

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Since the first session of congress one week ago today a large amount of work has been accomplished considering that this is the first session of a new congress. No legislation of importance has been actually enacted but a gratifying number of preliminary details have been disposed of.

On Tuesday the president's message was read in both houses and met with the almost universal approval of the members, but two recommendations meeting with an opposition from the republicans. These are Colonel Roosevelt's advocacy of the inauguration of a federal irrigation system and his advice on the subject of reciprocity which is not concurred in by some of the members of his party. As soon as the message had been read and referred to the committee of the whole by the house that body adjourned until Friday.

Before adjournment, however, a large number of bills were filed with the clerk, the total number aggregating over two thousand. Among the bills which have been introduced are measures providing for Chinese exclusion, the enforcement of the Dingley tariff schedules in the Philippines, a measure made necessary by the setting aside of the present tariff law as applied to the islands by a supreme court decision, numerous bills intended to suppress anarchy and punish attempts on the life of the president, a bill providing a pension of \$5000 per annum for Mrs. McKinley, a bill providing for the reservation of 4,000,000 acres of forest land in the southern Appalachian mountains to be known as the McKinley national park, and numerous bills intended to remedy the evils attendant upon the formation of trusts.

Probably the most important work in the house has been the nomination by Speaker Henderson of the ways and means committee, the appropriations committee and the committee on enrolled bills. The ways and means committee is composed of Representatives Payne, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell, Steele, Tawney, McCall, Long, Babcock, Metcalf, republicans, Richardson, Robertson, Swanson, McClellan, Newlands and Cooper, democrats. This includes one more republican and one less democrat than formerly, Speaker Henderson believing that in view of the increased majority in the house, the republicans were entitled to increased representation on this important committee.

Immediately after the appointment of the committee it met in the capitol to discuss the Philippine tariff situation and another meeting was held on Saturday. No time will be lost in reporting a bill which will meet with the approval of a majority of both the house and senate. It is the hope of Speaker Henderson and Chairman Payne that this necessary legislation may be enacted before the holiday adjournment. Senator Lodge introduced a bill into the senate providing for the application of the Dingley bill to the Philippines, but as all revenue legislation should originate in the house, it is probable that the senator's bill will give way to that reported by the ways and means committee.

On Wednesday the senate resolved from the president the report of the Isthmian canal commission and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. The provisions of the treaty accorded with the predictions made in these letters. It calls for no compensation to Great Britain in return for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and leaves the United States the sole master of the canal with the right to fortify or otherwise protect it and requires the simple pledge that the canal shall be maintained as a neutral waterway. The convention was immediately referred to the committee on foreign relations and Friday that committee unanimously voted to recommend it for ratification. Senator Barrows tells me that he believes the measure will receive the vote of every republican senator and a sufficient number of democratic votes to insure its passage. Senator Jones, the democratic leader, does not believe that there will be any formal opposition by the democratic leaders.

The Isthmian canal commission favors the Nicaraguan route, the cost of which it estimates at \$189,844,000. This canal will have to be provided with locks and will be

without harbor facilities at either end. It is estimated that it can be completed in eight years and the total length would be 193 miles. The cost of completing the Panama canal is placed at \$144,233,000 and the amount required to purchase the canal from the French company \$109,141,000, although the counts sin values the work done at only \$40,000,000. In favor of the Panama route it may be said that it would be a sea level canal, only forty-nine miles long, that it has harbors at each end and that it would cost \$1,300,000 per annum less to operate than the Nicaraguan canal. The commission unqualifiedly recommends the Nicaraguan route and Senator Morgan has already introduced his bill providing for its construction.

In view of the fact that at the expiration of fifty years the original cost of the Nicaraguan route plus the increased cost of maintenance for that period will have equalled the total cost of the Panama route if it were chosen and that subsequent to that time the United States would be relieved of an annual expense of \$13,000,000; that vessels would find a harbor at either end of the canal and that the time consumed in traversing the Nicaraguan canal will amount to thirty-three hours as against twelve hours for the Panama canal, it would seem difficult to understand the grounds on which the commission recommends the former route.

