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THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

It is doubtful if ever except in time of war, the congress of the United States enacted legislation with such expedition as that displayed in placing the coal bill on the statutes. The bill, providing that all duties collected on coal be refunded to the importers for one year was reported to the house by the ways and means committee at a quarter after twelve. Within an hour it had been passed and sent up to the senate. There it was promptly considered and so amended as to place anthracite coal perpetually on the free list, passed and sent back to the house, where the amendment was accepted and the bill was ready to send to the president at 4 p. m. The president signed it the next day at noon.

Little hope is expressed that the public will be benefited by the removal of the duty on coal. It is feared that the local dealers will buy up coal as fast as it is imported and will so maintain the price. Local dealers in Washington are, according to recent disclosures made before the senate committee appointed to investigate the subject, getting their soft coal for from \$2.75 to \$2.80 per ton, but they are charging the consumers as high as \$9.75 per ton.

Political attention is now riveted on the Cuban treaty which has become almost a party measure. The committee on foreign relations reported the convention favorably on Thursday and Senator Callahan gave notice that he would call it up at the first executive session, which it is understood will occur today as soon as the senate convenes. Before reporting the treaty the committee so amended it as to secure a 40 per cent discount from the Cuban rates on American cattle and to prevent any further concession being made in the sugar duties charged by the United States, the treaty allowing Cuba 30 per cent discount from the Dingley rates.

The most urgent reasons are set forth by the administration for the ratification of the treaty which it is estimated will insure to the United States a foreign trade of not less than \$70,000,000 per annum. It is shown that last year Cuba imported cotton textiles to the amount of \$2,538,529 of which amount the United States supplied the insignificant sum of one-tenth. It is estimated that the Cuban consumption of this class of goods for the next year will amount to \$2,000,000 and under the terms of the pending arrangement the United States will supply the entire amount. Last year Cuba imported silk goods to the amount of \$494,253, and the United States sold her but \$18,369 worth. Of linens, she imported a total value of \$1,781,868, of which amount this country supplied but \$81,905. Of woollen goods, she imported \$639,225 of which the United States supplied but \$30,281. Under the provisions of the treaty this country will sell to Cuba the entire amount of these and many other classes of goods that she is capable of consuming.

At the present time the only opposition to the treaty comes from the democrats, with the exception of Senator Mason and Simon who are said to oppose it. However, as it requires a two-thirds vote to ratify it will be necessary to secure nine or ten democratic votes. The leaders in the senate regard the ratification of the treaty as safe although it will be effected only by a narrow margin. The democratic opposition so far as can be ascertained, is based solely upon blind prejudice and a desire to embarrass the administration.

The senate has passed the militia bill after striking out that provision which provided for the National Volunteer Reserve. While it is a serious disappointment to the secretary of war, who was virtually the author of the bill, that this clause should have been sacrificed, he is pleased with the passage of a bill which had been on the senate calendar since last June.

Anti-trust legislation received something of a setback last week. The house sub-committee completed its bill which it intended to report on Friday but before doing so submitted it to the attorney general who found in it several provisions which he feared would be construed

by the courts as unconstitutional. This fear referred especially to the publicity provisions of the measure. Mr. Knox outlined to the committee his objections and it is now engaged in redrafting the objectionable sections. It is now thought probable that the bill will be reported next Tuesday. The senate has appointed a sub-committee to take up the measure as soon as it is received and place upon it the stamp of its approval, when it will be considered by the senate. It is the hope of the republicans that an adequate trust measure can be passed at this session although it is appreciated that the time for so doing is growing short. The president has announced that he will call congress in special session if such a bill is not passed and there is nothing which the members of both parties are so anxious to avoid.

The statehood bill is still on the senate calendar as unfinished business and it is difficult to see how it is to be displaced without a vote. The republicans maintain that they can displace without a vote. The republican leaders maintain that they can displace the bill at their pleasure although they do not go into details as to the methods they will pursue. Senator Quay has on several occasions offered to take a vote but his offers have been declined.

