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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 20, 1900.

Secretary Gage is greatly interested in the work of refunding the entire bonded indebtedness of the country into the 2% bonds authorized by the new finance law, which is now well under way, every mail to the Treasury being filled with applications for exchanging the outstanding bonds for the new issue. The entire issue of the new bonds will be dated April 1, and they will be exchanged as fast as possible, in the order of application, the accrued interest on the old bonds being paid in cash.

President McKinley regrets the failure of his tender of the good offices of this government to Great Britain to assist in bringing about peace in South Africa, but recognizes that Lord Salisbury had a right to decline the tender on behalf of his government. The general impression in Washington is that nothing else can or will be done by this government, and that language of Lord Salisbury's declaration is in effect a strong hint to European nations not to attempt mediation.

Secretary Root has, in answer to a request from Gen. Oris, cabled him permission to encourage the love of music among the Filipinos by enlisting them as musicians in the regimental bands of his army.

Admiral Dewey has endorsed a favorable report made by Lieut. H. H. Caldwell, his aid, on the recent tests of the submarine torpedo boat Holland, in the Potomac river just below Washington. Lieut. Caldwell was on the boat during the entire test, lasting nearly three hours, and says in his report that a determined enemy, with a boat of the Holland type could have made the occupation of Manila Bay by Admiral Dewey's squadron impossible. Admiral Dewey sent Lieut. Caldwell's report to the House Committee on Naval Affairs, with a letter of his own, endorsing it strongly.

By a solid republican vote, aided by the vote of Senator Lindsay, of Ky., the Senate has decided in favor of the republican contention, that the Constitution does not follow the flag into acquisitions of territory outside of the boundaries of the U. S. proper, without an act of Congress providing for such an extension. In other words, that territory may belong to the U. S. without becoming a part of the U. S. The vote was on an amendment offered by Senator Allen to the bill providing for turning over to the President, to be used for immediate necessities of Porto Rico, the money collected under the Dingley tariff law, on Porto Rican products, up to the last of January—a little more than \$2,000,000—which was afterwards passed without a division. The question was squarely presented in the defeated amendment, which asserted that the treaty of peace with Spain extended the Constitution of the U. S. over Porto Rico. This action of the Senate endorses the position of the republican majority of the House, as well as that of President McKinley, and there is very little doubt that the decision of the supreme court, when the question reaches it, will be to the same effect.

No time has been set for a vote on the other Porto Rico bill, dealing with the government of the island and the tariff, but it is not likely to be for several weeks, as Senators Aldrich, Platt, of Conn., and Teller, who are much interested in the measure have gone to Cuba, and will not return for about two weeks. Meanwhile the debate will go on. The passage of the Emergency Porto Rican Bill has made it unnecessary to hurry in disposing of this one.

Although always intensely partisan, Senator Tillman has a way of frankly expressing what he believes which makes one admire his honesty even when they entirely disagree with him. He made some of the demerits open their eyes when he said, on the floor of the Senate: "I am always willing to trust William McKinley. He is a patriotic and noble man." During the same colloquy, he said to the republican Senators, referring to their differences on the Porto Rican tariff question: "You are the best organized party I ever saw, and no matter how you talk, I have no doubt you will all round up on the vote."

## PERSONALS.

Wm. Angle Esq. spent a day in New York recently.

B. E. Brown visited his Porters Pond dominion Saturday.

E. F. Peters, of Bushkill, made a brief visit in town Monday.

Sheriff Vandermark went to New York on business Saturday.

Dr. L. De Plasse and family spent Sunday at his Ann street home.

Gerton Pallot, of Paterson, was a Sunday guest with Fred Gumble.

Miss Kimble, of Paupac, visited her friend Mrs. Fred Gumble this week.

Mrs. Eschback, of New York, was a recent visitor at the Hotel Faulchier.

John Rochette, of Canton, O., attended the funeral of his father last Sunday.

R. W. Smith Esq., of Palmyra, was in town this week on business matters.

Paul Schanno, of New York, paid a brief visit to Hotel Schanno in Dingman Twp.