A further consideration should not be lost sight of, however, and that is that the French company holds out for a price approximately \$70,000,000 in excess of the amount at which the commission values the work done. In view of this fact a reasonable surplus is that the commission and congress intend to proceed with the preliminaries looking to the construction of the Nicaraguan canal with the hope that it may induce the French owners of the Panama route to listen to reason and accept the commission's valuation of \$40,000,000 on their part. If they can be induced to do this the total cost of the canal would not exceed, assuming that the commission's estimates are correct, \$189,000,000, and an annual saving of \$13,000,000 would have been effected.

Real Estate Transfers.

Ira Simpson with Edward S. Jones, agreement for sale of timber on lands in Lackawaxen, 73 acres. Consideration \$400.

Gibson McKean, Jr., wife and others to Hugh McKean, 64 acres, Shohola. Consideration \$1.

H. D. Smith and Lizette M. Wolfe to Franklin Selig, 69 acres, Greenc. Consideration \$1.

Ella M. Rose to Abel A. Crosby, 97 acres, Lackawaxen, part of Mordical Roberts.

Abel A. Crosby and wife to Edward S. Jones, same lands, Consideration \$1,000.

The Christmas Dinner.

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

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Oyerstreet of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Local doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It is absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and \$1 at all druggists. Trial bottles free.

WANTED, TO RENT—A small farm in this county. Address giving terms, this office.

120 patterns of wall paper at W. & G. Mitchell.

OBITUARY.

RANDALL VAN GORDEN.

Genial, whole hearted "Bain" Van Gorden, perhaps the best and most widely known man in the Delaware valley, died at his home in Dingman's Ferry early Tuesday morning, Dec. 10th. For a long time he had been a sufferer from asthma and in fact had not been a well man for the past twenty-five or more years. He was, however, about the house as usual until a few days before his death, the immediate cause of which was heart trouble. He was a son of Moses and Charlotte Newman Easton Van Gorden and was born on a farm in Lehman township, March 31, 1838. He resided there until about 1870 when having sold his farm, after a short residence in Milford he bought the Delaware House at Dingmans, of which he has been the popular proprietor ever since. He was an open, generous disposition. His friendliness when extended was warm and cordial and given without reserve and when withheld his feelings were decidedly expressed. Charitably inclined he gave without grudging, perhaps more largely than his circumstances warranted, but it was spontaneous and won for him a large circle of devoted and steadfast friends who will deeply mourn his loss. He was a man of positive convictions, sincere in his beliefs and honorable in all his dealings.

March 10, 1869, he married Hannah L. Decker who with five children, Lattie, Charlotte E., Linda D., and Warren, all at home, and Elizabeth, wife of Floyd E. Bevan of Westfall township, survives him. A sister, Elizabeth, widow of Jas. D. Briscoe late of Lehman, one brother, Thomas N., of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and half-brother, James Easton of Otisville, N. Y., also survive. The funeral will be held to-day, Friday, at his late residence and interment in the Milford cemetery.

DR. ESTON SHIMER COLE.

Dr. Cole died at the home of his parents Saturday afternoon, Dec. 7, of consumption after an illness of several months. He was a son of T. Van Etten and Mary Shimer Cole and was born in Montague about twenty-three years ago. After receiving his education at Blair Hall he decided on the profession of dentistry and graduated at the Dental college at Philadelphia. He located at Portland, Pa., and soon by energy and skill established a lucrative practice. Failing health compelled him to relinquish business and some six weeks ago he came to his former home. At first it was thought that his malady might yield but as time elapsed the fond hopes of his parents and friends faded as he daily grew weaker and it was seen that his life was surely ebbing away. He was a most estimable young man of decided talent and no doubt had his life been spared would have had a prosperous and successful career. The ways of Providence are inscrutable, but his dealings, though seemingly harsh, are all-wise. Dr. Cole is survived by his parents and two brothers: Martin and Jacob C. The funeral conducted by Rev. Edgar M. Smead of the Milford Presbyterian church and Rev. A. Meyer of the Reformed church of Montague occurred Tuesday at the home and interment in Laurel Grove cemetery.

