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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, May 2, 1881.

So great has been the pressure for executive sessions of the Senate, to confirm some of the important nominations, that evidences of a break have gathered during the last few days. It is plain that a majority of the Republican Senators desire to give way. They are tired of the contest and well satisfied that it is not doing them any good before the country, but the question is how to change front without yielding to the Democrats. Over this problem they have lately been caucusing twice a day, and finally a committee of seven was appointed to devise a way out of the dilemma. If it is finally decided to permit executive sessions for confirming the more urgent nominations over which there is no special contest, there will then be great difficulty in continuing the Mahone-Riddleberger struggle. The bottom would fall out of it in a hurry and the hot weather, such as we have had this week, for instance, would soon cause an adjournment. Senator Conkling, who opposes going into executive session, played it pretty sharp on the Administration Senators by pretending to be ready to take up the Robertson fight and warning them that they must take the responsiblity of his defeat. This rather disconcerted the President's friends who were working for executive sessions. Conkling intimated that he had counted noses and knew where he stood. But out of all this division in the camp will finally come to a small Democratic victory. It will be a new sensation to witness a Republican back-down, but it is coming. Our side has, there in Congress, generally done the backing-down, though the Democratic position has often been as it is in this contest. Perhaps we fight better when we are in the minority.

The "Star route" scandal is still the sensation here, and from all that can be learned concerning future developments it promises to be second only to the whiskey ring exposures of eight years ago. Brady and the contractors so far implicated only meet the accusations against them with bold general denials. The Whiskey ring scamps did the same; so, also, did Tweed in his time. But there is ample evidence that what has been charged is not all falsehood and slander. One laughable feature of Brady's defense is his attempt to make Samuel J. Tilden responsible for his downfall. It has been admitted that Mr. Tilden stole Charley Ross and that, very likely, he wrote the Morey letter, all of which was pretty bad, but here is still another crime for him to expiate. Brady's Washington newspaper, edited by George C. Mahone-Gorham, says that the ex-assistant Postmaster-General was instrumental in causing the publication of certain cipher dispatches and that the "star route" scandal has been invented by Tilden for revenge. In the language of the street, this is "rather gauzy."

The method by which so much plunder has been secured is such that actual fraud is difficult to prove though it may be very apparant. It consists in raising the compensations after contracts are let, upon the ground of increased or "expedited" service. For instance, A and B are competitors for a contract worth about $15,000, over a route requiring three trips a week. A is an honest bidder and files his estimate in good faith. B is a jobber, and by an understanding with the authorities in charge of the letting, makes his bid below the actual cost of performing the service. He gets the job and straightway sets about getting signatures along the route petitioning for daily trips and "expedited" service. In accordance with this petition, his compensation is increased to $75,000 or perhaps $100,000. This sort of thing being done on about 93 routes, makes a good thing for not only the contractors but for their confederates in the Department with whom they are supposed to divide. In most of these cases the increase in compensation is nearly all profit, as the extra expense is but slight. Yet it is all done within the letter of the law and the records of the contract office are in perfect order.

Old Simon Cameron has been here trying to secure "harmony" between Senator Conkling and the President. The basis upon which he proposed it, however, was the withdrawal of the nomination of Robertson for Collector of the port of New York, which would amount to a complete surrender on the part of the President, his argument being that the appointment was regarded by Mr. Conkling's friends as an act of direct hostility to the stalwart element in New York. But the mission was a total failure. Gen. Garfield said that others had already presented the case to him from the stand point, but that he could not entertain the proposition. It would seem that he means fight, and it may be, if it comes to open hostility, that Gen. Garfield will not reproach himself in the end as Hayes has done. The latter now acknowledges his mistake in being half-hearted about it. He has said since he left office that he regrets he did not remove every Conkling man from office everywhere, high or low.

How She Saved Money.

"For nearly six years my daugther was most of the time on a sick-bed from Kidney and other disorders peculiar to woman. We had used up our savings on doctors and prescriptions without any benefit. Our dominie advised us to try Parker's Ginger Tonic, and four bottles effected a marvelous cure. As it has been our only medicine since, and a dollar's worth has kept our family well over a year, we have been able to lay by a little money again for a rainy day."—A Poor Man's Wife. apl 7-1 mo.

Says the New York *Herald* of Tuesday: "Colonel Ingorsoll delighted an immense audience last night, and can be sure of more, for every bad character in New York wants to believe that christianity is a fraud."

A New Jersey preacher, who was annoyed by the ladies of his congregation turning about in their seats, paused in his discourse to say: "Ladies, if you will give me your attention for a few moments, I will keep a lookout on the door, and if any thing worse than a man enters, I will warn you in time for you to make your escape."