Mrs. Percy Lyman and son, of New York, are visiting her mother, Madam Tissot.

Charles and Harold Thornton attended the funeral of their father last Friday night.

Miss Fanny Swenpizer entertained a small company in celebration of her birthday last Friday evening.

E. L. Van Etten, of New York, visited his Aunt and daughter on Broad street a couple of days this week.

Miss Laura Bennett, formerly operator in the telegraph office here, now in a similar situation in Brooklyn, is visiting Miss Bertha Williamson on Fourth street.

Major C. H. Royce and daughter, of Monticello, N. Y., who had been spending a few days at Brookside Villa returned home this week.

Dr. H. E. Emerson and wife will leave today for a trip in Southern climes. They will visit Jamaica and other West Indian islands and be absent a week.

W. S. Ryan went to New York Thursday morning to make purchases for his spring trade, which promises to be large, and to meet the demand and make his selection more carefully he wished to personally inspect the goods. He was accompanied by his daughter Alice and Lulu Schorr.

## Railroads Again!

About this time in the year it is wise to carry an umbrella. The spring showers fall suddenly but they do not come much more frequently than do the periodical announcements of new railroads to be constructed in, or across this county. The number of paper roads which have been built on our territory is something wonderful, and the wind expended in exploiting them would, if concentrated, almost blow the rocks and stones into a suitable grade and level all our hills.

The parties here last week, Messrs. Ralidham and Nye, drove across the country to White Haven in Carbon ostensibly to examine its topographical aspect with a view to building an air line road.

Whether they followed any former survey, or mapped out a new route is not disclosed, but they stated, we are informed, that if rights of way could be secured at reasonable figures through Erypt and the Promised Land in Pike, and the Shades of Death in Monroe the road would be built. There is abundant capital lying unused in the numerous banks in the country and in the U. S. treasury to build and equip it, hence there is no apparent obstacle unless it be difficulty in securing rights of way through the places above mentioned.

Let us hope the land owners in these thriving localities will be reasonable and thus ensure the scheme.

## List of Unclaimed Letters

Remaining in the Post Office at Milford for week ending March 24, '00.

Ladies—Mrs. Henry Brodeur.

Gents—Wm. F. Nye, Harry Stivel.

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

CHARLES LATIMORE, P. M.

## Wanted!

Ten thousand rock oak, white oak and chestnut rail road ties—sizes 7 x 7 and 8 x 8. Highest market price paid—half trade half cash. Delivered at Sawkill Mill, W. T. Strable.

## BRIEF MENTION.

Robert Warner Reid, who is now at Lakewood N. J. is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. Neff indulged the Union League in a sleighride March 16th.

Milton Armstrong recently traded off his horse and now rides behind a fine boy.

Fred Lockwood and his estimable wife are rejoicing over the advent of a fine boy.

It is said that Wm. H. Armstrong Esq. is quite ill in New York where he and his wife are visiting.

The Old Point Comfort Club enjoyed a straw rifle and a supper at the Hickory Grove Hotel Tuesday night.

William Holbert an aged resident suffered a slight paralytic stroke Wednesday while standing in the Court House.

Mrs. Jarleys wax works will be given at Browns Hall Monday evening April 16 instead of the date previously announced.

Louis D. Vail a prominent Philadelphia lawyer identified with the temperance cause, who was a native of Stroudsburg, died Wednesday.

George Snyder, of Lehman, has been kindly circulating a paper this week to raise funds to maintain Henry Schuyler, of Lehman, in an asylum.

Through the courtesy of County Superintendent Sawyer we are in receipt of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the year ending June 1899.

Two peddlers buying old iron and scraps at Angles shop last week, appropriated a lot of rabbit metal and lead pipe. He gave chase with a warrant but they eluded arrest.

Joseph C. Chamberlain has added to his real estate business that of life insurance and has accepted an agency for the Jewelers' and Tradesmen's Co., of New York, which offers at liberal rates indemnity for 24 weeks for sickness.

