

NEW NORTH-WEST.

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Congress' Small Staff.

It is to be hoped that none but men in sound health will be sent to Congress, for it counts a great deal to get a member here if he should happen to die in Washington. The following is the bill paid to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for transporting the body of a deceased member from Washington to Easton, in Pennsylvania:

Each hire, assistance in care of remains, and arranging for the funeral of the House of Representatives, \$40 00
15 white silk cushions for pillows of House and Senate 254 00
8 black silk cushions for committee arrangements 80 00
50y dozen kid gloves 60 00
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200 black crepe scarfs 200 00
Travel of messenger to New York and return 47 00
Hacks to carry escorts and friends to the Capitol 76 00
Fare and expenses of escort and family from Washington, D. C., to Easton, Pa. Hotel bills and expenses of Easton, Pa. Fare and expenses on return to Washington 194 00
Travel of assistant sergeant-at-arms and two messengers from Washington to Easton and return, 40 miles each 126 00
Total \$1,144 00

The fee system, it appears, is still employed to compensate some of the officers of Congress. If there is a "call of the House," i. e., a general hunting up of absent members, the Sergeant-at-Arms is permitted to charge five dollars and twenty cents for "arresting, bringing before the House and discharging" each absentee. If a hundred members are absent, which is not infrequently the case, a call of the House costs the country five hundred and twenty dollars. If witnesses are summoned to testify before a committee, the Sergeant-at-Arms charges a fee and mileage for each. Thus every person summoned from New Orleans to testify with regard to the negro massacre, cost three hundred and seventy dollars, and the cost of merely summoning the witnesses in that affair was \$9,000. It cost three hundred and seven dollars to testify before a committee. The object of the committee could no doubt have been accomplished for three cents and a half—half a cent for stationery and three cents for postage.

Now, if money is to be thrown away in this reckless manner, if the Capital is to remain the scene of waste and profusion as we find it now, then I say the people have a choice with regard to the persons who shall be benefited by it. They do not see any justice or any propriety in Henry Wilson's being compelled to pinch on five thousand dollars a year, while servants of the body to which he belongs retire rich after four years' service.

It brings a blush to the cheek of every properly constituted person to think that a Justice of the Supreme Court, should be compelled to expend his whole salary for two rooms and board for his family, while a man who gets stationery contracts sets up his carriage and buys pictures. If the government is to be plundered at every point by every hand, it is time the spoils were more fairly divided.

There is only one remedy for this profusion at the Capital. Congress has honestly attempted to cut off the opportunities for petty larceny. It has attempted it many times but never with much success. The mileage system, the franking privilege, the wild and wasteful waste of stationery, the pocketing of French inkstands and costly penholders, the lagging home of half reams of paper, and all the small stealings of committee rooms, have been by turns, the theme of ridicule and the object of legislation. Some leaks have been stopped; but others have been immediately opened, and the same thieves who pilfered under the old law have pilfered under the new. We ought to know by this time that the privilege is a thing which is always and everywhere abused. We ought to know that a perquisite is always and everywhere a means of corruption. We ought to know that nearly every one in the world who is compensated by fees gets, more or less, or much too little, or ripe in abundance now, to be starved to morrow. Let Congressmen simply abolish fees, perquisites and privileges and accept in lieu thereof a proper increase to their salaries—my doubt what they now receive. Let members pay their own postage, subscribe for their own newspapers, buy their own writing paper, and compensate all their officers by salary.

Nothing short of this will ever answer the purpose. If Congress should permit only so much as a bottle of ink to be furnished to each committee room once a week, and charged to Contingent Expenses, a widening crevice would be established through which a stream of abused funds would continually pour. Add pens to the ink, and you would see energetic penholders, fitted with the most costly diamond pointed gold pen, and huge cases of the finest pens of Gillett, housed high in the store-room of the Capitol. Complete the list with paper, and you have a thick volume of wonderful items, and run up a stationery bill, the more shippings and extras of which bills become and found estate. The sole remedy is to pay each member a decent compensation—nothing less than \$10,000 a year—and allow neither a member nor a committee as much as a sheet of foolscap or a penny penholder.—James Parton to the Adams' Messenger.

Leger's Father, a very staid Mason, held a warrant, and occasionally opened lodge at Deacons' House, his sons and some intimate friends assisting; and it is said that never were Masonic duties more rigorously performed than by the brethren of No. 150, the number of their warrant.

It appears that previous to the initiation of a gentleman to the first degree of Masonry, Miss St. Leger, who was a young girl, happened to be in an apartment adjoining the room generally used as a lodge room, but whether the young lady was there by design or merely accident we can say confidently state. The room at the time was undergoing some alteration; among other things the wall was considerably reduced in one part, for the purpose of making a saloon. The young lady having heard the voices of Free Masons, and being incited by the curiosity natural to all to see this mystery, so long and so secretly locked up from the public view, had the courage to pick a brick from the wall with her scissors, and thus witness the first two steps to the sacred money.

Curiously qualified, fear at once took possession of her mind, and those who understand this passage, well know what the feeling of any person must be who could unlawfully behold that ceremony; let them judge what were the feelings of a young girl under such extraordinary circumstances. There was no mode of escape, except through the very room where the concluding part of the second step was still being performed at the far end and the room a very large one. Miss St. Leger had resolution enough to attempt her escape that way, and with light but trembling steps glided along unobserved, laid her hand on the handle of the door and opened it, but before her stood her dismay, a grim taylor with his long sword unsheathed.

A shriek that pierced through the apartment alarmed the members of the lodge, who, all rushing to the door, and finding that Miss St. Leger had been in the room during the ceremony, resolved, it is said, to put the fair spectatrix to death; but at the moving and earnest application of her youngest brother her life was spared, on condition of her going through those trials which are sometimes more than enough for masculine resolution. Little thinking they were taking into the bosom of their craft a member that would reflect a luster on the annals of Masonry.

