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## WASHINGTON LETTER

### Panama Canal Treaty Ratified by the Junta

### WOOD WILL BE PROMOTED

Southern Representation will Likely be Decreased in the Republican National Convention—Report Postmaster Gen. Madden

The Panama canal treaty, ratified unanimously, without amendment, by the Junta and the ministry, has been officially delivered to United States Consul General Cudger. He will forward it to Washington, probably in an American warship, and President Roosevelt will lose no time in sending it to the senate. It is expected here in about ten days, so the senate will be able to consider it immediately after a vote is taken on the Cuban bill. Senator Callom, chairman of the committee on Foreign relations expects opposition to the treaty, but he feels certain that it will be ratified by the required two-thirds majority. Its provisions are so advantageous to the United States and the sentiment throughout the country is so strong for a canal, that few of the democratic senators will care to delay its ratification.

General Reyes, the Columbian commissioner, and Dr. Herran, the charge d' affaires, took luncheon with Secretary Hay, and discussed affairs in Columbia and on the Isthmus. General Reyes outlined in general the position of his government, but as he is waiting for explicit instructions, he can not submit any definite proposal. It is thought that he will be permitted to recognize the definite separation of Columbia and Panama and negotiate for some kind of compensation for Columbia. This is of course the only way he can accomplish anything by his mission. Panama is now an independent state and the day that the present treaty is ratified by the Senate, this government guarantees this independence, even against Columbia.

Senator Foraker, who is chairman of the Committee on Pacific Islands and Porto Rico and one of the firmest supporters of President Roosevelt, declares he does not intend to abandon the Lodge bill reducing the tariff of imports from the Philippines. This bill is favored by many republicans who do not wish to start a tariff discussion before the presidential election. Senator Foraker says: "Why should the republican party be afraid to discuss the tariff at any time? If there is any policy of legislation with which the republican party is identified, and identified, too, to the satisfaction of the American people, if election returns can be taken as an indication, it is the tariff.

"Let them talk tariff if they want to. What have we to be concerned about? We admit that some schedules in the Dingley tariff act, framed in 1897, may not be altogether satisfactory for the conditions of 1904; but we shall use our own discretion as to the time and method of changing them, and take the responsibility before the country for preventing the unsettling of industrial and trade conditions.

"I believe there ought to be a free trade with the Philippines as there is with Porto Rico. I believe the senate will at least pass a bill reducing the rate of tariff on the products of the Philippines Islands entering this country." He adds his belief that such a bill will be passed this winter.

Although Senator Foraker's proposition has not yet been much discussed, it is regarded as the statement of one high in party councils, and makes it probable that the Philippine tariff will be the subject of much debate during the winter.

Southern representation in the republican national convention will be decreased if the plan submitted by Gen. Charles B. Brayton is adopted by the party. General Brayton is a member of the republican national committee from Rhode Island and party leader in the state. He has sent a letter to each member of the committee outlining his plan, accompanied by a resolution which he will present to that body at its meeting here December 11th.

the republican elector in the preceding presidential election. "The resolution," says Gen. Brayton, "will so provide that the representation of each state in a national convention will be in proportion to the healthy rivalry, and every section of the country will share in controlling the affairs of the party in ratable proportion to the whole strength with perfect and complete fairness."

The confirmation of Leonard Wood as major general is regarded as assured by trustworthy authorities in the senate, notwithstanding the numerous sensational but erroneous stories to the contrary, which have been furnished to the press by interested persons, enemies of Wood and of the administration. Prominent members of the senate, both republican and democratic have come to a realization of the fact that the time for the senate to have objected to General Wood's promotion over senior officers was when that promotion was given—in other words, when President McKinley made Wood a brigadier general. In the present instance, President Roosevelt found Wood at the head of the list of brigadier generals and merely gave him the promotion to which his position entitled him, making him a major general when a vacancy in that rank occurred. An important feature which has come out in the investigation is that Wood requested of the War Department that a court of inquiry be appointed to examine into his conduct and that Secretary Root, after examining into all the circumstances, decided that the charges were not of sufficient weight or sufficiently sustained to warrant such an inquiry.

