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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

There is the utmost gratification in republican circles in Washington over the Northern Securities Company decision which is regarded as not only a great victory for the attorney general, but as proving indubitably that the president and his cabinet are correct in the proposition that combinations of capital, effected either by the restraint of trade or having it within their power to prevent competition, can be reached and controlled through the courts rather than by any reduction of the tariff which would inevitably operate to the advantage of the trusts by removing all domestic competition, that is by destroying the smaller concerns in the same classes of industry. The haste with which this decision was reached was due to the so-called "hurry up" law which was drafted by Attorney General Knox and enacted by congress at the request of the attorney general and the president. Moreover, as a result of this law it is expected that the Supreme court will give precedence to the case at the beginning of its fall term, next October, and that a decision will be reached early in the fall. That the Supreme court will confirm the decision of the circuit court is regarded as a foregone conclusion in view of the fact that the four judges who tried the case in the circuit court of appeals were unanimous in their opinion.

Coming immediately after the announced purpose of the administration to "stand pat" on the tariff schedules, at least until after election, the Northern Securities decision is regarded as particularly timely and it is predicted by those statesmen in Washington who are in touch with the Iowa situation that this sounds the death knell of the "Iowa Idea." The Iowa situation has been the occasion of no little anxiety recently to the president and his advisors. Governor Cummins' hearty espousal of the Iowa Idea, the immediate revision of the tariff, has, it has been feared, threatened a rupture in the party in that stronghold of republicanism and the approaching convention, which will be called for the last of July or the first of August, was looked forward to with apprehension. Governor Cummins' control of the state was appreciated and it was not known whether he would insist on a tariff revision plank in the state platform. Now that the correctness of the president's position regarding the trusts has been demonstrated it is believed that the governor, who is a staunch republican, and a protectionist as well, will appreciate that the time has not arrived when a revision of the tariff is necessary and will seek to avoid rather than to precipitate questions which might occasion a collision of divergent factions in the convention.

The news of the recent disaster on the battleship Iowa has been greeted at the navy department with great concern and it is regarded as probable that the secretary of the navy will, on his return to Washington, order a court to investigate the cause. There are grave reflections to be had in inner circles with regard to the ammunition in use by the navy and it is possible that this subject will receive particular attention. There have been too many accidents on naval vessels in the past year and officers in the high service are convinced that there is some underlying cause which requires a prompt and drastic remedy.

The postoffice investigations still continue although it is, in view of the reticence of the officials, difficult to obtain the results. The postmaster general is still out of the city and his subordinates say they have positive orders not to talk. It is known, however, that people all over the country are taking advantage of the investigations now going on to present evidence which they have evidently supposed would, in the past, have been unheeded. The latest communication received is anonymous but is so nearly in line with what has been suspected that it has received more attention than is ordinarily accorded an anonymous communication. It states that there has for some time existed a ring to which it was necessary for employes to pay tribute in order to secure promotion. While this ring is said to have been operated all over the country, it was in the New York office that it was particularly active and the name of a New York employe, claimed to have represented the conspirators is furnished. This employe is now being investigated but his name is

not likely to appear in the public prints until more definite information has been secured because editors fear laying themselves open to libel suits.

The secretary of agriculture, who has long been recognized as the leading exponent of the theory of teaching the elementary principles of agriculture in the primary schools, particularly those in the rural districts, has organized a class from the District of Columbia Normal School and has placed at its disposal a small greenhouse for the purpose of experimentation. The class now numbers nearly one hundred young men and women and Secretary Wilson often finds time, notwithstanding his active labors, to go out himself and lecture to the class. This is only a small beginning but it is what the secretary hopes to see established in every normal school in the country in the not distant future.

Some remarkable figures concerning the trade of the United States and Canada have just been compiled by the bureau of statistics, remarkable chiefly because they demonstrate the extraordinary popularity of American goods in that country. During the seven months ending with the first of the year the United States exported to Canada goods to the amount of \$67,000,000 as against \$32,000,000 worth imported from the United Kingdom and \$21,000,000 imported from all other countries, and this notwithstanding the fact that the United Kingdom enjoys a tariff differential of 33 1/3 per cent over the United States. In the opinion of a prominent treasury official this country will soon control the Canadian trade whether a reciprocity treaty is effected or not.

