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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

The impression is daily gaining ground that there will be anti-trust legislation at this session of congress. All idea of a sweeping anti-trust bill has, however, been practically abandoned and the program now contemplated consists of enacting several brief bills amending the present statutes and making some slight addition to the present laws. Attorney General Knox has sent to the house, where they were introduced by Representative Jenkins, chairman of the judiciary committee, two measures along this line and the judiciary committee has already voted to favorably report one bill which carries into effect one of Mr. Knox's recommendations. It provides a method for facilitating court procedure in anti-trust suits brought by the Federal Government.

One of the Knox bills amends the Sherman law by forbidding the giving or receiving of rebates in transportation, a fine of \$5,000 being provided. It also provides that any corporation receiving such rebate shall be debarred from having its products transported and forbids the transportation of such products if the corporation discriminates in prices to destroy competition. The other bill provides for the appointment of a bi-partisan commission to carry out the provisions of the Sherman act when amended as proposed. The commission is to have powers similar but much stronger than those now possessed by the interstate commerce commission.

That the Knox bills will be enacted precisely as offered is not likely. But that their provisions will be carried out in such measure or measures as may be eventually reported by the judiciary committee is practically assured. There is some soreness on the part of the sub-committee appointed by the judiciary committee to draft an anti-trust measure because the attorney general ignored its chairman, Mr. Littlefield, and sent his bills direct to Mr. Jenkins, chairman of the whole committee, and after refusing to furnish the sub-committee an administration anti-trust measure. It is not believed, however, that the present misunderstanding will prove inimical to the cause of anti-trust legislation.

The complete capitulation of the beet sugar men in their fight on the Cuban treaty is regarded as a triumph for the administration which has thus succeeded in negotiating a treaty which fulfills every obligation to Cuba, insures a monopoly of the Cuban trade to the United States and evidently will work no serious injury to any industry in this country. A representative of the beet sugar producers appeared before the senate committee on foreign relations and urged that the treaty be so amended as to insure no reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar greater than 20 per cent below the Dingley rates; the treaty providing for a 20 per cent differential in favor of Cuba. While there is little likelihood of the senate's amending the treaty, a procedure attended with considerable danger to the convention, it is not believed that any reciprocity treaty which lowers the duty on sugar from nations other than Cuba will be ratified within five years, the period of immunity from such reduction for which the beet sugar men ask.

At the convention of the American beet sugar association there arose a difference of opinion in regard to the Cuban treaty but a majority of the delegates voted favorably only the Michigan delegation dissenting. It withdrew from the convention. Senator Burrows later in the evening told your correspondent that the action of the convention might be interpreted as a withdrawal of all opposition to the Cuban treaty by the manufacturers of the United States. But while opposition to the Cuban treaty was abandoned, a resolution constituting a strong protest against the bill lowering the duty on Philippine products from 75 to 25 per cent of the Dingley rates was adopted. This measure has already passed the house and senator Lodge tells your correspondent that he does not believe it possible the resolution referred to can result in an insurmountable opposition.

Officials of the war department regard the appropriation of the beet sugar producers, that there is any-

thing to fear from Philippine competition, as preposterous and as evincing an entire ignorance of the situation. They say that present conditions in the Philippines are deplorable, the carabao, the only practical beast of burden, have been dying with rinderpest by the wholesale and there is no possibility of recovering the injury done for many years, under the most favorable circumstances. Thousands of acres of cultivated lands are being permitted to go back to their original state of jungle and if neglected for five years will become as entangled fields of underbrush as before they were cleared.

Referring to the sugar production of the islands, it is pointed out that the largest crop ever produced amounted to only 93,000 tons. Last year it was 78,000 tons and the most liberal estimate for the current year does not place it in excess of 10,000 tons. To appreciate these figures it must be remembered that the annual sugar consumption of the United States last year was 2,378,000 tons. Of this amount it was necessary to import 1,700,000 tons. The combined output of Porto Rico and Hawaii was 382,000 tons leaving a deficit of 1,318,000 tons. Even if the improbable assumption be made, that under the operation of the new Cuban treaty the United States takes the entire Cuban product, which last year amounted to 875,000 tons, there would be still left a deficit of 443,000 tons to be imported from elsewhere, an amount far in excess of any crop in the Philippines could hope to produce in many years, if ever.

