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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER

It is significant that the Supreme Court, in its decision in what is called the "merger case," divided on party lines, but this fact is in no wise a disadvantage to the republicans, who have often been accused of hesitating to enforce the Inter-state Commerce law. Rigid as it is, the law has been upheld by the republicans on the bench, and every one who knows President Roosevelt is convinced that he has the courage to enforce it, and will do so when occasion requires. The satisfaction with which the decision has been received on the part of the press, the people and the financiers, is encouraging, and ensures a peaceful outlook for the future. Naturally, under stress of the political situation, the President will not disturb present conditions, and upon the country by instituting criminal proceedings against every corporation which may have technically violated the law. He proposes to have a dignified, conservative, quiet campaign which will find the country as prosperous next November as it is now. It is essential to the welfare of the country, and for the carrying out of the great enterprises now in hand, that the commercial prosperity of the country should continue. At all events the President will do all he can to that end, and is striving with wisdom and industry to satisfy all reasonable demands of the people.

It was after repeated conferences with the President that the secretary of the Interior and the commissioner of pensions arrived at a solution of the service-pension problem which has given considerable anxiety to congress. A liberal interpretation of the present pension laws was determined upon and an old age pension agreed to. This will take less than ten millions of dollars out of the treasury annually, and will satisfy the promoters of the new scheme. Claimants over 62 years of age will be rated as disabled one-half. As this result pleases all concerned, there will be no new pension legislation at this session of congress. Senator Dietrich of Nebraska will be exonerated of all the charges brought against him and the President will remove Atty. Gen. Summers of that state.—The President has ordered a further inquiry into the New York postoffice.—The number of republican delegates now instructed for President Roosevelt amounts to 138, uninstructed 28.

Postoffice affairs continue to occupy a good share of the attention of congress, and nearly every day there is an outburst of indignation in the House. The McCall committee of investigation is busy at work trying to get exact information. The much abused fourth assistant postmaster general, Bristow, has appeared before the committee, and astonished it by saying there is a library full of correspondence from congressmen preserved in the department. This can be inspected confidentially. The famous report was prepared by inspectors at the instance of the postmaster general.—In the House the postoffice appropriation bill is being closely scrutinized, and it has been decided to abolish in country postoffices such titles as "cashier," "night superintendent," "superintendent of carriers," and "superintendent of inquiry," and put all employees upon an equal footing and with equal salaries.—Today the members of the House took an excursion to Jamestown, Va., to view the site of the exhibition which is to be held in 1907. This is another "epoch" exhibition, and will probably require a small appropriation.—Members of the House wish to know how the \$1,070,000 for the old Panama canal commission was expended.

General Leonard Wood was confirmed as a major general yesterday by a vote of 45 to 35. Bitter speeches have been made against him but they failed to alter the determination of the senate to give him the coveted rank. As an evidence of his popularity a county in New Mexico has been named Leonard Wood.

Seven or eight hundred miles of railroads to cost some forty millions of dollars, are proposed as a benefit to the Philippine Islands, in the way of developing trade. New York capitalists hesitate to invest in the project unless the U. S. government will insure a certain income on the investment. Secretary Taft is opposed to the government building the roads. Congressman Cooper has introduced a bill providing for a four per cent. guarantee for these railways upon an investment of forty millions of dollars. This burden would probably fall upon the Philippine treasury.

The new department of commerce and labor, under Secretary Cortelyou, is fast outstripping some of the older departments, and the young and industrious secretary makes more speeches in all parts of the country than ever Wilson of the agricultural department, and is second only to Secretary Taft. The department has undertaken to solve the labor, commercial, marine, corporation and immigration problems, and already disburses annually ten millions of dollars, and has 10,000 clerks on the jump.—Secretary Moody is in favor of upholding the anti-laundering laws.—The secretary of the Interior has ordered all white farmers to vacate the land of the Choctaw nation, in the Indian Territory.—It is understood that Secretary Hay will continue to be the President's right hand man during the next administration. This will give Whiteley Reid a chance to be ambassador to England.—Col. T. W. Synnott, engineer in charge of the public buildings at Washington, is in favor of having Congress allow him to serve the state of New York on the Erie Canal commission. He says he could earn his salary as commissioner of \$8,000 "at odd moments" when he was not looking after the interests of the government. Congress has reopened the question, and may permit him to earn two salaries at odd moments.