THOUGHTS AND DEEDS

As the waters flow onward and hasten away,
So it is every day with each word that we say.

We cannot undo what we did yesterday,
Then why not endeavor to do our best
Each day, and see if we'll not be blest.

And sometimes perchance gain eternal rest.
As the stream in the ocean is finally lost
So with past opportunities. Then oh,
Count the cost.

Ever you lose forever of value the most.
A kind word or a deed, you cannot misplace.
How many we need, the poor human race!
We long for and crave them in every case.

A man may be even hard-hearted and cruel,
Yet every harsh word is but adding more fuel.
To the fire perhaps he is striving to cool.
Then why not endeavor to help him,
Instead
Of casting more stones at his poor bowed head.

Give him a chance. He may wish to be led.
Just try it and see how much light you can shed.
On one, who, perchance, wishes now he were dead.
How often for kindness his heart may have bled.

But the world turned its back, with nothing to give,
No one to care should he die or live.
Oh hard, hard fate 'gainst which to strive!
But speak to him kindly and see the glad light.

That leaps to the eyes that once were so bright.
Eye sadness descended like gloom of the night.
Don't you think it would pay to try it and see
The shadows lift surely from a soul that would be
But for you, perhaps lost eternally!

Then I beg that all who may read these lines,
Will try it and see how warm the sun shines
When one with another the soul intertwines.
Milford, April, 1903.

Pointed Paragraphs

Spinsters know what a mis-spent life is.
Hope and haste enable a man to gain his ends.

Poverty keeps many a man from making a fool of himself.
Happiness is measured out by the pint—misery by the bushel.

A dozen wives is enough to shake any man's belief in polygamy.
Consistency in yourself is synonymous with obstinacy in your neighbor.

A man who lives beyond his income leapt to live beneath his opportunities.
Many a man walks the floor at night because his wife doesn't believe in paregoric.—Chicago News.

"You write your first name very well indeed, Miss Pinkie," criticized the writing teacher, "but you make a sad botch of the 'Johnson' part of it."

"What is the difference, Mr. Spencer?" asked the pretty girl. "I expect to change the Johnson part of it some day."—Chicago Tribune.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Miss Mabel Armstrong is a visitor in town.

A. D. Brown visited New York a few days recently.

Howard Reed of the U. P. spent Easter at The Anchorage.

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

James W. Pinchot of New York is expected to arrive today for a few days visit in town.

Harry B. Reed Jr., left this week for Arizona where he will enter the employ of a copper mining company.

W. H. Armstrong, Esq., and wife, who have spent the winter in New York, returned to Milford last week.

Stanton Sipple went to New York the first of the week and brought up a horse for Miss Ratcliffe.

E. C. Wood and Frank Fuller are spreading colors at Forest Park, and Stacy Fuller is now doing police duty.

Rev. C. E. Scudder returned this week to supervise the removal of his household goods to Sussex, his new charge.

Mrs. E. S. Wolfe left last week for Saranac, Michigan, to visit her mother, who was in a very critical condition with dropsy.

Nelson G. Palmer and wife have returned to their Ann street residence. Mrs. Palmer is not at present enjoying very good health.

John Almor is greatly pleased with his success in his venture in the boot and shoe business which he has just established on Harford street.

Geo. H. Buchanan has severed connection with firm of T. Armstrong & Co. and has accepted a situation with Strait Bros., a New York grocery house. He will have Sussex county for his traveling territory, and has the good wishes of many friends for success.

Laws of General Interest

A bill signed by the governor empowers the board of game commissions to appoint one man in each county to be known as a deputy game protector who shall have same power as the present game protector. Also one providing that jury commissioners shall have authority to appoint a clerk and fix his salary at not more than \$6 a day.

The governor has signed the good roads bill, and all bill requiring non-resident hunters and unnaturalized foreigners to procure a license before hunting in this state. Also one prohibiting the discharge of Flobert rifles, air guns and spring guns in boroughs.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending April 11, 1903:

Mrs. John Reinbart, Mrs. Clara Dupuy, Mrs. B. Strait, Miss Cary K. Livingston, foreign, Gissonne Leonopidrate.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Mamie went to Sunday school, and came back with a very serious face.

