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THE people will hail with satisfaction the decrease of the filibusters in congress.

FRANK M. PALMER has been appointed postmaster at Chicago, vice McArthur, resigned.

THE business men of Pittsburg have sent a petition to congress demanding the completion of the count.

THE congressional filibusters have decreased in number rapidly since last week, and it is now probable that the count will go on.

EX-GOVERNOR BEVERIDGE wishes to be Hayes' collector of customs at Chicago and is getting names to a petition to be presented to his prospective excellency.

THE Illinois house has passed a bill providing "that no person in this state shall be charged as acceptor on any bill of exchange or written order, unless his aceptance shall be in writing, signed by himself or his lawfully accepted agent."

GOV. HAYES made a speech in Springfield, Ohio, on Monday, in which he said, "realizing his lack of special fitness for the duties which he might be called to perform, he placed his trust in Almighty God who rules the destinies of all nations." A few weeks ago he trusted in the Louisiana returning board and it did not fail him. We hope the Lord will be as good to him as J. Madison Wells and his contreres were.

THE latest Republican defaulter to the government is Gen. John McArthur, postmaster at Chicago. He used fifty-five thousand dollars belonging to the government in trying to bolster up some failing manufactoring business of his own, and found himself unable to replace the money. Last week he made an assignment, going into voluntary bankruptcy. His liabilities are $125,000, his assets $80,000. Gen. McArthur began borrowing from the government sometime last summer, and has been going behind ever since. He was appointed to the postmastership by President Grant in 1872.

FOR the first time in sixty-seven years there will be no inauguration ball in Washington on the evening of the day which sees a new president enter the white house. There are two reasons for the omission of the customary festival occasion. It is not a matter of certainty that there will be an inauguration of a regularly declared elected president of the United States, and this uncertainty has been adverse to any preparations for the celebration of an event that may not happen. And the last inauguration ball was a failure, financially as well as socially. The business men who took the lead in it and who lost to the amount of several thousand dollars have grown wise by experience, and some of them, such as ex-Gov. Cook, Boss Shepherd, Senator Sprague and others are not in a condition to assist at such an enterprise.

FURNISHING THE WHITE HOUSE.

With the incoming of a new president it has become customary to refurnish the white house from garret to cellar, and upholsterers and furniture dealers from Cleveland, Boston, New York and Philadelphia are already "on hand" in Washington with a view to obtaining the contract for supplying the executive mansion with its new carpets, curtains, chairs, tables and all other articles of household use and adornment. It has been the custom to consult the wife of the new executive on the subject, the color and patterns of the carpets, the style of the sofas, chairs and divans and the make of the coffee pots and rolling pins; all this is left to her taste and her orders are carried out accordingly. It has been ascertained that Mrs. Hayes' taste runs in light blue, therefore it is probable that under her directions, the white house will be blue inside. But so far, the furniture men have received no contracts, because there have been no appropriations made, and the immediate prospect is that Mrs. Hayes will have to put up with Mrs. Grant's "leavings," for a while at least.

THE ARMY BILL.

The army appropriation bill, reported in the house of representative last week, "reduces the pay of the general of the army to $11,000, lieutenant-general to $9,000, and major-generals to $7,000. Below that grade the compensation is not changed. The bill contains a proviso that no money appropriated by it shall be paid to land-grant railroads for the transportation of troops or supplies. It provides that cavalry regiments can be recruited to one hundred men to each company, but that the recruits shall not increase the total aggregate of the army beyond the number of seventeen thousand enlisted men. There is a provision also that no officer assigned to staff duty shall be entitled to any additional rank or allowance by such appointment. The cavalry regiments are reduced to eight, artillery to four, and infantry to sixteen, the reduction to be made by consolidation of the regiments or companies. A section of the bill provides for an examining board to try and examine qualifications of commissioned officers, including retired officers.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW.

The Westminister Review, January, 1877, reprinted by the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay street, New York, contains as follows:

I. A Ministry of Justice.
II. The Warfare of Science.
III. The Factory and Workshop Acts.
IV. The Life of the Prince Consort.
V. The Turkish Question: Russian Designs, and English Promoters of them.
VI. John Locke.
VII. "Independent Contribution. The Financial Difficulties of the Government of India."
VIII. "Contemporary Literature."

The first article gives a brief statement of the scope and importance of the science of jurisprudence, and the place which that science, and the administration of law and justice in accordance with it, ought to hold in regard to the general government and administration of the state.

It is followed by a very favorable notice of a work by Dr. White, President of Cornell University, on the struggle between science and religion. The writer points out numerous fights, in all of which he considers that science has been victorious.

The long article on the "Turkish Question" endeavors to show that the present dangerous crisis is due, not to Turkish misgovernment, which united Europe could easily deal with, but to exclusive designs of Russia, incompatible with any such settlement.