The Washington water works have been giving the capital city muddy water for its inhabitants to drink, until it is as brown as Mississippi river water. The scientists have come to the rescue, and Dr. Wiley, promoter of pure-food products, announces that no other water is so sweet and healthy as the muddy Potomac, because the mud kills all the germs that produce typhoid fever and other diseases. Dr. Woodward the health officer of the district, and a lecturer in one of the law colleges, warns people to beware of pure water, especially springs and brooks. This water contains deadly disease germs, and they are much more active and insidious because they do not exist in such great numbers. Running water, says Dr. Woodward, is especially to be avoided. It is alive with death. All this is exceedingly confusing to the public. What next?

## MAXIMS AND VERSE

By John Arnold Watts (Original.)

Few cures and few diseases are better than many cures and many diseases.

The greatest conceit that man ever possessed, is that he is made in the image of God.

The greater the strides of civilization and inventiveness, the greater the crimes and misfortunes.

Do not retire from active life too young. You will imagine you have contracted nearly all the diseases on the calendar before you die.

Man's superiority over the lower animals by evolution is but one of the desires of the Creator. Do not act apathetic. It brings you back to prehistoric times.

If all the money of the earth was equally distributed on a certain day not many years would elapse before the bulk of it would return to the same individuals that held it before.

It is easy to see that it was a man who compiled the first part of the old testament for he stated that the man was the first human being created. His counsel led him to believe the general order of things had been reversed to suit his theory.

What can be a greater crime than proclaiming a certain individual king or queen by descent, aside from the fact that marital degenerates must appear among them. Royal blood has the same color as a poor man's blood but is not quite as pure.

When a man studies for his calling he is just as liable to miss his calling as the man who tries to become a mechanic. It is foolish for parents to say, "I am going to make a priest of my son" when it is not in him. If it is his desire, then assist him.

The worst of hell if hell there be. Is the hell on earth, that I can see. The greatest torture is of the mind. Bodilyills are a smaller kind.

The gist of Senator Dietrich's alleged bribing case seems to be that in the first place the action was not a crime, and in the second place the senator didn't do it.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Joseph H. Perry of Wilkesbarre was here this week.

Frank Rudolph and wife of Port Jervis visited in town yesterday.

Mrs. George A. Swepenser is quite ill this week and confined to her room.

Harold Armstrong, a student at Blair Hall, is home for the Easter vacation.

Chas. Nobs of Newark, who has a fine summer residence in Dingman, was here lately on a visit to his place.

W. B. Baker, a brother of Hy. T. Baker, Esq., with his wife and daughter spent a few days here recently.

Miss Lena Dubois, who has been visiting the family of Rev. V. A. Wood, returned to her home in Alpine, N. J., this week.

The condition of Mrs. C. W. Bull, who has been very ill, is materially improved. This will be exceedingly gratifying news to her many anxious friends.

Miss Ann Baker attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. James S. Drake, at Hartford, Ct., Tuesday. Incidentally she visited the family of M. H. Chapin at Bridgeport.

Rev. V. A. Wood and wife left this week to attend the M. E. general conference at Newark and Rev. Arpe and Mr. Andrews, who have been here for the past two weeks assisting in religious services, went to attend conference at Philadelphia.

## OBITUARY

MRS. THEODORE BIGLEY

Emily, wife of Theodore Bigley, died at her home in Shohola Tuesday after a protracted illness aged nearly sixty-three years. She was born in Dingmans and in early life lived at Rowlands. Since her marriage, some 40 years ago, she has resided at Pond Eddy and Shohola. Her husband, four daughter, Laura, wife of James Richards of Pockeys; Blanche, wife of Augustus Doyle; Ella, wife of George Perry of Port Jervis; and Martha of Paterson, and three sons, Melvin of Port Jervis, Charles of Middletown and Fletcher of New Britain, Conn., survive. The funeral occurred today and interment at Shohola.

MRS. JAMES S. DRAKE

May, wife of James S. Drake, a former postmaster of this place, died at her home in Hartford, Conn., last Saturday morning, March 18th, after a lingering illness of consumption. She was born in Milford and was a daughter of the late Dr. Edward and Virginia, Barnes, Haldy. This place was her home until some years ago when she removed with her husband to Scranton and later to Hartford. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Hy. T. Baker of Milford. The funeral occurred Tuesday and interment at Hartford, Ct.

Republican Primary

The election will be held tomorrow and the following named are to be voted for:

County committee—J. C. Prescott, H. Watts, F. B. Thrall, W. A. H. Mitchell, R. G. Barclay, E. T. Riviere, J. W. Keisel.

Coroner—No nomination.

Representative in General Assembly—Alfred Marvin.

Sheriff—J. W. Keisel.

Congressional Conference—P. M. Nills.

Delegate to State Convention—R. W. Floddy.