"What's the matter, Mamie?" asked mamma. "Didn't you have a nice time at Sunday school?"

Then Mamie explained: "The superintendent said that no one could go to heaven 'less they had a pure, clean heart, and I've swallowed a button and a rock and a peach seed!"—November Lippincott's.

Out in California there has lately been erected a concrete chimney 180 feet high for a power station. The ingredients were cement one part, sand two parts and fine broken stone four parts. It is said the most common ratio for concrete is 1:2:3, but engineers vary it frequently to suit special conditions.

Rain falling on the roofs of tall buildings in New York, as well as all waste water, not unsanitary, is conducted into what is known as a sink pit under the structure, the object of which is to keep the piles on which the foundations rest saturated so that they will not decay.

Eighty skeletons were found recently in the hull of the warship Reina Christina, flagship of Admiral Montojo, which was sunk by Admiral Dewey in Manila bay. There were fifteen shell holes in the hull, one made by an 8 inch shell and the others smaller.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

To be Held at Dingman's Ferry May 1st—Prominent Workers Will Be Present

The Pike County Sunday School Convention which is to be held in the Methodist church at Dingman's Ferry, May 1st, promises to be of great interest. The morning session will begin at half past ten and will close at noon. In the morning two addresses have already been arranged for and it is hoped that the third, on "Sunday School Evangelism," may be had. The Rev. Victor A. Wood, the new pastor of the Methodist church of Milford, is the first speaker and his topic is, "The Twentieth Century Boy." The second discussion regarding "Our Outlying Districts" will be presented by Mr. William Angle of Milford. The purpose of introducing this topic is to open the question of having more schools in the communities where there are school houses but where they have no gospel privileges. If any one, seeing this notice, will come to the convention and help us formulate plans for this kind of work we believe it will add greatly to the success of the convention.

The afternoon session will be opened with a devotional service and it is expected that Rev. E. J. Ferot, the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Milford, will conduct this service. Then Mr. Hugh Cork, the general secretary of the Sabbath schools of the state of Pennsylvania, will speak on "Suggestions to Those who Work with Young Children." Mr. Cork is a most excellent speaker and it would be a mistake for those interested in Sunday school work to miss hearing him. The second speaker in the afternoon will probably be equally good and his subject must appeal to everyone in the county. The speaker is Rev. F. W. Lange, D. D., who was formerly the state secretary of Delaware, and his topic is "The Best School for Pike County." This discussion will be followed by the question box. At the evening service Mr. Hugh Cork will speak the second time on "Planning and Working for Definite Results."

Of course we cannot expect the good people of Dingman's Ferry to entertain everyone that might go, but each Sunday school is entitled to two delegates besides the pastor. We hope to see a full representation of our schools there. Others will be well repaid if they have to provide their own entertainment. Think it over and arrange to come. Further announcements will be given later in these columns next week. x x x

That Libel Law

The legislature has passed what is called the Sales-Grady libel law, a measure intended to prevent newspapers from publishing comments on, or criticism of, the acts of politicians or, in fact, any one in any capacity. It is now up to the governor whether it becomes a law. Should he sign the bill such action would go far to substantiate the intimations made during his candidacy that he was simply a pawn of the machine. The bill is called "an organization measure" and is evidently designed to suppress adverse comment on its devious methods. When it comes to the pass that information concerning questionable acts of officials cannot be given the public through the medium of the press without subjecting the publisher to a malicious action for libel the people must take heed. Nothing so restrains the propensities of men to take advantage of their positions for their own gain or the benefit of their clique as the possibility of exposure and of being held up to public execration. No fair newspaper will exercise its privilege nudely and frauds without foundation or reason would be ineffective to mold public sentiment or to injure their subjects. We hope the governor will be true to the best interests of the state and veto this iniquitous attempt to throttle the press.

Robbed the Grave

A startling incident, is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. These physicians had given me up. Then I was advised to use Electric Bitters; so my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed, at all drug stores.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Today has been designated by the governor as arbor day.

Overseers of the poor of Milford borough have levied a 2 mill poor tax.

Borough councils have levied a 10 mill borough tax and a 5 mill indebtedness tax.

The statement of the First National Bank of Milford appears elsewhere and shows increasing prosperity.

