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Washington Political Gossip.

The story of graft in the federal departments here is spreading worse than Yellow fever. It is stated that the charges sprung on the Geological Survey will necessitate a thorough probing of that bureau and that the mere connection of some officials with a mining paper in the west, while admittedly improper will not be the most serious thing that will be unearthed. The charges against the Weather Bureau are stated in equally well-founded partisan evidence to be "entirely absurd" and "capable of full substantiation." It is likely that both bureaus will receive the attention of the Keop Commission and how much turns up or how much remains hidden, is a matter of the future. There remains yet the Navy War and State Departments to be caught in the drag net and then the round of the departments will be complete. To be sure the State Department had a little scandal of its own some time back, but the charges in the Bowen-Loomis case were dismissed as unfounded and it has been considered a rather unsafe thing to criticize high state department officials since then. It is quite possible, however, that a thorough investigation of the department were made some queer things might be turned up in the line of "visits to inspect consulates," and other relics of previous administrations. This is only thrown out as a suggestion. The Army and Navy have been singularly free from serious scandals that of Captain Carter, being the only time an Engineer officer was ever known to go wrong, while the chances for graft in the navy are limited so far as the actual service is concerned though there are some phases of war ship construction that might stand looking into.

The investigation in the Agricultural Department has taken a rest for the time being. Ex Statistician Hyde has announced his intention of returning from England and this is taken as an evidence of his ignorance and honesty. He is severely censured by his friends in Washington for running away on the very eve of the investigation, and it was believed to be at the personal instigation of the Secretary of Agriculture that he decided to return. A clever man would hardly have put himself in such a position for criticism and a knowingly dishonest one would have stayed abroad once he got safely there. Meantime Secretary Wilson has announced his intention to forego a vacation this summer and to stay at home and clean up the investigation business this summer. There is comparatively little of the summer left for such a large job. It has apparently been proved by outside evidence that there was nothing wrong in the Bureau of Animal Industry in connection with the meat label business, but there will probably be disagreeable things unearthed when it comes to investigating the whole of the meat subject in the department. It is claimed by some of the smaller competitors of the Beef Trust that they could not get meat inspectors assigned to their plants by the Department and were therefore prevented from using the Departments certificate label and put at a disadvantage especially in the export trade where such a label is a necessity. At the same time Dr. Salmon, the head of the Bureau of Animal Industry states that he was not given money enough to pay the meat inspectors, that the business of his bureau is now running \$6,000 to \$8,000 a month over its limit and if there is not some radical action taken by Congress he will not be able to carry on the inspection work next year.

That is just where the hitch has come between the executive departments and Congress and promises to raise considerable trouble at the coming session. The action of the Bureau of Animal Industry in running ahead of its appropriation is only a sample of what is going on very largely in all the departments. It is a practice bitterly resented by the legislative branch of the government and is one bound to cause trouble when the appropriation bill comes up at the impending session. The supporters of the administration are still openly explaining the attitude of the executive toward the coming reciprocity conference. This is a very sore subject both at the White House, temporarily installed at Oyster Bay, and in the various departments where the members of the cabinet reside. The fact is that the administration while pledged to reciprocity and tariff revision, has been badly snubbed by Congress on the subject of reciprocity treaties and is afraid of getting tangled up with an unofficial demonstration that however much it may believe and assert itself to be strictly non-partisan, is likely to develop a strong political bias before the last vote of thanks is rendered. The country decidedly needs both a sealing down of the tariff walls and a sensible arrangement with foreign countries on which reciprocity treaties could be negotiated. The matter is being delayed and put off and probably will not be touched at all as late as possible in the coming session. But the movements of foreign countries in the line of discriminating duties makes it imperative that the negotiation shall be met in the near future, and it is simply a question of whether the highly protected interests will allow Congress to make the necessary concessions of whether the country is going to be plunged into a commercial war with the rest of the world that will prove quite as costly in the end as the armed fight in the far east has been.

Japan has notified this government unofficially of course that she will do her utmost to discourage laborers from going to Panama. The same sort of resistance has been met in Italy and China, the other two countries where

it was intended to advertise for laborers, and it looks now as though this country were going to be thrown back on the native labor supply for digging the big ditch between the two oceans.

Beauty of the Shenandoah.