HORRORS OF ROYALTY.

Extraordinary Precautions Against the Assassination of the New Czar.

NEW YORK, April 28.—A letter from St. Petersburg gives a gloomy account of the new Czar's life at the castle Gatschina, thirty miles from the Capital. Before the Court removed thither several hundred artisans of the Procobrojinsky Regiment were sent to make the necessary alterations. At midnight they were assembled in the church of Catschina, and were sworn to silence, death or Siberia being the penalty of infraction of the oath. Ten roubles was the price of each man's silence. The aiterations were made in forty-eight hours. Vodki soon loosened the tongues of the workmen, and the following is a description of the precautions against assassination made on the Palace of the Czar:

A subterranean passage leads from the Czar's room to the stables, where a number of horses are kept saddled and bridled day and night. Sentinels are posted at intervals of twenty yards all around the building. The Imperial bedroom has two windows, protected at night by massive irom shutters, which can only be reached from the outside by passing through three spacious ante-chambers, in which are posted eighty Cossacks armed to the teeth. They are allowed to speak and to move about in the two outer rooms, but in the hall adjoining the Czar's bedroom perfect silence is maintained all night.

The General on duty for the day sits in an easy chair, his Cossacks sitting on a divan which runs around the whole room. At the General's right hand is a knob of an electric apparatus which rings a bell in every guardhouse within the Palace grounds. When the Emperor is about to retire, before shutting the door he removes the outer handle, so no entrance can be effected until he himself personally opens the door from the inside. Unlike his father, he can not endure an armed soldier in his bed-chamber.

Several mines have been discovered at St. Petersburg. A quantity of dynamite was seized just after it had been introduced into the court-yard of the Palace of Gatschina, concealed in a load of hay. The Czarina is seriously ill, being subject to severe nervous attacks and strange hallucinations.

Hessy Helfmann's illness is expected to be brought to a close in a very short time, and it is thought this will be the signal for her execution. The Parish Intransigeant declares she has been ruthlessly tortured since a prisoner.

Rochefort says of Girardin: "The great hatcher of politics and financial schemes has now encountered the only thing that can not be turned into shares—death."

Don't Like It.

Harper's *Weekly* does not like the Mahone business, to reward whom the Republican United States Senators refuse to go into executive session and attend to the business President Garfield called them together to attend to. This is what the *Weekly* says about it:

"There is certainly some turning of the tables when Republicans in the Senate who have most warmly denounced the rebel Brigadiers and insisted upon strict financial honesty, are found supporting a repudiating rebel Brigadier as a friend and brother.

"For his repudiating or 'readjusting' policy nothing can be said except that any attempted reorganization of the Republican party in Virginia upon a platform of national dishonesty would certainly fail, as it ought to fail.

"If it has been deliberately bought with patronage it is a mutal disgrace to Mr. Mahone and to his buyers.

"If the Republicans promised to give Mahone's friend, Riddleberger, a warm place as the price of his vote, it was a shameful bargain."

Her Photograph.

A Boston drummer was the other day taking an order from a firm in Elizabeth, N. J., and when he left the store he left behind him a memorandum book, a lot of cards, and a photograph of a very good looking lady. In course of an hour he returned with an anxious step and said:

"Just my careless way, I left my book and a photograph here. It is the photograph of my sister who is dead, and I prize it very highly. Haven't seen it have you?"

"Yes," said the senior member of the firm, "I had it in my hand when Mr.—who lives in the next town above, dropped in on an errand. He caught sight of the photo, and he jumped two feet high and swore like a trooper. He recognized it as the picture of his wife!"

"No!" grasped the drummer.

"That's what he said. If you are his brother-in-law then his wife may be your sister. If you are not, and you can't make him believe that his wife and your sister were twins, you'd better have your shooter ready."

"Well, I never was worth a cent on argument, and I guess I'll catch the next train out. It's my sister, of course, but while I was convincing that old jealous-pated grandfather of the fact I might lose a big sale down the road. Can't miss no sales these sharp times, you know. If I keep down street will it take me to the depot?"

Protect the Little Ones.

Protect the little ones from the often fatal consequences of croup, with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. It is the king of all cough medicines, as well as a peerless remedy for rheumatism, lame back, sprains, bruises, cuts, piles, kidney troubles, etc. Take it inwardly and apply outwardly. For sale by J. C. Saur.

A little three year old child of Mrs. Dr. Thurston, of Mt. Vernon, who was visiting at Gambier, while playing in a yard stepped on a loose board covering a cistern and fell in. When found by his mother he was lying on his back with his arms stretched out on the top of the water. The mother, almost frantic, secured a ladder, descended and rescued the little one, which, on examination, was found to be unharmed.

