

CAPITAL LETTER.

An Interesting Trip Through Newspaper Row.

The Correspondents of the Outside Press—How They Work—The Old-Timers and the New Men—A Daily Crowd.

[Special Washington Letter.] The old original "Newspaper Row" is a thing of the past. The growth of the country has been kept pace with the growth of the Metropolitan daily newspapers; and as a corollary of this fact, the number of the Washington correspondents has annually increased in no great degree as to overcrowd Newspaper Row and compel many of the representatives of the daily papers of the rapidly developing West to seek quarters elsewhere.

Some of the oldest and most widely known correspondents have been caught up in the rout and carried beyond the sacred precincts. Mr. E. B. Wright, formerly of the Chicago Tribune, but for the past five years representing the Inter Ocean, has his office around the corner on F street. W. B. Shaw, often called the "Nestor of the Press," is on Fifteenth street, opposite the Treasury. Judge Noah, of the Denver Tribune and Kansas City Times, is two blocks away.

Newspaper Row is distinctively that half block between Pennsylvania avenue and the Ebbitt House, on Fourteenth street. It did not originally include the B. & O. Building, but does now. Turning the corner from the avenue, and going north, the sojourner comes to the stone steps which lead into the fire-trap, the death-trap known as the B. & O. Building. Upon the second floor we find Mr. Roberts, of the Chicago Times. He has two excellent rooms, plainly furnished, and divides one of them with Congressman Clark of the New York Star. Mr. Roberts is a new man here, but is a very bright one, and is doing his paper excellent service. Congressman Clark is an old timer and knows all the news, you know, every day even into the midnight hour. Upon the same floor are located the offices of the St. Paul Pioneer-Press, Philadelphia Press, St. Louis Republic and New Orleans Picayune. "Behold, how good

and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The Pioneer-Press has recently sent two young men here, neither of whom has ever had experience in Washington life, but they are doing exceedingly well. Unlike the average new men on the Row, they have not come here to show the old hands how to attend to business.

It very frequently happens on the Row that some bright, young reporter comes here, and immediately sets himself up as an authority from his own section; but very speedily they learn that each one of these old correspondents has a very fair set of brains himself, and they simmer down. The St. Louis Republic is represented by O'Brien Moore. He is one of the brainiest, fullest, runest, plumpest, most likeable fellows in the world. He knows news, too, when he sees it, and dresses it up in alisonant superlatives with gaudy verbal adornments. Colonel L. Q. Washington represents the Picayune, and is one of the oldest newspaper men in Washington. He is an elegant Southern gentleman, dignified, polite, considerate, keen, bright, an incisive writer, a friend of all public men regardless of party affiliations, and respected by all of his associates.

Just north of the Baltimore & Ohio building we come to the New York Sun building. It is crowded. Several gentlemen have desk room there. Mr. Barry represents the Detroit Journal and Grand Rapids Times. Mr. Wellman represents the American Press Association and the Chicago Herald. Bob Vance, ex-Congressman from Connecticut, represents the Sun, and is assisted by Mr. Barry and Amos Cummings. They are a coterie of educated, refined, scholarly gentlemen, and the Sun building is a popular place on the Row. Adjoining this building, on the north, is a brick which has long been unoccupied. Mr. Willard, its proprietor, has acted like a dog in the manger about it for many years. He is idiosyncratic, wealthy, cranky in some senses, and the boys have tacitly agreed to let him severally alone. In the natural order of events Mr. Willard will be gathered unto his fathers, and then this building will be occupied. We next come to the office of General Boynton, of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette. There is no other newspaper correspondent than General Boynton, and no more accomplished gentleman. He is reputed to be a fighting character, in his correspondence; and it is true that his belt is filled with the scalps of public men who have dared to cross him. But, with his friends and associates on the Row, General Boynton is one of the most kindly-disposed, genial, helpful men in Washington. Those who know him best like him best.