Considerable amusement was caused last week by the discovery that the senate, on motion of Senator Hoar, had enacted a law which was passed by congress last session and approved by the president last June. The law provides for a division of the District of Alaska into three new districts and it is recalled that the venerable senator from Massachusetts once offered a bill appropriating \$100,000 to survey a line of railway from Wrangel to Sitka, Alaska, between which points there lie 200 miles of the Pacific ocean.

Real Estate Transfers

Walter Vetterlein to S. S. Spruks, deed for timber, on 184 acres, Palmyra, \$2300.

Jacob Zimmerman to S. S. Spruks, deed for timber on 272 acres, Palmyra, \$3500.

Henry Williams to George T. Snyder, 85 acres, Lehman, adjoining lands of E. Hornbeck, \$105.

G. F. Rowland, treasurer, to Lewis Chatillon, 2 deeds 100 acres, Monas Brink, No. 101, Dingman, 50 acres, Lackawaxen, assessed Edward Kirby.

C. W. Bull, executor of Jacob Klenhans, Jr., to King Smith, 3 acres, part of Rebecca Phillips, No. 134, Palmyra.

Republican Caucuses

The republican caucus for nominating candidates to be voted for at the ensuing election will be held at the election house of E. O. Bollet in Dingman township Saturday, Jan. 24, 1903, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. JULES E. BOLLIG, Township Committeeman, January 14, 1902.

The republican caucus for the township of Milford will be held at the office of Dr. H. B. Reed Friday, Jan. 23d, between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. THOMAS NELSON, Township Committeeman.

An Object Lesson

The subject was a pony standing in the gutter, with its blanket blown down on the buggy shaft and a cold north wind blowing. Man after man passed looking at the pony, some even turning around to look back at the helpless animal, but doing nothing. By-and-by the man looking for opportunities, the good Samaritan, came and carefully placed the blanket on the horse, taking pains to so arrange it that the wind could not well blow it off again.

Heads Should Never Ache

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster of Winnie, Va. who writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cures headache, constipation, biliousness. 25c. at all drug stores.

PERSONALS

Harry P. Nyce of Stroudsburg was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Thomas Bradford and L. J. Midgough of Shohala were in town Wednesday.

Little Dorothy Baker had the misfortune to fall on the ice last Saturday and break a couple of bones in her right wrist.

Prothonotary John C. Westbrook, Jr., and Frank Schorr, county surveyor, were at Blooming Grove a couple of days this week.

O. L. Rowland, Esq., has been appointed by the commissioners of Wayne county their attorney for the ensuing term. We congratulate you "Bub."

A. D. Brown and daughters left yesterday for Tampa, Florida, where they will spend a couple of months. The condition of W. H. Brown, a brother, who recently suffered paralysis, is not improved.

Ex-Governor Hastings Dead

Former Governor of Pennsylvania Daniel Hartman Hastings died at his home in Bellefonte last Friday morning, Jan. 9th, of pneumonia, with which malady he was stricken only a few days formerly. His health however for the past two years had not been good.

He was born on a farm in Clinton county May 26th, 1849, and by dint of perseverance and energy made his way to the highest position in the state. His education was obtained in the common schools and he became also a teacher. He was a delegate to the national convention in 1888 and made a reputation by his speech nominating John Sherman for the presidency. He was made adjutant general of the state national guards by Governor Weaver in 1886, and was prominent in the relief of the Johnstown sufferers in 1889 working night and day for a week to bring order and system out of chaos and desolation wrought by that visitation. He was nominated for governor in 1891 and elected by the greatest majority ever given a governor before or since. In that office he was able, fearless and independent and refused to sanction doubtful legislation and unwarranted expenditures.

During the Spanish war he supervised the equipment of the state troops and it was he who conceived the hospital train to bring back sick soldiers.

He was a prominent Mason and stood high in the Methodist church. The funeral occurred Tuesday.

Governor Bross' Memorial

A prize of \$5,000 is offered by the trustees of Lake Forest College, Illinois, for the best book written in defense of the Christian faith. The offer is "open to scientific men, Christian philosophers, and historians of all nations." The fund whose income furnishes the money was given by the late William Bross of Chicago, as a memorial to his son. The donor's object, as expressed by him, was "to call out the best efforts of the highest talent and the ripest scholarship of the world, to illustrate from science or any department of knowledge, and to demonstrate the divine origin and the authority of the Christian Scriptures; and, further, to show how both science and revelation coincide, and to prove the existence, the providence, or any or all of the attributes of the only living and true God, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth." Courses of lectures are also provided for under the terms of the same bequest, and President Patton, of Princeton Theological Seminary, has been invited to give the first course in April next.