John Locke is here spoken of as one of the "bright particular stars" of the latter part of the seventeeth century, and the author is called "a good biographer," to whom the English public is deeply indebted for the picture he has brought before them. The work is not merely a biogrophy, but contains an analysis of Locke's writings.

For the sake of facilitating the expression of opinion by able and cultivated men, a limited part of the *Westminster Review* is sometimes reserved for articles, which, though harmonizing with it in a general way, may differ from it in particular opinions. One of these articles (which are called "Independent Contributions"), on the "Financial Difficulties of the Government of India," appears in this number. As usual, a large space is devoted to notices of Contemporary Literature.

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A PREMATURE ASSERTION.

Gen. McArthur the defaulting Chicago postmaster is denominated by the Chicago *Tribune* as "in the strictest sense a machine office-holder and politician, and an active and prominent member of the anti-reform faction of the Republican party—the faction that fought so desperately against Bristow, Washburne and Hayes at Cincinnati and for Logan at Springfield. He is not a Hayes Republican and the Hayes administration cannot be held responsible for this discreditable defalcation."

This will be proved when it is found what kind of men Hayes appoints to office. He has not yet signified that he is going to throw over the anti-reform faction, and take as his advisers and colaborers the Bristows and Washburnes of the party. It is given out that he will stand by his letter of acceptance, but this is a prediction, not the statement of a fact. Personally, he is claimed to be above reproach, but the man who has been convinced that he was "honestly elected" by the Louisiana returning board, will be excused for feeling kindly toward the men who were instrumental in getting him counted in, and toward the whole corrupt brood who said amen to the process. And there has been no division in the party on the question of counting him in. On this, the Bristows and the Babcocks, the Washburnes and the Wellses, the Medills and the McKees have stood shoulder to shoulder, a solid phalanx that has known no variableness nor shadow of turning. In the distribution of the offices Hayes may separate the sheep from the goats, but if he does, he will show great ingratitude to the goats, and it will then be proper to repudiate such defalcations as McArthurs as being foreign to the spirit of his administration.

FROM FLORIDA.

An Interesting Letter From the Flowery State—Something About the Alligator—Hotels and Boarding Houses—Political, etc., etc.

PALATKA, Fla., Feb. 20, 1877.

MY DEAR FATHER: In writing to you of this "land of flowers," you do not wish me, I suppose, to make use of a *flowery* pen so much as a *truthful* one.

It seems to be the general impulse of tourists on first arriving in the state to be filled with a childishly enthusiastic delight in everything around them; to feel a new joy in living, since they have discovered a new and charming world. The awakening, if any comes, is after a long stay has gradually brought to their knowledge the disadvantages which this country certainly possesses, in common with all other countries on the globe. The way in which this revelation is received depends on the nature of the persons. Some never recover from the indignant surprise with which they discover the first flaw in their supposed paradise; while others take the good and bad philosophically, enjoying the one and making the best of the other.

You will remember that I arrived in Florida the latter part of November, having lingered in Baltimore just long enough to feel the disagreeable effect of the first keen cold, and in my walks along its frosty pavements, to be disagreeably impressed with the muffled up pedestrians hurrying along with their blue, impassive faces. But November in Florida has quite a different air, and I find that these same blue-nosed, reserved Baltimorians, when transplanted to this genial atmosphere, blossom out into the most perfect specimens of the smiling, indolent, happy lounger, who looks pleasantly into the faces he meets, and gets up a friendly chat in defiance of the rules of etiquette at home.

THE ALLIGATOR CRUSADE.

It is, and always has been, a delight to me to look back to my first day in Florida; to recall the lazy comfort I took in the warm sunshine, and the soft atmosphere with just a whisper of a breeze in it; to feel almost a child again as I plunged my feet deep into the warm, white sand, and sauntered slowly along the streets of Jacksonville, finding everything of interest, because everything was new and strange.

When I stopped under an orange tree to admire its glossy, green foliage and tempting fruit, or under a majestic live oak to catch at the long, graceful hanging moss, I was not afraid of being smiled at as a specimen of verdancy, for here we have a country of the most delightful unrestraint. The winter season is a grand holiday, and all unnecessary forms and conventionalities are done away with. You will, by that, understand that I did not hesitate to form one of a crowd that is always congregated before a "Florida Curiosity Shop," to take my turn at poking up the half-torpid little alligators in their water trunks, and to shy away with an instinct of fear and repulsion, at the huge "ten-footer" tied to a tree. By way of parenthasis, I will remark that the alligator, or "galter," as it is commonly called, is the pride of the native Floridian, and he presses it on the "Yankee's" notice in all styles, stuffed, varnished, wet, dry, dead and alive, and in all stages between. And not being contented with that he forces you to wear the reptiles' teeth as ear-rings, broaches and watch-guards; carves his ugly image on your walking sticks and parasols, and then offers the oil as a sure cure for all the diseases flesh is heir to. It takes a well poised mind, I assure you, to with-stand the alligator crusade.