Fred Mussey and Bob Wynne are associates of the General on the staff of the Commercial. Every body knows Mussey. He has been a National character for several years past, although he is yet a young man. I regard him as one of the most remarkably gifted young men it has ever been my good fortune to meet with; and, if his private life had been permitted to glide along as he mapped it out, Fred Mussey would have been known to higher ranks of fame and fortune than he has yet attained unto. "Life is not the thing we planned it," and an adverse influence, without warning and without the possibility of prevention, warped his life from its original purposes. But nothing on God's green earth could drive so clear a brain to aught but what is right. There is and has been nothing wrong in his life; but it is not just what he

planned it. He is a superior newspaper man, but he might as well have been in the front rank of lawyers, doctors, politicians or statesmen. Bob Wynne is one of the handsomest men on the Row, and an energetic worker. In the same room with these Cincinnatians, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Apperson, of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, hold forth. They are worthy men, too, of whom nothing could be said save in praise. The next building is occupied by Perry Heath, of the Indianapolis Journal and Omaha Bee. He is a young man yet, but occupies exceedingly close confidential relations with the White House. In the back room, with stenographer and type-writer hard at work, sits William Elmer Curtis, of the Chicago News; that is he is there when Mr. Blaine is not sending him elsewhere upon foreign missions for the Department of State. He is not only a newspaper man, but a book-maker, traveler, diplomat and hit-or-miss. He is a round, plump, boy-looking fellow, and wears a smile as sweet as honey and as natural as an old shoe. The next house is occupied, on one side, by the United Press. Here Burhans, Boyle, Bain and the other busy 'B's' toil far into the night and keep the telegraphic wires hot. Across the hall we find the New York Times, held down by Dunnell and De Puy. They are young men, both, and full of vim and vigor, each enthusiastic to get more Washington news for the Times than any other New York paper can gather. The Tribune, World and Herold are off of the Row. Mr. Seckendorff and Major Clarke, of the Tribune are around on F street, near Mr. Wright's office. The World is farther up on Fourteenth and the Herold is away around on Fifteenth. There Messrs. Northrop, Preston and Guthrie deliver a symphony of praise. But to return to the Row. Above the heads of the Times and United Press there is a honeycomb of workers! Mr. Willard (Caleb, not the crank) rents him that room. Major Carson caused it to be elegantly fitted up, and rented desk room to Charlie Gray, of the Boston Traveller, and Charlie Gray, of the California Associated Press. They had the handsomest office on the Row until within the past two weeks. Every one knows Charlie Towie, by reputation. He is not only a good writer, but tells a story better than any other fellow, not even excepting Majah Stofah. His laugh would make an infant scream. It is not a "haw-haw," but a sui generis sort of a "tut-tut-tut-tut-tut-tut." There is no other cabinating like it, and if it could be photographed, every dime museum man in America would want a copy. Charlie Gray laughs with his whiskers, and when Towie gets off a new story, Gray's snicker can be heard way down by the R. & O. Building. When Gray snickers, the wind literally blows through his whiskers, and he don't care, either. Major Carson seldom smiles. He is the personification of comradeship and dignity combined. He knows more of army and navy matters than all the rest of us. He was an intimate, trusted friend of General Sheridan.

I must not leave the Row without describing Hunt. He is a character, sure enough. His education is limited, but he knows how to gather department news. He walks on crutches, wears eyeglasses and looks pretty. He goes to all of the executive departments, gets lists of appointments, resignations, promotions and other light matter, and sells his information at night to the boys on the Row. He is nobody's enemy, but is the friend of every body, including the pretty actresses at Persimmon's. But there is another office in Newspaper Row. It is north of Major Carson's, and was but recently opened. Mr. Willard was prevailed upon to let two more newspaper men into the Ebbitt, and they have an office beautifully and lavishly appointed in every respect. One of them is John Shriver, of the New York Mail and Express, formerly with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. He is one of the smoothest writers, one of the best descriptive writers in the profession here. His office is a model of beauty, and he is himself par excellence a traveled, cultured gentleman. Associated with him in this new office is the correspondent of several Western papers and the representative of the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Company of Chicago, a pretty hard-working fellow named SMITH D. FAX.

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OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Tax constables marched in a body against a tramp rendezvous at West Bethlehem, Pa., and all they bagged was a one-legged tramp.

A London paper tells of a dog which, having run away from its new master, traveled fifty miles over an unknown country to its old home, arrived there the day after starting.