Governor William Bross lived for several years in Milford. He was a graduate of Williams College, Mass., a founder of the Chicago Tribune and lieutenant governor of Illinois. It was his generosity which furnished the bell and clock in the Presbyterian church tower here.—Ed. Pussis.

Bank Directors

At the stockholders meeting Tuesday the following were elected directors for the ensuing year: C. O. Armstrong, E. Warner, A. R. Brown, H. E. Wells, R. W. Reid, P. C. Kinkel, John C. Warner.

The directors organized by electing as president A. D. Brown, vice president, C. O. Armstrong, cashier, R. W. Reid and assistant cashier, J. C. Warner.

The Secret of Long Life

Consists in keeping all the main organs of the body in healthy, regular action, and in quickly destroying deadly disease germs. Electric Bitters regulate stomach, liver and kidneys, purify the blood, and give a splendid appetite. They work wonders in curing kidney troubles, female complaints, nervous diseases, constipation, dyspepsia and malaria. Vigorous health and strength always follow their use. Only 50c. guaranteed by all druggists.

JURORS FOR MARCH TERM

GRAND JURORS

Brford, Louis, Westfall.
Bridge, George, Shohala.
Cole, David, Westfall.
Dewitt, Frank P., Milford borough.
Dobbs, Aristide, Milford borough.
France, George, Lackawaxen.
Griswold, Almansor, Lackawaxen.
Hatten, Martin, Delaware.
Hazen, Wilbert, Blooming Grove.
Heller, Cushing A., Lehman.
Jacoby, John, Lackawaxen.
Kipp, B. F., Greene.
Pierson, Charles, Delaware.
Roscrans, Floyd, Westfall.
Rose, Christian, Sr., Greene.
Reeves, Stimson, Greene.
Sommer, Charles, Palmyra.
Schoonover, S. L., Lehman.
Shields, Nicholas, Jr., Shohala.
Sawyer, George, Westfall.
Titman, J. C., Westfall.
White, William, Dingman.
Whittaker, John D., Delaware.
Warner, Walter H., Milford Twp.

TRAVELER JURORS

Allen, D. B., Westfall.
Anderson, John, Blooming Grove.
Brown, A. D., Milford borough.
Boyd, W. L., Milford borough.
Bushwaller, A. J., Lackawaxen.
Bulet, James, Jr., Dingman.
Brink, O. M., Milford borough.
Clark, Philip B., Porter.
Correll, Theodore, Greene.
Cortright, Joseph, Lackawaxen.
Clark, Wilmer, Palmyra.
Dupue, Palmer, Lehman.
Durling, John, Milford township.
Duffy, John, Palmyra.
Engelhart, George J., Shohala.
Edmiston, W. J., Blooming Grove.
Fowler, Sherman, Greene.
Frisley, Floyd, Greene.
Heberling, David, Greene.
Haezton, S. R., Palmyra.
Holbert, F. J., Lackawaxen.
Hess, Nicholas, Jr., Shohala.
Kline, Alonzo, Milford borough.
Kleinhaus, John, Blooming Grove.
Kipp, Horace O., Milford borough.
Kirkham, Howard, Lackawaxen.
Lakin, Oscar, Delaware.
Lauer, John P., Dingman.
Maruch, John, Greene.
McKeen, Hugh, Shohala.
Marth, Joseph, Westfall.
Nills, Rupert P., Lehman.
Pierson, Geo. W., Blooming Grove.
Quiek, Geo. M., Milford township.
Quinn, Edward, Milford township.
Reagis, George, Shohala.
Sanders, Jacob, Greene.
Shay, Milton, Westfall.
Sommers, Samuel, Greene.
Stewart, Franklin A., Delaware.
Smith, Isaac H., Delaware.
Smith, Jeffrey W., Porter.
Singer, William, Palmyra.
Trall, F. B., Milford borough.
Van Tassel, J. B., Milford borough.
Van Auker, Anthony, Palmyra.
Wood, Batman, Jr., Lackawaxen.

Dr. C. W. Roberts has named his enterprise here the American Nankin Bath company and has associated with him G. M. De Witt, M. D., as assistant manager.