CHRISTIAN LEHDE.

Dingman township lost a well known and most excellent citizen last Sunday, Dec. 8, when Mr. Lehde, after a comparatively short illness of catarrh of the stomach, died quite suddenly.

He was born July 3, 1840, at Westphalia, Germany, and Sept. 17, 1857, came to New York, where he secured employment in a grocery store. At the breaking out of the civil war he evidenced his patriotism for his adopted country and in May, 1861, enlisted in Company H 1st N. Y. V. C. He was in the seven days' fight fought at Antietam, Gettysburg and in the Shenandoah valley and at Piedmont, Va., was shot in the left eye. He was honorably discharged in 1864 and returning to New York, engaged in business until 1887 when he purchased a farm in this county, which has since been his home. June 16, 1868, he married in New York Miss Catharine Borman, who died in 1888. He was an intelligent, upright man, a wide reader and greatly attached to the principles of liberty. He was a member of G. A. B. Post, No. 29, of New York and of the German Hunters. He is survived by four children, Charles W., Christian H., Henrietta and John H. The funeral took place from his late home Tuesday conducted by Rev. C. E. Scudder and interment in Milford cemetery.

SUSAN ELIZABETH MAGEENIS.

After an illness extending over several months, of cancer, Mrs. Mageenis passed away at her home in Dingman's Ferry Saturday, Dec. 7, aged about seventy-four years. She was a daughter of the late Andrew and Caroline Eliza Sayre Dingman and was born in Delaware township, which was her residence until 1870, when she married John Mageenis of Goshen, N. Y., and removed to Columbus, Ohio. Her husband dying in 1885, she returned to this county some twelve years ago and has since resided in this vicinity. She is survived by brothers and sisters as follows: Margaret, wife of John Latimers, Mrs. Mary Kelsey, William and Isaac of Delaware, Evi S., of Scranton and Alfred S. of this borough. The funeral was held Tuesday.

Godfrey, a son of Benjamin Palmer and wife, died Saturday, Dec. 7, at the home of his mother in this borough aged about 12 years. He had for a long time been subject to epileptic fits, to which he finally succumbed. Besides his parents he is survived by two brothers, Rowell and John. The funeral conducted by Rev. C. E. Carpenter was held Monday in the Episcopal church and interment in Milford cemetery.

BRIEF MENTION.

What did our sleighing come for when it is so soon done for? Mrs. Leolah Stanford has endowed the university bearing her name to the extent of \$50,000,000.

Court convenes next Monday but the session will likely be short and little business of importance transacted.

Letters of administration on the estate of Mary P. Bohan, late of Port Jervis, have been granted to C. E. Cuddeback, Esq.

Letters of administration on the estate of Valentine Stangy late of Lackawaxen, have been granted to A. G. Rowland.

An infant child of Charles Clark and wife residing on Water street died Saturday, Dec. 7. The funeral was held last Sunday.

The Minsink railroad of Monroe county has been chartered to build a trolley from Stroudsburg to Portland by way of the Water Gap.

Philip Skull, a brother of Dr. J. H. Skull of Stroudsburg, recently committed suicide at Water Gap by hanging himself to a rafter in a barn.

It is reported that smallpox is in the lower part of the valley. Every precaution should be taken to check the disease and especially should there be wholesale vaccination.

Col. Adolph L. Kline of the 14th Regiment is very favorably spoken of as a probable appointee for deputy police commissioner of Brooklyn, N. Y. He is a brother of Lon Kline of this borough.

Amos Rustle, the former celebrated base ball pitcher who was paid a salary of \$5000 a year, is now working in a ditch at Muncie, Ind., for \$1.50 a day and says he is happier there than when he was a king in the diamond.