Marian, wife of Henry Worzel Jr., of Shohola, died suddenly last Sunday morning of heart trouble aged about 58 years. Her husband, five sons Henry, George, Charles, Joseph and Fred and one daughter Anna survive. The funeral was held Tuesday.

Some fifteen principals of schools and County Superintendents were guests last Friday of Prof. Bible at the East Stroudsburg Normal. After careful inspection of the several departments all express themselves as highly pleased with the management of the school and spoke warmly of Prof. Bible.

## A School of Forestry.

At a meeting of the Yale corporation held March 10th a gift was announced of \$150,000, to Yale for the purpose of founding a school of Forestry.

The donors were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pinchot, of New York city, and their sons, Gifford Pinchot, Yale '89, and Amos R. E. Pinchot, Yale '98.

This school will be a new department at Yale. The founding of it has been due to President Hadley and to Mr. Gifford Pinchot, who is at the head of the Division of Forestry in the department of Agriculture at Washington. Mr. Pinchot was one of the first Americans to take up the scientific study of forestry. He has made a great success in forestry and is much interested in the establishment of the school at Yale.

The corporation confirmed the selection of Mr. Henry S. Graves, Yale '92, as the head of the new school. Mr. Graves is now Mr. Gifford Pinchot's first assistant at Washington. He is the son of Dr. Graves, of Andover Academy.

The school of Forestry will for the time being be located in the house of the late Professor O. C. Marsh. It is believed that this department will become an important one at Yale.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pinchot have also given Yale the use of a large tract of land in Pike county, Pa., for practical demonstration in forestry during the summer vacation months of Yale. In other words, this land will be used for a Summer school of the Yale School of Forestry. The use of the land is given to Yale for a period of twenty-one years.

Rev. W. E. Shezer, W. Caton, N. Y. writes, "I had dyspepsia over thirty years, and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to use kofal dyspepsia cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion." It digests what you eat.

## CURRENT COMMENTS.

The kopje and the spruit will now retire from the fierce white light of public notice.

After being good for nearly a month, Kentucky again takes to fire-water and firearms in liberal doses.

The relieved fasters at Klobberly and Ladysmith no doubt felt unwilling to make a strict observance of Lent.

It surely makes Albert Edmond feel gloomy to observe his ma stumbling the country with such youthful vigor.

If Queen Lil's pension bill goes through, she will make more money by being an ex-Queen than the real article.

New York financiers are busy discussing "the peril of a surplus." Most men are entirely willing to face such peril.

Mrs. Dewey thinks George would make a good President. Perhaps she also thinks the job can be decided, same as real estate.

Brooklyn is to have a home for superannuated horses, but no Brooklynite has yet suggested a retreat for rickety baby carriages.

The Delawares have started ghost dancing again, but they will hardly succeed in supplanting the great Afro-American cakewalk.

A snuff trust having been organized, it is in order for the ready paragrapher to rise and solemnly remark that such a thing is not to be sneezed at.

Cecil Rhodes is reported to be in favor of letting the Boers down easy. Perhaps Cecil looks forward to a time when the Boers might again succeed in pocketing him.

Cronje's removal to St. Helena should be highly pleasing to that gentleman if the English by so doing attempt to draw a comparison between him and his late illustrious occupant.

There are in England four Ladies Queensberry struggling for the social leadership of their family. Why not have them settle the matter in accordance with the rules laid down by the late lamented Marquis?

Mayor Van Wyck has issued a manifesto to reporters in which he absolutely refuses to be interviewed for publication hereafter. As he invariably makes a fool of himself in print, the new departure is a wise one.

Two of the Vanderbilt family dropped large sums at Monte Carlo recently. They seem to think it is better to have the fun of losing the money themselves than to hand it over to a speculative French brother-in-law.

A prominent New York daily is to be conducted by women. The "woman's corner" will be transferred to the front page, and all prize-fight stories will contain minute descriptions of the costumes of the participants and guests.