A Washington correspondent says this is what a Cincinnati man thinks of the beautiful Shenandoah: "Thousands of travelers have crossed the Shenandoah Valley and have admired its great beauty and the richness of the pastoral scenes one sees there. But no more enthusiastic traveler over the 'Rhine, the Alps and the Battledore Line,' as the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad proudly calls itself, can be found than S. A. Thomas, a wealthy business man of Cincinnati. He has travelled widely in America and in Europe, and says that the Shenandoah Valley is the beauty spot of that portion of the world that he has seen. He said: 'I have traversed the Rhine, and have climbed the Alps; I have seen most of the charming places of the old world, but for real, genuine beauty, for a panorama at which one never grows weary of looking, my eyes have yet to behold anything that equals the Shenandoah Valley.'

A Touching Story.

Is the saving from death of the baby girl of Gen. A. Eyer, Cumberland, Md. He writes: "At the age of 11 months, our little girl was in declining health, with serious throat trouble, and two physicians gave her up. We were all most in despair, when we resolved to try Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds. The first bottle gave relief; after taking four bottles she was cured, and is now in perfect health." Never fails to relieve and cure cough or cold. At B. F. Hughes drug store; 50c and \$1 guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

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"Gentlemen," said the multimillionaire, "I have given a great deal of money to other enterprises, but the interests of the one with which you are connected have been nearest to my heart, always. It is my intention to make yours the best endowed institution in the world, with a fund of \$500,000,000 at the disposal.

The trustees could scarcely believe their ears. They broke forth in wild, incoherent explanations of delight. But he interrupted them.

"To that end," he went on, "I have set aside the sum of \$10,000,000, to be made over to you, absolutely, when you shall have raised from other sources the remaining \$490,000,000.

Then followed a silence so dense that the hopes of the trustees could be distinctly heard falling, falling, with a muffled thud, upon the mossy floor.

Peculiar Disappearance.

J. D. Runyan of Battleville, O., laid the peculiar disappearance of his painful symptoms of indigestion and biliousness, to Dr. King's New Life Pills. He says: "They are a perfect remedy for dizziness, sour stomach, headache, constipation, etc. Guaranteed at B. F. Hughes drug store, price 25c.

Forgot Himself.

Squire Green—Yas, while you folks were away, they expelled old Deacon Goodman from the Baptist church. Mr. Nabors—No! Why, how did it happen? Squire Green—Wal, somebody asked him what he thought of automobiles, and he told 'em—I took.

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Very Pleasant.

What did that gentleman mean when he asked you if your environment was pleasant? asked your sister. Oh, he meant the things which were around me while I was in the country, replied the elder one. Well, Julia, I never heard men's arms called by that name before!

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INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

Items That Will Interest Our Readers.

It is stated that the Norfolk & Western Ry. will not relinquish its fight to prevent the Tidewater road crossing at grade near Berkeley until the final test is had in the courts. Division counsel for the Tidewater road, has been notified of the intention of the Norfolk & Western to appeal from the decision of the State Corporation Commission, which recently rendered a decision in regard to the crossing in favor of the Tidewater. The matter will be taken to the Supreme Court.

BIG NEW ROAD IN SOUTHWEST. It has been reported for some time that persons representing the Ryand-Hair-Comstock interests of the Seaboard Air Line system were buying or obtaining control of vast areas of coal lands hitherto undeveloped in the Southwest. These reports are confirmed by the N. Y. Herald which says:

Interests behind the Clinchfield corporation have decided on plans to build a 300 mile railroad to their extensive bituminous coal lands in Virginia, an enterprise which will involve the expenditure of from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000. Lutein connection they have engaged the services of Alfred Walters formerly president of the Leigh Valley railroad. Mr. Walters will be made president of a holding corporation which is to provide funds for the enterprise and he will later become head of the road, which will be built under his direction.

The properties of the Clinchfield corporation embrace about 250,000 acres of coal land in Wythe and Dickinson counties and extending into a third county. The company at present own a branch line, the South and Western, which will be the nucleus of the new road. The South and Western road is about 65 miles in extent. Starting from Johnson City, Tenn., whence it now runs to Spruce Pine, N. C., it will be extended for nearly 285 miles to the Clinchfield properties. At Johnson City it connects with the Norfolk & Western Ry., and it will cross the Seaboard Air Line at Rutherford and the Southern Ry. and the Atlantic Coast Line at Spartanburg.

Stray Leaves From

A Quaker Girl's Diary.