Just examine Johnson's advertisement. It is an old and favorite maxim of shoe men to announce that it is a great feat to fit feet, but Johnson has the temerity to announce himself a "fitter of feet." He must stand or fall by that assumption and the only way to tumble his proud assurance is to satisfy him by a trial that he claims too much. Just take your pedal extremities, oorns and all, and ask him to comfortably clothe them with leather.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, Try it. Only 50 cts. Guaranteed. For sale by all druggists.

WANTED.—Energetic man or woman to act as local secretary in this district, 1902 yearly. Inclose self addressed envelope to "Vice-President," care of Press.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Well Attended and Instructive Sessions.

The annual teachers' institute convened here Monday and was opened with an excellent attendance. All came fully prepared for a week of pleasure and profit and none have gone away disappointed. The speakers and instructors were eminently fitted for their duties and the teachers were attentive and receptive. Prof. Sawyer by experience understands the requirements for a successful institute and by assiduity in providing competent assistants and a careful supervision of details makes them so in a marked degree.

Organization was effected by electing for officers Prof. John C. Watson and Lucian B. Westbrook of the Milford schools vice presidents, J. F. Molony secretary and Louise Klaser assistant, Helen B. Rowland treasurer and Florence Rochotte organist.

After singing Rev. C. E. Scudder of the M. E. church conducted devotional exercises, when Miss Elizabeth Lloyd of Lansdowne talked on "Hygienic Physiology." She was followed by Miss Lelia Partridge of Philadelphia, who gave a talk introductory of the work of the week, and Dr. Byron W. King concluded the afternoon session with a discussion of the "Teacher's Profession."

The teachers present were: Blooming Grove—Louise Beck, May A. Edwards, Sarah V. Lynn, Carrie Vioines, Mary Madden. Delaware—Carrie Hornbeck, Ella Westbrook, J. V. Hood, Ella Hursb, Annie Madden, W. H. Layton. Dingman—Louise Klaser, Nettie Myer, Dora Rochotte, Jennie Strathers, Meda Boyd, Cora Struble, Sadie Wells.

Greens—Agnas Hopps, Arthur Kramer, Theresco Smith, Annie Gilpin, Bertha Richards, Ova Elzler, Earl Cross, Mary Cross, Elizabeth Switzer.

Lackawaxen—Anna Remeen, Grace Barnes, Cassie Lindermann, Mrs. J. H. Branning, Helen Rowland, Carrie Dewitt, Estella Smith, Media Hansen, Abbie Edwards, Lena Boehm, Hattie Bradford, Nora Madden, Ida Smith, Margaret Howe.

Lehman—Alice Hogan, Frank Layton, Ralph Torn, John Clark, Adelaide Heller, Nora Counterman, Olive Daughy.

Milford—John C. Watson, Lucian B. Westbrook, D. H. Hornbeck, Elizabeth Rochotte, Florence Rochotte.

Palmyra—Beattie Ansley, Marion Williams, Leona Utt, Herbert Hiller, Byron Cross.

Shohola—Minnie Williams, Phebe A. Wells, Loretta Langen, Nellie V. Norton, Velva Carruth.

Westfall—Charles Houck, J. F. Molony, Minnie Van Akin, Frank Wilkin, Nellie Westfall, Tillie Zollner, Sarah Renney, Emma Billman, Howard Allen, Flora Heidensthal, Edyth Crane.

NOTES ON THE LECTURES.

Miss Lloyd on Monday in her talk on hygiene in the schoolroom advised teachers to see to the physical comfort as well as the mental advancement of the pupils. Discipline and the success of the schools depends largely on the hygienic rules observed. She described the old fashioned school and her experience in teaching and struggles to regulate the temperature of the room. She spoke of dress and of the manner of eating and warned against carelessness in both.