The German waiters' congress held last week in Berlin raised quite a dust because their employers compelled them to disgorge fifty per cent of all tips. Isn't it about time for a convention of diners to get together and adopt a few resolutions on the subject of tips?

## Real Estate Transfers.

William Hendershot to Adam Hendershot, dated March 7th. 2 acres Westfall, con \$1300

William E. Smith et. ux. et. al. to Mrs. Nancy Armstrong, dated March 12, 1897. 3 lots Milford Boro., on George St., con. \$450.

Mary L. Chelster and husband to Arthur Lederer, dated March 1st. 912 acres Lackawaxen, \$2.

Agatha Ernst to Henry Gott, dated Sept. 29, 1899. 2 1/2 acres Lackawaxen, con. \$100.

Catherine E. Wright to F. L. Tuttle, dated Jan. 18th. 60 acres Lackawaxen, con. \$500.

Cory Quick and husband et. al. to Olive Sarton, dated Nov. 16, 1899. 50 acres Lackawaxen, con. \$1

Lancelot Armstrong et. ux. to C. S. Haas, dated Feb. 12. Interest in 383 acres Shohola, con. \$50.

## Cake Sales.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church has arranged a sale which will be held every Saturday during Lent at the Church, from two to five o'clock in the afternoon. Bread, rolls, pies, cake, ham, jellies, pickles and candy will be furnished, and orders left with any number of the Guild will be promptly delivered as directed. Mrs. Kessworthy, m30 Secretary.

Fancy nuts and crackers at Wallace's.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court opened by President Judge Friday Monday with Associate Judge. Judge Honck not being present on account of the ill health of his father but took his seat Tuesday morning.

All the constables made returns and E. M. Pierson, of Blooming Grove, and C. S. Haas, of Shohola, were appointed to wait on the Court and B. C. Totten, of Westfall, on the Grand Jury. The grand jurors all answered when E. Highby, of Shohola, was excused and A. W. Balle, Sr., of Matamoras was appointed foreman.

Accounts on the following estates were confirmed: Louis Dalloz dec'd, Jacob Klunhans dec'd, Julia Ann Van Gordon dec'd and Clyde E. Van Aaken also Auditors reports estates J. C. Lattimore, Francis Manly and Jacob Elwanger.

All applications for licenses were granted there being no objections to any.

Alexander Belles was appointed guardian of the minor children of Clyde E. Van Aaken dec'd and Geo. Rhodes of Mary, a minor child of Henry and Olive Rhodes dec'd.

The committee on the application of J. Wallace Van Gordon, of Matamoras, for admission to the bar reported favorably and he was duly sworn as attorney.

Grey vs. Grey divorce. A Mitchell Palmer Esq., of Stroudsburg, appointed examiner.

J. B. Westbrook petitioned for release of lien of Sheriff's recognizance from lands, which was granted.

W. S. Rogers et. al. vs. R. W. Boss et. al. writ in partition awarded.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Kelly. Indictment refusing to pay over money as constable. The defendant was convicted at a former term, a new trial was granted and the court now allowed the defendant to withdraw his plea and then sustained a motion to quash the indictment.

C. F. Seitz appointed Auditor for Dingman Twp.

Petition for views on road from near house of V. B. Case in Lackawaxen to bridge near grist mill of John Perkins in Berlin, Wayne Co. Frank Schorr, a Griswold and John Smith appointed.

The Grand Jury recommended that adequate light be provided for the gentlemen's toilet, and that the accommodations be enlarged and properly partitioned.

That the jail and living rooms be thoroughly renovated and bars placed from the top of the back of the cells to the walls of the corridors to prevent prisoners from climbing to top of cells and escaping through the ceiling over them.

Godfrey Gephardt, Henry Adrich and Frank Schorr were appointed viewers on county line bridge across the Paupac near Cromwelltown.

On account of the incapacity, through illness, of court clerk Chas. H. Wood to attend to his duties his son Charles Wood was temporarily appointed until further order of the Court.

Commonwealth vs. Charles B. Quinn, Indictment F. and B. Verdict guilty.

