

THE WASHINGTON LETTER

Those who for some months past have been using the name of the late Senator Hanna to conjure with, as a weapon for the discomfiture or possible defeat of the nomination of President Roosevelt for the Presidency now declare that the senator's death was "inopportune," which is virtually a confession of their intentions and wishes. It is now known that Senator Hanna was loyal to President Roosevelt, as he was to all of his friends, although he may have doubted the wisdom of some of the President's policies, just as Senator Hoar did not always agree with President McKinley. The death of the great Ohio senator so widely lamented, has hushed all opposition to the President, at least within his own party, and he has little to apprehend from democratic opposition since that party is all at sea for issues, rent by many fissures, with no policy and no candidate. Thus far, out of some forty delegates chosen for the convention at Chicago, thirty-six have been instructed to vote for President Roosevelt. The suggestion that Robert T. Lincoln may be a candidate for the vice presidency is merely the afterglow of admiration for the great Lincoln. Nor is it at all likely that any member of President Roosevelt's cabinet will be put upon the ticket, notwithstanding it contains such popular men as Hay and Taft.

The past week in Washington has been given up to mourning, with an almost complete cessation of legislation and very little political agitation. As the day draws near for the ratification of the Panama treaty, it becomes evident that it will command a very large majority and cease at once to be a political issue. As soon as the legal machinery can be set in motion preparations for beginning work on the canal will be made. Before men can be sent to the isthmus for hard labor in the trenches it is but humane, and of the highest economic importance, that their health should be protected and conserved. To this end it is proposed to spend a million of dollars to provide the city of Panama with pure water; there must be a drainage system put in operation; hospitals will have to be built, and a code of laws provided for the government of the canal zone.

The statement by Congressman Dazell that Congress has nothing to do but pass the appropriation bills and go home, may be taken as foreshadowing, somewhat, the policy of those who control affairs in the national halls of legislation. If this Delphic utterance has any meaning it looks as if the service pension bill, the eight hour bill, the anti-injunction bill, the parcels-post amendment, and Senator Franker's proposition not to restrain trade within "reasonable limits" will be allowed to sleep until after the election. A bill has been introduced requiring the Director of the Census to cooperate with the states in taking the census of manufactures next year. Senator Gallinger wants the White Mountains of his state thrown into a great National Reservation, and Chaplain Hale favors the proposition, for he thinks if the trees are protected they will prevent floods in the Connecticut river.—It is proposed to increase the Signal Corps from 750 to 1,200 men. The reason is so many are required in the Philippines.—The Agricultural bill for the next fiscal year increases the allowance by \$50,000 each for the following bureaus: forestry, animal industry, good roads, and experiments in breeding cattle.

Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department has been pushing the investigations regarding the land frauds in western states which have led to the indictment for conspiracy of four real estate operators in San Francisco. The three government clerks, Vail, Narian and Alton, who confessed to receiving bribes for imparting confidential information, are to be exempt from prosecution but will be dismissed. The method of Hyde, Benson, and others indicted, was to use the disclosed information, which informed them in advance of where the new forest reservations would be situated. Taking advantage of this, before the land had been withdrawn from the market, by means of dummy applicants they secured large tracts of school and unsurveyed lands, at a nominal price, and after the reservation had been withdrawn by the President, they exchanged these lands, acre for acre, for other valuable lands within the state. The law falls principally on the states. As the Department now conducts its business with local land offices by telegraph, the door to possible lands is closed.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

There is a rumor that Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, may be recalled, the reason given being that he had failed to establish such relations with the Executive as to secure cordial sympathy for Russia in connection with the war in the east. At present the Count has an attack of lumbago. He was unable to attend the funeral of Senator Hanna.—All the naval officers in Washington are pleased with the results obtained by the use of ironclads on the part of the Japanese. "We told you so," they exclaim with one voice. They also maintain that our warships should be kept in commission all the time.—The General Staff of the Army has voted the proposal to promote officers below the rank of general by "selection." In his last message to Congress the President was in favor of such promotion, maintaining that in this way only could the best men be put in the most important places. But the general staff is of the opinion that such a system would create too much discontent among officers who are in line of promotion.