Carmack on the Money Issue

Senator Carmack says in his recent great interview speaking of the money issue, that nature accomplished what the democratic party sought to effect. Does the fiery-haired Tennessee mean to assert that nature is the superior of the democratic party? If Mr. Bryan reads this interview it will be all up with Carmack, for the latter flatly admits "we have prospered now." Of course, if the "now" had been heavily underdone or had it stood in large bold-face type, Mr. Bryan might have smiled approvingly, since this would have conveyed an impression of the general democratic theory of the "fleeting" and "temporary" prosperity which we have had for the past four or five years. Moreover, Mr. Carmack's following remark crashes into space with awful reverberating effect. "Gold is plenty," he says, "and we have prospered now; but I make the prediction (mark here) that the mines will sooner or later exhaust themselves." This frightful thought, starting at people in cold type, is what has made old financiers tremble and turn pale—to think that in 200 or 300 years the mines may become exhausted! Ye gods and little fishes! Of course, by that time there will be discovered new mines; but who can say that there will ever be another Carmack?

Presidential Possibilities

The suburn-locked Carmack, of Tennessee, before he became a senator was a newspaper man. He thus knows the ropes of "getting into print," and it cannot be denied that he fully utilizes this special knowledge. His latest interviews are meant the democratic presidential possibilities. He sees no hope of victory in Hill, nor Gorman, nor yet Olney, and as for Bryan, he only mentions him as a man who should not object to Judge Parker, of New York, who he thinks should lead the democrats to victory. Mr. Carmack admits that "it is difficult to predict what the issues of the next campaign will be; it is a little too early. There is no telling," he says, "what may happen between now and then to change the situation." It is quite evident that senator hopes that something may happen—something calamitous, probably—which will give the democrats more of an issue than they had in 1902.

Republican Caucus

The republican caucus for nominating candidates to be voted for at the ensuing election will be held at the election house of E. O. Bolleat, in Dingman township Saturday, Jan. 24, 1903, between the hours of 2:30 and 4 p. m. JULES E. BOLLEAT, Township Committeeman, January 14, 1903.

Heads Should Never Ash

Never endure this trouble. Use at once the remedy that stopped it for Mrs. N. A. Webster of Winnie, Va., she writes "Dr. King's New Life Pills wholly cured me of sick headaches I had suffered from for two years." Cures headache, constipation, biliousness. 50c at all drug stores.

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PERSONALS

Geo. A. Knailing, Esq., of Shohola visited town Tuesday.

M. C. Nye of Lehman was here Tuesday on business matters.

Miss Edith Nye of Bushkill is in town for a visit of several days with friends.

William Angle attended the inauguration of Governor Pennypacker at Harrisburg this week.

Clyde Kimp, who has been rusticated at home, returned to his school duties at Waymart this week.

M. H. Chapin of Bridgeport, Ct., is a guest at the Crisman House. He is here to recuperate his health which has not been very good lately.

Mr. J. F. Huntington's sprained knee has seemed of late to threaten permanent disability and he is now at Wilkesbarre having it treated by a specialist. It is to be hoped that the treatment may prove efficacious.

Real Estate Transfers

Chas. A. Freis to Wm. E. Richardson, right title and interest in 250 acres, Thomas Carney, Delaware, \$1.

M. C. Nye and others to George L. Nye, undivided right title and interest in 150 acres, homestead farm George Nye and in 238 acres woodland adjoining, Lehman, \$2.

Louisa C. Hess, administratrix of John Hess, to Geo. A. Knailing, lands in Shohola, \$410.

Saunel Finkelstein et al. to John N. Gebhardt, 60 acres, Greene, part of Jacob Arndt, No. 260, \$1.

Charles Finkelstein to John N. Gebhardt, 3 acres, Greene, part of Adam Foulke, \$1.

William W. Stidd to Asa Crane, lots 817, 819, Matamoras.

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News in Schools

The state school superintendent of Kansas advocates from ten to fifteen minutes should be devoted each day in the common schools to the reading of current news from some good daily paper. This is an excellent suggestion and doubtless the reading would be very interesting to the scholars. It would keep them informed of present events and they would grow up with the history of the country and the world. It might also have the much desired effect of exciting in boys and girls too, a curiosity in present topics and thus cultivate a habit of reading which would prove of benefit in after years.

A Railroad Bill

A bill introduced in the legislature, if it passes, may stir up some of the railroad companies which are sitting on charters. It provides: "If any railroad company shall hereafter, for a period of six consecutive months, omit to operate any portion or portions of its railroad, such railroad company shall be deemed to have abandoned and shall not have the right to maintain and operate such portion or portions, but shall be confined to the exercise of its franchises to the remaining portion or portions of its road."

