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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

President Roosevelt should be satisfied with the rapidity with which the sentiment of the country is crystallizing in his favor. Congressmen Stevens of Minnesota says that within thirty or sixty days all anti-Roosevelt talk will disappear. By that time it will be plain that a great majority of the delegates to Chicago have been instructed to vote for the nomination of the president. Senator Platt of New York says the delegates from his state will be so instructed. Even Governor Darwin of Indiana, while admitting the popularity of Senator Hanna in that state, announces that if President Roosevelt is nominated at Chicago, he will get the party vote of the state. Congressman Landis, of Indiana, who in his paper has often called President Roosevelt a "sham reformer," now says he has changed his mind, and that he will be nominated "with the record of his administration for his platform." On the 27th inst. Senator Hayburn called at the White House and informed the president that Idaho indorses his administration. Senator Cullom says there is nothing but Roosevelt sentiment in Illinois among the republicans.

The first speech from the democratic side of the senate in favor of ratifying the Panama treaty was made on the 27th inst. by Senator Simmons of North Carolina. He said it is hard to argue against a success; impossible to do so against a fact. He accepted the situation as it exists, and would vote for the treaty as his people are very anxious to have the canal built. In so doing he would not condone any wrong that might have been done to Colombia, or the violation of any international law. Senators on both sides of the chamber listened with undivided attention.

What was called "a great constitutional question" was sprung upon the senate of the 28th inst., during a debate upon Senator Culberson's resolution which asks the president to inform the senate whether all documents concerning the negotiation of the Panama treaty have been laid before the senate. Senators Cullom, Gorman, Lodge, Spooner and Bacon engaged in the debate. The republicans contended that the senate has no right to demand papers from the president, and that he is to be sole judge whether information may be given to the senate. The democrats contended it is the high prerogative of the senate to call for all or any information on file in the executive departments at its pleasure, and that the sole judge whether the information shall be forthcoming is the senate in all cases where it has jurisdiction.

Governor Taft, of the Philippines, the new Secretary of War, arrived in Washington on the afternoon of the 27th and was met by an immense crowd of cheering citizens and a troop of cavalry which escorted him to his hotel. He had a pleasant journey; he is in the best of health and in high spirits. A large man, of the forty-five, active, stout, attractive, magnetic, with a sparkling eye and a hearty grasp of the hand, he is admired by all who see him and loved by all who know him. He at once called upon Secretary Root and the president and was warmly welcomed. In the evening he attended a large reception given by Senator Aldrich and in this week the popular toast at official gatherings. He laughs and says it is impossible for him to be a candidate for the presidency.

General John C. Black, the new Civil Service Commissioner, and Commander of the Grand Army of the public, is credited with being the head and front of the new service pension legislation. Congressman Sulloway of New Hampshire, has introduced a bill to give a pension to every soldier who served ninety days and it is alleged to have the support of the administration. It will cost some \$60,000,000 a year. General Daniel E. Sickles, now in his eightieth year, is moving about the congressional lobbies on his crutches and taking up Black for the democratic nominee. If he can't have Black, Miles will answer.

The more the parcels post proposition is considered as recommended by the National Board of Trade here, the more warmly it meets with public approbation. It is a matter which touches every citizen,

and we are far behind Europe. It costs sixty times as much to send merchandise by mail in this country as it costs in Germany. Germany has extended the limit of mailed packages to 110 pounds, while we can send but four pounds. Great Britain carries a package from Edinburgh through England to Egypt, to India, and to China, and delivers it there for twelve cents a pound or about half what it costs from New York to Philadelphia. John Wamaker says that parcels could be carried through our mail at one-twelfth of their present cost easily, "but there are four insuperable obstacles—the four great express companies."

Congressional: The house committee on labor is hearing arguments on the Sibley bill to prohibit the purchase by the government of convict-made goods.—There will be no more hearings concerning a government eight hour law.—The Washington District Commissioners ask congress for \$12,000,000 with which to run the city government another year.—The senate committee on Foreign Relations has withdrawn the proposed amendments to the Panama treaty. This will expedite matters.—Congressman Hemenway, chairman of appropriations, warns the house that the treasury is facing a deficit of \$42,000,000. The estimates for disbursements for the next fiscal year will probably be \$746,000,000.