The so-called Machen trial in connection with postoffice frauds drags its slow length along, and no one can tell when the verdict of "not guilty" will be rendered. What are legally known as "prayers" have been offered in the court, and there appears to have been some need of them. Mr. Justice Pritchard says he has no doubt counsel on both sides will argue the case as long as they have breath. Hereafter he will limit the time for arguments.—A decision in the Northern Securities case from the Supreme Court may be expected in a few days.

The Woman Suffrage convention which has been in session in Washington closed its labors on the 17th. It decided to concentrate all energy in the hope of securing a Sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, giving full suffrage to women. Its next annual meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon.—Mrs. Roosevelt has opened a museum in the basement corridor of the White House of the china used by the Presidents from Lincoln to Roosevelt.—Lent has cast a deep shadow over the social side of the capital, and only small dinner parties are given.

Real Estate Transfers
John P. and James P. Van Elton to Jane Funk, lot on Mott street, Milford borough, \$70.
Emile T. Biviere to Henry Flur, 100 acres, Thomas Ruston, Porter, \$1.
Geo. Dauman, Jr., treasurer, to P. Q. Deyo, 428 acres, Morisical Roberts, Dingman, taxes.
L. Hervey Myer to Martha A. McCarty, lots 748, 749, Eldreds addition, Milford borough, \$1000.
Conrad Graf to W. M. Behrova, 50 acres, Blooming Grove, \$1000.
Edward B. Labar to William Thomas, lot 629, Matamoros, \$1800.

Election Result in Greene
Judge election—John R. Gilpin r.
Inspection—Wm. Banks r, Edward Grimm d.
Assessor—Silas Dickerson.
Auditor—Chas. E. Brink.
School directors—Emil Vuille, Jr., Eugene Butler.
Supervisors—David Heberling r, Frank Miller r, John Backster, Jasper Dawson r, Henry Valkline d.
Overseer poor—John Brink d.
Clerk—John Marsh d.

Eyes Examined Free
Prof. M. Garfunkel, the eyesight specialist, who has fitted the leading people in Port Jervis and this town with glasses will be here again at the Crissman House, Milford, Pa., for 3 days, Monday, Feb. 29 and Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1, 2, 1904. Remember the last time I was two days there but was not able to attend to all so I will remain 3 days this time. Please come early as you can. Any one having glasses of eye can have them changed at any time within two years free of charge if not beneficial. Office, Fowler House, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Escaped an Awful Fate
Mr. H. Higgins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, induced me so try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by all druggists. Price 50¢ and \$1. Trial bottles free.

GEORGE R. JENNINGS SHOT

Shot and Killed in His Office—Went to the Trouble
George Redmond Jennings, formerly a captain in the 14th N. Y. Regiment, and who was in the Spanish war, and president of the Jennings' Adjustable Shale Company, whose family resided here for several years, and who is well known by many in this section, was shot and instantly killed in his office, 105 Liberty street, Brooklyn, February 18th, by Frank McNamara. The pistol was placed in his victims hands after the shooting to indicate that it was suicide.

Frank Hughes, an employee of the Jennings Company, happened to be at the door at the moment and heard Jennings say "Frank, you're wrong," when he was shot without more words. Hughes secured the aid of another employee, John Madden, and they pursued McNamara to the street and captured him. The McNamara's who 1881 resided here and the father kept a tailor shop. The boy, now claimed to be the murderer, learned the trade of watch case making here and was now a fireman with the Illinois Watch Company at Elgin, Ill. It is claimed there was a money difficulty. McNamara formerly worked at Sag Harbor, L. I., and about a year ago loaned the Jennings Company about \$2,000. He then went west, bought a house and wished payment, but it is said could get no satisfaction. He came east a few days ago to compel a settlement and evidently Jennings was informed of his visit and his intentions and that there might be trouble, but to this he gave no apparent heed.