TO THE DEATH.

That is the Spirit of the War Between Conkling and The Administration.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The *Times'* dispatch from Washington says the controversy growing out of the nomination of Judge Robertson for Collector at New York is regarded by Republican Senators, so far as results are concerned, should the issue be joined in the Senate over the nomination, as having passed beyond a mere question of the individual triumph of the President over Senator Conkling, and as involving a breach in the party in the State of New York and elsewhere, that would lead to disaster at the coming elections for members of the next Congress. If the nomination of Judge Robertson is kept before the Senate, Republican Senators say serious results will follow to the party, no matter what may be the action of the Senate; and the question that Republican Senators will be called upon to decide is, will rejection or confirmation be less disastrous?

Conkling appeared by invitation before the Caucus Committee, and made a long and earnest protest against confirmation, and to all appeals declined to modify his opposition in the slightest degree. He was determined, he said, to use every effort to defeat confirmation, and, so far as he was concerned, nothing short of the withdrawal of Judge Robertson's nomination would avert the struggle. He would not only fight the nomination in secret session and at every stage, but should it be determined to act affirmatively on it, he would carry the contest into the open session of the Senate, and publicly arraign the President for wanton breach of faith—pledged first at New York during his visit at the special invitation of the President. Prior to starting upon his campaigning tour in the West he had received positive assurance that no humiliation would be put upon him and his friends in New York, and he would receive due consideration on all matters of this kind that affected the interests of the Republican party in New York. The nomination of Judge Robertson was a violation of this voluntary tender on the part of the President, and was distesteful to himself, Senator Platt, and other leading Republicans of New York, without whose labors the State would have voted for Hancock.

This is said to describe substantially the attitude of Mr. Conkling before the Committee. The situation is still further complicated by the reported attitude of Senator Platt. That gentleman, according to creditable reports, will co-operate earnestly with Conkling to secure the rejection of Judge Robertson; but should he be confirmed, Platt, having no desire to continue the four years' war upon the Administration that he believes will inevitably follow, will resign his seat in the Senate. The Committee called on the President and made known the attitude of the New York Senators, and suggested, to avoid threatened rupture in the Republican party, he might witndraw Judge Robertson's nomination. The President assured them that in no event, nor under any circumstances, would he withdraw Judge Robertson's name. He had acted for what he believed to be the best interests of the country and the Republican party, and it was for the Senate to confirm or reject the nomination.

A Brave Woman.

An interesting story is told of a young wife who went West with her husband, and there encountered all sorts of "hard luck." Crops failed, cattle died, the young farmer sickened. During all this time the young wife never grew discouraged, but did all in her power to keep her husband from getting the "blues." But one morning the boy, who did the chores, came in and said he could not find the old cow on the farm. So our heroine set out in search of the lost animal, and finally found her were she had fallen, over between two large logs—dead. The young woman was at last discouraged, and for a time would not go back with the bad news to her husband, but finally overcame her own feelings, went merrily to the house and upon entering, said: "Well, Rollin, our luck has changed." "How is that?" he anxiously inquired. "Why," said she, "the old cow is dead; you can skin her, sell the hide, and we will have some money." And it proved to be true, for their luck did change from that day. They sold out their interest in the farm and bought another one, began over, and to-day are well-to-do people. Does not this teach a lesson to repining wives, and show what power there is in a hopeful spirit?

The Delphos *Herald* gives State Senator Gaylord M. Saltzgaber a warm send-off for Governor. It says:

"His record is good. Entering the army at the age of fifteen years, he served his country for four years, being honorably discharged at the close of the rebellion. Exercising the same excellent good sense and foresight while yet a mere boy that has been one of his most distinguishing characteristics since, he saved sufficient while in the army to enable him to spend the ensuing four years at one of our best colleges. Graduating with honor, shortly thereafter he formed a law partnership with the leading lawyer of Van Wert, and continued the junior member of the firm of Alexander & Saltzgaber until his election to the Senate in 1877. A good stumper, a splendid mixer and with a full confidence in success, the young Senator will carry the Democratic banner to victory this fall if his name heads the ticket."

There are only four newspaper editors in Congress, but the newspaper owners are numerous. Senator Hawley is principal proprietor of the Hartford *Courant*, Anthony owns part of the Providence *Journal*, Jones, of Nevada, owns the San Francisco *Post*, Plumb the Emporia (Kan.) *News*, Hill owns in part the Denver *Tribune*, Fair owns part of the Virginia City *Enterprise*, Allison has stock in the Burlington *Hawkeye*, Mahone owns the Richmond *Whig*, or most of it, and Jay Gould (represented in Congress by several proxies) owns controlling interests in the New York *Tribune* and *World*.