General Frank Reeder has resigned as commissioner of banking and is succeeded by Robert McAfee of Allegheny city.

At a special meeting of town council held last Friday evening E. C. Wood was appointed special police at a salary of \$150 a year.

Reginald Vanderbilt and Miss Neilson are married. This will probably release whole pages of metropolitan papers for other news.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission is sending out invitations to editors to attend the opening ceremonies at St. Louis, May first.

The club house of the Forest Lake association will be under the management this season of Frederick A. Dam, who has wide experience in that capacity.

Between thirty and forty deer have been found dead in Brookwood Park in Warren county, N. J. The animals have multiplied so rapidly that there was not sufficient food and they starved to death.

Mrs. Henrietta Strader, who recovered a verdict of \$17,000 against Monroe county for damages sustained by being thrown from her wheel while riding over Brodhead's creek bridge, died April 9th.

In the dam at the foot of Broad street may now be seen stumps standing in excellent preservation. Probably the trees were cut a century or more ago and the stumps remaining under water have not decayed.

The story, widely published this week, that there had been an immense find of coal near Wilkesbarre, enough to keep 600 men employed 300 years, is denied. It is up to the public to believe either the story or the denial.

Dr. John Kelly has a large turtle, which was formerly a denizen in Sawkill Pond, on exhibition and which will be served up in soup at his popular restaurant tomorrow evening. Epicureans consider it a great delicacy.

Mrs. Clarence Bishop, a young married woman residing near Tri-State, N. Y., committed suicide last Sunday afternoon by jumping from the railroad bridge at that place. Her body was soon after found in the river below.

The dam bill which has been on its passage in the legislature has been amended until it prevents the dam builders from using the largest streams in the state like the Susquehanna, Delaware, Ohio and Allegheny. It is doubtful, anyway, if it gets through.

This is the time of the year when a man goes home tired out, and wants to go for a ride into the open country. It is at such times that the good wife asks him if he does not think the garden needs the spade. He takes the spade, but he feels like taking a club.

Rev. V. A. Wood, pastor of the M. E. church, will continue the church column which was so ably conducted by his predecessor, Rev. C. E. Scudder. No doubt it will in the future as in the past afford profit to its readers, and furnish them with much of interest.

The U. S. circuit court decision in the Northern Securities case brought Wall street to a panic condition Monday. The stock of the company fell from 110 to 94, the lowest point in its history. Several railroads were affected and the days losses to the speculators were more than twenty million dollars. The general public was not caught.

Judge D. W. Searle of Susquehanna has decided that boards of health have power under the acts of assembly to bind municipalities for expenses incurred in protecting them from disease in cases of necessity when such board acts in a regular way. A physician in Montross fumigated a house after the inmates had died of smallpox and presented a bill for \$261, which the health board approved and which the council refused to pay. A jury gave a verdict for the amount which the court sustained.

OBITUARY

DAVID CHRISTY DOTY

This venerable man died at his home at Westtown, Tuesday, April 14th, of pneumonia. He was born near that place in Sussex county, Feb. 26, 1810, and came to Pike in 1842 locating on a farm in Dingman township where he resided for about thirty years when he returned to his native place.

He was twice married, first to Margery Middaugh who died about 1860 and second to Sarah Cortright who survives him at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. There are no children by this marriage. Of the two children by his first wife one, Sarah J., wife of ex-County Commissioner Wallace Newman, survives.

The funeral will take place today and interment in the cemetery near Sussex, N. J. Mr. Doty and his wife visited here in August last year and appeared here for one of his years.

The Uneducated Vote

In Senator Hanna's Chautauque address, which is being widely quoted, he said, in speaking of the discouraging phrases of the labor question:

"The enormous number of foreigners coming to our shores from every country of Europe, uneducated and knowing nothing of the government of a free people, believing that liberty is license or something good to eat, feel that their interest is diametrically opposed to the government and their employer. But thank God, we have an institution in the United States, the free school, and every child of a foreigner is educated, so that the second generation will know something about liberty."