Referring to the return from their honeymoon of a couple living in the vicinity of West Grove, Pa., a paper says they were given a serenade that was "hilarious if not unbearably. Much cider was drunk and damage done."

Queen Victoria eats heartily of American smoked ham and well-baked bread, and drinks English brews with great relish, while the Queen of Sweden indulges in big beefsteaks, smoked salmon, meat balls, and eggs.

An officer who bought for a trifle an old desk in Montreal was led by marks on the cover to make an investigation, that resulted in the discovery of one of such historic interest that the English government has given him one thousand dollars for it.

A big poplar tree was felled at Utica, Ind., recently, and as it struck the ground a large limb broke off, in the heart of which was found the antlers of a deer, a cow's horn and a number of curious shells. The mystery is how they got there.

A prominent ranchero of the Upper Platte valley, Wyo. T., lately issued an old challenge to the betting fraternity of the west. He was willing to bet the place and stock against \$10,000 that in any stated hunting season within three years he will, unaided, kill fifty grizzly bears in the Elk Mountain and Medicine Bow ranges.

A family in Henry County, Ga., consists of three mothers, three sons, two grandmothers, three grandsons, one great-grandmother, one daughter-in-law, two brothers, one daughter, two great-grandsons, one wife, two widows, one grandmother-in-law, and there are only six in the family.

A Murfreesboro (Tenn.) woman went into the post-office and demanded a letter. When told that there was none she said she knew there was, and made the clerk look four or five times. When she became finally convinced she left the office in a great rage, saying that she was going to make the clerk's fortune-teller refund the money she had paid her.

Parisians have lately been entertained by a remarkable artist who displays wonderful skill in his peculiar form of painting. With plates of various colored sand before her, she takes the sand in her right hand and causes it to fall in beautiful designs upon a table. A bunch of grapes is pictured with violet sand, a leaf with green sand, the stalks with brown sand, and relief and shadows by other sands; when the work is brushed away a bouquet of roses and other objects are represented with the same dexterity and delicacy.

The most polite nation in diplomat intercourse is Belgium. When the Belgian authorities addressed a letter to this Government asking if the United States still claimed as citizens all children of alien parents born here, the communication closed with: "I should be grateful if your Excellency would give me the great kindness to furnish me with this document and give me the information desired. Thanking your Excellency in advance, I embrace," etc. Wishing to know what were the regulations of the United States in regard to peddling, the Belgian Minister concluded with: "I have the honor to have recourse to your Excellency's good offices, begging you to be pleased to acquaint me with the laws and regulations which are in force in the United States regarding peddling. I avail myself," etc.

Small State Budgets, \$1.00 Each! This is a great offer. Just imagine the army of ladies that will besiege the store until the last supply is gone—if the bargain is ever offered. How now much more careful an opportunity is presented to every suffering woman by the proprietors of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. This remedy is made up of all the most distressing ailments peculiar to the weaker sex. It is guaranteed that if it does not effect a cure money will be refunded. It is carefully compounded by an experienced and skillful physician, and adapted to woman's delicate organization. It is purely vegetable in its composition, and perfectly harmless in its effects in any condition of the system, and is sold under a positive guarantee of satisfaction in every case, or money paid for it refunded.

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Many like to think the world a stage better than he likes to think that he is an amateur performer on it.—Atchison Globe.

Florence, Ala. The personally conducted excursions to this rapidly growing city have been so successful that the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, Evansville Route, will run one on each of the following dates—Nov. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. For copy of circular, etc., it is to be had from the agent, Mr. W. H. Riley, Gen. Pass. Agent, Chicago, Ill.

It is possible to be so diligent in keeping the vineyards of others that your own vineyard shall become weedy.

Strange as it may seem, a man fails to support his wife when he is most strongly disposed to support her.—Birmingham Leader.

The young man complains because his girl is foolish enough to lace tightly in order to have a nice waist and then prove himself to work to compress it further still.—Somerville Journal.

The man who has lots of debts has the sweet consolation, anyhow, of knowing that lots of people will be interested in him when he dies.—Somerville Journal.

We have at last solved the mystery why sailors put buttons on the cuffs of coats sleeves. It is to tear out overcoat linings and get themselves a job.—Burlington Free Press.

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