WASHINGTON.

The Thieves Quarreling—Threats Against Garfield and Hayes.

[Special to the Plain Dealer.]

WASHINTON, April 30.—Dorsey, charged with being in the star route ring, publishes a letter denying not the existence of the ring but that he was in it. He intimates that Brady is a rascal and that he ought to be prosecuted. Brady on the other hand threatens all sorts of evil upon the administration if the investigation is not stopped. It is well for the President that he is fortifying himself at the outset, because their is information in possession of the ring upon which charges might be brought that he could not well overlook unless the exposure could have so far progressed as to make the charges appear simply vindictive. They are very serious for one in his position and with his aspirations and have never yet been published. It will thus be seen that other considerations that pressure upon the Executive to drop the matter for party reasons with a simple exposure are likely to govern developments in the case. Those who claim to know say that no criminating evidence will be furnished by the beneficiaries of the expedited routes upon which suit can be brought, and claims that without such evidence a suit would not stand. A quarrel among themselves, it is said, would alone make the necessary revelations for successful presecutions. Of the probability of that nothing can now be foretold, although the contractors whose pay is to be cut down to a reasonable basis will doubtless become disaffected. It is said that Brady has a letter of Garfield's in his possession, showing that Garfield knew of the thefts and knew that part of the stolen money was sent to Indiana to buy that State. It is also said that Hayes knew all about the stealing but would not interfere lest it would hurt the party.

Voting Qualifications in the State of Rhode Island.

The franchise in Rhode Island not being very well understood by the pubiic, the following explanation of the matter is made as brief and succinct as possible: There are two clases of voters in Rhode Island, property and registry voters. Both can vote for all general officers, Mayors and general city officers, and Presidential Electors, but only property voters can ballot for membership of City Councils in cities, the idea governing this latter franchise being that only that property-holders can have an interest in the question of taxation. Qualifications of voters are distinct. First, natives of the Unites States can become registry voters by a residence of two years in the State and six months in the town; or they become property voters by a residence of one year and owning $134 value of real estate. Second, those born in foreign countries must be naturalized, must live one year in the State, and must own $134 worth of real estate in all cases. They cannot become registry voters, nor voters in any way, except by owning real estate, but when made voters by owning such real estate, they vote for officers of every kind. It is this imparative clause, that in Rhode Island naturalized citizens must own real estate to the value of $134, which is not generally known. Besides the qualifications for registry voters, these persons must have their names duly entered in the registry list before the end of December of the preceeding year, and must pay $1 registry fee before the 10th day of January of the year in which they intend to vote. Registry voters of American birth can become property voters by paying a tax on $134 worth of property, real or personal. Men native born, without property, real or personal, may be taxed for a nominal sum of $300 personal so called, and thus become property voters.

A Wood County Linguit.

[Bowling Green Democrat.]

John Thompson, at present a merchant of Custar, is, without doubt, the most wonderful Linguist in Ohio. Mr. Thompson can speak fluently in the English, French, German, Latin, Servian, Bohemian, Italian, Spanish, Hollondish and Greek languages. Born in Seidleko, in the Prussian Province of Poland, in 1823, he emigrated to the United States in 1852, settling in Plain township, near Bowling Green. When he landed in New York he witnessed the imposing funeral cermony of Henry Clay, and during the late war as Sergeant he commanded the deteal of the Second Battalion (V. R. C.) 47th Company, which acted as escort when the body of the great Kentuckian was removed to Lexington. Mr. Thompson and wife are also noted for the beautiful collection of plants which can be found at their store.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblaines, Corns, and all kinds of Skin Eruptions. This Salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. C. Saur. sep3'80 tf

How to Get Along.

Never stop to tell stories in business hours.

If you have a place of business, be found there when wanted.

No man can get rich sitting around stores and saloons.

Never "fool" in business matters.

Have order, system, regularity, and also promptness.

Do not meddle with business you know nothing about.

Do not kick every one in your path.

More miles can be made in a day by going steadily than by stopping.

Pay as you go.

A man of honor respects his word as he does his bond.

Help others when you can, but never give when you cannot afford to, simply because it is fashionable.

Learn to say no. No necessity of snapping it out dog fashion, but say it firmly and respectfully.

Use your own brains rather than those of others.

Learn to think and act for yourself.

Alleged Fraud in State Supplies.