A Good Roads Bill

A good roads bill has been introduced in the legislature which provides an appropriation of six million dollars to be expended at the rate of one million a year for road improvements. This is to be under the direction of a state highway commission of three members. This commission to appoint a state highway engineer. The improvements are to be paid for in the proportion of half by the state, one-fourth by the county and one-fourth by the township.

Mr. Bryan's closing words of advice to Mexico to hang to the silver standard and eschew gold are still reverberating among the high pinnacles of the Sierra Madre.

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.

THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Reasons Why the School Directors Should Not be Allowed to Build It

(We invite communications on this question to the end that there may be a full discussion of the pros and cons and will print them cheerfully, it being understood that we are in no wise responsible for the sentiments of the writers.—EDITOR.)

EDITOR PIKE COUNTY PRESS:

In the call issued by the school board of the independent school district of Milford to vote on the question of raising \$12,000 for the purpose of erecting a new school house, the statement shows that "the last adjusted assessed valuation for 1901 was \$171,082", they then go on and say, (grossing of course) "the assessment for this current year, the last preceding assessment, not yet adjusted, is estimated to be about \$174,000." Now the law does not take into consideration a not yet adjusted assessment, but an actual assessment. See school laws of Pennsylvania 1901; section CXLII, page 142. Before issuing any such obligations or security, it shall be the duty of the principal officer, or officers, of such municipality or incorporated district to prepare a statement showing the actual indebtedness of such district, the amount of the last preceding assessed valuation of taxable property therein, the form, number and date of maturity of the obligations to be issued therefor, and the amount of the annual tax levied and assessed to pay the said indebtedness, etc., etc. The call was issued Jan. 10th, 1903, the last adjusted assessment was made in 1901, and to use their own language, the 1902 assessment was not adjusted, therefore, they cannot, under the circumstances take an unadjusted assessment to base their 7 per cent. tax for raising the \$12,000. If they do, they incur the penalty of going above the legal amount for 7 per cent of the \$171,082 will not by any amount of juggling make \$12,000, therefore, the call is illegal. If they adjust the notice and change the same in the next issue of the papers, and publish the actual 1902 assessment clearly, they can only give 25 days notice, and the law requires 30 days. Under these facts then, if they persist, and raise the \$12,000 they will certainly make themselves amenable to the law. Are they willing to run that risk?

Now we want a school house, and want it very much, but really, have the present board shown themselves capable, brainy (?) men? I think, if the school children were to have a real old fashioned spelling bee, and invite the whole board to witness, yes, and take part, how many would stand up? And the people of Milford, those who have children, too, elect such ignoramus to guide the affairs and help the young lions to shoot! A fair intelligent man cannot be elected, on one of the most important boards we have; place good men, men of judgement on the board, no matter whether democrats or republicans, only give us the best you can, then we will not have schools that are a disgrace. These same directors, are every one of them liable to punishment, for the law says, "that one of their number must visit every school at least once a month." Do they do it? The law specifies, "adequate accommodations must be supplied," and yet some children have to sit on boxes because of overcrowded condition of school. Again water closets, must be separated by a board fence 7 feet high when both sexes attend, yet, it is not done, and the closets are open, and in full view of the public. Are not these neglects sufficient to say nay to these directors? Let them undertake in the face of the law to raise the \$12,000 and, if five taxpayers will send their names in care of the Editor of this paper, (PIKE COUNTY PRESS) we will go before the court and have every one removed, and indicted, too. If we can leave selfish motives out of the question, we can have a good school board, a new modern school, and a corps of teachers that will give efficient services.

Why, one of the graduates told me his teacher (name furnished) asked for "said in my presence" he gave the pupil a book to copy his article to read at graduation exercises? Instead of encouraging him to original work, but then that was too much like work for the teacher. We want a new school house, very, very bad, but not while we have men on our present board who neglect the work they have to do now.

TAXPAYERS

BRIEF MENTION.

Hon. Boies Penrose was reelected United States senator at Harrisburg Tuesday.

The name of C. H. Quick of Lehman was inadvertently omitted from the published list of traverse jurors last week.

There are 581 students at Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa. They come from 27 states and six foreign states.

"Boys," said the professor, "when I am endeavoring to explain to you the peculiarities of the monkey I wish you to look straight at me."

All members of the Hatfield Society are requested to meet at the Presbyterian church tomorrow, Saturday, evening at 8 o'clock to discuss the mens' supper on Washington's birthday.