I see the spinsters who took up land on the Rosebud reservation are wishing they had husbands, says Louise Satterthwaite in the Evening Telegraph.

They are 157 strong, so there are that number of matrimonial vacancies now open for strong men, not afraid of work.

These ladies, face to face with farming problems, see that a man is quite a useful thing to have around the house, after all.

So, if there are any doughty masculines who are fond of country life, stock raising and chores, here are 157 chances for them to obtain a happy home.

I can see myself how forlorn it must be for these women. Imagine a farmhouse on a Dakota ranch, with flat prairie all round. Imagine the sun going down and the little chickens screaming for their supper. Imagine only a dog for company as you sit down, tired to death, on the front piazza, if there is one. Imagine a solitary supper of salt pork and fried potatoes and hot coffee on these sizzling nights, and only one solitary spinster to eat it all.

I tell you, girls, it would bring the proudest of us to tears. It would break down the stoutest spirit, so that we, too, would be willing to acknowledge that a husband would not be a welcome.

A man, as all spinsters know, has his faults; he likes tobacco, for instance, and his clothes and hair and physiognomy is too often performed with it; he will sometimes say "Thunder!" or worse. He is noisy, too, about the house, and will put his big feet on the loveliest sofa cushion that was ever embroidered, if he feels like it. But for sharpening a pencil, bringing a refractory car window to terms, for dancing purposes or other society usages, for sentimental meanderings under the moon and for working on farms, a man is like Cap'n Cuttle's watch—"skaled by few and excelled by none." But, like the same historic watch, he needs attention morning and afternoon every day to see that he is not too slow or too fast. With this wise precaution he will give his rounds with comfort and precision.

The spinsters of the West want husbands, and have as good as advertised for them. Their unmarried sisters of the East understand and sympathize with them, and thereby wish them good luck, both in their matrimonial and agricultural enterprises.

Public is Aroused.

The public is aroused to a knowledge of the curative merits of that great medicinal tonic, Electric Bitters, for sick stomach, liver and kidneys. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair Ave., Columbus, O., writes: "For several months I was given up to die. I had fever and ague, my nerves were wrecked; I could not sleep, and my stomach was so weak from useless doctors' drugs that I could not eat. Soon after beginning to take Electric Bitters, I obtained relief, and in a short time I was entirely cured." Guaranteed at B. F. Hughes drug store; price 50c.

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He—I never used to sing only when I was alone and afraid. She—No doubt it was quite a protection.

FLOUR IN CHINA.

It is Made of Almost Everything Except Wheat.

The Chinese cook stuck the end of an ivory chopstick into a small brown biscuit. "Taste it, sir," he said. The biscuit was warm, crisp, rich; it was light, well salted, nutritious—a biscuit, in a word, of peculiar excellence.

"This biscuit, sir, is made of flour of lentils," said the Chinaman. "You know lentils? Little green pellets slightly flattened like split peas. Lentils are considered the most nutritious of all the food of the earth. This one lentils biscuit, sir, is equal in nourishing power to a pound and a half of roast beef."

He took from a tin a little cake. "Again taste," he said. The little cake was rich and good.

"It is made, sir, of the flour of almonds," said the cook—"fresh, sweet almonds ground into a white powder between two millstones. Such a flour is a finer thing than your flour of wheat, eh?"

Then he lifted a great lid and revealed some thirty or forty compartments, one filled with a pink flour, another with a yellow one, a third with a brown one, a fourth with a white, a fifth with a pale green, a sixth with a blue, and so on.

"All these are Chinese flours," he said. "In China, sir, we make over fifty kinds of flour. We make flour out of potatoes, out of sweet potatoes, out of peas, out of cocoanuts, out of millet, out of pulse, out of oats, out of bananas—the fact is, sir, we make flour in China out of everything but wheat, for in China, sir, we eat no bread, and therefore the coarse, dry, tasteless flour of wheat is useless to us." —Philadelphia Bulletin.

Finnish Suffering

is often caused by sores, ulcers and cancers, that eat away your skin. Wm. Badell of Flat Rock, Mich., says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve for ulcers, sores and cancers. It is the best healing dressing I ever found." Soothes and heals cuts, burns and scalds. 25c at B. F. Hughes drug store; guaranteed.

Sufficient Cause.

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Nonsense! they haven't married twenty-five years.

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