Georgia will file a bill in the Supreme Court against Tennessee, seeking damages for injury done by snakes escaping from sulphur, copper and iron works just over the border from Georgia in Ducktown. The vegetation in Georgia has been killed within a radius of thirty miles, and that state brings suit as the original and ultimate owner of all lands.

Searching for Ancient Wrecks As a result of the great success achieved in recovering antique treasures from wreckage, researches have recently been instituted for the lost fleet of Xerxes, which went down about twenty-three hundred years ago. The bed of the sea is to be searched with the hydroscope, the newly invented marine instrument, of great power. Search is later to be made for the ship chartered by Pompey to carry the art treasures he had seized at Athens back to Rome, and which was wrecked in the archipelago something like 1,950 years ago. The invention consists of a long tube in which are placed reflectors. This tube is attached perpendicularly to a vessel and it is claimed that the bottom of the sea may be examined to a great depth.

Of More Consequence A wise old negro lately listened in silence to a discussion of the diverse social claims to distinction of several educated men and women of his race. The members of one family boasted of descent from wealthy merchants in the West Indies; others claimed kinship with a well known negro politician; still others asserted that their ancestors never had been slaves, but always were free. At last the old man spoke: "Chillun," said he, with a rap of his cane, "I don't know nothin' 'bout your ancestry, as yeh call it, but I do know that when I sat to spend 'weeks in de maple woods a-bilin' down de scorpions, when master he come an' 'spect dis row o' kettles, he nober say, 'Uncle Gorge, how high was de tree dat dis come come out ob?' or eben, 'What is de tree dat dis come out ob?' but just, 'What kine ob sugar is it?'"—Chums.

Real Estate Transfers Charles Woods to John C. Westbrook, Jr., 1 acre, Blooming Grove, part of Henry Hain, \$6.

Wilhelm Vogel to Marie E. Jager, 92 acres, Lackawaxen, Hemingway property, \$800.

Rescued an Aerial Fate Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50¢ and \$1. Trial bottles free.

DEALING FOR THE JUDGESHIP

A Revelation Which Shames the People of this State and Discredits the Governor

The Philadelphia Press last week published a letter, which it endorsed editorially after investigation as to the facts, in which was set forth the details of an attempted deal by which Governor Pennypacker was to secure a seat on the Supreme court bench. The method was this. The governor was to appoint Hon. Lyman D. Gilbert to serve for one year and he was to agree not to be a candidate. Then the governor would be nominated and elected and would be succeeded as governor by Lieutenant Governor Brown who would in reorganizing his cabinet turn down Attorney General Carson and appoint Mr. Gilbert attorney general. To this arrangement Mr. Gilbert did not accede hence the governor appointed Samuel G. Thompson, a democrat, to the Supreme court bench knowing that he would not be nominated by the republicans which would leave the way open for the convention to nominate the governor for the place.

The attempted deal with Mr. Gilbert having failed and now being exposed Governor Pennypacker is convicted of indulging in a most unseemly and undignified effort to advance his ambition. The papers throughout the state are condemning his course and calling on him to abandon his quest for the seat. One of the Supreme court judges, Justice J. Hay Brown who probably voices the sentiments of his associates, is outspoken in condemnation of this effort of the governor to foist himself in the coveted place. Whether the governor is sufficiently sensitive to abandon his desire, after the general voice of disapproval of his methods, remains to be seen.

PERSONALS

E. C. Emery has rented the farm of J. C. Tilman in Delaware and will take possession April first.

Mrs. J. B. Ludwig was taken quite ill Tuesday evening, but is progressing to recovery.

Presiding Elder C. S. Ryman, D. D., of the Newark Conference visited relatives in town this week.

D. A. Unsworth left Sunday with his family and they will pass the remainder of the winter at Atlanta, Georgia.

It is reported that A. Q. Wallace will remove in the spring to the farm of Hon. Jacob Kline at Rosetown in Westfall township.

Congressman Shull in an interview denies that any deal exists between himself and Hon. Howard Mutchler regarding the next nomination and declares himself in favor of some agreement for rotation among all the counties representing the 26th district.

The ice gorge in the Susquehanna river at Wilkesbarre is now forty-five miles long and growing at the rate of four miles a day. Dynamite has no effect and it is now suggested to string wires on the ice and charge them with electricity.