Miss St. Leger was retained by General Anthony St. Leger, who instituted the interesting race, and celebrated Doncaster St. Leger stakes. Eventually she married Richard Aldworth Esq., of Newcastle, a member of a highly honorable and ancient family. Whenever a benefit was given at any of the theatres at Dublin or Cork for the Masonic Female Orphan Asylum, Mrs. Aldworth walked at the head of the Free Masons, with her apron and other insignia of Free Masonry, and sat in the front row of the stage box. The house was always crowded on these occasions. The portrait of this estimable woman is in the lodgeroom of almost every lodge in Ireland.

Information For Settlers. U. S. LAND OFFICE, HELENA, M. T., November, 24, 1880. It is my conviction that our farmers are not generally aware of the privilege they possess of taking the benefit once of the pre-emption and once of the homestead laws of the United States. And those settlers who may have pre-empted lands in other States and Territories, may here take not exceeding 160 acres under the homestead laws, and may, if they desire, purchase the same. So our very lands public land have considerable settlers to secure title to 160 acres of land. It is true they must complete their title under one before they can take the benefit of the other. Six months actual residence upon the tract fully qualifies the settler to purchase under either; or the homestead settler may reside the five years and perfect his title in that way. Settlers are required by law to file their claims in this office within three months from the date when the map comprising the survey of the lands they claim, is received at this office; if they neglect to do this they take the risk of their rights being forfeited by non-compliance with the pre-emption laws. Many settlers neglect to file their claims, believing they need do nothing more than reside upon the land claimed by them—and so on indefinitely, and not being aware that the United States is entitled to notice that such lands are settled upon and claimed. Information upon the public land law is always cheerfully given settlers by the Register and Receiver, upon application in person or by letter; as he also, when applied to by settlers from a distance by letter, prepares their papers, thus enabling them to forward their claims through the U. S. mails for filing in this office. By circulating this information through your journal, you will doubtless place many settlers under obligations to you. Respectfully yours, E. S. MANFIELD, Register.

Opposition to Free Masonry. A small number of gentlemen, dressed and lay, who decline recognition in general and Free Masonry in particular, lately met in North Wrentham, Mass., to exchange views and pass resolutions. The oratory was of a very fervid character. The Rev. Dr. Blanchard, of Illinois, said, among other things, that Masonry was "the worst kind of heathenism, with a Christian Pagan creed, and a self-protection worship." The Rev. I. N. Tarbox said Masonry was "most injurious to society and hostile to the Church of Christ." The Rev. N. C. Dickerson said the Masonic ritual was in "direct antagonism to the religion of Christ," and that its quotations from the Holy Scriptures were "mutilated," that the whole tendency of the teachings of the order was "unfavorable to Christianity, and calculated to undermine the strict doctrines of the orthodox and to infuse a new type of doctrine and creed." Mr. Samuel D. Green, of Chelsea, Mass., entertained the audience by giving what purported to be an explanation of the oaths and obligations of the first four degrees in the obnoxious order. The Convention then adjourned, after voting the following noteworthy resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Blanchard: "Resolved, That in our deliberate judgment the Pilgrim Society ought at once to take up the corner stone of the Pilgrim monument, at Plymouth, and remove from the cavity in the same the plate on which the names of the Grand Lodge of Masons in this State, with its grand officers appear above the Governor of Massachusetts and the President of the United States; and that all imprints and inscriptions of the secret Order of Free Masons should be erased by law, from all our public buildings and monuments, as subversive of the idea of popular government, and tending to make Free Masonry the religion of the State." Chicago Post.

We wonder if Messrs. Blanchard, Tarbox & Co. ever heard of the irate but unfortunate bull that didn't bite the locomotive off the track. MORE PAST PASTOR LIVES.—Happening into Union Pacific headquarters yesterday afternoon, we had the pleasure of meeting our old friend Mr. Charles D. Woodworth—Captain—Joint-Lieutenant of St. Louis, Captain Sam DeBoer, of Missouri river fame, and Col. S. A. Buckmaster, of Alton, Illinois. These gentlemen are the representatives of the Northwestern Transportation Company, and their visit to Col. Hammond and Mr. Mead means "business." This company are the owners and managers of the Upper Missouri line of logs to Montana. The movement of May, rice & Co. to establish an overland freight line to Montana via Omaha, the Union Pacific and Corinne, has brought them into consultation with the Union Pacific authorities, and we understand they contemplate a diversion overland themselves. Indeed, the disadvantages of Upper Missouri navigation are said to have induced these gentlemen to consider the enterprise a considerable time ago, and they are now here to perfect arrangements to carry it out. Col. Hammond has made them a fair proposition, such as he always makes, and it is highly probable that the only route for Montana freights hereafter will be via Omaha, the Union Pacific and Corinne.

This is as it should be. As we remarked to these gentlemen yesterday, Omaha is the commercial headquarters for the Western Territories, and the Union Pacific is their trade artery. Such experienced and sagacious men as these have not failed to see it. They mean "business," Col. Hammond and Mr. Mead mean "business," and Corinne means "business."—Omaha Herald. A dispatch from Sonoma, Cal., dated November 18th, says: "Wm. Burd was stabbed by William Hudson this evening at Larson's Hotel. Both parties were intoxicated. Burd remarked to Hudson: 'I wish you would cut my throat or my arm off.' Hudson replied: 'All right; I can do it for you in a few minutes. After this remark Burd gave a knife to Hudson, who then cut Burd's throat, causing almost instant death. They were friends and had never quarreled.' Hudson is under arrest."

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