

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

Changesth at Have Been Made at the National Capitol.

California Has No Representative in the Hall of Statuary as the Other States Have—A Suggestion in Regard to It.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18, 1891. Californians who have been in Washington heretofore will doubtless recall the undignified frequency of cigar, newspaper, fruit and lunch stands which confronted the stranger in almost every niche and corner of the corridors on the west side of the Capitol. There have all been unprofitable nuisances...

The massive symmetry, architectural design and ornate beauty of the structure itself, combined with the freedom from labor, the methods for realizing \$110,000 monthly, mileage and exemption from all civil procedure here enjoyed by the senators in committee rooms...

The main entrance to the House of Representatives on the west side has heretofore been the undetermined purpose of ladies' reception room. It was a wise adaptation of that useless catwalk growing out of the fact that exceeding the expensive vestibule and ponderously architectural portico shut out the light of day...

CONGRESSIONAL VANDALISM. The change referred to has painful compensating features. It is a commendable labor, dedicated to perpetuating enduring memories of our notable men now passed away...

There are those who assert with a reasonable degree of confidence that this bit of Congressional sacrilege meets the hearty approval of a large number of members on account of its distance from the House, being fully fifty yards away...

Pursuing this subject still further the country will doubtless stand aghast in contemplation of the possible exigencies liable to arise from the removal of a 2,000 is ascertained and the ladies' reception room problem still unsettled...

There was an amendment attached to the military appropriation bill in the House which provides that hereafter no retired army officers shall be allowed to receive pay for any service rendered to the Government unless they abandon their pay as retired army officers.

Whether are we drifting? The citizens in one of the judicial "deestries" in Talbot County, Georgia, are so adverse to public office that they are unwilling to have a Justice of the Peace in their midst...

Recently the Grand Jury recommended a gentleman named Marshall for the place and authorized the Ordinary of the county to issue a commission and swear him in. An "Ordinary" in that State is clothed with functions similar to those

conferred upon Probate Judges under our old system. The return of the Ordinary to that authorization reads as follows: "Mr. Marshall declines the office. The people of that district think they are better off without a Justice of the Peace, and manage to have the Grand Jury recommend a man who will not serve. If I was to order an election they would elect some fictitious character. I am told they once beat a man who wanted the office with somebody's bull."

The gravity of the disease requires heretofore that the Secretary of the Interior hold of this matter immediately with the view of converting it into one of our national reservations after the style of Yellowstone Park or Yosemite Valley. An inexpensive closure of barbed wire and a suitable guard to protect them from the grand army of curiosity-hunters who would soon move thither, is respectfully offered as a starter...

Should this economic idea fail to pay a reasonable profit on the investment it is further suggested that the Secretary of War shall order General Miles, the hostiles, the friendlies, the Wounded and the dead, to be removed to the other side of the Indian Territory to move at once on these misguided citizens of Talbot county, Georgia, and over-awe them before the year is over...

Referring again to Statuary Hall, it is proper to say that every visitor from the far West instinctively inquires why it is that California has no representative in the Statuary Hall. California has thus far contributed no shrine nor sacred relic to this great Pantheon of modern days, and the delay in this respect has become a national disgrace...

In order that this subject may be thoroughly understood, that part of the Statuary Hall bill relating to the Statuary Hall is set forth in its entirety. Section 184, Statutes at Large, reads as follows: "Section 184. Suitable structures and railings shall be erected in the old hall of Representatives and in other words, 'during the earlier and purer days of the republic.'"

Nearly all of the Northern States have also a Statuary Hall. Among the number we find Livingston and Madison of New York, Roger Williams from Rhode Island, Sheridan and Stockton of New Jersey, Callahan and Ethan Allen of Vermont, Trumbull and Sherman of Connecticut, Muhlenberg and Hamilton of Pennsylvania, Lewis Cass of Michigan, William Allen and James A. Garfield of Ohio, Adams and William Pitt of Massachusetts, Washington and Jefferson of Virginia, E. D. Baker of Oregon, and other Americans as well as distinguished foreigners.

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STATE SCHOOL BOOKS. Compared With Those Furnished by Private Publishers. [Santa Rosa Republican, Jan. 20th.] In another article in this issue of the Record we have discussed the cost of the State school books to the people as compared with those furnished by private publishing houses. Here we offer a word in regard to the literary merit of the books, proferring our remarks with the statement as to the character of the criticism to which they have been subjected.

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