District Attorney Edwin J. Lichtenwalner of Lehigh county against whom charges of drunkenness, disorderly conduct and perversion of justice have been preferred, in connection with the Bechtel murder trial, has been given until March 11 to file an answer.

There are 99,224 miles of road in this state and of the \$600,000 appropriated for this year \$50,000 is for maintenance and the balance for road construction. The appropriation therefore would be a trifle over \$4 a mile to exhaust the sum available.

THE LOST ART

She went to cooking school because it claimed to be the best. She learned to make a hundred things. To make the palate glad.

Her pies were perfect, her cakes were fit for gods to eat. And when it came to broiling steaks. Her skill was hard to beat.

Alas! the gentle amateur Got married; now she sits Deploring that she's helpless when The cook gets mad and gits.

—(Philadelphia Press.)

Mysterious Circumstances One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25¢ at all druggists.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The ground hog saw his shadow Tuesday, that is if he could get out of his hole, and now according to the sign we may expect six weeks more of winter.

It was "cooler" here Tuesday morning, the thermometer being only a few degrees below zero. The weather bureau said it would be so and it was.

William C. Whitney, Secretary of the Navy under Cleveland, died at his New York home early Tuesday morning of peritonitis following an operation for appendicitis.

The ferry boats at Matamoras have not gone into commission since the lee went out hence all carting from Port Jervis here has been by way of Jersey. Teams from Dingmans and below cross at that place and go up on the other side.

Letters of administration have been granted on the estate of Ruth A. Quick, late of Matamoras, deceased, to Nena Gunsauls, and letters testamentary on the estate of Charles Higgins, late of Lackawaxen, dec'd, to Martin A. Barrett, executor.

A number of subpoenas have been served on persons over here in the George Jagger case, whose trial will begin at Newton next Monday. Witnesses in that state we understand are paid a per diem of 50 cents so the boys will not have much margin for fun.

The morality, or rather immorality, of county fairs in admitting all kinds of shows and fairs is now being commented on by various ministers and newspapers. It is high time attention was called to this branch of the agricultural development of the state.

Five townships in the county will not be represented by republican nominees on the ticket at the next election. Lackawaxen failed to file the certificate in time. Blooming Grove was defective, and Lehman, Porter and Shohola republicans did not file any nominations.

"Teal" Tilman was arrested last Saturday on a warrant, issued at the instance of W. T. Struble, charging him with becoming too familiar with the chickens of the complainant. Two were found and identified and now Teal falling to secure bondsmen in the sum of \$50 is a county boarder.

The Press will have a competent reporter at Newton next week to give details of the Jagger case to be tried there, and we expect to present to our readers such comprehensive summary of the proceedings and evidence as will give them ample information of the more important details and facts.

Because of a tie vote in Delaware between Frank Stewart and John Schreiber, candidates for supervisor, neither having been nominated their names will not appear on the ticket. This leaves three democratic and one republican candidate on the ballot. Voters, however, can write in the names of others if those nominated are not satisfactory to them.

Tuesday, Candlemas, ground hog or bear day, the sun shone bright and clear in the morning and it fact all day. We do not know at what hour his hogship comes out to fix up the weather, but the sun was ready for him any time. Now it is in order to note the facts and determine whether there is anything in the sign. If it should prove true we can only advise to kill off all the groundhogs and so change the climate.

Harrison & Dally, of Port Jervis, in a new advertisement, found elsewhere in The Press call attention of our readers to their stock of goods and invite inspection. This firm is progressive in method, experienced in business and intelligent in adapting their goods to the wants of their various customers. Their styles are up to the latest requirements, their prices comport with the quality and we confidently commend them to those desiring any articles in their lines.

Nearly Forfeited His Life A runaway almost ended fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, bruises, skin eruptions and Piles. 25¢ at all druggists.

"If Candlemas is fair and clear There'll be two winters in the year." —(Old Scotch Proverb.)

WOMENS CAUSE ADVANCES

It has Grown to Large Proportions in the Last Fifty Years

The first organization of women in the United States was that formed by woman suffragists. The first college graduates, the first women speakers, the first petitioners to legislatures for better law for women, were woman suffragists.

When Ernestine L. Rose, in 1838, wished to petition the New York legislature to give married women the right to control their own property, she could find in the whole state but five women to join with her.