A careful canvas of the Committee on Military Affairs shows that there are not likely to be more than two votes against a favorable report on Wood's promotion, one of these comes from Senator Scott of West Virginia, whose objections to Wood have long antedated the present hearing; and the other from Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, who will probably vote "Nay" for partisan reasons. The senate may be relied upon to act in accordance with the report of its committee, which includes some of the most trusted members of the upper chamber.

Progress in the reform of second class mail abuses is discussed in the annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden. He says that in July, 1901, the abuse in the privileges of second class mail matter was recognized as a scandal to the postal service and it was determined to institute a reform as thorough as possible, yet free from interference with legitimate newspapers and periodicals in the rights accorded them by the law. The progress in this work has been constant, although pending law suits have hampered it somewhat and much still remains to be done.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
Jacob Hessel and wife to Matilda Sussman, land in Delaware and Dingman, Grosch place on Nichecronk Pond, 150 acres, \$1.

Ebenezer Warner to Geo. W. and John C. Warner, land in Dingman, Model farm, 135 acres, \$3 and other consideration.

Lucius F. Blaker to John Clune, lot in Matamoras, on Cookson street, \$884.

John Clune to John F. Bieland, same land, \$584.

**Excursion Tickets to New Orleans**  
Account of American Economic Society and American Historical Society to be held at New Orleans, La., December 28th, 1903 to January 1st, 1904, the Erie will sell special excursion tickets from Port Jervis to New Orleans, La. Dec. 24, 25 and 26th, 1903, at \$34.25 for the round trip, good returning to Jan. 5, 1904.

**The Christmas Dinner**  
In spite of the fact that the west dyspepsia means literally bad cook, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a bad stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Serravallo's. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

Dingman's is headquarters for Lowrey's confections.

## THE DIRECTORS ASS'N

### Held at the Court House Here This Week

### AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM

A Resume of the Proceedings and Addresses Made, Valuable Advice Given and Many Statistics of Interest Presented

The first school directors association for this county convened in the Court House Monday and was called to order by County Superintendent Westbrook.

A. K. Killam of Palmyra was elected temporary chairman and L. Westbrook secretary. A permanent organization was then effected by electing as president, Walter Vetterlein of Palmyra; vice presidents, G. E. Darragh of Delaware and John A. Hoffman of Dingman; treasurer, Wm. T. Struble of Milford.

The directors present were: Blooming Grove, E. R. Hazen, D. G. Hutton, G. W. Pierson; Delaware, J. G. Carhuft, W. J. Hanna, G. E. Darragh; Dingman, J. W. Greening, L. J. Huson; Lackawaxen, M. J. Hansen, Ira B. Rosencrans, Louis Beckelman; Milford Independent School District, G. A. Swenson, Dr. H. E. Emerson, Dr. R. G. Barckley; Palmyra, A. K. Killam, Walter Vetterlein, Alvah Quick; Shohola, Otto Zoolber, P. G. Hess, S. D. Wells, G. A. Knealing, G. C. KcKean.

The following named directors were also present at the association, answering at the second roll call: Delaware, I. C. Angle; Dingman, E. H. Orben, F. W. Quinn; Lehman, G. M. Arnet; Milford Independent District, Dunham Gregory; Palmyra, George Ansel.

Superintendent Westbrook then gave a statistical report of schools in Pike and figures showing amounts raised and expenses. There are 74 schools in the county, one more than last year. The amount raised by taxation last year was \$11,267.28, received from state, \$10,494.26; all other sources, \$6,355.46; total, \$28,117. The amounts expended were for teachers, \$15,048; for supplies, \$884.53; fuel, \$1,212.61; and for all other expenses, \$7,469.14; total, \$24,612.23. Leaving a balance in the school funds of \$3,492.67.

There were 1900 pupils enrolled, of whom 601 are in Milford and Matamoras. Three high schools have been established, one in Matamoras of the 1st grade, one in Milford 2d grade, and one in Delaware 3rd grade. The work being done in the schools is good, the teachers selected are earnest and faithful and on the whole excellent progress has been made.

County Superintendent of Schools of Wayne D. L. Hower was then introduced and addressed the directors on some demands of our schools. All organizations to attain the best results should meet for discussion and interchange of view and this is the object of directors associations. The best men in the community should be elected directors. They should select the books and supplies and have them ready at the opening of the school session. They should hire the best teachers, they should visit the schools at least once a month and should give time to the advancement of the best interest of the schools in their district. They should aid in enforcing the law against cigarettes that bore of the youth. They should recognize good good teachers, not only by employing them but also in a financial way by increasing their salaries.

