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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The republican members of the senate have completed their program for the special session and hope to adjourn not later than the end of the week. The Panama canal treaty will be read for amendment today, tomorrow there will be two hours of general debate and a vote will be taken. It is understood that the democrats will vote to amend the agreement to provide for absolute ownership by the United States of zone of land through which the canal will pass with the right to fortify it, and will favor the elimination of article iv which provides that under no circumstances will the United States acquire territory at the expense of Colombia or any other South American republic. Both of these amendments have been given careful consideration by the republican steering committee which subsequently determined to ratify the treaty as negotiated. In some respects the amendments were deemed desirable, but Secretary Bay advised the leaders of the senate that any amendment would mean the failure of the treaty and the indefinite postponement of the canal and the changes were not deemed of sufficient importance to warrant that risk.

Democratic senators have insisted on an amendment to the Cuban treaty providing that it shall not go into operation until "approved by the congress" and the republicans have agreed to accept such an amendment, such having already been favorably reported by the committee on foreign relations. The vote on the Cuban treaty, the ratification of which is regarded as assured, will be taken as soon after the approval of the Panama treaty as possible and will be followed by immediate adjournment. A hearing has been had on the Hay-Bond Newfoundland treaty but there is no intention of reporting it out of committee and the best authorities in the senate say it will never be ratified.

President Roosevelt is much chagrined at the amendment to be attached to the Cuban treaty and is seriously considering calling the fifty-sixth congress in special session next November, as soon as practicable after the fall elections. He characterizes the amendment accepted by the republicans as "a concession to the enemies of Cuban reciprocity" and holds that under the circumstances he would be fully justified in calling a special session immediately. The leaders of the party, however, would oppose a special session at any time before the fall elections, but there are many good reasons why a special session should be called at that time. Next year will be a presidential year and an early adjournment of congress, in order that the campaign may not be interfered with, will be desired. The democrats propose to engage in a long tariff discussion and were congress to meet a few weeks before the first Monday in December they might be accommodated without interfering with the public business. The president believes that the Cuban treaty should be put in operation before this year's Cuban sugar crop is marketed, but this argument is met by leading senators with the assertion that the sugar buyers will anticipate the reduction in the tariff and the only effect of delay in modifying the tariff schedules will be to keep Cuban sugar a little longer in bonded warehouses. Mr. Roosevelt's argument that no time should be lost before securing control of the Cuban trade, however, seems unanswerable.

There is every prospect of important financial legislation at the next session of congress. The senate has adopted a resolution, reported by Senator Aldrich, authorizing the committee of finance to sit during the recess and investigate "customs, internal revenue, exchange, etc." It is known that there will be an attempt to modify or change the tariff schedules and, in view of the failure of the Aldrich financial bill in the senate and of the Fowler currency bill in the house, it is believed that an effort will be made by the finance committee to frame a general financial bill which will remedy some of the defects in the present system. It is generally believed that the Fowler bill, which provides for a flat currency, could never pass the senate, that they

having on several occasions put itself on record as opposed to flat currency. It is also recalled that the last successful financial measure was framed during a recess of congress, a joint committee of both houses meeting for the purpose at Atlantic City.

The president has determined upon a quiet but thorough reorganization of the government departments and to that end he has called upon five of the younger heads of bureaus. Mr. Roosevelt is a great believer of young men and all of those invited to confer with him on the systemization and coordination of the government work are known as representing the younger and more energetic element in the service. They are Charles D. Walcott, representing the interior department, General William Crozier, representing the war department, Admiral Francis T. Bowen, representing the navy department, Gifford Pinchot, representing the agricultural department and James R. Garfield, representing the department of commerce and labor. It is anticipated that a material saving in time and money and the duplication of work will be effected as a result of the report of this committee.

The anthracite coal strike commission is still in session but is rapidly bringing its labors to a close and expects to make its report to the president the latter part of this week. No indication of the nature of the report is obtainable and it may be said that all dispatches purporting to outline the findings of the commission have been pure guess work.

