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## WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The chief pie distributor and his assistants having gone to New York to take part in dedicating the monument to Gen. Grant; the pie hunters who hadn't the money or the railroad passes to accompany them are taking a rest. About half of Congress is also gone, as it was previously agreed that the House and Senate should meet today and Thursday only to adjourn.

It is becoming apparent that the administration is preparing to let down some of the civil service bars to the office pastures. Mr. McKinley has been talking over the matter with the civil service commission and two of his cabinet—Gage and Wilson—have publicly advocated modifying the Civil Service Rules as applied to their departments.

Some surprise was expressed by Ohio men who were not inside the game, so to speak when Judge Day, of that State, who was supposed to be preparing to go to Cuba, as a special commissioner, allowed himself to be nominated First Asst. Secretary of State. They knew that Judge Day had resigned two judgeships, both paying more salary than any of the Asst. Secretaries get, and that he wasn't exactly the sort of man who would care to be anybody's assistant. Well, he is to be Sherman's assistant only by name. So far as the matters he will handle are concerned, he will be Secretary of State, and if Mr. Sherman, who is giving visible evidence that he feels his age, gets tired of the worry and resigns, the portfolio will be given to Judge Day. What Mr. Sherman thinks of this programme would make interesting reading, but unless he concludes to add another volume to his "Recollections" the public will have to be content with guessing. Had Sherman not been in Hanna's way in the Senate, he would never have been made Secretary of State, and he would not be persuaded to withdraw it should he tender his resignation.

Senator Foraker won his fight against Bellamy Storer, of Ohio, without having to ask for votes in the Senate to reject his nomination to be Asst. Secretary of State. Storer was nominated Minister to Belgium instead, and Foraker has no objections to his going there.

Had 22 members who were present but did not vote, supported Representative Bland's appeal from the decision of the Speaker, refusing him recognition to offer his resolution calling upon the Attorney General for information as to what steps had been taken to protect the interests of the Government in relating to the sale of the Union Pacific Railroad, the Speaker would have been defeated, as the vote stood 87 for sustaining the Speaker and 75 against. Such a

close call as that ought to convince Mr. Reed that he has got to be a little careful or he will get a heavy throw down some day.

The death of Judge Holman, of Ind., so closely following that of ex-Senator Voorhees, another distinguished son of the Hoosier state, is deeply felt by the old-timers in Congress. Notwithstanding his fame as an objector to bills carrying appropriations he believed to be unnecessary, no member of the House had more personal friends. That he valued the good will of his associates was strikingly shown several years ago. He was very poor and when approached by a publisher with a liberal offer, he decided to write a book covering his reminiscences during his long membership in the House, and actually began the preliminary work. About that time John Sherman's book was published, and when he saw the antagonism that was thereby aroused, he concluded not to write a book. When remonstrated with he said: "I cannot do it. Every book of reminiscences that comes out only makes trouble for the writer. He is bound to say something, even if he is innocent of any mean intention, that will cause heartburning and misunderstanding. I must not let the end of my life be clouded in such a way."

Senator Jones, of Ark., said, speaking of the future of the gold Democrats: "Some will remain in the Republican party and others will return to us. It is too early yet to predict what proportion will renew their allegiance to Democratic principles, but I think a very considerable number will. Those who are willing to support Democratic principles will be welcomed back. We shall be glad of the assistance of any man who believes as we do and votes with us; that is sound Democracy. The gold Democrats may not be permitted to vote at the primaries in some places, but that is a local matter determined by local sentiment. Generally speaking the Democrats who left the party last year, because of the money question, will be permitted to identify themselves with the organization again, if they will support our platform."

A small boy waved down the C. F. and Y. V. passenger train last Sunday, and when asked by the conductor what was the matter, inquired if he had any cigarettes on board. The conductor told him he had no cigarettes, and was also kind enough to direct him to that country where he could "get a light."—Ex.

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## REVOLUTION REBUKED.

We publish elsewhere the Supreme Court, affirming Judge Adams, in the cases affecting the control of the hospitals for the insane in the State. The decision, which is able and clear, was written by Justice Montgomery, and is the unanimous view of the court.

No decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court in many years which will be as gladly hailed by the whole people as this decision. It is a final rebuke to the abortive attempt to revolutionize the charitable institutions of the State in the interest of self-seeking politicians. In places that are purely political, it is bad enough to see incompetent and base men looted on the public; but to see the institutions established for the care of the insane prostituted to such base ends would bring a stigma on the State that would be disgraceful in the extreme.

There is not a neighborhood in North Carolina from which there has not gone some unfortunate sufferer to seek healing in the hospitals provided by the tax-payers. Relatives and friends, in sorrow and in deep anxiety, pray for their restoration to health. Their anguish in seeing them bereft of reason is terrible when they know they are given the best treatment and kindest care. The fear that they would be turned over to the management of pie hunters has hung like a pall over them, and as they read Justice Montgomery's able decision they will feel to thank God that their loved ones are not to be threatened with dangerous changes. The insane, too, who are keenly alive to the attempt to remove kind physicians, will be glad that the faithful ministrations of Dr. Miller, Dr. Kirby and Dr. Murphy are to be continued.

