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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Up to the present the most interesting debate in Congress occurred in the Senate relative to the reception of the great number of petitions which has been sent that body from all parts of the country, demanding that Hon. Reed Smoot, the Mormon Senator from Utah, be expelled from the Senate on the ground that he is an apostle of the Mormon church, and as such was compelled to take an oath of allegiance to his church as the highest civil as well as religious authority in the land. Most of these petitions are printed blanks which have been distributed throughout the country to be signed and sent to senators. They are signed principally by women's organizations, such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the W. C. T. U., and religious organizations. In many cases the phraseology of the petitions is identical, showing that they emanated from the same source. Former Secretary John G. Carlisle is to appear before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, as counsel for the petitioners. When the petitions were presented, Senator Hoar declared that they were out of order, as the question was a judicial one to be decided by the Senate Committee, and that petitioning that committee was as much out of place as petitioning the Supreme Court of the United States. Senator Dubois of Idaho took issue with Senator Hoar and declared that "these various organizations of Christian men and women have a right to petition the Senate and it is their duty to do so."

They know what they are doing. They represent the moral thought of the country and should not be discouraged." Most of the public men here disagree with Senator Dubois and believe that instead of representing the moral thought of the country, they represent the narrow bigotry of those who are happiest when they are attacking a religion which is not identical with their own. There is not the slightest chance of forcing Senator Smoot to give up his seat, and many people believe that the mere investigation of his eligibility is an unworthy concession to the united bigotry of the country.

President Roosevelt has sent to the Senate the nomination of Brigadier General Leonard Wood to be major general, and the question of his confirmation has given the general's enemies the long looked for opportunity to appoint to check his career of rapid advancement. The nomination was referred to the committee on Military Affairs which will hold a public sitting to hear all the protests against making him a major general. If he is confirmed, he will become head of the army in 1908 and can remain such until his retirement in 1924, thus preventing a long list of older officers, who are his inferiors in rank from ever holding the position. Many officers of the army declare that as Wood was merely an army surgeon before the war with Spain, his rapid rise was due to political influence and is unjust to older officers. Senator Teller, stating he has no personal interest in the matter, has come forth as the protector of these officers and demands that the nomination be held up until the general's military record can be examined. The most bitter opponent of General Wood is Major Estes M. Rathborne, formerly director of posts in Cuba, and who is convicted of defrauding the government. Wood did all he could to bring Rathborne to justice. The Major declares his innocence, and says he was prosecuted for political reasons. He has a firm supporter in Senator Hanna, who is opposed to Wood's appointment. Rathborne makes serious charges against the general, but it is generally doubted that he can sustain them. The senate will probably confirm the nomination.

Dr. W. D. Oram, the colored man who was named Collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C., as a recess appointment, has been named again among the nominations sent to the senate. Although the senate failed on two former occasions to take action in the case, it is believed that the nomination will be confirmed this time. Senator Tillman threatens to filibuster, but he can do nothing more than bring about a general debate on the case, and cause a party vote on the nomination. Representative Crumpacker has introduced his resolution in the

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house, which provides for a committee to examine into the suffrage conditions of the various states. His purpose is to decrease the representation in congress of those southern states which have disfranchised the negroes. He does not expect the measure to be voted on, but desires to keep the question alive.

"I am very much gratified to receive the letters whereby you are accredited to the government of the United States in the capacity of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the republic of Panama," said President Roosevelt to M. Bana-Varilla as this representative of the infant republic of Panama was presented to him in the White House by Secretary Hay.

In the words of the new minister, the president thus admitted "into the family of nations the weakest and last-born of the republic of the new world." Panama is now a sovereign state in the eyes of our government, and it will not be long before we take up negotiation with it, for the construction of the canal. Columbian troops are said to be hurrying to the isthmus to punish the "traitors," but our government will not permit them to land at either Panama or Colon, and may inform the Columbian government that any hostilities even in the remotest vicinity of the Panama Railroad will not be permitted by this government. This would make the suppression of the revolution very difficult, if not absolutely impossible. In fact friends of the new republic can be now certain that its national existence is guaranteed by this country.

