere Johnson of Port Jervis advertises "La Franco's" shoes. He is always careful in the selection of styles and shapes and his prices conform to a first class article. Good shoes are always best in the end and when one can combine comfort, quality and cheapness in price, the result should be entirely satisfactory. Johnson does this for his customers.

Eugene Hanco fell a victim to the wiles of the tempter Monday night and after looking on the wine when it was red went to his home on Mott street and proceeded to do things, such as smashing doors and window.

Officer Wood accompanied him to the lockup and next morning after making his bow to Burgess Chamberlain who pleasantly remarked it 45 or 48 hours, Gene concluded to serve time and went back to quarters.

Last Sunday as F. W. Benner and wife with Miss Jennette Mott were driving up the hill in Jersey at the Delaware bridge a spring of the wagon broke and they turned around to come home. Mr. Benner and wife got out and lead the horses, but in some way they became complicated with a wood pile and a general scoundering of the team occurred. One of the horses became completely stripped of harness and ran home. Neither of the persons were injured.

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COUNCIL ORGANIZED

Makes Appointments and Gets in Good Working Order—
Other Business

The town council organized last Monday evening by electing George A. Sweeney president.
There were two applicants for secretary, Frank Schorr and H. O. Kipp, and the plum fell to the latter. Salary, \$50.

P. F. Steele was appointed street commissioner. *Wages, \$1.50 a day.
C. G. Wood was appointed treasurer with a commission of 1 per cent each way and a bond of \$6000.
Jacob L. Schorr was elected pound master. Salary, \$7.50 a year.

Wages of laborers on the streets were fixed for a day's work of 10 hours at \$1.35 Team, \$3.50. This is an increase over last year of 25 and 50 cents respectively.

Committees appointed:
Streets—Chol. Quick.
Law—Baker, Ryder.
Finance—Terwilliger, Baker.
Lock up—Ryder, Boyd.
Fire and light—Quick, Terwilliger.
Borough building—Terwilliger, Baker, Chol.

The bond of Arthur B. McCarty, overseer poor, with C. O. Armstrong as security, was approved.
Chief Burgess Chamberlain filed his oath of office.

It was ordered that the secretary notify parties holding borough bonds due to present same to the treasurer for payment and that no interest will be paid on bonds after they mature.

The application of E. C. Wood for appointment of special policeman was laid over until next meeting.

Train Children at Home

The home should give more attention to the formative period of the child life. There seems to be a tendency to turn the pupil over to the schools at too early an age and, in this way, the child is deprived of much of that wholesome educational influence which properly belongs to the home. Mothers should not become so busy with social and political reform as to neglect the training of their children. The home can best co-operate with the schools by doing the work which properly belongs to the home. The best way to institute lasting reform is to teach the boys and girls of today so that we will not need to return them when they become men and women.

Senatorial Ex-Governors

The senate of the United States has an interesting collection of ex-governors. Senators Dillingham and Proctor of Vermont have both been governors; also Senator Berry of Arkansas, Senator Perkins of California, Senators Money and Foster of Louisiana, Cullon of Illinois, Alger of Michigan, Knute Nelson of Minnesota, Mc Laurin of Mississippi, Dietrich of Nebraska, Foraker of Ohio, Wetmore of Rhode Island, Tillman of South Carolina and Culberson of Texas. Senators-elect McCleary of Kentucky, Clark of Arkansas and Stone of Missouri, when they take their seats next congress, will further swell the list of ex-governors.

Congressional Sarcasm

During a recent filibuster debate in congress a democrat denounced the republicans for doing business on the Sabbath, whereupon Mr. Grosvenor remarked that "when the Lord said 'six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work' perhaps he did not foresee the presence of the democratic party on earth, still," he added, "He might have done so."

The injunction about rescuing the ox or ass on Sunday if it fell into the pit certainly foreshadowed the coming of the democratic party.

The Essence of a Good School
The essence of a any good school is in the teaching force. It is not in the bricks and mortar, the hewn stone, the laboratories, or the libraries. What you will need to make your school a centre of power is a competent teaching force. Let your choice rest not on politics nor personal feeling, but on the qualifications of those who are to be chosen.—E. B. Andrews, Supt. of Chicago Schools.

More Notes
Disturbances of strikers are not nearly as grave as an individual disorder of the system. Overwork, loss of sleep, nervous tension will be followed by utter collapse, unless a reliable remedy is immediately employed. There's nothing so efficient to cure disorders of the liver or kidneys as Electric Bitters. It's a wonderful tonic, and effective nerve and the greatest all around medicine for run down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malaria germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Horse is awful proud!
The annual February frochet came on time.
Wonders never cease. The green spot begins to turn dark.

P. N. Bourne spent the latter part of last week in the city.
Miss Della Gaville has returned from visiting friends in the city.

That runaway last Sunday turned out very fortunately for those who were in the party. What if they met another team on the bridge or hill? It makes one shudder to think of it.

Elkirk of life said to make the old young has had its day, but other nostrums to make the old young are still on the market. They claim to take the wrinkles out of your face, and even color your hair. Better let it alone or you may be disappointed by the results.

The Sussex Register whose editor is always apt to say just what he means, said something last week about people who would not take a home paper. A few of his remarks bear repeating: People sometimes decline to subscribe to their home paper for the reason that they already take several papers published in New York and elsewhere published out side of the county. Yet those same people often ask and receive favors from the local paper while none is received or expected from the outside journal.

When a death occurs in the home they expect the local paper to report it in tender, sympathetic strain, and to extol the virtues of the deceased. When a birth or wedding occurs in the family they expect the local paper to give a glowing description of the event.

When they are trying to build churches or schools, the local paper is asked to give them good, strong puffs.

If there is a battle for right in the precinct, the editor is expected to bear the brunt of it.

Thus people are constantly receiving favors from the local paper, but many fail to show their appreciation by subscribing for it.

Yet they cheerfully pay their subscription annually in advance for the New York Bazaar or the Philadelphia Bazaar, which never did anything for them or their community.

The editor winds up with, Reader, don't come into our office and ask us to publish in your interest a personal puff or a long winded obituary claiming that you are poor to take this paper and asking for a dozen free copies while your pockets are stuffed full of story papers and magazines, paid for in advance.

Farm for Sale

The farm contains 103 acres and lies four miles back of Dingman'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 Canne, owner, or of Albert Helms at Milford, Pa. 1f

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending March 7, 1903:

J. A. Byer, F. Movacup, Millersburg Bank, W. M. Hutchinson.

Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.