Town Committeeman—

The Milford Bridge

Several newspapers have had an item floating in their columns that stock in the Milford bridge here, par value \$50, sold for \$25 a share. Some was offered at an upset price of \$25, but no one bid. However, we understand that one shuky bidder sold out a couple of shares at \$28. Well, the bridge is there yet just as large as life and a little more natural than some others on the stream, notwithstanding the flood of last fall and the threatening ice this spring.

Unclaimed Letters

Last of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending March 20, 1904:

Mrs. Elizabeth Wesley, Mrs. E. T. Yerdley, Mrs. Harrison & Son, J. Kenzie Saly, James Stanton.

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

CHARLES LATTHORP, P. M.

## MARCH COURTS

A Short Session—Only One Case Goes to the Jury—Licenses all Granted

The regular March term of court met Monday with President Judge C. B. Staples and associates J. F. Englehart and B. E. Brown present.

Constables making returns were: Blooming Grove—Levi Lord.

Delaware—C. S. Person.

Dingman—J. W. Keisel.

Greene—O. E. Simons.

Lackawaxen—Ross Rosenkrans.

Lehman—W. S. Van Auken.

Milford Borg—S. W. Fuller.

Milford Tap—C. Herman.

Palmyra—J. N. DeGroat.

Porter—George Miller.

Shohola—George Burgard.

Westfall—B. C. Totten.

O. E. Simons was appointed to wait on the Grand Jury and W. S. Van Auken and C. Herman on the court.

The Grand Jury was called. F. B. Thrall appointed foreman and Judge Staples in a very lucid and exhaustive charge defined, and instructed them in their duties.

Inquisition over body of David S. Lotts by H. Dowitt, Esq., approved. J. W. Smith appointed collector of Porter and bond filed.

C. S. Person resigned as constable of Delaware and David Cron was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Cook vs. Cook. Divorce. G. H. Bull appointed master.

Estate C. Oll, return of inquest filed, publication of notice and rule on heirs ordered.

Petition of Harry Ost to change name, decree made.

Estate P. A. L. Quick, decd. In partition. Return to order of sale and decree made.

Estate C. Ott, Wentall Kreitor and C. M. Leidel, Auditors reports filed, confirmed n. si.

Estate Kate B. Van Wyck, account of executors confirmed n. si.

Commonwealth vs. Meyer, et. al. Nolle prosequi allowed on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. James Beck. Nolle prosequi allowed on payment of costs.

Estate M. C. Smith. Widows appraisal approved.

J. P. Munson appointed supervisor in Lackawaxen to fill vacancy in district No. 4.

Chester A. Pellett and H. W. Clark appointed overseers poor in Palmyra.

M. A. Beldy appointed supervisor in Greene.

Commonwealth vs. Leon Schanno. Indictment, shooting or maiming a dog. Settled. Nol. pro. entered on defendant paying all costs.

Commonwealth vs. Teal Titman. Indictment, larceny of chickens. Defendant pleads guilty and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Commonwealth vs. Harold Roberts. Indictment, larceny of overcoat, etc. Defendant pleads guilty and sentenced to 3 months in jail.

Crowell vs. Crowell. Divorce decree.

Petition to vacate road in Lehman, M. V. Brisco, H. J. Schuyler and David Snyder appointed viewers.

Commonwealth vs. Bartlet B. Smith. Indictment, larceny of railroad ties. Defendant pleads guilty. Sentenced to 18 months in Eastern penitentiary at hard labor.

Commonwealth vs. F. A. Rose. Indictment, refusing to fight forest fire. Jury found defendant not guilty and county for costs.

Caskey vs. Caskey. Divorce. Alfred Marvins appointed master to take evidence and report decree.

Licenses of C. W. Cortright in Porter transferred to Henry Tuppering.

Charter granted to Blooming Grove Hunting and Fishing Club.

The Harwinton Land Co. vs. Shields et al. Ejectment. Rule to show cause why answer and plea shall not be filed. Returnable April 29th.

Estate P. F. Fulmer, decd. Account of admrs. confirmed absolute.

Estate Bradner Wood, decd. Appraisal to widow confirmed.

## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

April 3rd will be Easter Sunday.

The Union Insurance company of Philadelphia is asking for a receiver. The Choral Society will continue until April 19th when it will conclude with a concert.

Malven and Garden of Port Jervis are putting a hot water plant in the new house of A. D. Brown on Broad street.

The Presbyterian congregation have in contemplation the repair of the old pipe organ and an expert was here this week to make an estimate of cost.

The meat trust has advanced prices: Beef 50 cents a hundred weight, mutton 75 cents and lamb \$1, and probably a half cent more will be added.

Floods and ice gorges have carried away many bridges over navigable streams in the state and it is probable that the cost of rebuilding will exceed a million dollars.