The Philadelphia North American is a great and progressive newspaper. It has perfected arrangements whereby the news of the world will be sent by Bell telephones every evening to the people of four states. From these stations it can be transmitted by local phones so that a person can know each day's happenings 12 hours before the morning papers are received.

Information has reached friends here of the death of Joseph Sayre which recently occurred at Bliss, W. Va. Joseph Sayre was a son of the late John and Sarah Seaman Sayre and was born in Montague, N. J., about 72 years ago. Many years since he left this place and has only returned for occasional visits. He was a carpenter by trade. He is survived by one sister Mrs. Maria Andrews, of Milford.

Emerson Gammell, who has just begun his second term as commissioner's clerk of Wayne county, was a guest in town this week. He contemplates entering the business of keeping a summer home for city guests at the historic town of Bethany in Wayne county in the house built by David Wilmot's father, which has been enlarged and while here visited some of our famed hostilities in pursuit of pointers in the business. He appears like a genial, energetic man and will no doubt succeed.

Lehigh University

The university offers 13 courses of instruction which embrace all kinds of engineering. During its 37 years of existence 1,248 students have graduated from the institution. Prize scholarships will be open to competition in June. One of \$150 and one of \$100 in the classical course and one of \$125 in the Latin-scientific course. Provision is also made for worthy and needy students whereby they may postpone payment of tuition until after graduation. In the list of students is the name of H. B. Reed, Jr., from Milford.

Post Check Currency

A bill now before congress provides for furnishing a convenient and practical method of sending small sums of money by mail. It is in effect a greenback in denominations from 25 cents up to \$5, which will pass current like any other money until a name is written on the back to whom it is sent. It will then be payable to the payee only and when endorsed by him is deposited in a bank and goes to Washington in the usual order where it will be destroyed as "mutilated currency."

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Jan. 24, 1903:

Mrs. Jane Fieb, Mrs. W. G. Wheeler (2), Miss Estella Wartz, Miss Della Doub.

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

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

Field Way to Live Long

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by Editor O. H. Downey of Chubbusco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. Kings New Discovery for Consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." All druggists guarantee 50c and \$1 bottle, and give trial bottles free.

County Auditors Report

The report shows receipts from collectors of 1903 as follows:

County tax, \$9,738.30; state, \$1,257.19; dog, \$350.69.

From 1901, county, \$1,057; state, \$56.73; dog, \$53.98.

There is due from Porter township 1900: County, \$7.73; state, \$2; indubt, \$22.33; dog, \$1.18.

County tax due from collectors 1902: Dingman, \$148.55; Groome, \$71.48; Lehman, \$10.00; Porter, \$136.40; dog, \$3.

Palmyra 1901: County, \$12.92; dog, \$14.15.

Taxes received from unassessed lands 1901 and 1902: County, \$1,403.39; indubt, \$152.94; road, \$1,423.05; poor, \$352.29; school, \$1,245.23; interest, \$118.15.

Total receipts of trans. \$ 23,059.57
Paid out by treasurer 16,057.93
Balance in treasury 7,001.64

Among current expenses are county commissioners:

Henry S. Albright
103 days in office \$ 350.50
47 days out of office 164.50
Fare and horse hire 34.36
Total \$ 549.36

William F. Beck
115 days in office \$ 402.50
47 days out of office 140.50
Fare and horse hire 50.58
Total \$ 593.58

Pierre M. Nills
118 days in office \$ 413.00
40 days out of office 140.00
Fare and horse hire 49.36
Total \$ 602.36

The auditors attach a flowing that in view of the excessive cost of bridge at Gunn's in Delaware township, that no bridge work be let without being submitted for bids.

It will be recalled that it was charged that the work on this bridge should not have cost to exceed \$30, whereas, in fact, bills were rendered for work, and paid, amounting to \$180.25. Add to this \$35 charge by Commissioner Albright for overseeing the work and the total is \$221.25 or over \$200 more than the work should have cost according estimate.

The auditors also call attention to the charges made by assessors and consider them excessive.

