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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER

The second session of the 58th American Congress adjourned Thursday, "without day", with all the simplicity, good feeling, dignity and business methods characteristic of the American people and the times in which they live. As Speaker Cannon said in his closing remarks, the "heat of the contest has died away", and both sides of the House part with mutual respect for each other. While he cooperated with the majority, he recognized that the minority had a function to perform in the second of its importance, and as he said it ever will be while the republic endures.

From half past ten o'clock Thursday morning until nearly two o'clock p.m. business in the house proceeded smoothly and rapidly and many bills were passed, mostly of minor importance. It was hard work to keep members in their seats, and they crowded the forum in front of the Speaker's desk like bees in swarming time. Mr. Van Duzer of Nevada made his usual rainbow speech about that state, which he claims is the most important in the Union. This set the House in good humor, and roars of laughter followed.

The only other incident of interest occurred when Mr. Lacey of Iowa attempted to have a bill passed reinstating the cadets at the naval academy at Annapolis, Md., who have been discharged by the commandant, Capt. Brown, for disobeying orders and having a hot fire of protest come from both sides of the house. Hon. Champ Clark, Mo., exploded in a white heat of indignation, and figuratively speaking, spread himself all over the surrounding benches. There were some who pleaded for mercy for the boys, on the ground that the punishment was out of proportion to the offense. Others pointed out that a law passed by Congress should be upheld, and that if the cadets were restored to the Academy, there would be no further use in trying to suppress hazing. Finally the debate was clinched by a congressman who announced that if the offenders were reinstated he would offer an amendment to the bill permitting the hazers who were dismissed from West Point to be returned also. So the bill was lost, and the Annapolis cadets of the highest class who maltreated the young and tender cadets of the lowest class, will be forced to return to the walks of civil life.

As the moment for the adjournment of Congress drew near, the suppressed excitement was intense. Every member was in his seat, and an unusual silence followed. At 2 o'clock Mr. John Sharp Williams, leader of the minority, offered his resolution of thanks to the Speaker for the impartial manner in which he had presided during the session, and for "the sturdy common sense and genial good humor" which he had displayed. Mr. Jas. D. Richardson, Dem., of Tenn., had taken the chair, and Speaker Cannon had modestly slipped out of the chamber. The Williams resolution was adopted by a rising vote, every member springing to his feet. A committee was appointed to hunt up the Speaker, and "fetch him in." He was found out in Statuary Hall gazing at the figure of the first speaker of the first American Congress, Muhlenberg, of Pa. As he came into the chamber, leaning on the arm of Mr. Williams, there was lusty cheering and wild waving of handkerchiefs. The Speaker was visibly affected, and had to struggle to control his emotions. With his brief return of thanks, and the fall of the gavel at exactly twenty minutes past two o'clock, the session passed into history, and the Representatives began to sing "America," followed by "Doxology."

The Speaker descended the steps of his desk, and shook hands with each member as he filed past into the cloak rooms.

The proceedings in the Senate, the last day of Congress, were not so lively or interesting as in the House. The President came to the capital early in the forenoon, with his wife and family. While he was busy signing bills in the Executive room, Mrs. Roosevelt occupied a seat in the Senate gallery, and had the pleasure of listening to speeches by Gorman of Md., and Aldrich of R. I., against and in favor of the Administration. It is evident that there has been an attempt on the part of many democrats, to impress the people with the notion that the President is an unsafe man, and has too much influence with the party controlling Congress. Mr. Aldrich denied that Congress has been unduly influenced by anybody, and asserted that it adjourned because it

had finished all the business in hand. Mrs. Roosevelt appeared to be both amused and interested in the debate. Mr. Gorman presented the usual resolution of thanks to President Frye of the Senate, and at 2 o'clock he declared the adjournment.

Senator Smoot is naturally gratified that he was not unseated at the demand of the good orthodox people. He will remain a senator for the present. Senator McComas of Maryland and Judge O. W. Powers of Utah made the discovery that the Mormon church is a trust. It owns and controls great commercial institutions, as well as the matrimonial market within its jurisdiction. There are good and bad trusts, and it may be the Mormon church cannot be trusted. Senator Hopkins says that the Methodist church to which he belongs in Chicago owns a great deal of real estate and rents buildings. Trinity church in New York is one of the largest real estate trusts in America.

There is some disagreement among congressmen as to the exact amount of money appropriated during the last session to carry on the Government. That it will approximate \$800,000,000 is admitted. But this is a very large country with a never satisfied people. The largest appropriation bill passed was for the postoffice, carrying \$172,574,998. The naval appropriation amounted to \$98,005,110. And the money to be paid out in connection with the Panama canal amounted to \$50,000,000.