Such comment has been aroused by the publication of that part of president's regular message to congress which related to the canal negotiations. It was written before the revolution in Panama and has now been out of the message. The president says, "High authorities on international law hold that the canal can be dug as an incident to exercising the power to prevent the obstruction of traffic across the isthmus." After stating that in his judgment it is time to declare that the building of the canal cannot be much longer delayed he continues, "It seems evident that in a matter such as this we should finally decide which is the best route, and if the advantage of this route over any other possible route is sufficiently marked, we should then give notice that we can no longer submit to trifling or insincere dealing on the part of those whom the accident of possession has placed in temporary control of the ground through which the route must pass." He ends by declaring that if the possessors of the territory fail to come to a straightforward agreement with us, "We must forthwith take the matter into our own hands."

Real Estate Transfers
Colonel W. Quick to Frank C. Howell, 52 acres, Blooming Grove, parts of Henry Toland and J. C. Westbrook, warranties, \$275.
Horace Hammond to Archibald C. Van Etten, lot 436, Matamoros, \$250.
Delaware and Hudson Canal company to Giles and Hess, 1/2 acre, Lackawanna, \$175.
Mary Ann Armstrong to Charles W. Billings, five lots on George street, Milford borough, \$2,000.
Carrie Polton to Magna Magnussen, 1 acre, Lackawanna, \$450.

Erie's Rural Summer Homes for 1904
The passenger department of the Erie Railroad, desires to have every one in Pike county and vicinity who are to keep summer boarders represented in the "Rural Summer Homes" for 1904, and all who intend to keep summer boarders should send a postal to Mr. H. L. Slason, Erie ticket agent, Port Jervis, N. Y., and receive by return mail a blank application for free space in the book, which should be filled up and returned to Erie ticket office, Port Jervis, N. Y.

All who were represented in this year's book will receive a blank application by mail.

Not a Sick Day Since
"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicine, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of rheumatism, neuritis, liver and kidney troubles and general debility." This is what H. F. Bass of Fremont, N. C., writes. Only 50c at all druggists.

LAW AND HUMANITY

A Decision Which Seems to Work a Great Hardship to a Widow
Over in New York state according to the papers the Supreme Court has recently handed down an opinion affirming the lower court which seems peculiar. A man who was quite wealthy some years ago, or who supposed he was, made a will directing that his widow erect a \$25,000 monument to his memory. At his death, which occurred not long ago, it was found that his fortune, through bad investments made by him, had been dissipated and that only some \$25,000 remained. His widow applied to the court to be relieved from expending the amount named in his will for a monument on the ground that to do so would practically consume the entire estate and leave her without means of support. The court held that the terms of the will must be complied with and this ruling has been affirmed by the Supreme Court. So the widow must expend \$25,000 out of a \$25,000 dollar estate for a monument.

The Court apparently did not take into consideration the altered circumstances of the man between the time when his will was made and when it became operative. This may be good law, and it is of course if the court says so, but such decisions often lead the lay mind to wonder whether after all law is justice.

High Heels Worn by Ladies
We have just had two instances where this abominable style has nearly ended in severe injury to the wearer. While it is hard to say "served you right," yet under the circumstances, we feel but little sympathy when a fall occurs or ankle is turned owing to the wearing of nonsensical footwear. Some years ago, it will be remembered, that in addition to this form of foot wear, a few, we are happy to say, adopted a foolish way of bending over with the hands raised as kangaroo. The late Professor Sayre, of New York, remarked that if this "kangaroo droop" and the footwear were not soon beyond the bestests of fashion, he feared the "Grecian bend" would become a "stern reality."—Public Health.

Dear Plentiful
Dear over in Jersey are protected until 1905 and sportsmen and the farmers down in Warren county have to restrain their impatience while numerous fine specimens roam over their premises. It is said a large number of deer have been released from Buckwood Park because of scarcity of food and that farmers will have to winter them. If a deer becomes a trespasser and destroys crops there should be no protection for him and it would seem that a farmer would be justified in protecting his property from their depredations.