The secretary of the interior has announced five irrigation projects which have been definitely settled, and one other which will probably be selected in the near future. Those selected are the Sweetwater dam, Wyoming, the Milk river project, Montana, the Gunnison tunnel, Colorado, the Truckee project, Nevada, and the Salt river reservoir, Arizona. The project still in abeyance is the Gray Bull reservoir, and several others are being seriously considered. Secretary Hitchcock has authorized the expenditure of \$450,000 during the ensuing year on further investigations, borings, etc. The estimated cost of the projects already authorized is \$7,000,000 and it is estimated that they will irrigate 600,000 acres. As soon as these lands are irrigated they will be sold at \$1.25 per acre plus the cost of irrigation.

THE SAWKILL

Round the hill and thro' the valley,
Gently winds thy silver thread,
Whose thy dark blue waters tally,
With the blue dome overhead.
Winds thy peaceful course so slowly,
Thro' the meadows level way,
While the modest wood flowers lowly,
Gain new life from thee each day.
Farther on, the torrent surges
O'er the steep rock's rugged face,
As some mighty power strives
Overward in the endless race.
Here lark black, the waters flow
Thro' the deep rock-bound ravine,
Then merging into light below,
Where the shores are bright as green.
Past the town you murmuring glide,
Thro' the glen and past the mill,
Now and then, you gaily hide,
Flowing at your own sweet will,
Till at last with murmured parting
Reach the river's bosom wide.
On another journey starting,
Flowing outward with the tides.

Panama Canal Treaty

The democrats of the senate are determined to make some radical amendment to the Panama canal treaty. It is stated that there is no intention of attempting to defeat the treaty but that some of its provisions are objectionable and should be amended. Senator Morgan, however, is reported to be hopeful of leading the treaty down with such amendments that, while it will be ratified here, the amendment would be sufficiently objectionable to Colombia to insure its defeat there. As it takes a 2/3 vote of the senate to ratify any treaty the democrats are in a position to continue making trouble.

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 \$80. Remember this when contemplating a trip to the far west.

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.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Paul Schanno of Stroudsburg was in town a few days this week.

Jas. M. Bousley called on friends here a couple of days recently.

George Mitchell has been spending part of this week in New York.

George Warner of Dingman township is reported as quite indisposed.

Dr. J. T. Rothrock, state commissioner of forestry, was in town this week.

A. S. Dingman is and has been confined to his house several days by illness.

Mrs. Jennie Shearer, who has been visiting in Chicago for several weeks, returned home last Saturday.

Charles Mantz of Elizabeth, N. J., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Rudolph on upper Broad street.

Albert Cotterill has leased of Earl M. Place the Maple Grove House near Bushkill and assume possession April first.

Out-of-town attorneys present at court this week were Harvey Huffman of Stroudsburg, Wilton Bannet and Alfred Marvin of Port Jervis, H. O. Watson of Carbondale, O. L. Rowland of Honesdale and B. F. Kellam of Poughkeepsie.

Passing of Woman Suffrage

There is an article going the rounds in the newspapers headed "Passing of Woman Suffrage" in which the writer says that woman suffrage seems to have reached its climax and is now steadily receding.

Then follows a list of defeats which seem to prove to his satisfaction that woman suffrage is rapidly dying. The very defeats mentioned by the writer showed great gains for woman suffrage.

There are now five states of the union in which the question of woman suffrage has been twice submitted to the voters, at intervals of some years. In every case the result has been more favorable the second time than the first. In Colorado, equal suffrage was submitted in 1877 and defeated; it was submitted again in 1893 and carried. In Kansas, when submitted the first time, it received 9,100 votes; when submitted the second time, it received 95,302. In the state of Washington, in 1889, the adverse majority was 19,386; in 1898, it dropped to 9,882. In South Dakota, in 1890, woman suffrage was defeated by a majority of only 3,285. In Oregon, the vote in 1854 stood 25,176 nays to 11,223 yeas; in 1890, it was 28,198 nays to 26,265 yeas.