J. B. Van Etten then spoke on some of the duties of directors. A committee on resolutions, consisting of Geo. A. Swenson, A. K. Killam, G. W. Pierson and Superintendent Westbrook, was appointed. In the evening Prof. J. M. Dolph, superintendent of the Port Jervis schools, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the Philippine Islands. The lecture was illustrated by pictures showing many scenes in the islands and also showing the growth in territory of the United States. How we have acquired at different periods, most by purchase.

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**A Costly Mistake**  
Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is in the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for dyspepsia, dizziness, headache, liver or bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25¢ at all druggists.

## REEL CREATED CONSTERNATION

### Specimen Captured for Exhibition at the World's Fair Frightened Women and Blinded Men

There were large doings at Union Station, Pittsburg, a few days ago. A rough house was caused by a monstrous eel getting loose and wriggling amongst the legs of bystanders. The fish was one of a lot of one hundred which were being shipped to the Bellefonte hatchery of the State Fish Commission, where they will be kept during the winter and then sent to St. Louis for exhibition at the World's Fair.

When the eel broke jail, fish attendants, baggage men, brakemen, and other attaches of the station all made grabs for him. Wriggling like an Oriental dancer he went through their hands like the proverbial greased eel.

Terror was added to the excitement by some one raising a cry that he would bite. Women grabbed their skirts and screamed, and men looked foolish. It was a hot chase. The attaches ducked in and out, losing their hats and temper in the scrimmage. Sometimes their hands would close over the eel but for not long, a few wriggles and the elusive eel would be gliding over the smooth floor. Finally the attaches, puffing and blowing, and perspiring freely, corralled the eel and he was returned to his cage. Quiet was restored and peace reigned again.

Pennsylvania's fish exhibit at the World's Fair will be the largest ever made at an exposition and will include the eel that started this tale.

## The Lesson Drawn From the Life of Emma Booth Tucker

The tragic death of this leader in one of the great religious movements of the time, recalls circumstances in her life from which a profound civic lesson may be drawn.

Her charms of wifehood and motherhood are the cherished remembrances of her immediate friends. Her devotion to the Salvation Army is the pardonable pride of her associates in that organization.

Everyone should have a direct and deep personal interest in the fact that Mrs. Booth-Tucker's devotion to an exacting public service did not interfere with the fulfillment of her duties as a wife nor the performance of her obligations as a mother. On the contrary, she was doubtless all the better and stronger as wife and mother for being also a tireless leader among right-minded men and women.

There is a superstition that the good wife will have no inclination to participate in public affairs, and that the good mother will have no time for it. So wives and mothers among the poor let their brains run fallow while they bend over washbasins, and wives and mothers among the rich allow theirs to run fallow while they minister to family pride at social functions. With unconscious irony all this is called "making the home."

Women must not vote. That onerous burden would break in upon the marital and maternal duties of the washbasin and the afternoon tea and so destroy the home! They must not hold public office, no matter how crying the need in our public service for feminine thought and feminine action. For with women in politics our children would be neglected, and our husbands would go unkept and unmoved, while the home would disappear from our civilization!

Against this barbaric superstition Mrs. Booth-Tucker's busy and useful life was a daily protest. True, she took no part in civic affairs! Her case cannot be cited, therefore, as a precedent for woman in politics, identical at every angle. But no possible public service in civic affairs could be more exacting in its demands upon a woman's time and energy, or more disturbing to wife and motherly duties, than the public religious work which Mrs. Booth-Tucker did perform so long and so successfully. Yet she leaves seven children, who have never lacked their mother's love and care.

Without detracting in the least from the particular public service in which Mrs. Booth-Tucker's life was devoted, may not that life be fairly cited as a shining instance of the perfect compatibility, with women no less than with men, of private and public service. May we not point to her career as another notable demonstration of the intimate relationship of wife and motherly functions of citizenship, of the perfect compatibility of home-making with community building?—Chicago Public.

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## PERSONAL AND LOCAL

### People Who are Visiting, and the Sick List

### INTERESTING BITS OF NEWS

Items of Personal and Local Interest Gleaned Around our Little Town What Concern and Interest You and Your Friends.