Commonwealth vs. M. S. Early indicted for assault with intent to commit murder. Continued.

Inquisition on the body of Wesley Rodgers. Court disapproves same for the reason that there is nothing in the return which shows any necessity for holding same.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Hennessey. Indicted for larceny of a watch. Deft. plead guilty and the court imposed a sentence which expires May first, and a fine of ten dollars.

Com' with vs. Cornelius Grooming. Indicted for larceny of a hound. The court directed a verdict of not guilty. The costs to be paid by the county, in this case, amount to the snug sum of \$152.98.

Sale of Centre Square Hotel by order of Orphan's Court confirmed.

## Market Day.

As previously announced the farmers of Lackawaxen have established a Market Day for their products. The date for the first sale is fixed for Thursday April 5th near the Keystone Hotel.

There will be at least seventy-five head of cattle, a number of pigs, sheep and chickens. Potatoes and vegetables will also be for sale.

Those farmers who have not joined this movement should do so at once, so as to make the unbecoming for a large number of buyers to be present as great as possible.

## THE INJUNCTION CONTINUED.

In an exhaustive opinion handed down March 19, Judge Purdy disposed of the injunction proceedings brought sometime ago by the Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Co. against the Erie. This is a proceeding by bill by the plaintiff to restrain the defendant from interfering with the plaintiff's use for railroad purposes, or otherwise, of a strip of land formerly the water way of that portion of the D. & H. canal which extended from Hawley to Lackawaxen with 15 feet in width on each side of said canal and to compel the removal by defendant of all the material deposited and placed by it on said land on or after Nov. 21, 1899.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

1. At the time of conveyance of the canal property by the Cornell Steamboat Co. to the plaintiff the canal was not a parallel or competing line with the plaintiff's railroad within the meaning of section 4 art 17 of the constitution of Pa.

2. The plaintiff corporation acquired no right by virtue of its purchase from the Cornell Co. either to continue the operation of the canal or to construct and operate a railroad thereon.

3. So far as the plaintiff corporation has authority to locate the proposed line of railroad from Hawley to the state line at Lackawaxen it has taken the requisite legal steps so to do.

4. The plaintiff's proposed railroad from Hawley to Lackawaxen is not a branch within the purview of section 9 of the act of April 4, 1868.

5. The plaintiff corporation has no authority in law to construct the proposed railroad from Hawley to Lackawaxen.

6. The plaintiff acquired no title to, or right in the land in question by reason of its acts in locating and adopting the route from Hawley to the state line for railroad purposes.

7. At the time of the acts by the defendant of which the plaintiff complains the plaintiff had possession of the land upon which these acts were committed under a paper title coming from the D. & H. Canal Co. the former owner.

8. The right of the D. & H. Co. to transfer the land involved in issue to the Cornell Co. and the authority of the latter company to transfer same to the plaintiff cannot be questioned by the defendant corporation in this case.

9. The defendant corporation had no lawful right either to fill the canal basin and its railroad bridges or to construct the railroad track which it built about Nov. 26, 1899 across the canal west of the bridge.

10. With regard to the operations of the defendant in filling the canal beneath the railroad bridge the plaintiff has an adequate remedy at law.

11. The defendant should be required to remove from the land in question the railroad switch constructed by it after the injunction order was issued, and should be enjoined from any further act upon or about the land in question until it has acquired legal rights to the premises.

12. The defendant should pay the cost of this proceeding.

## ORDER AND DECREE.

This case having been heard on bill answer, replication, evidence and argument of counsel after due consideration of the questions involved in the issue: Now March 19, 1900 it is ordered, adjudged and decreed that the preliminary injunction heretofore awarded be and same is amended or modified so as to enjoin and restrain the defendant the Erie R. R. Co., its agents, servants and employees from depositing material of any kind upon, and from any interference with the land known as the D. & H. Canal Co. situate in the County of Pike, and it is further ordered that the said Erie R. R. Co. within 10 days from the time it is served with a copy of this order, remove from the land of said plaintiff the railroad switch or track, and all material connected with the construction thereof which was built by it or its employees on or about Nov. 26, 1899 across said canal and its land in the vicinity of Lackawaxen in Pike county.