H. O. Kipp and C. P. Mott have been engaged part of this week making an inventory and appraisal of the goods and chattels of the late Mrs. L. W. Armstrong.

At the annual election in North Tarrytown, N. Y., about 100 women went to the polls and defeated the candidate for village president favored by J. D. Rockefeller.

Dynamiters broke a channel about 200 feet wide and some 1500 feet long in the ice gorge below Port Jervis last week which greatly relieved the situation and fear of further damage.

It is intimated that ex-Congressman Howard Mutchler of this district, who is sometimes supposed to be up against some of the state leaders, may favor the aspirations of Hon. W. R. Hearst for President.

Daniel J. Sully, the speculator in cotton who forced the prices up until several manufacturers had to suspend operations, held on too long and was caught by the market. He failed for several millions.

There are sixteen thousand saloons in New York which spend a total annually of twelve million dollars in providing free lunches for customers, an average of \$750 each. This is a large charity viewed in that light alone.

Pike county received as her share this year of the Erie bonus money \$2,192.94 as against \$2,137.10 last year, showing that our assessed valuation must have made a small proportionate increase over Susquehanna county.

Wesley Griffin, proprietor of the Westwing Lake House in Lackawaxen, is proposing to enter to the public seeking rest and recreation among the hills of Pike. He has comfortable quarters and the house is well located.

News of operations of the armies and navies of Russia and Japan is so indefinite and unsatisfactory that little reliance can be placed on it. Both would have to be transported by flying machines to be in localities reported on different, and even the same, days.

All license applications were granted by the court and the new applicants were inspected and asked as to their knowledge of the liquor laws. The court pointedly intimated that on any infractions being reported a rule would be granted to show cause why a license should not be revoked.

George F. Baer, president of the Reading railroad, who has been serving to keep up the price of anthracite coal during the summer months has failed of his object. He wished to allow no rebates but other railroads declined to enter the scheme and a new price circular has been issued.

William Read, of Chardon, Ohio, died Tuesday aged about 55 years. He was a native of Sussex county, New Jersey, was for some years in business at Phillipsburg, and seventeen years ago located at Chardon.

He is survived by his wife, a sister of C. O. Armstrong of this place and Dr. Armstrong of Newton, N. J. The funeral occurred today and was attended by Mr. C. O. Armstrong.

The general conference of the M. E. church in session at Philadelphia this week approved a resolution restoring the time limit to the pastors, and disapproved one reducing the size of the general conference.

The presbytery as a rule are opposed to the time limit but the laymen are a unit for it and they carried. It is claimed by the older preachers that they are crowded out by the younger who take the better places and that congregations, as a rule, desire the young men.

## DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Was a Lively Episode With Some Recrimination and Truths Told

The annual democratic meeting was held in the Court House Monday evening. Considering the interests apparently involved the gathering was small, only 48 being present, but there was considerable undercurrent of feeling manifested. The fight was to dethrone the county committee elected last year and to supplant it with members of the gang which has long been a dominant power in the party.

Some recrimination was indulged as to being old and regular democrats, and without doubt all that was said was quite true. It may be asserted without fear of even attempted contradiction that there are mighty few "straight" democrats, among the leaders in this town at all events, and the less said about "straight democracy" the less will be revealed of their devious ways in politics. It was asserted that this year prominent democrats stood at the polls and worked all day against regular nominees of the party and it was true. It was declared that last year men who sought now to get on the county committee supported and elected a republican secretary to the town council, also true. This bid was not lifted higher but this was sufficient to show the stuff that simmers in the pot.

The meeting was called to order by J. C. Westbrook, Jr., chairman of the county committee, and Hon. J. F. Englehart was elected chairman, vice chairman were dispensed with. J. F. Terwilliger and H. E. Emerson were elected secretaries, thus showing that "SSI" can have a bone when there is absolutely no meat on it.

Real business then began. George Gregory, George R. Bull, Esq., J. C. Westbrook, Jr., Thomas Armstrong and E. Vandermark were nominated for county committee by James H. Heller, and J. F. Terwilliger nominated W. H. Clume, J. C. Watson, G. R. Quick, O. A. Swepenser and F. A. Beck. A motion to ballot for "old" or "new" prevailed after several individuals had fired their ammunition at the chair, and F. C. Plume and George H. Bull were appointed tellers. The vote resulted in 19 for the old and 29 for the new. G. F. Rowland was unopposed for delegate to the state convention and the meeting then adjourned. There were no resolutions of respect, no votes of confidence, no endorsements of records of public officials. No expressions of preference for any presidential possibility, no pointing with pride to any act of any unteachable leader, no commendation for any body, why, might be very easy for any person who viewed the solemn scene to premise:

Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, as some creases to the rumparts they hurried, and then all took a sneak.