Senator Hoar has the lumbago.—It is announced that Senator Quay has an enlarged liver.—It is now about decided that Senator Fairbanks will not accept a republican nomination for the Vice Presidency; there is a strong sentiment in favor of Speaker Cannon for the place.—Senator Scott was not able to pass his bill prohibiting the bringing of docked horses into the District of Columbia. Senators Lodge and Pettus objected to the measure.

**Not Done by Women**  
In an editorial upon the reports of the newspapers regarding the part taken by women in the Denver election frauds the Denver, Colorado Times says:

"It is regarded as a fine joke that the Shafroth incident occurred in a state in which the women have the ballot. The fact that fraud exists in Colorado appears as proof that women are degenerating and politics made more wicked by their participation. Why not urge, on the other hand, that the only man who ever failed to fight a contest to a finish, and who had honor enough to leave an office because his election was tainted with fraud, was the product of a feminine constituency? One line of reasoning is as reasonable as the other.

"Mr. Shafroth has already indignantly denied that women were responsible in any appreciable degree for the frauds perpetrated in the election which gave him a majority. "This is unquestionably true. The actual individuals implicated in fraud in any election are but few. The number who manipulate these are a still smaller number. Women form but a small proportion of the first group and none of the latter, so that the number of women who are actually implicated in political chicanery is so small that they are scarcely known to exist at all.

"If Colorado women's direct power has not accomplished Augustan feats, what has the gentle, dewdrop influence of the women in other places attained? Women as well as men in Colorado have done their best to get at the fundamental causes that produce corruption. It looks as if the end were nearly gained. The rope has been given and the crooks and their employers have their heads very near the noose. There is hope in sight.

"Colorado may have produced a few expert woman ward heelers. But if, in the same process, she has helped to secure more women with a larger outlook and more serious purpose she is well repaid. This is, we firmly believe, the case.

Woman is not a saint, either here or elsewhere. Colorado is doing her part to make the mothers of the race responsible, full-grown human creatures. Let those who laugh show us other states that are doing as much."

Representative Cowherd of Missouri has already handily carried the next national election. Mr. Cowherd would appear to be an able successor to the Hon. James K. Jones of an adjoining state.

Mrs. August Halfman has gone to the Port Jervis Hospital for an operation for removal of a cancerous growth.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

James W. Pinchot spent a couple of days this week at Grey Towers.

Mrs. Fred Wilson of New York has been spending several days in town.

J. A. Kipp, Esq., of New York made a brief business visit here this week.

J. O. Ryder of Matamoras enlivened the town with business talk a day this week.

Mrs. Percy Lyman arrived in town this week and will spend the summer at Hotel Fauchers.

S. T. White and wife of New York came up Tuesday to occupy their cottage for the summer.

Mrs. Justin Leachman arrived in town last week and is a guest with her mother, Mrs. Heller, on Harford street.

Friends here have received cards announcing the marriage of Rosa B. Brodhead and Miss Mary Elizabeth Monroe at Lawrence, Kansas, Thursday, April twenty-eighth.

George Weisbrod of Philadelphia with a party of friends spent the week at Poets' Lake club house. Mr. Weisbrod brought with him his coach and horses. He will undoubtedly be an advocate of good roads if not one now before the season is over.

**Advertising Milford**  
Mr. Moore, representing the Frank A. Selah Company of New York, was in town Monday and a final contract was made between the Executive Committee, representing the Business Men's Association here, and the Selah company. Already large advertisements have appeared in New York and Philadelphia papers and the small reader in several others. The "ad." is catchy and conspicuous and cannot fail to attract attention. It must be productive of good results. The executive committee has sent out invitations requesting all subscribers to the fund to meet Saturday evening, May 7th, at the Crisman House at 8 p. m. to hear the report of the Committee and to transact such other business as may be pertinent to the situation and effort to induce summer guests here. Among the questions which may arise to be discussed is the one of prompt transportation from and to Port Jervis. The Erie has promised improved train facilities and accommodations and will expect us to do our share toward landing passengers here in a contented and happy frame of mind.

**Pews for Presbyterian Church**  
At the meeting of the Presbyterian congregation Monday evening it was unanimously decided to place pews in the upper audience room and the trustees were instructed to forthwith purchase them and expend \$800. It was also concluded to procure a new carpet for the same room.

There is a rumor that some are interested in having outside parties buy the carpet. If our home merchants are not permitted to do the buying and so make whatever small profit there is in it, the public should withhold contributions for this object. We should have no money to foster outside interests, and buy of parties who never spend a cent with us. Patronizing your home merchants as far as possible is the way to make the town prosperous.