This order and decree however is not to be construed to prohibit or preclude said defendant from taking any legal steps devised by it to acquire any of said lands or any rights thereto or therein by virtue of the power of eminent domain or other lawful means either with respect to its present line of railroad or with regard to any branch or other railroad which it may desire to construct.

And this order and decree is not to be construed to preclude the plaintiff from recovering in a common law action against the defendant for any damage

sustained by it by reason of filling of the canal beneath the bridge of the deft as stated in plaintiff's bill of complaint, and as thus changed and modified the injunction is continued and made permanent and final.

And it is ordered and decreed that the Erie R. R. Co. pay the costs of this proceeding. BY THE COURT.

## Negress in the South.

It is generally understood that there are a great many very prominent colored people in the South, who have risen from slavery to places of position and trust. Among the more prominent is Dr. L. A. Scruggs of Raleigh, N. C. He is a physician who has done a great deal for his people. His chief effort was to start a sanitarium at Southern Pines, N. C., where invalid colored people may have comfortable quarters and proper medical attention. The doctor has received considerable assistance from people throughout the North, especially in connection with the Sanitarium The Pickfords, of Massachusetts, contributed largely to the establishment of the institution, and it bears the name of that prominent Massachusetts family. We have very favorable reports about the institution and Dr. Scruggs, from many visitors from this section who have gone to Southern Pines during the past two winters. Southern Pines is located on the Seaboard Air Line that has its office at 371 Broadway New York. The S. A. L. makes close connections with the Old Dominion steamers and we advise you to go from New York via the Old Dominion Steamers.

Now is a good time to go South and escape the severe weather of the next few months.

## Excursion to Washington, D. C.

On Thursday March 29th, the Erie will run a grand excursion from Port Jervis to Washington D. C. at the low rate of \$9. round trip. Tickets good to return on or before April 4th. This is the best season of the year to visit the National Capital, Congress being in session Washington is full of life. The limit of tickets being April 4th affords ample time to take any of the numerous side trips from Washington such as Old Point Comfort, Virginia Branch, Richmond, costing three or four dollars for round trip. A trip down the Historical Potomac River is well worth the cost of the entire excursion. Special high back coaches will be run through to Washington via P. R. R. leaving Port Jervis at 10:07 a. m. March 29th stopping at Jersey city 30 minutes for lunch.

Returning leave Washington on or before April 4th, stop over is allowed at Baltimore and Philadelphia within the extreme limit of tickets. Remember only \$9. round trip.

## OBITUARY.

### LOUIS ROCHETTE.

A brief notice last week announced the death of this aged man which occurred early last Friday morning March 16th. He was born in Bavaria July 14, 1817 and came to America in 1850. He was three times married. His first wife died soon after his arrival in this country leaving one son John now residing in Canton, Ohio. His second wife was a Miss Munich of Pt. Jervis, where he resided, and one daughter Anna wife of John Linde, of New York, survives that union. In 1869 he married Margaretta Schmitt and in 1862 came to Milford which place has since been his home. He was an industrious and upright citizen, of a kind disposition and enjoyed the respect of his friends and acquaintances. Besides the children above named he is survived by his widow and four daughters Lizze, Laura, Dora and Loza all residing in town. The funeral was held Sunday Rev. Thomas Nichols officiating.

## Democratic Meeting.

The annual meeting held at the Court House Monday evening was organized by electing J. J. Hart chairman, Alvah Quirk and G. F. Rowland vice chairmen, Frank Schorr and J. F. Tarwilliger Secretaries.

The following were elected county committee Frank Schorr, George A. Swenpizer, George Gregory, Hon. Jacob Klaier and G. F. Rowland. George Sawyer was appointed delegate to the State Convention.

If your fowls have Cholera or Roup, use Orange Electric Food at once. For sale at T. Armstrong's.