Whiskey and Oranges
An article is now going the rounds which asserts that when a person who is addicted to the free use of whiskey feels a desire for a spree he should at once resort to the use of oranges. Every time the desire comes on, let him eat oranges freely and continue as long as the desire remains, using if needed twenty oranges a day. It is asserted that several instances are known where this remedy was successful. It is believed the acid appeases the alcoholic desire.

Excursion to New York
Thursday, Nov. 20th, "Thanksgiving-day," the Erie will run a popular one dollar excursion to New York. Special train leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m., arriving in City at 10 a. m. Returning special train will leave West 23rd Street at 7.40, Chambers Street New York at 7.45 p. m. and Jersey City at 8 p. m.

Unclaimed Letters
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Nov. 21, 1903:
Gentlemen—M. Christen, August Droscher, Esq., Jno. B. Roth, Mr. Brink, Esq., Schools.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Lazative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 50c.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Well's new dam at the foot of Broad street is completed and full of water.

According to the Stroudsburg papers bears are thicker out in Greene township than dogs.

The Choral Society met Tuesday evening and was well attended. There are now 84 members.

The Princeton Tigers defeated the sons of Eli, Yale, last Saturday at football by a score of 11-6.

Only one dollar to New York and return Thanksgiving day special train leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m.

Go to New York with the one dollar special excursion leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. Thanksgiving day.

A marriage license has been granted to Adolph Fochter of Milford and Bertha Koch of Dingman township.

The M. E. church officials have let a contract to Charles B. McCarty of Raymondskill to cover the church with a metal roofing.

A slight blaze caused by a lamp setting fire to a curtain damaged hats in Miss Kaul's millinery shop last Friday evening to the extent of about \$25.

Mayor Connell of Scranton has vetoed a curfew ordinance because councils did not provide a proper place in which to confine offenders in case of arrest.

A convention was held in Harrisburg this week, having for its object the prevention of the repeal of the Sunday law and to preserve Sunday from desecration.

The doctors here are bemoaning the unprofitably healthy condition of the community which seems to have literally thrown physic to the dogs. At all events it is not taking much itself at present.

William L. Elkins, who died last week in Philadelphia, bequeathed \$250,000 to found a female orphan school for children of Masons. The gift will be accepted and there are funds sufficient in hand to endow it.

A common pleas court in this state has decided there can be no recovery against a telegraph company for failure to deliver a message announcing the death and date of the funeral of a relative.

A Mrs. John Rooney has brought suit in the United States District court in this state against the Erie county to recover \$50,000 damages for the death of her husband who was killed at Homestead about two years ago.

Philadelphia is making strenuous efforts to have congress pass an appropriation for a 35 foot channel. She claims that a vast amount of tonnage is diverted from her port because of the impossibility for ships of deep draft to come up the river.

The school directors this week changed Miss Gulnup's to the Old Academy and put Miss Hornbeck's school in the room thus vacated. It is reported that the transportation was made in order to bring certain youngsters in closer proximity to the training department.

Judge Swartz of Montgomery county holds that a commitment for failure to pay borough and school taxes should state that the defendant was without sufficient goods and chattels to satisfy them, should separate them, and set forth specifically upon what the imprisonment is based.

A Pension Bill
Representative Estes of this state has introduced a bill in congress to pension all soldiers and sailors who served in the army or navy of the United States ninety days or more in the War of the Rebellion and who were honorably discharged therefrom, at the rate of \$12 a month and also placing on the pension rolls the widows of such soldiers and sailors who were married prior to June 30, 1890.

Diseases Wreaks
Carelessness is responsible for many a railroad wreck and the same causes are making human wrecks of sufferers from throat and lung troubles. But since the advent of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, even the worst cases can be cured, and hopeless resignation is no longer necessary. Mrs. Lois Cragg of Dorchester, Mass., is one of many whose life was saved by Dr. King's New Discovery. This great remedy is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free.

