

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16, 1904.

In anticipation of a great political debate in the House the galleries were crowded on Tuesday afternoon. It had been reported that Burke Cochran, the famous New York orator, and Gen. Grosvenor would measure swords. Contrary to expectations Cochran did not speak. Judge Wade, of Iowa, and Judge DeArmond, of Missouri, spoke for the democratic side of the House, and they were followed by that veteran republican, Grosvenor, of Ohio. Grosvenor's hair and beard have turned white, and it is frequently said in a jocular way that he looks like Santa Claus. One hostile democrat, after many tilts with the doughty Ohioan in which he invariably came off second best supplemented this description. He averred that his opponent "Looks like Santa Claus and talks like the Devil." However that may be, he spoke with great skill on this occasion, and presented a line of argument which greatly discomfited the opposition. One of his old and faithful opponents in debate, Champ Clark, of Missouri, tried to harass him during the progress of his speech by asking questions, but finally despairing of doing so became excited, and Grosvenor soothingly assured him that he need not give himself any anxiety, as the country would be safe. Col. Hepburn, of Iowa, and Grosvenor, constitute a formidable team of veteran republican debaters. Hepburn is expected to answer certain speeches referring to him when he returns from Iowa, where he is at this time attending the congressional convention. Perhaps no other man on the floor of the House possesses a more complete knowledge of the affairs of Congress and recent political history than Hepburn. His great assets as a debator besides this extensive knowledge is a rugged force of delivery and a stentorian voice. Grosvenor lacks the lung capacity of Hepburn as well as his vocal strength. However, he is recompensed with a ready wit and a cutting sarcasm of speech. Grosvenor's manner, as he saunters about is one of extreme indifference and nonchalance. He seems utterly oblivious to mere congressmen who storm and wrangle about him, save when he condescends to notice one of many who try to annoy him while he is speaking. This imperturbability is one of his dominant traits. His twenty years of service in the House have thoroughly familiarized him with every detail of political policy and debate. No argument surprises; none is new or strange.

The Panama Canal Property is about to be formally transferred from the old Canal company to the United States. The negotiations will be closed up at the American Embassy in Paris on the 25th of this month. This will practically dispose of a question concerning which Congress has for decades been contending. Senator Morgan has spoken for days on this question. This week he made a two hours speech on the canal question, perhaps from force of habit. The Canal commissioners are now in Panama looking over the ground preparatory to commencing the gigantic undertaking of connecting the Atlantic ocean with the Pacific at the Isthmus of Panama. The legal objections recently raised against the right of the old company of which De Lesseps was manager to convey the property will not deter immediate procedure with the project.

A distinguished body of men banqueted at the new Willard Hotel last evening. The banquet was given by the Periodical Publishers' Association of America, and President Roosevelt was the guest of honor. Men famous the world over as writers and publishers met and fraternized with congressmen, supreme court judges, senators, foreign ministers and the president. Magazine publishers and writers, newspaper reporters and correspondents and writers of books were present in great numbers. The distinguished company, two hundred strong, will probably remember this event as one of historic interest. Dr. Van Dyke, F. Hopkinson Smith, the president and several others delivered addresses. The brilliancy of intellect and the profundity of scholarship that was represented lend special interest to the occasion. With that cultured clan of writers modern American literature needs but a theme to make this an age of literary masterpieces. The literature of America is such as to inspire pride in the heart of every American. In an age barren of literary productions and with an all absorbing theme of widespread and vital interest they would stock the market with Miltons, Scotts and Hugos. The addresses at the banquet were gems of wit, tact and wisdom. Dr. Van Dyke espoused the cause of the strenuous life, and ex-governor Black, of New York, seemingly deprecated that manner of living. He said: "Speed should not be gained at the expense of safety. It is far wiser to arrive safely at dark than to be brought home mangled an hour earlier." The victims of apoplexy and nervous prostration testify that there is some truth in the statement made by the gentleman from New York.

OLIVER H. OLSON.

Notice.

Miss Anna Simmons, National Evangelist and Temperance speaker will be in Detroit on Wednesday May 4th, 1904, at which time she will deliver most interesting lectures on subjects in which we are greatly interested. She comes under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U., and is reported as being "just splendid." Everybody turn out May 4, Wednesday p. m. and evening.

How Steel Is Replacing Wood.

Steel is taking the place of wood in construction. Many freight cars are now built entirely of steel. Steel hopper coal cars are in use on most of the coal roads—huge things, larger than the old box cars, holding fifty tons of coal and capable of being rapidly unloaded by means of the hoppers in the bottoms.—World's Work.

SELECTIONS

A BLANKET INSULT.

It Was the Cause of the Recent Venezuelan Revolution.

"The Matos revolution ended in Venezuela by President Castro's victory at Ciudad Bolivar, cost the lives of thousands of men, indirectly caused an international blockade of Venezuela and nearly ruined the country," said an American who recently returned from Caracas. "And what do you think it was caused by? Simply a blanket.