Equal suffrage has made more progress in the past ten years than in the half century preceding, which can be shown by the gradual extension of some form of suffrage to women all over the civilized world, full suffrage in Colorado, Utah and Idaho and national suffrage to all the women of Federated Australia and New Zealand.

Another fact showing the growing interest in the cause is the receipts of the National Suffrage Association which have increased from \$2,000, in 1891 to \$22,000 at the present time. These facts do not indicate a dying cause.—Elnora Monroe Babcock.

Cuban Reciprocity Treaty

The decision of the senate that the Cuban reciprocity treaty must be acted upon by the house establishes a precedent and recognizes the constitutional prerogative of the latter body to vote upon all measures affecting the public revenue. As a matter of consistency all of the other reciprocity treaties negotiated from time to time will have to be submitted to congress as a whole.

In the matter of the Cuban treaty the required action of the house amounts to the same thing as the consideration by congress of the original Cuban bill of last year. Not only must the house vote on the reciprocal rates but amendments can be offered, such as provided last year for the abolition of the differential. The democratic senators as a rule express themselves as satisfied to allow the Cuban treaty to be acted upon with the amendment for the submission to the house added, believing that the treaty will fall in the house.

Unclaimed Letters

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending March 21, 1903: Mrs. J. C. Manderville, Mrs. Paul Cosbey, Samuel Scritchfield, F. C. Houseman, Albert Powell, foreign, Girasno Livetto Funtonato. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list. CHARLES LATTINORE, P. M.

MARCH COURT

Regular Term Began Monday With Full Attendance

There were present at the opening Hon. W. A. Erdman, president, and associates Englehart and Brown. Commission of Hon. W. A. Erdman was read by the probatory. B. F. Kipp was appointed foreman after which Judge Erdman gave a comprehensive charge to the grand jury. Constables were then called and made returns:

Blooming Grove—Levi Lord, Delaware—Charles Person, Dingman—J. W. Keisel, Greens—Otto E. Simons, Lackawaxen—Ross Rosenorans, Lehman—W. S. Van Alkin, Milford Boro.—Stacy Fuller, Milford Twp.—C. Herman, Palmyra—J. N. DeGroat, Shohola—George Burgard, Westfall—B. C. Totten.

Stacy Fuller, Levi Lord and B. C. Totten were appointed tipstaves. Robinson vs. Reidmuller. Continued on application of defendant. Coonrod vs. Cortright. Settled by parties.

All applications for license were granted.

Amanda Crowell vs. E. H. Crowell. Subpoena in divorce awarded.

T. N. Cross, guardian of Emma and Lina Hopps, filed accounts also as committee of Amanda Hopps, a lunatic.

Petition of A. J. Bushweller and wife for adoption of Mary Clinton. Decree of adoption made.

Estate M. L. Peters. Auditors report filed.

Pieper vs. Pieper. Divorce. Geo. R. Ball appointed examiner. Evidence filed and divorce decreed.

Thomas Gibbons appointed supervisor of Milford township in place of M. Doyle, removed from county.

Estate of Priscilla V. Quick. Auditor continued to report next term.

Com. vs. George Van Why. Indictments for burglary in three cases. Prosecutors, Belinda Van Why, Melvin Van Why and C. W. Cortright. Quashed.

Com. vs. Geo. Van Why. Larceny. M. Van Why, prosecutor.

Com. vs. Geo. Dunn. Assault. Oscar Morgan prosecutor. Nol. pros. allowed on motion of district attorney.

Com. vs. William Williams. Assault, etc. Eugene V. Shooley prosecutor. Nol. pros. allowed on motion of district attorney.

Com. vs. John C. Beck. Assault and battery. C. Herman prosecutor. True bill.