Tuesday morning during singing and devotional exercises the sun broke through the thick clouds suggesting a bright day and many accepted it as an omen of success for the institute, in which certainly they were not mistaken. Miss Lloyd further elaborated her previous subject discussing temperance and declared the only safety to be in total abstinence. If boys wish good situations they must be sober as well as intelligent and must avoid bad companions. Large employers are fast refusing to accept men who drink. Her illustrations of the evil effects of drinking were excellent.

Miss Partridge followed with a talk on language. She believes children are more apt to use better language than their elders and said they had both fluency and discrimination and thought the former more important than correction. A child of eight years uses from 500 to 1500 words and they should be induced to talk and recite more in their own and less in the language of the teacher and text books.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS.

Snow could not last when put to the test of withstanding the smiles of all the pretty school maams who took possession of our town this week.

The grim destroyer, Death, has claimed an unusual number of victims in this vicinity during the past week. The young as well as the old have to obey his call.

Pike county air seems to have a queer effect on some people. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Reeve, Jr., of Port Jervis called on Milford friends Friday.

The present board of county commissioners seem to be men of common sense and the right man for the place.

Dr. H. E. Emerson and wife spent Monday and Tuesday in New York.

This week will close the hunting season and the dogs and game as well as some man can have a rest.

Chauncey Watson has a new—mule!

Rupert P. Nills of Lehman was in town a couple of days this week.

Mrs. Clovis Loreaux of Brooklyn, N. Y., is in town.

The pork famine is broken but a grain famine seems to be in sight.

The smiling face of I. Sickles of Mill Rift caused a change in the air down here Tuesday.

The L. A. S. of the Montague Reformed church will hold their mid-winter fair in the basement of the church on Friday evening, Dec. 20. As usual the ladies will provide a good supper.

Opticians and manufacturers of spectacles must be doing a rushing business judging by the people who are wearing the extra pair of eyes. The fashion, if such it is, seems to have more hold on women than men.

His honor, Squire J. B. Fuller, and Jas. M. Stoll, Hainesville's leading merchant, were in town Wednesday.

Miss Myria Depue of Sandyston is the guest of Kitty Sayre this week.

Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. A. Royvoys, Mrs. J. Decker and daughters, Philip Walters and H. Ludwig and daughter attended the funeral of Dr. Eston Cole at Montague Wednesday.

Restoration to Life. In drowning, strangulation, gas suffocation and the like, the body is in a healthy condition, death resulting from stoppage of respiration and heart action. The actual restoration of life by renewing breathing and the circulation of the blood, is now known to be possible. This has been demonstrated in Europe by a series of 100 experiments on dogs, in which 16 out of 21 animals that had been killed by chloroform were brought back to life. The process consists in forcing air through a tube into the lungs at the usual breathing rate, and in opening the chest and squeezing the heart in imitation of the natural contractions. A Danish physician has reported a trial in the case of a man that had died under chloroform. The heart was reached through an opening cut in the chest wall, and was squeezed rhythmically for half an hour, air being at the same time forced into the lungs, and as a result respiration was set up and only an occasional compression was needed to keep the heart going. Life continued several hours, when breathing ceased and the patient was dead again.

A New Paint. Cerusine, the new oil paint substitute of M. Lepine, is a mixture of animal glue and white lead, with a varying proportion of borax and a little potash or nitric acid. The usual pigments are added for the various colors.

Excursion Tickets to Charleston. On account of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian exposition which is being held at Charleston, S. C., the Erie will sell a special excursion ticket from Port Jervis to Charleston, S. C., good returning for 11 days including day of sale at \$25.50 for the round trip, or one good returning up to June 3rd, 1902, at \$24.50 for the round trip. These tickets will be on sale every day up to May 31, 1902.—12-30.

Two barrels good roasted Rio coffee 12 1/2 cts. per lb.; one barrel Maracabo and Mocha mixture roasted 18 cts. per lb. at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Johns and DeVoos paints at W. & G. Mitchell's.

Great reduction in shirt waists at T. Armstrong & Co.'s. Prices now 39c, 55c, 98c and 90c.