OBITUARY

PRICE L. WESTBROOK

Mr. Westbrook was found dead in his bed at Newark, N. J., on the morning of January 13th, the cause being accidental asphyxiation by gas. He was a son of Martin V. and Leonora (Loder) Westbrook of Montague, N. J., in which township he was born Sept. 6, 1856. His parents, and brothers and sisters as follows, survive him, Sovereign L. of Haven, N. Y., William C. of Hainesville, N. J., Lloyd B. and Sarah D. of Brooklyn, Alice, wife of J. B. Kerr of Newark, and Mary E. at home.

The funeral, conducted by Rev. E. M. Smead, was held from the Presbyterian church here Saturday, Jan. 17. Deceased was a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 135, I. O. O. F., of Newark, and Vandermark Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Milford, participated in the services which were largely attended by the brothers.

Best Sugar Industry

Secretary of agriculture Wilson, who has been known as a friend of the beet-sugar industry, is credited with the statement that it will be better for the beet-sugar manufacturers to have the proposed Cuban reciprocity treaty, with the 20 per cent. reduction of duty on Cuban raw sugar, ratified at this session, than to have the question unsettled and uncertain. This latter condition would result in keeping new capital absolutely out of the beet-sugar industry. Last winter Secretary Wilson was opposed to the 20 per cent. plan. However, last year's proposal provided that the law should remain in force but one year, while the present treaty proposes a settled policy for 5 years. A 20 per cent. reduction, the secretary believes, to stand for 5 years would not be so harmful to beet-growing and beet-sugar manufacturing as is the present agitation of the question and the uncertainty.

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 samples free if references are satisfactory. Liberal commission. J. H. VAN EYKES, Secretary, 214 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo 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

The entertainment in Brown's Hall last Friday evening was well attended and the show itself was as good as could be expected.

I notice that in the Port Jervis opera house ladies sitting up front always remove their hats. Here it is different.

An ambulance was needed here Wednesday morning to gather up those who took involuntary tumbles. Our sidewalks and streets were about as slippery as greased eels.

Monday evening the different committees of the fire companies met to compare notes on the result of the supper and dance held on New Year's eve. The out standing bills were presented and paid, leaving the proceeds of the supper and dance \$113.50. Good enough.

Arguments for and against the building of a new school house in the borough are now going on. Something should be done as the two buildings in their present condition are anything but ornaments to our lovely village.

Dr. de Plasse of New York was a Sunday visitor in town.

Mrs. Geo. McCarty of Montague visited relatives here last Sunday.

Gathering ice is a thing of the past for this winter. The crop was good.

Ciderophobia is what they call a cider drunk in some parts of Sussex county. Here we call it plain drunk.

In the midst of life we are in death. How true, and how often it is illustrated.

Colds are easy to catch, but hard to dispose of.

Mrs. Anna Thomas went to Paterson Tuesday where she expects to remain for a short time.

Milton Armstrong has returned from attending the United States court.

Whenever the sleighing gets real good this winter, there will come a few very cold days, then a rain to spoil it, then more snow to patch up.

Tours to Florida

The following special tours to Jacksonville, Fla., and return, will be run by the B. & O. R. R. Co. at the low rate of \$53.60 for the round trip from Port Jervis. Leave Port Jervis, Jan. 27th, via New York, C. R. R. of N. J., B. & O. R. R. and Southern Ry., good returning to leave Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 11th. Leave Port Jervis, Feb. 10th, via New York, C. R. R. of N. J., B. & O. R. R. and Atlantic Coast Line, good returning to leave Jacksonville, Feb. 25th. Leave Port Jervis, March 10th, via New York, C. R. R. of N. J., B. & O. R. R. and Seaboard Air Line, tickets for the return of this tour covering transportation only, valid on regular trains until May 31st. These tours include box lunch enroute, New York to Washington, transfer to hotel in Washington, accommodations at hotel from time of arrival until departure next day from Washington southbound, Pullman accommodations and meals enroute, Washington to Jacksonville and return, transfer from station to hotel in Washington and dinner enroute Washington to New York. The tour of March 10th will include similar accommodations southbound as far as Jacksonville, but for the northbound trip as stated above, the tickets will cover only the railroad transportation, but these tickets will be good to return until May 31st. At least three days notice must given H. L. Slauson, ticket agent, Port Jervis, N. Y., by any one contemplating taking one of these excursions as a limited number only will be taken and the names of all passengers must be given to the B. & O. R. R. in advance to reserve for them proper sleeping car accommodations. A postal addressed to "Ticket Agent, Port Jervis" will receive prompt attention.

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 EYKES, Secretary, Milford, Pa.

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