**Real Estate Transfers**  
A. A. Albright to Henry S. Albright, 41 acres, Delaware, part of Isaac Buddin, \$1.  
J. C. Christian to Spruks Bros., part of Theodore Bowhanan, warrant No. 209, 188 acres, Blooming Grove, \$1000.

Adolphine Frank to Mary Gremelmer, 60 acres, Blooming Grove, \$2200.

Lena A. Talmage, executrix, to Caroline D. Quiek, lot No. 18, Matamoras, \$795.

Frederick Wehinger to George E. Marsh, lots 191, 192, Matamoras, \$250.

**Artistic Souvenirs**  
Persons desirous of handsome home decorations will find at the studio of Mr. Anderson on George street artistic souvenirs in oil, water colors, pen and ink, half tone pyrography, hand painted cards and other beautiful articles. Mrs. Anderson, whose work is most neat and tasteful, has embroidery and fine needlework. She gives special attention to infants garments and her skill with the needle is truly remarkable.

John G. Stetz is on trial at Honored this week for the murder of Mary O'Keefe at Hawley.

## THE STATE'S POWER TO TAX

Some of the Things Pennsylvania Has Done in the Exercise of Its Power

No subject is of more vital interest to the citizen than that of taxation. No power of sovereignty that the state exercises, so directly and substantially affects a citizen in the enjoyment of his property as the enforcement of the state's power to raise money for the support of the government. The exercise of this power directly touches the pocket-book, which is a more or less vital spot according to the means of the possessor. Taxation encumbers the enjoyment of property, because it subjects it to burdens which must be met or else the property may be taken away from the owner by sale in order to raise money to pay taxes levied thereon.

Taxation, in many cases, works an unjust hardship on the taxable subject, because of improvident legislation or a lack of proper legislation. Under such circumstances reforms should be enacted as justice in the matter of raising the public revenue tends to provoke litigation and to decrease patriotism. It has been said that one of the crying evils of the times is the confiscation of the citizen's property under the name and guise of taxation, and that taxation affords one of the most fruitful sources of litigation known to the law. One of the causes of the Revolutionary War was that the Colonists were subjected to unjust taxation by the mother country.

It is not always the case, however, that the injustice is done to the citizen, in the imposition of taxes. Injustice may be done to the state in certain cases where, for instance, a citizen by his craft or concealment evades the payment of his just and proportionate contribution to the support of the government. This constitutes a fraud against the government and its citizens.

The subjects over which the sovereign power extend and which receive the protection that the laws of the state afford should justly contribute to the support of the government. This is only fair to the state and to the citizens who do pay for the protection afforded by the laws. If certain taxable subjects escape taxation the burden must ultimately fall heavier on the other taxable subjects.

Concerning the state's power to tax it may be stated as a general rule that, subject to constitutional provisions, the state may tax all subjects within its jurisdiction; which may be persons (natural or artificial) property or business. Those matters which are within the exclusive control of the federal government cannot be taxed by a state without the permission of Congress. Thus franchises granted by the United States, and national banks cannot be taxed unless Congress has given its permission. In the case of national banks Congress has granted to the states authority to tax the real estate and shares of stock of such institutions with certain restrictions. The state has no power to directly interfere with interstate commerce by taxation because such is within the exclusive control of Congress.

Pennsylvania has contributed much to the law of taxation as it exists today. It was the pioneer state in enacting certain legislation concerning the taxation of great interstate railroads and its legislation was among the first of its kind considered and upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States. Recognizing that corporations of enormous wealth should in justice, contribute to the support of the government which protects them as well as individuals, Pennsylvania under successive statutes enacted in 1868, 1874, 1877 and 1879 adopted a mode to ascertain the proportion of a railroad company's property which should be taxed in the state. This was done by taking as a basis of assessment such proportion of the capital stock of the company as the number of miles over which the railroad ran its cars within the state, compared to the whole number of miles in that state and other states over which its cars were run. Concerning this method of assessment the Supreme Court of the United States said "This was a just and equitable method of assessment and if it were adopted by all the states through which these cars ran, the company would be assessed upon the whole value of its capital stock and no more."

In 1868 Pennsylvania passed an act which subjected to taxation interest

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## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

The St. Louis World's Exposition was opened Saturday, April 30th.

Council at the last meeting appropriated \$50 for use of the Borough Board of Health.

Commissions as justice of the peace have been recorded to G. M. Carpenter at Lackawaxen and H. I. Courtright of Westfall.

A justice out in Wyoming county holds that dice boxes are gambling devices and sentenced twenty-two saloon keepers brought before him \$22 each including costs.