Best Sugar Duty

The American Beet Sugar Association, Henry T. Oxnard, president, at its annual meeting, which was held in Washington on the 8th instant, passed resolutions to withdraw its opposition to the ratification of the reciprocity treaty between Cuba and the United States.

The resolutions set forth in part that "while this association remains of the opinion that a disturbance of the tariff relations between Cuba and the United States is unwarranted and unwise it is not willing to permit the commercial interests of its members to stand in the way of adoption of a public policy which has the approval of the administration and leading members of congress of both political parties." The only condition asked is an unchanging duty for five years.

Mr. Oxnard recently informed President Roosevelt that so far as he was concerned personally he was willing to withdraw his opposition to the treaty, now that the association in which he has been such a prominent figure has withdrawn its opposition, placing its action upon such a high plane, much gratification is felt in administration circles. It has been recognized that in seeking to retain the existing duties Mr. Oxnard and his associates were not only helping themselves but were demonstrating the hold which the policy of protection has upon the industries of the country. Any attempt to destroy that policy will be futile, and any changes which may be or become necessary will be entered upon with caution.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 17, 1903:

Mrs. Alice Donley, Rev. J. W. McManiman, E. L. Kolsar, Esq.

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

CHARLES LATTINORE, P. M.

Agents Wanted

Purchasing Agents wanted, to take orders for ladies' furnishing goods and shoes. "The book agent is an unwelcome visitor, but the purchasing agent with selected samples of furnishings and shoes is always welcome." You can establish a permanent and increasing trade sample free if references are satisfactory. Liberal commission. All drug stores guarantee 50c and \$1 bottle, and give trial bottles free.

BRIEF MENTION.

Medicine is a crutch. Right living is a cure.

Mental is just as necessary as physical exercise.

Do not view the universe with yourself as a center.

"Doc" Steele lost one of his team horses last Monday.

Christ fed the multitude first, and then preached to them.

China produces upwards of three fourths of the tea crop of the world.

The wine vintage in France was nearly 97 million gallons less in 1902 than in 1901.

The court house apartments for lodgers have recently been vacated. The new janitor compelled the tenants to take up their beds and clothing and walk out.

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Governor elect Pennypacker has appointed Bromley Wharton of Philadelphia his private secretary. Other appointments will not be announced until after inauguration.

The Port Jervis Gazette rather persistently calls a township in this county Lebanon. Evidently its snake editor who has visited this section for many years has not taken sufficient antidote against indifferent geography.

This evening the famous New York Male Quartet will give an entertainment in the Opera House in Port Jervis. Miss Edith Norton, a dramatic reader will assist. This is the third of the series and those who attend will no doubt be amply repaid.

Since the great coal strike inventive genius has been turning its thoughts particularly to finding something to take the place of coal as fuel or lessen the amount necessary to furnish a requisite degree of heat. It is reported that no less than 1,281 patents for the use of oil as a fuel have been granted this year and 2,700 for use of gas and vapors.

Nowhere has the doctrine "To the victors belong the spoils," been carried to the extent to which it has in the State and its cities. Nowhere has there been such flagrant use of public office as a reward for political services. Nowhere has the efficiency of the public service sunk to such a point as in the cities of Pennsylvania. Every citizen, irrespective of party, should urge his senator and representatives to advocate and vote for the "Act to Regulate and Improve the Civil Service." The passage of this bill will be a striking victory for the cause of honest, non-partisan administration of public offices.

Pate De Fole Gras

In the Boston Herald on Nov. 29th, taken from the New York Herald, we see that a settlement of Bohemians in Watertown, Wis., have commenced supplying the New York market with pate de fole gras. The geese are nailed by their feet to the floors of wooden cages in dark, warm rooms and in a few weeks the bodies of these tortured fowls are distended like pumpkins, so that their livers frequently weigh from one and a half to two pounds.

In October and November, 1879, we did a lot of very hard work, and spent out of our own pocket considerable money to aid the formation, at Milwaukee, of the Wisconsin Humane Society. We shall feel richly rewarded if that society will drive out the State of Wisconsin this devilish business. If it shows its head in Massachusetts we think our humane judges will soon place all who are engaged in it where they rightfully belong. We may not be able to nail their feet to the floors of wooden cages, but we can shut them up in our jails and houses of correction.—Geo. T. Angell.