A half century has rolled by and the results of this movement are so complete, that many a woman grasps the privileges and liberties of today without the slightest thought that other women bore the brunt of a cruel world's bitterest condemnation, that she might possess them. She takes her college degree, forgetful that when this movement began the world honestly believed that women did not possess physical health or mental strength sufficient to master a college course. She freely speaks in public, forgetful that other women were mobbed and "rotten egged" before the public would tolerate such liberty. She enters business and professions, collects her wages, manages fortunes, buys and sells, forgetful that none of these privileges would be hers, had not other women plead her cause. She attends her club, forgetful that the first organizations were compelled to live down the public conviction, that organized women only sought "notoriety by making themselves conspicuous before men."

Happily the old common law has been largely replaced by rational statutes and few of the old humiliating and oppressive conditions remain thanks to the courage, the persistency, and the logic of that band of early woman suffragists, most of whom have passed on to their reward. — Carrie Chapman Catt, President National Woman Suffrage Association.

LITTLE ODDITIES

Since the campaign entered upon by the health authorities against the hordes of rats at the London docks, 955,373 have been destroyed.

A ingenious Vienna bridegroom has invented an electric halo which will play round his bride's head during the wedding ceremony.

A walking match at Heywood, England, for \$100 between one-legged man with a crutch and another with a cork leg, was won easily by the latter.

A German physician recommends soap as a cure for sleeplessness. The soap lather must be allowed to dry on the skin before the patient goes to bed.

Doctors in Vienna have certified that a six-year-old girl, who has just died, was born without a brain. She has never learnt to eat or to move without assistance.

The old negroes of San Juan, Porto Rico, who sell vegetables in the markets, smoke long, black cigars, and they smoke them with the lighted ends in their mouths.

Bergen, Norway, boasts a paper church large enough to seat 1000 persons. The building is rendered waterproof by a solution of quicklime, curdled milk and white of eggs.

The rocking chair habit, which is said to be responsible for the shapely legs of American girls, has recently become prevalent in Germany, so that every furniture store keeps American rockers.

Goldfish are of Chinese origin. They were originally found in a large lake near Mount Taienting, and were first brought to Europe in the seventeenth century. The first in France came as a present to Mme. de Pompadour.

The Australia spiders of the genus *Diaea* live in the crevices of rocks between tide marks on the shores, and by spinning a closely-woven sheet of silk over the entrance imprison a mass of air in which they are able to live during flood time. —Philadelphia Press.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25¢ per box.

BRIEF SKETCHES OF LINCOLN

From Humble Origin to the Highest Station in the Land

In 1816, the Lincoln family moved to Spencer County, Ind., and in 1830 to Decatur, Ill. On this last occasion he walked the entire distance of two hundred miles through mud and water, driving a four-ox team. He said this journey took him fifteen days. On his arrival, he helped his father build a log cabin and he split the rails to fence in the ten-acre farm.

At twenty-two, Lincoln stood six feet, three and one-half inches, bare foot. He was in perfect health, and it is said that he could out run, out jump, out wrestle and, if necessary, out fight anyone of his age in the country. He had a grip like Hercules; without this strength he could never have endured the strain put on him by his country in later years.

Lincoln learned to read from a spelling book and the Bible, and later, he read "Pilgrims Progress," and it is said that he stayed up half the night reading with the aid of light from the fire place fed by the logs he had split.

He was born in Hardin County, Ky., in 1809, and his early life was one of poverty and toil.

Another interesting fact about Abraham Lincoln is that he developed into a great military man; that is to say, a man of supreme military judgment. I do not risk anything in saying that if one will study the records of the war and study the writings relating to it, he will agree with me that the greatest general we had, greater than Grant or Thomas, was Abraham Lincoln. It was not so at the beginning; but after three or four years of constant practice in the science and art of war, he arrived at this extraordinary knowledge of it, so that Von Moltke was not a better general, or an able planner or expounder of a campaign, than was President Lincoln. To sum it up he was a born leader of men.

In 1834, Lincoln resolved to begin the study of law. A friend in Springfield promised to lend him some books. He walked there, which was a distance of twenty-two miles from New Salem, where he then lived, and it is said, brought back with him, four heavy volumes Blackstone at the end of the same day. A few years later he opened a law office in Springfield.