The old notion that insanity was something else than a terrible disease is passing away. Asylums give place to hospitals. The keeping of the insane is now secondary to their medical treatment. There is no place in a hospital for spoilsmen. The attempt of the Governor and the Legislature, by revolutionary methods, to convert our efficient humane institutions into wards for the support of incapable politicians, was the crowning act of the infamy that marks the new regime. It aroused the people as nothing else has done or could do. That the monstrous plan was abortive is a subject for State-wide congratulation.

Let us hope that Senator Pritchard and Governor Russell can give places to their relatives and political henchmen without debasing the State hospitals to the level of purely political departments. The Supreme Court has effectively rebuked legislative revolution. The people will rejoice and applaud a decision so just and wise, and couched in language so plain and terse.—N. & O.

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## When Loving Mothers Grow Selfish.

"It is when children reach maturity that the supreme test of parental love comes," writes Edward J. Bok, discussing the home-leaving of children at time of marriage, in the *May Ladies Home Journal*. "All through infancy and early years the children are more or less cared for. And then, just as the parents feel relieved from cares and anxieties, and are beginning to enjoy the companionship of their children in the serene and complacent way which 'grown-ups' have, there comes a fluttering of the wings, a remote suggestion of flight. The son is no less then his mother's boy than he has been and ever will be. But he is—and who realizes it so quickly as a mother?—in a new and very natural sense, another woman's hero; and that woman a girl. With her he discerns, away out on the horizon line, the shadowy lines of a house that is to become a home, their very own. The girl, too, whose going in and out of the house has been a daily joy to the parents—she, too, has become a heroine to some one other than her father and mother. It is hard for the parents to realize that this mate of her flight can care for her as they have; that in her young eyes, in her young heart, it is possible that he can be altogether noble and capable! And after young birds have taken flight the parents wonder if sometimes they do not grieve in their new life. But some fine morning a clearer vision is given them, and they realize that, after all, their children are only playing the same role which they played a few years before. It is a magnificent quality in parents when they so prepare themselves that they can meet this inevitable time with the proper spirit—when, in other words, parental love can get the better of selfishness.

## The Two Were One.

Washington, April.—The sudden and almost dramatic death of Judge W. S. Holman's wife here a year ago was a great shock to him. Mrs. Holman nearly a helpless paralytic. They were talking of the probability of one outliving the other, both being possessed of originally vigorous constitutions and coming from long-lived families. Finally Mrs. Holman said: "Never mind, dear, we won't quarrel about it. I believe we will reach the foot of the hill together." With these words on her lips she fell forward, and before she could be summoned, she was dead.

"And so we did," Mr. Holman used to say, "for ever since she died I have been but a dead man."—N. Y. Sun.

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## PIONEER DAYS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

"Congress first assembled in the new Capitol on November 17, 1800; and John Adams, then President, took up his abode in the Executive Mansion," writes ex-President Harrison of "The Domestic Side of the White House" in the *May Ladies Home Journal*. "Neither the Capitol nor the Executive Mansion was fully completed. The proportion of the house seemed to Mrs. Adams as 'grand and superb.' The plan was taken from the palace of the Duke of Leinster in Dublin. 'If they will put me up some bells and let me have wood enough to keep fires,' wrote Mrs. Adams, 'I design to be pleased.' But, though literally in the woods, no one could be found to cut and cart firewood. The few cords of wood that had been provided had been expended to dry the plastering. A Pennsylvania wagon, secured through a Treasury clerk, delivered a cord and a half of wood, 'which is,' wrote Mrs. Adams, 'all we have for this house, where twelve fires are constantly required, and we are told that the roads will soon be so bad that it cannot be drawn.'

"The society ladies were 'impatient for a drawing-room' in the Executive Mansion, and this when Mrs. Adams had 'no looking glasses but dwarfs,' and 'not a twentieth part lamp enough to light the house. There was no inclosure, and she made a trying-room for her clothes of the great East Room. The original cost of the White House is said to have been a little more than three hundred thousand dollars, and something more than that amount was expended in restoring it (after its destruction by fire in 1814), and in the building of the north south porticoes."

## The First Railroad in America.

Gridley Bryant, a civil engineer, in 1826, projected the first railroad in the United States. It was built for the purpose of carrying granite from the quarries of Quincy, Massachusetts, to the nearest tidewater. Its length was four miles, including branches, and its first cost \$50,000.

The sleepers were of stone and were laid across the track eight feet apart. Upon rails of wood, six inches wide and a quarter of an inch thick, were spiked. At the crossings stone rails were used, and as the wooden rails became unserviceable they were replaced by others of stone.—*May Ladies Home Journal*.

"Tredde's an awful fool, ain't he?"

"He's in love, you know."

"What has that to do with his being a fool?"

"Don't you know the definition of love? 'Two souls with but a single thought,' ect."

"Well?"

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Statesville Landmark: Gen. W. Weld of Linville, Mitchell county, came to Statesville Monday night to attend Federal court. Mr. Weld having heard that the mill fixtures at the Watts mill, in Shiloh township, were for sale, went out there Tuesday afternoon to look at them. During the night he was seized with a seizure with a severe sickness, and died about 12 o'clock Wednesday. Death was due to acute appendicitis.

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