Ellis Lewis has returned from a trip to Europe. George Beck is visiting relatives and old friends here.

Miss Letta White has gone to New York on a visit of some weeks. Miss Mary Mettler has gone to New York for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Cornelius Van Etten of Stroudsburg has been quite ill. Miss Alice Baker is visiting her friend, Miss Van Gorden, at Dingman's.

Dr. Louis de Plasse is slowly recovering from the injuries received several weeks ago. Miss Susan Grandin went to Bernardsville, N. J., this week, where she will visit for a couple of weeks.

Superintendent Westbrook went up to Lackawaxen to attend the local institute which meets there tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Palmer have closed their residence on Ann street, and have gone to the city for the winter.

It is reported that Carbon county already has two congressional candidates—Judge Embody and Hon. L. H. Barber.

Mrs. C. W. Roberts, who since the death of her husband has resided in Middletown, N. Y., was in town a couple of days recently.

Moses C. Nyce has commenced the erection of a handsome residence at Bushkill on lands lately purchased by him of Chas. Wallace.

M. L. Bach, proprietor of Riverside Hotel in Lehman, is building a new laundry to replace the one carried away by the flood.

A marriage license has been granted Harry Otto Mitchell of South Sterling, Wayne county, and Lulu Ethel Batsel of Greene township. Small pox has broken out at several places along the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad in Wayne county, and the schools have been closed.

E. C. Wood and Dr. John Kelly went to Newton this week as witnesses for the prosecution of George Jagger for shooting Victor E. Bevans and wife.

Proprietor Nills of the Crissman House has recently purchased a large gramophone with which to entertain his guests. The instrument reproduces songs in a wonderfully loud and distinct tone.

Seeley S. Drake, a former resident and native of this county, latterly residing at Aldenville, Wayne county, has removed to Miners Mills, where he will reside with his son in law. He is employed with the Wilkesbarre and Scranton coal and iron company.

## Engagement Announced

Miss Marian Henderson of Hackensack entertained a house party of friends from out of town, over Thanksgiving, and their presence was made the occasion for announcing her engagement to Mr. R. C. Loesch of New York city. On Thanksgiving eve the party attended the subscription dances at Oritani hall, their presence adding materially to the general enjoyment of the function. Miss Henderson is one of the most popular young women in the social set which counts her in its numbers, a fact due to a captivating charm of person and amiability of character. She is the subject of general congratulations.

It must have been a singular sensation which the democrats experienced when they voted for the Cuban treaty. Some of them had never in their lives voted "yes" on any question.

## Illness Cited Prevented

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people who are subject to attacks of bilious colic use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

### Notes Picked Up by a Rambler During the Past Week

Jake Schorr is nursing a sore eye. Wednesday evening's storm spoiled a contemplated dance at Daloz. Palmer Dupue will repair the abutment at the bridge at Rowlands.

Opposition is the life of trade, it has even affected the ferries in Matamoras. Sleighs are in demand, and it looks now as if we might have plenty chances for an upset.

Jake Schorr is the first to cut ice this winter. The ice on the Wells dam is eight inches thick. Pierre Nills is happy. He always wanted an automobile and a graphophone, and now he has both.

The first annual meeting of the Pike county school directors is past, and was pretty well attended. By the death of Daniel E. Everitt, Montague township loses one of its oldest and most influential citizens.

A few smart boys are trying their best to make things unpleasant for one of the lady teachers here in town. It will not be long now before the public will know if the Bevans murder mystery over in Sandyston will be solved or not.

Warren Van Gorden of Delaware has been appointed Mercantile appraiser. This is the second time the plum went to Delaware, but there were no other applicants.

Livernymen seem to have trouble in being able to get what rye straw they need. The only reason seems to be that farmers are above threshing by hand. Swinging the club is beneath their dignity.

At a meeting of the fire department held last Friday evening it was decided to hold an oyster supper and dance on New Years eve. The supper will be held in the Borough Building, and the dance in Brown's Hall.

## GOSSIP

What on earth is the matter now? Just another terrible row. About what, I'd like to know. A little piece of gossip seems, hurrying swift on many feet. Fast as ever it can go.