Hilgendorf vs. Borgward. Order for distribution of funds arising from sheriff's sale.

Use of Mary E. Osterhout vs. Cook et al. Order for distribution of funds in hands of sheriff.

Com. vs. Van Why. P. B. Clark prosecutor. Verdict not guilty, prosecutor for costs.

Com. vs. Van Why. M. Van Why prosecutor. Verdict not guilty, prosecutor for costs.

Com. vs. George Dunn. Assault. Oscar Morgan prosecutor. Nolite prosequi entered by leave of court.

Com. vs. William Williams. Assault and battery. Prosecutor Eugene V. Shooley. Nolite prosequi entered by leave of court.

Com. vs. John C. Beck. Assault and battery. Defendant plead guilty. Sentence, \$5 fine and pay cost.

In the matter of the petition for county bridge over Westfall creek, Lackawaxen. Former approval of grand jury stricken off with leave to present to grand jury which after hearing evidence approved of same for a county bridge.

Com. vs. Wilson Cortright. Indictment outlining timber on state lands. Continued.

Com. vs. George Van Why. Two cases larceny. Charles Cortright and M. Van Why prosecutors. Nolite prosequi entered.

Accounts of Jos. G. Harding estate C. W. Martin, account Jas. W. Pinchot executor C. C. D. Pinchot, deceased, account of C. W. Ball administrator of J. F. Pinchot, deceased, and account of Philip Ellwanger executor of Jacob Ellwanger, deceased, confirmed absolutely.

Private road in Delaware from near house of M. B. Pitney to near Camp trough, report of viewers laying out road confirmed n. si. George Miller appointed constable of Porter township.

Petition for private road from dwelling of C. A. Weber in Shohola to public road near house of F. De Rialp, Frank Schorr, J. A. Hoffman and George Perot appointed viewers.

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INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The governor has signed a bill to prevent killing beavers in this state.

A widow to afford better ventilation has been cut into the bank room in Brown's building.

Thunder can be heard nine miles away, and there are some women in this world who can beat thunder.

There will be a special meeting of Milford Lodge, No. 344, F. A. & M., Monday evening, March 23, at 8 p. m.

Thomas M. Carlie, a well known salesman, who has for many years traveled in this section, died at his home in Brooklyn.

Soon we expect to see justice whirling promiscuously around our streets. It is reported that Squire Canoe expects to purchase an automobile.

A. V. McCarty will have a public sale of household goods and farming tools on his premises in Dingman township, Friday, March 27, beginning at 10 a. m.

Cushing A. Heller will have a public sale of stock, farming utensils and household goods at the John S. Smith farm in Lehman March 30th, beginning at 10 p. m.

Judge Erdman created a very favorable impression here by the prompt manner in which he dispatched business and by his impartial rulings and his able charges to the juries.

Hon. Jas. H. Shull, Van C. Peters and others purpose building a large dam across the stream near Forge Cut below Stroudsburg and to furnish electric power for manufacturing and other purposes.

Elsewhere we publish a few lines on the Sawkill. This, with other short pieces which will from time to time be printed in the Press, is from the pen of a writer in town who is engaged on a book which may appear in the future.

The resolutions of the Pike water company locating lands in Palmyra embrace a large scope on the Wallenpaupack river, and if the dam as proposed is built the major portion of the lower part of that township will be a pond. No doubt an immense water power will be secured which may give a great impetus to business in that section.

Richard F. Duane, a glass blower in Port Jervis, fell from the Milford and Matamoras railroad bridge early Sunday morning, March 8th, when returning home from a visit to Matamoras, and was drowned. The body was found last Sunday morning in a deep hole in the river near the Pennsylvania shore just below the bridge.

Maggie, wife of Harry Berthold, died at her home in Philadelphia March 17th of typhoid fever. She was born about forty years ago and was a daughter of Solomon and Sally J. Westbrook Van Inwegen. Her husband and two daughters, Louise and Idelle, survive her. The funeral will occur today.