It is positively stated that there was no other cause for the shooting than that McNamara believed he had been wronged in money matters. Mr. Jennings lived in Brooklyn with his wife and three children. The family lived here for several years, and then went to East Stroudsburg where Mrs. Jennings was matron of the Normal School. Friends will deeply sympathize with them in this terrible bereavement. They visited here July 4th last and were happy and evidently prosperous. Mr. Jennings had established a successful business, and after some years of trials a bright and joyous future seemed in store for them. The shock is the greater because of its suddenness when their skies seemed so clear and their hopes so full of fruition. Mr. Jennings is survived by his widow, who was a daughter of Anthony Kline, one son, George, and two daughters, Bessie and Cecil. The funeral was held last Sunday.

Are Students Skeptical?
One of the popular preachers of Philadelphia has been preaching a series of sermons to students, and to give them more effect has secured answers to letters sent to University presidents, asking whether the tendency among college students to be skeptical, is more marked than among other young men of the same age. The answer of Provost Harrison of the University of Pennsylvania was as follows:
"There is probably such a tendency for two causes: First, a larger outlook may invalidate some of the unessential traditions which the student, of whatever denomination he be, has always kept in some pigeon hole with faith in God and the Bible; and he rashly assumes that if one is invalidated, all are. Second, from psychological conditions through which the student always passes and by which he first arrives at the point of knowing everything, and if he have brains enough then proceeds to learn. It is said that 'sophomore' or wise fool, signifies the crisis of the condition, and if so, there are, happily, junior and senior years in which faith may be repaired."

Unclaimed Letters
List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Feb. 27, 1904:
Mrs. Libbie Peterson, Mr. A. J. Convery.
Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.
CHARLES LATTINORE, P. M.

Some are of the opinion that Hausman, who shot Squire Newberger at Trafton some years ago, had something to do with burning the barns of Jacob Eberhardt in Palmyra, which with their contents were destroyed some weeks ago. They are on the place formerly owned by Hausman and it is thought by several that he was in that vicinity at the time of the fire. It is doubtful, however, if he would take any such risk after getting safely away after the murder.

A Bad Break
Rev. Goodman—Really, Mr. Slyman, you should take something for that cold.
Mr. Slyman (absent-mindedly)—Thanks; I don't care if I do.

A large flock of sea gulls which had taken refuge in a pond near Allentown were shot by the score by "sportsmen" from that city. Some Allentown sportsmen about twenty-five years ago had an experience out at Porters pond which should be repeated on these claps. They would know more and be less in evidence.

The Making of Great Men.
Lives of great men all remind us
What a lot we owe our wives.
Little women get behind us
And make something of our lives.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at Balch & Son, Matamoros, all general stores in Pike county. They are easier to take and more pleasant to affect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25¢ per box.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

F. C. Plume now drives a horse recently purchased of Jas. Rundle. Some of the inmates of the county hotel are afflicted with tonsillitis. Frank Simpson died Feb. 19 at his home near LaAnna aged about 40 years. His wife and two sons survive. It is estimated that rats annually destroy food to the value of sixty million dollars. Arthur B. McCarty, who has kept a record, says that so far this winter five feet of snow has fallen. The Boer war cost England over one billion dollars, two-thirds of which she was compelled to borrow. A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey legislature to remove restrictions in catching carp, eel and catfish.

One vessel recently arrived in New York from the Pacific coast bringing the largest cargo of salmon ever carried. She had 7,000 tons. Mahlon G. Heller died of apoplexy recently at Port Wayne, Ind. He was born at Bushkill, this county, Feb. 24, 1831, and went west some 35 years ago. Lewis T. Smith of Delaware was committed to jail last Saturday evening for want of bail in the sum of \$50. He is charged with the larceny of ties belonging to E. Vandermark.

That birds have memory cannot be doubted. They go to the tropics for the winter and return in the spring to the very tree, and wrens to the very box in which they nested. Captain Lewis Van Blarcom of Newton died last Saturday of paralysis aged about sixty-nine years. He was a leading attorney and served during the Civil War in the 15 N. J. V.