HOTELS.

The first thing to claim the attention of visitors is, of course, the hotels and boarding houses, and the number of them very nearly corresponds to the number of houses. I cannot speak so well of the accommodations they offer. The accusation of exorbitant charges is, I think, unfair, when the shortness of the busy season is considered, and the unproductiveness of the soil. The large hotels, in both Jacksonville and Palatka, command four dollars per day. The rooms and parlors are elegantly furnished, the servants remarkably well trained, and the table everything that the most fastidious epicure could desire; while the proprietors are unceasing in their efforts to furnish amusement to their guests.

The boarding houses are superior to any I have known in the North, East or West, and myriads of invalids and pleasure-seekers in moderate circumstances find comfort and kind attention within their walls for the consideration of two dollars per day. Still cheaper board can be obtained in private families, though I believe the price never goes below ten dollars per week. The number of visitors to Florida this winter is said to be far below the average; but the inhabitants account for it by the hard times; the fatigue of the people over the Centennial, and their consequent dislike for another trip so soon; and, lastly, the prevailing, but erroneous opinion at the North that political troubles were imminent in Florida. The spirit of the Southern people is crushed to such an extent by the miserably hard times they have had since the war, that they will keep peace at almost any sacrifice. It would be a heart of stone that could come into these poor Southern homes, stripped of almost everything but the bare walls, and see the struggle it has been for the inmates to get a mere livelihood and not feel the greatest compassion for them. Any bitterness of feeling they may have entertained towards people from the North has entirely disappeared, and settlers as well as visitors are welcomed with sincere cordiality.

POLITICAL.

Being a woman, and therefore imperfectly versed in political matters, I touch on them deprecatingly and apologetically. But I notice that not only among the native born Southerners, but among the settlers from the North, there is a quiet, but deep and earnest desire for the Democracy to come into power. It may be an item of interest to you that I have not to my knowledge, met a Republican since I came into the state. I think that about the only representatives of the party are those holding government offices. Republicans coming into the state to settle, and thus identify themselves with the interests of the state, work around to the Democratic side in a short time.

In writing of a country, the subject of agriculture, of course, claims a prominence. But my remarks on this subject, which cannot be favorable, must be taken to apply only to Eastern Florida, and more particularly to the country along the banks of the St. John's river. If the prosperity of a country depended on the fertility of its soil, methinks the beautiful waters of the St. John's would ripple through a quiet uninhabited country from its seource to the sea. Florida owes its prosperity to its delightful, life-giving climate. The inhabitants, instead of being tillers of the soil, are keepers of boarding houses.

SWEET POTATOES OVERDONE.

A man, meeting a fellow-townsman on the street, will ask not how "the crops" are, but "how many consumptive Yankees came in on the boat last night?" A native being asked "what do you live on down here?" replied, "on Yankees in the winter, and sweet-taters in the summer." It is needless to add that they much prefer the Yankee. You remember that I used to like sweet-potatoes. When our landlady here passed me the fried sweet-potatoes at the breakfast table I made her happy by telling of my taste for them, and I also partook of sweet-potato cakes with the remark that it was a new and charming dish. At dinner I graciously accepted a large boiled sweet-potato, and and when the dessert came around, debated for some time between the respective merits of a sweet-potato pie and a sweet-potato pudding. I smiled blandly at supper over the sweet-potato hash, but ever since that day I have abstained from the sweet "apple of the earth" in all its enticing shapes It being necessary to eat something, I tried hominy—hominy cakes in the morning, hominy with gravy for dinner, hominy fritters for supper, etc. The most that can be said for it is its cheapness and its "filling up" quality. The greater part of the vegetables in market are shipped here from more productive regions, and at a high price. This endless stretch of sand certainly could not give much delight to a farmer's eye. It is indeed almost unproductive until it is fertilized.

As I would like to close this letter with a little Florida patriotism, I will choose the theme of the weather. My most glowing eulogies could not exaggerate the delights of this climate at the present time. The whole town turns out every afternoon and saunters around over the sidewalks, or out in little boating parties, with no object but to bathe in the warm, sweet sunshine.

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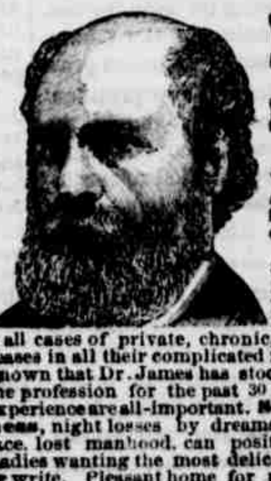

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