Port Jervis business men have reconsidered the proposition to have a Fourth of July celebration and will hold a street fair instead. This will occur the latter part of August.

At the Sheriff's sale of the franchises and rights of the People's Railway held yesterday Joseph R. Perry of Wilkesbarre became the purchaser for \$100, subject to the lien of \$180,239.64.

The Misses Kaul announce in an "ad." elsewhere their millinery and dress making business. They are attentive to customers, have good taste in selecting goods and deserve a share of public patronage.

Olivet Presbyterian church at Easton, of which Rev. Harvey Klair is pastor, made an excellent showing of prosperity at its annual meeting held last week. The membership is 205, a gain of 31 during the past year.

The Milford advertising has commenced in the New York, Philadelphia and other papers. The cut is sure to catch the eye of the most casual reader and if advertising brings results there is no reason why this section should not have an unusually prosperous season.

A meeting of the Business Men's Association of Milford will be held Saturday evening, May 7, at 8 p. m. at the Crisman House to hear the report of the committee on advertising and the transaction of such other business as may be necessary. A full attendance is desired.

About fifty-two feet in length of road and nearly six feet in width at Cave Bank in Delaware has slid down the hill at the same place where a similar break occurred last fall. The contract to build a crib or retaining work of timber 62 feet long has been awarded John Hanna for \$125.

The Monroe Daily Democrat of recent date contains an article, accompanied by a cut of our genial member of Congress, Dr. Jos. H. Shull, showing that he has been busy and successful in establishing a good record for things accomplished. Eight private pension bills are to his credit, one that has hung fire for twenty years, and for a new member the Dr. has demonstrated himself a worker.

**Pennsylvania State College**  
The College has grown so rapidly, both in the scope of its work and its buildings and equipment, that many of its friends do not appreciate the leading position it now occupies among the technical institutions of the country. The number of students in attendance has more than doubled within the last four years, and today 64 counties of the State are represented in the student body. This growth is due largely to the fact that it has come to be recognized that a thorough training along technical lines, or a general College education, can be obtained at the State College at a minimum expense. The proof of this statement is seen in the fact that for the last four or five years graduates of the College have been placed in responsible positions before Commencement Day, many more opportunities being offered than could be accepted.

**Opening Excursion to Coney Island**  
On account of the opening of "Luna Park," Coney Island, the largest Amusement Enterprise on Earth, embracing 38 acres of buildings, and is an Amusement Exposition and every square inch is devoted to fun, it is larger than the Pan-American, greater than St. Louis Fair, and to afford every one an opportunity to see this great opening day, the Erie has by special request arranged to run a special one dollar excursion to New York, leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. Sunday, May 16th, arriving in the City 10 a. m., allowing over nine hours to visit Luna Park, as the special train returning leaves Chambers street, New York at 7.45 p. m.

There are other shows by other names, but only one "Luna Park," and you cannot afford to miss this grand opening. Remember the date Sunday, May 16, train leaving Port Jervis 7 a. m. and fare only one dollar for the round trip.

## ADJOURNED COURT

Some General Business and Some of Interest Only to Individuals Transacted

At an adjourned court held April 29th, all the judges present, the following business was transacted:

Estate Caroline Valentine, decd. Petition for discharge of Fannie J. McDougall, administratrix, and the surety a her bond.

Estate C. M. Leidel. Geo. R. Bull reappointed auditor.

Bond of J. Oscar Lynn, collector of Palmyra, with M. O. Lynn and Thomas Duffy sureties in \$8,000, approved.

Viewers on bridge over Westfall creek in Lackawaxen. Charles Byer, F. A. Beck and Frank Schorr appointed.

Petition for correction of name of David C. to David H. Ott in partition proceedings. Estate C. Ott, decd.

Petition to vacate road in Lehman from State road to house of Jos. H. Gould. Appointment of David Snyder made at last term revoked and Frank Schorr appointed.

Commonwealth vs. John Smith, Al Smith, John Cron and Wm. Dundas. Charge, cutting timber. Recognizance forfeited and respited to next term.

William Cook vs. Anna A. Cook. Evidence filed and decree in divorce entered.

Commonwealth vs. Paul Kessel. Costs having been paid, nol. pros. entered.

The license of John R. Thornton, Dimmick House, was transferred to Charles E. Thornton.

Court rose.

## Brief Paragraphs

With good rains on the crops and an abundant rain of Hearsat coins, Kansas is not bleeding.

Mr. Gorman now rises to the occasion and proceeds to rebuke "machine politics."

In lieu of something better they are quoting some of Judge Parker's old decisions from the bench.