Dress making in all branches. MARY LUDWIG, Broad St., Milford, Pa.

TO PREVENT STRIKES

Propose to Submit Differences Between Employers and Employed to a Court
A \$200 prize paper recently published in Boston on the question how best to settle strikes recommends a system of state courts to be called industrial courts, and that these courts shall appoint for each industry or for a group of industries a commissioner to whom all cases of discipline shall be referred and from whose decision an appeal may be taken to the industrial court.

In case of danger of rioting, or other disturbance of the peace, the government may at its discretion take charge of the labor part of the business or industry involved and hold them employing laborers to take the places made vacant by the strikers until the differences are adjusted. The plan is somewhat elaborate but seems practical and a peaceable way of settling strikes. Certainly both employers and the employed should welcome a feasible and fair way of settling differences and preventing losses by destruction of property. The labor question is one of growing magnitude and the surest and most satisfactory method of adjusting the differences which may and will arise should be approved by all whose interests are most directly concerned.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

A Choral Union, a Y. M. C. A., a fireman's room and four churches. This town is right in it to keep its young people in the straight and narrow path.

Jim Van Etton's auto was hurt more than he was. At least it will cost more to repair the damage.

Deer must be plentiful, judging by the number which have found their way into town.

How about that wildcat, boys?
J. A. Watts was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Louis Wagner has recovered.

Harvey Kye has returned to Newark.

The raise in the river, caused by the late rain, helps the ferries in Matamoros.

Less than a week to Thanksgiving. Get your turkey early.

Some people don't believe in patronizing home industry, and when they get nipped they have no one to blame but themselves.

Milford's transient officer had a job serving notices. Then one of the teachers had more than her share of trouble with several smart boys. But Prof. Watson was equal to the emergency.

Some one has asked: What is the use of making so much noise with church bells to call people to church? Every one knows the hour of service and can get there if so disposed. It is not necessary to call people to a show on time by the ringing of bells.

Ferries are all right in case of necessity, but no number of them can take the place of one good bridge.

Mrs. A. T. Seely, after an absence of several weeks spent in Rahway and New York, has returned home.

The M. E. church is going to have a steel roof. Thanks to the efforts of the pastor, Rev. V. A. Wood.

I understand Mr. Wood will preach a sermon to the Milford firemen Sunday evening, Nov. 29. Hope all the sinners will attend.

Is there any difference between jaundice and gonorrhea? Only high livers are supposed to be afflicted with the latter, while the former only affects editors who are supposed to live slim.

DIRECTORS' CONVENTION
To the School Directors of Pike Co.:
In pursuance of an Act of Assembly approved April 21, 1903, notice is hereby given that the first annual convention of the School Directors of Pike County will convene at the Court House in Milford, Pa., December 7, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m. For the consideration and discussion of questions pertaining to school administration, and will continue until noon of the following day. The act makes it the duty of every director to be present, and each school director attending such annual convention shall receive for his necessary expenses and mileage, at the rate of three cents a mile, to be paid out of the funds of the district which he serves.

As a program committee for the first meeting the following are appointed: Dr. Robert G. Baroklay, chairman, Milford; George E. Darrah, Dingman's Ferry; E. B. Labar, Matamoros; George A. Kuesling, Shohola; Walter Vesterline, Paupers, and Lucian Westbrook, superintendent, (ex-officio).

An interesting program will be prepared and it is hoped that every director will be present and help make this first meeting a grand success.

LUCIAN WESTBROOK,
Supt. Pike County.

Big Christmas Display
The firm of Ryman & Wells, always progressive, is preparing to have one of the largest and finest displays of Christmas and Holiday goods ever brought to this town. In a new "ad." next week they will give more specific information.

For sick headache try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets; they will ward off the attack if taken in time. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoros, all general stores in Pike county.

WOOD—I am prepared to furnish wood in stove lengths at \$2 a load. P. F. SURVEY, Milford, Telephone connections.

The Erie runs a dollar excursion to New York leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. Thanksgiving day.