In what way does that help the situation when the same number of a first generation is poured upon our shores every year? And how can Senator Hanna justify our constitution, which puts a ballot into the hand of every one of these men—

"who think that liberty is something good to eat and are diametrically opposed to the government"—and refuses it to every American woman? He himself is outspoken in his opposition to woman suffrage, and yet there are states in the union where the foreign vote is considerably larger than the American vote, although there are many more Americans than foreign residents. But the former are composed of men and women, while the latter are nearly all men. The Americans are putting themselves in a position to be entirely outvoted eventually, and yet there are in the United States more native-born women alone than there are foreign men and women together.—Ida Husted Harper in New York Sun.

Good Roads Bill

The Sprout measure received an almost unanimous vote in the house and has gone to the governor. This is probably the most important piece of legislation of the session. The bill carries with it an appropriation of six and a half million dollars for road purposes during the next six years. There are about one hundred thousand miles of road in the state and the \$3,350,000 which may be raised from local sources would give nearly \$10,000,000 in the next six years or \$1,750.00 each year about \$10.80 each year for every mile and \$44.80 for the six years. If this money is carefully and permanently expended it will vastly improve the highways.

MARIE CORELLI

Writes for "The Philadelphia Press" on "The Body Snatchers"

A savage, unbridled attack on those who have given and propose to give memorials at The Home of Shakespeare. Miss Corelli is nothing if not sensational when she champions a cause, and in this vigorous "appeal" she flays everybody who holds opinions different from hers on the subject and attacks generous Americans, including the late George W. Childs and Andrew Carnegie. Read it in next Sunday's "Philadelphia Press," April 19.

Now lay away your snakekin serenade and take the fluensils from your bargain. And when the grip will lay you low And all your loving friends will grow behind your body in a hoop.

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.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Easter is past, the day was pleasanter than expected and large congregations were the rules in all our village churches.

Some twenty-five or more of our town men enjoyed a ride in a new ferry scow from the eddy here down to Nomanock Island. Uncle Nate Fuller acted as captain and Britt Thomas and Thos. Steels attended to the steering. One of our barbers got afraid and had to be taken ashore near Raymondskill. On the return in the farm wagon of Henry Merring a match careless ly dropped caused Chief of Police Wood to roll out over one of the hind wheels, Britton dropped out behind and Councilman Quick and the Editor of the Dispatch never knew how they got out of the wagon.

Eddie Klein is going to raise corn this season.

Dr. de Plass and family and John Ratcliffe of New York were Sunday visitors in town.

Mrs. Augusta Boyd of Port Jervis was a visitor in town the fore part of the week.

A stranger came into town not far from here who parted his hair in the middle, put it on it, his collar nearly reached to the top of his ears. He put on nice clothes and was somebody. The result was he soon knew more than everybody else, which of course did not suit, consequently there was a squabble. What will be the result?

For the sixth time E. C. Wood has been appointed special police by the town council.

A young married woman of Port Jervis took her life because her husband did not buy her a new Easter hat.

Milo Gibbons has been unfortunate again. He lost another horse.

A new firm has sprung into existence in town. Paul Ryder has left the employ of W. & G. Mitchell and gone into partnership with Fred Gumble.

Next time we ask the Editor of the Press to take a ride we expect him to be on time.

Dr. H. E. Emerson, after an absence of five months from town, is again with us. By his looks his trip south has agreed with him.

The eclipse on the moon was plainly seen here.

Tuesdays storm was keenly felt here, too.

Rev. V. A. Wood, the new M. E. minister, preached to large congregations last Sunday and made a good impression. We hear only favorable comment on his first sermons.

Why is it some people can not let well enough alone? It is not so very long ago when there were any number of unemployed laborers and mechanics. Today that is all changed. There seems to be work for all, but, as soon as everything goes smoothly some crank finds something not to his or her liking and then—a strike. How many strikes have been ordered where the strikers have gained more than they would have gained if their grievances, which they had any, had been left to arbitration. Unions are all right for mutual protection, but it is doubtful if labor will ever be strong enough to dictate to capital.

There is quite a demand for information as to who was the democrat who let fly in last weeks Press.

Over in Sussex it does not pay to violate the license law. The violators are most always sure to strike a snag when their application for license comes up in court.

W. T. Struble has been busy again the past week getting more railroad ties to market.

It is not good policy to let your temper get the best of you. It may prove to be expensive as well as inconvenient.

A Great Sensation

There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place, who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the richest remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c. and \$1. Guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

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