The Panama canal treaty was ratified by the Senate Tuesday by a vote of 65 to 14. The 14 opposing were all democrats, while 14 democrats voted in favor. Uncle Sam will no doubt soon begin digging. John A. Fisher of Dingman says of a flock of ten quail which fed near his house but one remains. Foxes and mink pursue them and the latter animals are death to rabbits. He found a number of quail frozen to death in a stone wall where they had sought shelter.

The Russian government has given notice that it relinquishes the space set apart to it for an exhibition at St. Louis Exposition, and Japan has asked to be permitted to occupy it. She promises to fill not only her own but this also. The Japs know how to advertise.

The thaw this week indicates that the backbone of winter is broken. It may stiffen up again for short periods but the sun's power will likely prevent any long continued spell of cold weather. Should next summer attempt to even up the average temperature invisible garments and ice will be in great demand. The Hatcher Society supper and reception Monday evening was a very pleasant occasion and generously attended. Several young ladies attired in colonial costumes were picturesque and attractive and the young gentlemen in their dress of the Revolutionary period added color to the affair. The net proceeds of the supper were over \$50.

Hon. Otis Avery, possibly the oldest dental surgeon in the world, died in Honesdale Monday in the 96th year of his age. He was born in Oneida county, N. Y., Aug. 19th, 1808, and came to Wayne county in 1837. John R. Brown, another prominent resident of Honesdale died last Thursday aged about 80 years. For a long time he was a local preacher of the M. E. church.

In Milford county the court granted licenses under the following rules: Barrooms must close at ten o'clock, p. m., Christmas, Memorial and Thanks giving days must be observed as holidays, promiscuous treating is barred, no bottles shall be sold over the bar; blinds, screens and frosted glass must not be used to screen drinkers from public view, and no barroom can be opened Sundays.

Buy It Now
Do not wait until you or some of your family are sick with cholera, and then send for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, but buy it now and be prepared for an emergency. It is the one remedy that can always be depended upon in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoros, all gen'l stores in Pike county.

Free Cure for Sick Headache
Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are a certain cure for sick headache. If taken as soon as the first indication of the disease appears they will prevent the attack. Get a free sample at Balch & Son, Matamoros, all gen'l stores in Pike county and give them a trial.

MONROE, WAYNE AND PIKE

A Comparison of the Cost of Officials in Three Counties
Monroe county paid her treasurer in commissions last year a total of \$1,355.48 and he handled \$62,324.34, leaving a balance in his hands of \$5,551.40. Wayne county allowed her treasurer in commissions \$1,032.77 and he received \$74,014.78. Pike paid her treasurer in commissions \$638.64 for receiving and paying out \$21,006.86, leaving a balance in his hands of \$1,062.89.

The county commissioners of Monroe county received for services, horse hire and car fare \$2,362.93. Those of Wayne \$2,962.00 and Pike \$2,119.49. County auditors cost Monroe \$240.40, Wayne \$08.50 for 1902 and Pike for 1903 \$134.64. Monroe has 19 districts, Wayne 28 and Pike 12. Monroe has a population of 21,161, Wayne 30,171 and Pike 8,766. Bldg building and repairing in Monroe cost \$8,470.35, in Wayne \$14,161.12 and in Pike \$6,012.17, but it is not known what balances may remain due. In Pike there are at least hundreds if not thousands of dollars. Both Monroe and Wayne, because of having navigable streams, have had several large and expensive bridges built by the state. Pike got rid of all her navigable streams several years ago and so builds her own bridges.

Degrees Conferred
The University of Pennsylvania on Monday conferred the degree of doctor of laws on James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier Poet and Governor Pennsylvania, also on Baron von Sternberg and others. Among the peculiar things which the Governor, who delivered the address, said about George Washington were the following:
Began his military career at site of Unloutown, Fayette county; in company with a detachment named Jacob van Braem.
On January 6, 1759, married Martha Curtis, a widow with \$100,000.
Wore false teeth made of hippopotamus tusks.
Passed the bottle about pretty freely after dinner.
First called father of his country in German almanac, published in Lancaster, in 1778.
Attended the first balloon ascension in America and gave the aeronaut a pass, allowing him to come down where most convenient.
Was a hard rider and founded five horses in one day.
Had a green parchment pocketbook which he kept in a haid trunk.
Once he picked sugar plums from a cake at one of his loves and sent them to a friend.