THE SHOVEL ON THE WALK

What joy some winter morning. When I suddenly awake, And just the thought of getting Up will make the covers shake, When chilly drafts inform me That the furnace fire is low, And looking out the window I can see the falling snow— What joy it is to listen To my neighbor's cheerful talk And the merry, merry clatter Of the shovel on the walk.

I make a mental picture Of the snowdrift on the street And sleep at once becomes a Blessing more than twice as sweet. Oh, how I hug the pillow 'E'en more tightly than before, And make all kinds of wishes That relate to sleeping more. I know that "duty calls" me, But I'm much inclined to balk When I hear the merry clatter Of the shovel on the walk.

Give me the good old summer, When the snow is at the pole, And I don't have to shovel. Any snow, snow or coal. Let any man that wishes Spend his morning pushing snow, But not for me the labor When the biting blizzards blow. The stuff about the pleasure Of the work is dippy talk— And I don't like to hear the clatter Of the shovel on the walk.

—(Albany Times-Union.)

Governor Pennypacker in his speech the other evening at the banquet tendered Senator Penrose said "Pennsylvania, of all American Commonwealths, was the first to recognize the degeneracy of the press, and she alone has provided a law for the correction of that evil." Should he undertake to prosecute all the papers which have held him up to ridicule since the new libel law was passed he would be in more legal business than all the rest of the men in the state put together.

Free Cure for Sick Headache Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are a certain cure for sick headache. If taken as soon as the first indication of the disease appears they will prevent the attack. Get a free sample at Balch & Son, Matamoras, all gen'l stores in Pike county and give them a trial.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Several of our residents have received subpoenas to attend the Jagger trial at Newton next week. Sheriff Clark, Auditor of Newton was in town Tuesday.

The groundhog saw his shadow. Well, we can have no worse weather than we have had.

Miss Clara Van Campen is home from the city.

William Hubbard is happy. It is a girl.

The recital of the Choral Society Tuesday evening was well attended. Those who were present came away pleased.

Rev. E. M. Smead has returned to town.

Are you going to attend the Jagger trial? Is a question you hear on our streets now.

The Port Jervis trolley road has suspended operation for the present. The receipts were not enough to keep the tracks clear of snow. How about the Milford and Matamoras trolley.

The political pot seems to be on the simmer, it has not yet reached the boiling point.

Distemper has attacked the dogs in this town, and several of the canines are pretty sick.

The New York papers are giving the Erie railroad management a pretty severe overhauling on account of the poor train service.

Small game is having a hard time this winter. Now there is chance for farmers to throw out some grain at convenient spots and have the pleasure of seeing the hungry quail feed.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Mo.

Will open April 30th and close Dec. 1st, seven months, which is a month longer than the period of the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, owing to the fact that the weather at St. Louis during October and November being peculiarly pleasant, it being the Indian Summer of the Middle States. In order to appreciate the immensity of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition it should be noted that the area of the exposition grounds is 1,240 acres as against the World's Fair at Chicago 638 acres; the Buffalo Pan-American 800 acres and the last Paris Exposition 336 acres. In other words the area of the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition is nearly equal to the combined area of the Chicago, Buffalo and Paris expositions. The approximate cost of the exposition is fifty million dollars. All the nations of the world will have elaborate exhibits. The "Midway" will be a mile long and cost over \$5,000,000. Arrangements are being perfected for a through car line to and from St. Louis via Erie Railroad to Marion, O., and the Big Four route to St. Louis during the continuance of the world's fair at rates as low, if not lower, than any other first-class line.

In Monroe county the bills of Sheriff Mervine for board, watchers, requisition papers and execution of Charles Grether, convicted of the murder of Adam Strank, aggregate \$535.94.

Mrs. Julia A. Carney, who wrote the poem beginning "Little drops of water," is now living at Galesburg, Ill. She wrote the lines in 1845 while teaching in Boston as an exercise in shorthand.

The Milford Choral Society gave its first public rehearsal Tuesday evening to an excellent audience. The selections were in good taste and well rendered, evidencing the progress made in musical acquisition by the members.

Rev. R. A. Elwood of Wilmington, Del., who was tried this week by the New Castle Presbytery for preaching an incendiary sermon the day before George White was lynched for the murder of Miss Helen Bishop, has been found guilty of delivering an address tending to excite citizens to violence. He will likely be suspended from the ministry for a year.

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