COLUMBUS, May 2.—The Sunday papers charge that there has been fraud in the matter of coal supplied some of the state institutions here. The institution in which the alleged frauds are principally charged is the central Insane Asylum, Captain Alexis Keeler, one time Chief of Police here, and a prominent Republican striker has the contract for furnishing coal, and is accused of delivering it short weight. It is stated that some loads of coal were short as much as a ton to the load. Captain Keeler in a card in this morning's *Journal* denies that there was any fraud, and says that if there was any shortage he knew nothing about it. He demands an investigation. There are some whispers about a ring among the Republican officials, but nothing definite is alleged.

Crop Reports.

CINCINNATI, April 29.—The *Times-Star* to-day publishes a report of the crop prospects, collected directly from farmers and grain dealers from all parts of the country, the result of which is about as follows:

Ohio—Wheat, large acreage and encouraging prospects; tobacco plants advancing finely; fruit variously reported, peach buds in some places being partially and others totally killed.

Kentucky—Poor promise for wheat and good prospect for fruit.

Indiana—An encouraging wheat prospect except in Southern Indiana. Barley is a total failure. Corn planting has commenced in the southern counties.

In Arkansas and Texas the season was cold; late peaches are a failure, early corn has been injured by rains which also reduces the acreage of cotton.

West Virginia—The peaches are killed; late and wet weather is unfavorable to the crops.

A Kicker.

NEW YORK, May 2.—George Lyons, Clerk of George Scott, Hoyt street, Brooklyn, went to the stable to feed a horse accompanied by Mary Scott, an infant. While Lyons was putting feed in the crib the horse fatally kicked the child. As Lyons stooped to pick up the little girl the horse kicked him and broke his leg. Henry Argue, hearing the cry for help, ran to assist, and while trying to get Lyons and the child from the place where they had fallen, the horse kicked him, fracturing his hip.

The Periodical San Domingo Row.

HAVANA, May 2.—There is probably a revolution going on in San Domingo. The Spanish mail steamer was not allowed to enter the port of the capital under the pretext of the unhealthfulness of the crew. It was noticed there was much unwonted commotion among the people on shore.

CHICAGO, May 1.—A widely known real estate man, James H. Bowen, who, before the fire, was worth over $1,000,000, was to-day killed by being thrown from his buggy, which was struck by a locomotive as it was crossing the railroad track in South Chicago. He was a brother of Chauncey T. and George S. Bowen, the latter Vice-President of the Chicago and Pacific Railroad.

LONDON, April 28.—The complicity of Grand Duke Nicholas in the plots of the Nihilists having been made clear, he has been sentenced by decree or the Emperor to imprisonment for life.

FOSTORIA, April 30.—Henry McCauley, father of Judge John McCauley, of the Common Pleas Court, died here this morning at an advanced age.

How He Was Identified.

Uncle Mose met a very dandified Houston darkey, who used to live in Galveston, on Galveston avenue, and who said in a very dignified manner:

"How do you enjoy dis balmy wedder, sah?"

"I don't know you, sah. You has me at a disadvantage," responded Mose.

"You cussed ole bow-legged, lantern-jawed gorilla, yer is de same ole mutton-headed baboon yer allers was."

"Now I know yer. As soon as yer quit talkin' like a gemman I knowed yer right off," and they embraced like Blucher and Wellington on the field of Waterloo.—*Galveston News.*

Thanks.

Thos. Howard, Bradford, Pa., writes: I enclose money for Spring Blossom, as I said I would if it cured me: my Dyspepsia has vanished with all its symptoms. Many thanks: I shall never be without it in the house.

It is reported that a young girl in Glasglow, Scotland, has not tasted food since the begining of the year.

A Cincinnati man invented a machine which dresses a hog in ten minutes. What a boon this will be to that class of men who are constantly grabbing at everything and elbowing their neighbors out of the way.—*Boston Times.*

Angry wife of his bosom: 'I wish I was dead and cremated, and my ashes put in an urn on your dressing-room table, and then perhaps you'd be s-s-sorry!' Facetious monster: 'My dear, that wouldn't end the family jars—it would only begin them!'—*London Punch.*

No Mother should be without Castoria for Children. The old formula of Old Dr. Pitcher. It assimilates the food cures Costiveness, Diarrhoea and wind Colic, prevents raising Sour Curd, always feverishness and destroys Worms. Castoria is not narcotic. It gives health to the child and rest to the mother. my20-1y

Jay Gould writes checks for $2,400,000 on old scraps of letter paper, and the banks pay them, but if we should write a check for $24 on a sheet of vellum, and plaster it all over with revenue stamps and gilt seals, the man who presented it would be handed over to the police. There is something wrong in our civilization. Where are our bombs?—*Boston Globe.*

Auditor County.