There has been a lively time up in Wayne county in the attempt to arrest Trotter, who murdered Mrs. Payne out in Tioga county, N. Y., some weeks ago. The man was shot at Monday and it is thought wounded while near Brill's swamp a few miles from Honesdale, but he has since baffled his pursuers. A large posse has been after him and the \$1000 offered for his capture is a great incentive to action.

Philippine Currency

The currency legislation enacted by congress for the Philippines is pointed to by republican statesmen as an excellent law. It establishes a stable circulating medium and in principle and effect in no way differs from the currency policy of the United States. The gold peso is one-half the value of an American dollar. It makes the silver dollar of the Philippines worth 50c in gold. It is generally known that the islands have been suffering severely from the variations of the currency, and the recent legislation will cure that evil.

More Riots

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 remedy for the greatest all-around medicine for run-down systems. It dispels nervousness, rheumatism and neuralgia and expels malarial germs. Only 50c, and satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Harmonious, Unanimous and a Surprise to Many

The annual meeting for the election of a county committee was held in the court house last Monday evening. Hon. John F. Englehart called the as-embly to order and Samuel Simons of Greens was selected chairman, P. B. Clark, Esq., of Porter and Levi Lord of Blooming Grove vice chairmen, and Floyd Frisbie and J. F. Terwilliger secretaries.

On motion of C. W. Bull, Esq., George Gregory, Thos. Armstrong, John C. Westbrook, E. Vandornark and Geo. R. Bull, Esq., were elected a county committee. Hon. J. F. Englehart was elected delegate to the state convention.

C. W. Bull, Esq., then briefly addressed the meeting, calling attention to the fact that while in county matters the party had remained steadfast, in local affairs there has been considerable gear-hawing among the brethren and that owing to this there had been misarrangements.

He did assert that there had been any display of bossism in the past, but he warned the party and especially the county committee against any recognition of that evil.

He advised clean nominations and then a general adherence to the ticket no matter what it might be.

His remarks were "cordially received" among those for whom they were evidently intended. There appeared to be a lurking suspicion among a number of onlookers that it was intended to rough house somebody and that at present the effort was successful. Whether any sounds of knife grinding will be heard in future time will develop, but unquestionably some who have been conspicuous on the back of the democratic male in the past were badly dumped, and they know it. Will they lie still and take their dose?

Presentment of Grand Jury

Five bills were acted on and three true bills found: We find a fire proof vault is needed in treasurer's office to contain the books (not enough room in safe.) Also a new lock for the grand jury room door and also one for the front door and gutters for same.

That fire escapes should be built or provided for the following buildings: On Fauchers House, Dimmick House, Crissman House, John Beck's hotel, Sawkill House; Sylvanus House, Lackawaxen; A. W. Isch and Son, Jas. C. Rose, M. Ueh, Westfall; E. F. Peters, M. L. Bech, E. Nye, Sam Peters, and Clara Ottenheimer, Lehman; John A. Watts, Milford township; W. Metz, E. O. Bollitt, Joseph Schanno, L. Dalloz, L. Chatillon, Dingman township; S. I. Saries estate, F. A. Dingman, Wiles & Co., Wm. Hornbeck, Lafa Quick, Conashaug House, C. Adams, of Delaware township. Index boards not up in Dingman and Greene townships.

B. E. Kipp, Foreman.

His All County Treasurers

The Superior court has affirmed the decision of the late Judge Al-bright of Lehigh county in the case of the city of Allentown against former County Treasurers S. J. Hartman and James M. Sechler.

The city claimed that county treasurers are not entitled to commissions for paying into treasuries of cities, boroughs and townships their share of liquor license fees, and sued Ex-Treasurer Hartman for \$410 and Ex-Treasurer Sechler for \$88, which they had deducted as fees. The local court decided in favor of the city, and the Superior court sustains this view.