"Somebody said" that "somebody said" (Somebody really ought to be dead). "That 'somebody' else said so, just as true as true can be, (Never a lie but was true you see).

So hurry it on with a puff and a blow. Tell it far and tell it wide, O'er every inch of country side, For every tack of country side, Least somebody may not hear.

For well you know 'twould be a shame, You yourself would be to blame. Were it known not far and near. To add a little to the strife, To ruin someone's joy and life.

Is such a bias needed, A little word said here and there, A careless gesture made with care, And then the end behold.

Thus it passes swiftly by, Fly shake of head and wink of eye The mischief keeps on growing, A little thing you scarce can see In the beginning it might be, So small scarce worth the sowing.

But now, behold it towering high, A sight to stop the passers by, And still it keeps increasing, There is no end to such a plant, In wayside chat or Sunday chant, It grows and thrives increasing.

It murders all the moral good, It takes its choice of mental food, And fine is its condition, It spreads and spreads till all the earth, Is robbed of power for joy and mirth, But at last, blooms only in perdition.

Senator Carmack of Tennessee is understood to be still loaded to the guards with fiery-red eloquence on imperialism and other bygone questions. With nobody for an audience it is feared that Mr. Carmack will be consumed in the white heat of his own indignation.

## Annual Election

The annual election for Managers of the Milford Cemetery Association will be held at the office of C. W. Bull in the Borough of Milford on Monday, Jan. 4, 1904, between the hours of 2 and 5 p. m.

WILLIAM MITCHELL, Secretary.

## Revolution Embodied

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## DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

### Paper Read at the Recent School Directors' Ass'n

### BY J. HIXSON VAN ETEN

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MR. PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF PIKE COUNTY: There is probably no local office the duties of which, if properly appreciated, are more delicate and the responsibilities more far reaching and important in their effect on the present and future than that of school director. Other officials of malfeasance may bring financial loss and temporary distress to the community. They may entail sorrow and suffering on their fellow men and deprive them and their families of the necessities to say nothing of the luxuries of life. But financial losses may be recovered. A forest cut down will in time grow up. A building destroyed can be replaced, crops injured or ruined do not create an irreparable disaster, all such misfortunes may by energy and perseverance be overcome, but time wasted, opportunities disregarded, years or months frittered away in idleness or spent in pursuit of that which is of little importance in fitting for the work of a life are irrevocably gone. We cannot turn back the dial, we cannot gather up the sands which have run through the hour glass of childhood and youth. The moments are gone forever, like the waves of the sea which break on the shore and mingle again with the waters of the deep so time misspent passes into the eternity of moments and is forever gone.

The youth grown up and mingling with the busy crowds pushing their way to the desires of their lives must either struggle for his place or be distanced in the race. Like the trained athlete if he is not prepared for the contest he must lag behind and lose the victory and the prize. He must see others who enjoyed no greater opportunities or privileges pass him on the way because of their better equipment for the work and duties of life. He looks back with longing to the time when he might have made preparation, he fruitlessly regrets the wasted hours and bemoans his untidiness for the position to which he aspires. He sees himself supplanted by those with no more natural ability or skill than he possesses, but whose training have fitted them for the work. He perhaps becomes dispondent over his lack of success, relinquishes his efforts and takes a permanent place on a lower level in society. It is natural for men to attribute their lack of success to some other than their own neglect or want of application and the youth who finds himself outclassed seeks to shift the responsibility on other shoulders than his own. Looking back to his school days he perhaps notes, with his newly and dearly bought experience, the fact that those days were idly spent and that his hours were passed in idle frivolity.

I have no statistics to prove the assumption, but I venture the statement that perhaps 95 out of every 100 youth in this county finish their school days in our common schools. Whatever of education they acquire is obtained under the teachers you directors employ. The child when it enters the school room at a tender age has no conception of the importance of study, and perhaps no taste for books or learning. It has no ambition to excel, it perhaps has little idea of system, order or discipline. It is a young, human animal full of life and spirits, bent only on fun and enjoyment. It is a twig to be trained either into a crooked stick or a straight and shapely tree. Its mind is tender and pliable, ready to receive impressions which once made are difficult to eradicate, and which may, by their lasting imprint give an impetus which will abide for

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## A Frightened Horse

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable safe handy and there's none as good as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema and piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 50¢ at all druggists.