"Matos was the greatest capitalist in the country, the merchant prince of Caracas, a pompous old gentleman, to whom everybody bowed and scraped. He helped to make Castro president, but directly Castro was firmly seated in power Matos among other rich men was faced with a demand for a heavy 'assessment' to pay the victorious soldiers.

"He refused, and Castro promptly sent a file of soldiers to drag him to jail. Castro has a fondness for rough practical jokes, and he told the officer in command to seize Matos in bed and bring him through the streets at night clad only in a blanket. This order was carried out. The merchant prince offered thousands of bolivars for a pair of pants and a jacket, but in vain. The humiliation was terrible, for all the rabble of the town gazed him.

"After he had languished in jail for awhile Matos wrote to Castro, saying that he now saw his duty to the nation in a clearer light and would be glad to pay the assessment. Castro replied cordially, but regretted that the necessities of the government had increased in the meanwhile, and he was now desolated by having to ask for double the amount.

"Matos paid and then promptly left the country and organized a revolution with the aid of his great wealth. He has told his friends that he would have pardoned the 'holdup' for capitalists are used to that sort of thing in countries like Venezuela, but he could not forget the blanket."—Exchange.

Picking Cotton.

Reaping the wheat a handful at a time would be on a par with the present method of gathering our immense cotton crops.

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Canada's Greatest Dome.

The largest dome of the Guastavino type in the world is being completed on the new building of the Bank of Montreal, in St. James street. So careful were the directors in awarding the contract that they stipulated the importation of Spanish laborers especially for the job. The dome is the first of its kind to be built in Canada. Its inside diameter is seventy-one and one-half feet. There is no steel construction to support the arched roof, the tile in use being hand burned terra cotta an inch thick, laid in cement. The entire area of the bank's superstructure will be about 8,000 square feet. The skylight in the top will be 100 feet from the main floor of the rotunda, which is approached by a passageway thirty-four feet wide and thirty-five feet high. The building is planned to be one of the finest banks in the world.—New York Times.

Irrigation.

The progress that has been made in irrigated sections in the west under private enterprise, where valueless deserts have been converted into veritable garden spots, is the best possible evidence that small farms and a dense rural population, resulting in unusual educational and social advantages, are most desirable not only for the farmer, but for all classes of society. These irrigated communities, too, are object lessons of what we may look for on a larger and broader scale when Uncle Sam shall have turned water on the great tracts of desert land under the national irrigation act.—Maxwell's Talisman.

The Important Hereros.

The Hereros, now in rebellion against Germany, have a pretty fair opinion of themselves and of their chief. One of their songs begins: "What is the king of England, what is the king of Germany, compared with thee, O Mahere, first among all princes? Have they so many thousand cattle as thou? No! Who is so mighty as art thou? The Hereros despise Europeans. The name for a European is 'otyirumbo' ('white thing')."

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We sing
Of spring;
That's all—
Till fall.

—Baltimore News.

He Kept His Seat.

The nearsighted man, comfortably ensconced in the corner of the car, looked up at the woman who was holding a large bundle in one hand while she clung to the strap with the other. "Madam," said he, a wave of sudden generosity sweeping over him, "I make it a rule never to give my seat up to any woman, but I will be glad to help you. Let me hold your bundle for you."

"Oh, thank you, sir," replied the fair passenger; "I hope you know how." Whereupon she deposited a gurgling six-month-old infant in his lap, to the undisguised joy of the rest of the strap holders.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Hard Foul.
An Englishman was once persuaded to see a game of baseball, and during the play, when he happened to look away for a moment, a foul tip caught him on the ear and knocked him senseless. On coming to himself he asked faintly, "What was it?" "A foul—only a foul." "Good gracious!" he exclaimed. "I thought it was a mule!"

Illinois Central EXCURSION RATES.

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No. 32 Co. Bluffs & Ft. Dodge Local, (Daily except Sunday) 5.52 P. M.
No. 9 Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Chicago Limited, (Daily) 9.38 P. M.

—West Bound—
No. 1 Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis Limited, (Daily) 6.18 A. M.
No. 31 Ft. Dodge & Co. Bluffs Local, (Daily except Sunday) 8.32 A. M.
No. 91 Local Way Freight, (Daily except Sunday) 1.00 P. M.
No. 3 Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha Express, (Daily) 8.33 P. M.
Nos. 1 and 2 stop only at Rockwell City, Wall Lake, Denison and Logan.
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Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are daily; Nos. 31, 32, 91 and 92 daily except Sunday.

C. M. & St. Paul R. R. At Arion.

—West Bound—
No. 1 Passenger..... 6.22 A. M.
No. 3 Passenger..... 1.52 P. M.
No. 91 Freight..... 8.15 A. M.

—East Bound—
No. 4 Passenger..... 9.11 A. M.
No. 6 Passenger..... 7.25 P. M.
No. 94 Freight..... 4.07 P. M.
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Nos. 3 and 91 going west and nos. 4 and 94 going east daily except Sunday.

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No. 42..... 2:50 p.m.
No. 41 Arrive..... 3:40 p.m.
No. 45..... 5:50 p.m.

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