The decision affects every county in the state.

Next National Campaign

Senator Forsaker has called public attention to the fact of the approach of the next national campaign. In speaking of the democratic candidacy of M. E. Ingalls for mayor of Cincinnati, Senator Forsaker says, that all over the country the democrats are everywhere preaching harmony and perfecting their organization and that nominations for the local spring elections throughout the country have been made with reference to a greater contest in the state and nation that are immediately to follow. Senator Forsaker points out that if Mr. Ingalls is elected mayor, he is in line for the governorship of Ohio and then the presidency.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

No runaways, only a little fight which netted the borough treasury \$5.40.

Lots of green was worn Tuesday, but no Irish flag was about in town.

Court this week was well attended but the business done hardly paid the expenses. Wilton Bonnett, Esq., of Port Jervis, was down being counsel in a case which did not come off.

What the deuce is a ring? A circle or something else.

Thos. Armstrong is renovating the interior of his store, and C. O. Armstrong is also repainting the inside of the drug store.

I understand there is more than one applicant for the office of special police.

It is not always good policy to tell your business to strangers. If they want information let them ask for it.

One of the prettiest ornaments seen on the borough streets are those little dodgers which are supposed to advertise some lecture or something. They are scattered broadcast to litter your yard or scare your horse, but no one will ever pick up one and read it. A borough ordinance should stop this or else boxes should be provided for waste paper and to hold dodgers of Port Jervis business men who advertise in this manner.

Burdocks are found in plenty in every alley and on some of our main streets. They are nice to catch on a woman's dress, etc.

James M. Stoll, Hainesville's leading merchant, was in town Wednesday.

Chris. Lehde has another horse.

W. T. Struble is busy rafting railroad ties.

"Courtship and Marriage" did not draw a very big crowd.

Henry Van Horn of Conashaug will soon be able to sell you perfumes, shaving soap and baking powder and throw in a house and lot with each purchase.

Ed. Quinn is enjoying a touch of pleurisy.

Ed. Wolfe's sawmill after a rest for repairs makes things hum again.

Real Estate Transfers

Sarah F. Crone to John E. Crone, 22 acres, Delaware, part of Philip Resner farm, \$1.

Sarah F. Crone to Edyth E. Crone, 23 acres, Delaware, part of Resner farm, \$1.

Jacob F. Wacker to John C. Wallace, 2 acres, Dingman township, near Milford bridge, \$1000.

Leroy E. Kippto Anafine Weeden, 50 acres, Frederick Dubler, Greene, \$1.

Anafine Weeden to Percival J. Barnard, same land, \$1.

Pike water company, certified copy of resolutions, locating lands in Palmyra, 5622 acs.

Emily Gilchrist to Alfred J. Gilchrist, farm in Dingman township, \$1.

Clara Adams to the school district of Delaware, land in Delaware, 80 square perches, \$1.

Louis Wilson to Alvah H. Quick, 20 acres, Palmyra, part of Henry Darrab, \$250.

John Marsch to Peter Marsch, part of John Roberts, Greene, \$50.

J. M. Tittman to Oliver P. Bensley, 19 acres, Lehman, part of Jane Broadhead and David Saylor, \$275.50.

Frances A. Burrus to George Sommers, 32 acres, Greene, \$450.

Rose Haun to Edward Heberling, land in Greene, part of No. 255, \$130.

Moses Doyle to Carl Fleig, 123 acres, Milford township, \$1,750.

Elsie Vullie dit Bille to Samuel Grigger, 32 acres, Greene.

J. W. Gebhard to Joseph Carey, 50 acres, Greens, part of Jacob Arndt, \$1.

Same to same, 5 acres, Greens, part of Adam Foulke, \$1.

Mrs. Hansch Hohne et al. to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 100 acres, Blooming Grove, part of Wm. Musgrove, No. 107, \$200.

Tragedy Averted

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played and 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 bottles free.