The entry of spring reminds us that the grafting bacillus has received one or two severe checks during the winter. Twelve years is said to be the life of the costliest and finest of the battle ships. The Russians have found the period even less.

The Democratic rank and file express a profound respect for Judge Parker's opinions without having any idea what they are like.

The charge against George Fred Williams that he is an aristocrat can be easily sustained providing a small and select following is an indication of such rank.

After all it appears that Judge Parker is a man of great versatility. According to different biographical sketches he was born in Ulster county, New York, Worcester, Massachusetts and likewise Cortland, New York.

When asked about Mr. Bryan's criticism it was reported that Judge Parker simply laughed. This was doubtless safer than making a reply, but it will furnish a sufficient text for another editorial page in Commoner.

The Washington Post notes that Korea's navy consists of twenty-five admiral's and one iron-built coal barge. The Post shudders to think of the results should the Korean and the Panamanian navies get into a conflict.

Hiram Cronk of Oneida, N. Y., who was born in 1800 is said to be the only survivor of the war of 1812.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Hotel Schanno has been entirely renovated inside and newly painted outside. The new proprietor, Mr. Budell, believes in having things in shape.

Delaware township will have trouble with the river road at Cave Bank. The slide is dangerous, and it will take considerable money to make the road safe.

Milford was more than well represented at the Travis-Hubbard wedding at the Union school house last Sunday afternoon.

Harold Thornton of Branchville, N. J., was in town last Sunday.

Those who wear small socks were lucky and got off cheap last evening.

Mrs. Jennie Searles of Dingmans visited her sister, Mrs. Kate R. Van Auker the fore part of the week.

The war news from the far east seems to establish the fact that the little Japs can fight on land as well as on the sea.

Dr. Louis de Plasse spent the fore part of the week in New York.

It seems likely now that the Van Pike Telephone company will have opposition in the near future.

Uncle Sam who furnishes free garden seeds every year would confer a great favor on some if he would send onion sets this season. A few seed potatoes would not be rejected either.

No railroad ties having been rafted here this spring, W. T. Struble has stopped buying for the present.

Dogs, now protected by law to a certain extent, are liable to make trouble and bad friends.

The White cottage on lower Harford street is open for the summer.

## GREAT ST. LOUIS FAIR

Was Opened April 30th by the President—He Touched a Button and the Wheels Revolved

Some facts regarding the exposition are:

Celebrates centenary of purchase of Louisiana from France.

Largest and most costly of expositions.

Expenditures aggregate fifty millions.

Louisiana cost only fifteen millions. Congress appropriated nearly eleven millions.

St. Louis subscribed ten millions. Grounds are two miles long and one mile wide.

Ten large buildings for exhibits. Main idea to show progress of world.

All leading nations, save Russia, represented.

Finest feature, the cascades. Side show street called "The Pike." Exposition closed on Sundays.

At one time there was a rumor that the President would call an extra session of Congress to consider the case of Dr. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C. An attempt was made during the last day of Congress to confirm the nomination, but as the democrats promised to consume two weeks in talking about it, the job was postponed until next December. Dr. Crum may get an ad interim appointment.

Hiram Cronk of Oneida, N. Y., who was born in 1800 is said to be the only survivor of the war of 1812.

## HELLO! HELLO!!

Have you ever considered the difference between having a telephone and having telephone service. We furnish both. If you are interested in Milford's future welfare, as we know you are, why not consider having the best telephone system obtainable, when it can be secured at a very moderate rate. Our service not only allows free connections with Port Jervis, but puts you in touch with nearly two million (2,000,000) telephones throughout the United States.

We are about to establish an up-to-date exchange at Milford, and shall provide sufficient facilities to furnish the efficient service that you require to transact your business expeditiously. No annoying delays in reaching Port Jervis or other points. All metallic circuits and enough of them to guarantee satisfactory service. Our telephones are attractive in appearance, will correspond with the fittings of your residence or office and will not appear unsightly or out of place. You may have either a desk or wall telephone.

If any doubt exists of the general good results derived from a modern and complete telephone system we beg to refer you to the village of Monticello where only long distance telephones are in use. You may have the benefit of our long experience in the telephone business at rates as follows:

BUSINESS TELEPHONES, \$2.00 PER MONTH

RESIDENCE TELEPHONES, \$1.50 PER MONTH

Where a business and residence telephone is required by the same person, firm or associates in business, the two telephones will be furnished at \$3.00 per month. We will be glad to advance any further information that you may desire at your convenience.

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Signed, HUDSON RIVER TELEPHONE CO. E. H. Greenleaf, Dist. Mgr.