The Southwark Sage

It seems to me that— Some women are like salad—a great deal depends upon the dressing.

Now is the time when dotting mothers who want their children to grow up into upright and truthful men and women tell the annual prevention about the cute little bunny laying Easter eggs.

Women consider their love rather than the cause of their love—they realize that they'll have plenty of time to consider the man after marriage.

While a woman gets everything she wants she seldom wants everything she gets.

The man who hasn't anything new to say about love may be considered down and out.

When a man looks back at all the love letters he has written and of the silly things he has been guilty of saying he's generally willing to be punished for it by getting married.

Easter Sunday N. Y. Excursion \$1.

April 3rd, Easter Sunday, the Erie will run a popular one dollar excursion leaving Port Jervis at 7 p. m. arriving in City at 10 a. m. allowing over nine hours in which to take in the sights of Greater New York, and the special Easter services at all the great churches, as the special train returning leaves Chambers Street, New York, at 7:45 p. m. and Jersey City at 8 p. m.

Real Estate Transfers

Drusilla Quick to Alexander T. Rice, 10 acres, Westfall, along Milford road, \$2.

John G. Hilliard et al., to Alexander T. Rice, 21 acres, Westfall, \$1.

Philip Ellwanger to Alfred S. Hazen, 10 acres, Lackawaxen, part of Samuel Ratter, \$200.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Is our nice borough lockup going to be turned into a free lodging house?

There will be no services in the M. E. church Sunday, the pastor being absent attending conference.

Uncle Mose Van Auken of Lehman was up the fore part of the week. Mose gets younger every day.

Our term of court was very short, considering the expense to the county of the Grand and Traverse Jury.

Miss Margaret Brink, who has been spending some time in Hartford, Conn., has returned to her home here.

James Mollineux, after an absence of several months spent in Newark and Philadelphia, has returned to town.

There are a few cats in town which should be up to feline heaven as a reward for their efficiency in killing young chickens.

Another week and All Fools Day will be here as well as moving day. It is almost time to begin to look for your last year's Easter hat.

Intemperance, dancing, euchre and poker all come under the ban of sin. I leave it to Brother Warren to decide if high five should be included.

The democratic meeting last Monday evening was pretty well attended. The old committee went out for the good they had done and a new one was elected.

The revival meetings which were held in the M. E. church up to last Monday evening were well attended. Mr. Arpe labored hard, but the conversions were few.

The abatement on the Milford side of the bridge near Struble's lower mill shows a large crack. Whether when the frost goes out it will take a tumble remains to be seen.

Philip Walters who knows all about raising garden sass is making preparations to raise lots of it this season. If hard work amounts to anything Philip will succeed.

Mud, mud and deep and sticky mud at that confronts you now wherever you go. Travel is anything but pleasure. Even Jim Van Eiten is afraid to bring out his refractory auto.

Brief Comment

There seems to be no way of checking the baggage men's strike in Kansas City.

Mr. Cleveland is still believed to have a few tariff heresies, otherwise he has considerable sense.

The good American housewife is stated to be boiling over at the recent advance of prices by the coffee trust.

It is full time that the Honorable Aldai Stevenson should again prance to the front with a statement either for or against.

The Berlin paper which declares that King Leopold of Belgium is to all intents and purposes an American, has more to declare coming.

A democratic contemporary insists that in Judge Parker's case it is better to be somewhat unknown as a presidential candidate, than to be notorious.

State Senator Jewell of Kansas City is on trial charged with soliciting a bribe from a baking powder company. Mr. Jewell doubtless got a rib out of the company.

The Kansas man who is both a doctor and an undertaker and has now purchased a drug store insists that he will get them coming and going and otherwise. As usual Kansas is unique as well as thrifty.

"What are we here for?" say General Grosvener in his speech on the postoffice matter and then as the House and gallery smiled audibly he amended it by saying "why are we here?" It is really the fault of the voters.

It is learned with some surprise that Japan's manufacturing enterprises have advanced to such a degree that she has some fifty spinning mills. This condition is undoubtedly a great boon to the war correspondents in the East. It accounts for many of the war yarns.

It is neck and neck in the democracy between the search for candidates and issues. No issue has yet been discovered which the people would remember into the next week and the attempts of the managers to secure a respectable candidate have been about as bare of results.

Lieutenant Governor Tillman of South Carolina who killed Editor Gonzales, and who was, as was to have been expected, acquitted of murder has announced his candidacy for congress. The district will doubtless be proud to send him to that body.