Boston is Agitated
The question, shall a woman press her husband's trousers has now taken the place of anti-imperialism in Boston and several distinguished ladies have expressed opinions among them Mrs. John L. Bates, wife of the governor; Mrs. P. S. Henson, wife of the Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, and other well known women. Mrs. Bates said: "I should certainly be willing to do it if I cared anything about his personal appearance."
Mrs. Ednah D. Cheney: "It's just one of those questions that easily settle themselves. If he wants it done from a tyrannical spirit, she should show her independence by refusing to do menial things."
Mrs. Brombery had done so many times, and would again.
Mrs. Henson: "I believe woman's sphere should begin in the home. She should study her husband and consider him as one to be looked up to."
Some seemed not to realize the principle underlying the apparently trivial question, but all the women were of the opinion that the wife should be as much of a help to her husband as possible, in every way, and consider him and their home before everything else.

Why First Voters Should be Protectionists
is the title of the first document of the campaign of 1904, issued by the American Protective Tariff League. One copy free to any applicant. Send postal card request. Ask for Document No. 45. Address W. F. Wakeman, General Secretary, 329 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Nearly Foretells His Life
A runaway almost ended fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, bruises, skin eruptions and Piles. 25¢ at all druggists.

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THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Lots of slippery walks. The rains are light, and the ice still stays. We can expect some pretty tough roads this spring. J. A. Watts and family have returned from New York. Did you attend the supper of the Hatcher Society last Monday evening? If not you missed one of the best church suppers ever gotten up in this town. Frederick OH is quite ill at his home near Conasaugh.

Tomorrow George Jagger will receive his sentence for the murder of Mrs. Victor Bevans. George, since his conviction, has made some startling confessions. If they are true or not remains to be seen. If true, others will find themselves in trouble. The old saying, "murder will out" is a true one. I would not be surprised if it should be discovered who destroyed the orchard of George Hersh at Layton a few years ago. Dingman will have lots of boughs this spring. It is rumored that a new firm Holden and Murgan will make things lively.

Lou Labar has lost one of his nules. The war in the far east is not progressing very fast. So far the little Japs are having the best end of it, having put a portion of the Russian navy out of commission. But when spring opens the bear will pour his wild and uncivilized hordes toward the flowery kingdom and no one can tell what the outcome will be. Japan has the sympathy of the people of this country. Our March term of court promises to be interesting after all. The number of boarders in the stone hotel seems to be on the increase.

There should be one more commandment. It should read Thou shalt not covet your neighbors ties or timber. **Dumping Troubles** Lillie Hamilton French contributes to the March Delinestor an inspiring paper in the "Joy of Living" series. It is on Dumping Troubles, and contains a wholesome, old-fashioned philosophy that is pleasant and profitable to read. Here is a paragraph from it: "We would all be helped in this dumping-trouble habit, if we would but think more of what it meant to make a contribution of ourselves to our friends; of what it meant to bring a cheerful spirit into their lives, a pleasant face, a well-dressed person; of what it meant to offer them a welcoming freddie, a pretty window, an atmosphere of joy. We are all parts of a great whole, each one giving and taking. The unconscious giving and taking goes on like that which is conscious, and a discontented face and a dejected manner in the street are troubles dumped upon the passer-by, thoughtlessly perhaps, but as surely as though by intention. So why not let our contributions to the world about us be pleasant ones, our offerings an inspiration? Why not, indeed, so develop ourselves that even our unconscious contributions to life be those which add to the joy, not the gloom, of our friends?"

NOTES FROM UNION
L. E. James is convalescing. Miss Lucy and Clara James called on friends of Baoba. M. E. Lantry visited his father, C. Lantry, at Atco last week. Reverend Waldron attended the social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James. James Chandler has returned home after spending part of the winter at Danmore. Michael Whalen of Providence, R. I., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Whalen. E. A. Chandler and daughter are spending a few weeks with the formers sister, Mrs. Linden, at Brooklyn.

Mysterious Circumstances
One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25¢ at all druggists.

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