The Merit System

A bill to "Regulate and Improve the Civil Service of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and of the Cities and Counties thereof" is about to be introduced into the legislature. The enactment of this bill will secure the adoption of the "merit" or "competitive" system of making appointments to the public service of this state and its subdivisions. The bill was prepared in the office of the State Civil Service Reform Association, a non-partisan body.

What does the Merit System of appointments mean? Briefly, it comprises three essential features in which it differs from the present Spoils System. First—The Merit System provides a plan under which appointments to public offices (except those filled by the election of the people) are based upon the fitness, ascertained by open competitive examinations or tests, of the applicant to perform the duties of the position. Under the Spoils System the recommendation of the "Division Boss" as to a man's ability to "get out the vote" is often the sole test of worth.

Second—The Merit System provides that the higher places in the public service are to be filled by promotions founded upon proved efficiency and ability. Under the Spoils System promotions are based upon "pull" secured by political services for some faction of a party or some petty boss. Third—Under the Spoils System removals are made upon the secret decree of some party magnate, caused often by personal jealousy or animosity. Under the Merit System an officer of the civil service is secure in his office, without regard to his political actions, just as long as he proves efficient and capable. Removals are allowed only for just cause, which does not include political or religious reasons.

Which system is more democratic and more efficient? Which system would any man adopt in conducting his own business? No one would have any hesitation in answering "The Merit System."

Under the Spoils System the taxpayers furnish the funds to provide salaries for non-competent officeholders who are being "taken care of" by the "organization" because of past political work. For their own protection these taxpayers should demand an honest and efficient administration of public office. This can only be secured by the passage of an effective civil service reform law.

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Lumber Wanted

Fifteen thousand feet oak, chestnut or black ash joists, 3x12, 17 to 18 feet long, delivered at Milford bridge. Please send estimate on, or before Jan. 24th, 1903, to J. H. VAN ETTER, Secretary, Milford, Pa.

With a cable connecting Honolulu with the United States, even Mr. Cleveland would now find it difficult to get up a Queen Lil restoration camp. The cable brings the new territory three weeks nearer to the national capital.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Brown Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

We are much obliged for the compliment we received in last week's Sussex Register.

Last Sunday was another dreary day.

Well the county commissioners have given out the plums. The next thing on the program will be spring election.

If John McCarty keeps all of his jobs he will be kept busy.

A grand show will be given in our borough opera house this evening. The management will soon be compelled to get new chairs.

Miss Jennie de Passes of New York was in town for a few days recently.

The fire department now has complied with the wishes of the borough fathers and purchased keys to the hose house.

Not often a newly married couple in town escapes a serenade. One did very lately and the boys feel sorry.

"Six days thou shalt labor and the seventh thou shalt rest" is good doctrine and good advice to follow. No one has ever yet prospered in the long run by violating the above rule.

The jury commissioners have ended their ardent labors and drawn the required number of sober intelligent citizens.

We will soon know how rich or poor Pike county is.

George Horton, ye landlord of the Park Block Hotel of Branchville was in town several days recently. George looks well and what is more is doing well.

The boys had plenty of ice to fish on. The exposure hardly paid for the fish.

According to some city papers there are ministers who object to penny collections, and another who thinks a nickel a too small amount to drop on the plate. A one dollar bill would suit those high toned chaps better. But how many go to church who can afford it?

As long as coal is scarce there will be no railroad built to Milford.

There is no occasion for men who are able and willing to work to be idle at the present time.

George Buchanan has left the farm and has gone to Seymour, Ct., for the winter.

Forestry as a Science

Gifford Pinchot, the forester of the department of agriculture, has succeeded in arousing considerable public sentiment favorable to the protection of American forests. In the last four years Mr. Pinchot's branch of the government has increased from a small division, employing four or five clerks to a bureau of ten times this size and capacity. The interest aroused in the question comes from attention being directed to the fact that the forests are being rapidly cut away for lumbering purposes. Mr. Pinchot has shown himself to be a practical man. He has recognized the fact that the lumbermen have gotten their business down to almost a science; at the same time he has been able to show that in our large forests where the lumberman usually cuts timber with a view to present profit solely with the expenditure of two or three cents an acre, the cut over forests can be left in such a condition as to produce a future crop of timber. The practical foresters of the country believe that the forestry work of the government should be consolidated, as recommended by President Roosevelt, into one bureau of forestry.

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