

WASHINGTON LETTERS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28, 1879.  
The event of the last week here was the re-union of the Army of the Cumberland and the unveiling of the Thomas Statue. Since the late war there has not been such a military display at the Capital, nor an occasion which called forth so much universal patriotism. The most agreeable feature of the demonstration was its entire freedom from even a suspicion of politics or any selfish motive. It was simply an homage to the memory of a patriot soldier, one who faithfully and honestly devoted his great abilities to the service of his country, and who quietly trod the path of duty even when it was made rugged and steep by the needs of smaller men in higher places. Nearly every prominent officer in the regular army except Gen's Sheridan and Howard was present, and the procession had them all, including Gen's Sherman and Hancock with their Staffs, in its ranks, with various Corps and military organizations. Mr. Hayes, Speaker Langhale, Clerk of the House, Adams, and other officials occupied prominent positions. To Mr. Randall the committee of invitation paid a high compliment by referring to the fact that he was one of the first to recognize the abilities and worth of Gen. Thomas. For a detailed account of the ceremonies it is perhaps too late and the space of this letter too limited. Old Virginia, the mother of Presidents and of many patriots, in this demonstration by honor of one of her sons, bridges over the painful periods of her secession from the Union and is resurrected as the loyal, grand Old Dominion.

The resignation of Assistant Secretary of State Seward I think settles negatively the much agitated question of Mr. Ervart's retirement from that Department. The speculations of the gossips were not without foundation, though they were speculations, simply, there being no authoritative affirmation of denial. But the retirement of Mr. Seward indicates three things, viz: that Mr. Ervart is not going to take the mission to the Court of St. James; that Col. Moseby will not be recalled from China, and that Mr. George F. Seward will most likely walk Spanish out of Shanghai within a short time. The disgraceful exposure made by a Committee of Congress last winter in connection with the Shanghai consularship would have resulted seriously to the Seward in China but for the expiration of the Congress that ordered the inquiry. He could only have retained his position after that was proven by having so strong a friend as his cousin in the State Department, Col. Moseby, whom the government afterward sent to China, discovered that all had not been told when he, a short time since, wrote to the President concerning his disqualification. There was talk of his speedy recall. Col. Moseby going over to Grant and the Republican party after the war brought upon himself so end of obloquy among his own people, but it must be said in his favor that he carried into the radical camp as an instance of honesty that is like a ray of light in a dark cavern. But his innocence in supposing that the truth was what the administration wanted set the organs to denouncing him as too unscrupulous. "Too unscrupulous," and nearly cost him his official head. Now however it seems that Mr. Ervart has decided to run the State Department, and that he cannot afford to shield rascality. No doubt his long and intimate political and social connection with William H. Seward made it difficult for him to believe that the charges made against his nephew had any foundation in fact. Yet scarcely anyone else doubted Seward's guilt from the moment he refused to produce his books before the investigation committee. Col. John Hay, poet, journalist and statesman, will take the position of Assistant Secretary of State.

The book of estimates for expenses of the Government the next fiscal year has been completed and will accompany the President's Message to Congress. The estimates for the budget is that the estimates are all higher than the allowances for the current year, instead of lower as they might have been. In round numbers the amount asked for exceeds the amount appropriated for the current year by about \$14,000,000. I am inclined to predict, off hand, that it is several millions more than will be voted, because it is more than is really needed. Secretary Thompson of the Navy Department has set a good example by saving about a million dollars out of the amount appropriated for that department this year; but it is such an unusual thing and such a bad precedent in the eyes of his party that the organs are all pitching into him for it. The taxpayers, however, will probably sustain this honest, faithful old man.

For some months past there has been considerable life in the divorce market here and it was evident that outsiders were for some reason learning to make use of our District Courts to untie their respective knots. But the other day Judge McArthur delivered an opinion which will put a damper on that sort of thing. The Judges say it is N. G. as Bardwell Slot would remark, no go. "The District of Columbia must not become a divorce market for other jurisdictions." In other words the ill-mated pairs can't take this city for Chicago or Indianapolis. It isn't that kind of a town. But speaking of ill-mated couples reminds me of the late announcement that Ex-Governor Swann of Maryland, who married the widow of Senator John H. Thompson, of New Jersey, a year ago last July, has separated from his wife. It is the sequel of a mysterious separation which was hinted at as occurring six weeks after marriage. His Washington residence will this season be presided over by his daughter, Mrs. Carter, and his daughter-in-law, the young widow of his only son, Mrs. Swann, remains at her home in Princeton.

It has been decided after full consideration by the leading republican managers that it would be better not to send speakers to Louisiana this fall. A member of the Congressional Committee worked for nearly ten days in the hope of inducing prominent speakers in the New York campaign to go to New Orleans and help change the vote of the State, with assurance that it would be republican. To his great surprise he found that this was just what the republicans of the North did not want to accomplish, and he was told that it would be better for his party not to agitate the movement any more. The plain reason given was that the "Solid South" was to be the battle cry next year, and without it there was no Pros'yterian.

hope of keeping the North solid for the republicans. Once break the solid South, said they, and one-half the force of the republican party is gone. They also argue that if republican speakers went South they would be well treated and as none of them could hope to be made victims of the terrible shotgun. It would spoil the "bloody shirt" as an issue. This shows the kind of patriotism that rests in that camp.

Proso.  
Intemperance.

Intemperance is a great evil, and should be carefully avoided by all the friends of peace, prosperity, happiness and concord. Indeed, it is nothing more than perfect absurdity to suppose intoxicating liquors are beneficial to the human race. No doubt the greater part of mankind are of the impression that intoxicating liquors are somewhat injurious to the human family but it is an unquestionable fact that they are not aware of the mischief, and misadventures that have been occasioned by the strong arm of intemperance. Were we to travel throughout the length and breadth of the civilized world and discover the graves of the eminent, and of those whose voices have been heard in the Legislative, and in the halls of Congress whose deaths have been occasioned by the pernicious sin of intoxicating liquors, it would almost be sufficient to make the blood run cold within the veins of humanity. It would be sufficient to convince the most obstinate man or woman that ever made footprints upon the face of the earth that intemperance has been and is now every day being destructive to the human family. Perhaps it would require a Clay, a Calhoun or a Demosthenes to give this subject justice. Let it be sufficient to say however, that this abominable Alcohol, the servant of the prince of the powers of the air, is one of the most powerful and deadly foes that ever reared upon humanity from the realms of darkness. It is even true that this filthy demon has done more towards replenishing the lower regions with human souls than any other enemy of the human race. The service of Alcohol is disadvantageous under almost all circumstances. Multitudes of the mighty have felt, and are daily feeling the power of his arm. The influence of this great monster has exerted over the world and over mankind has almost been sufficient to shake the earth from center to circumference. Wherever Alcohol locates it is a symbol of destruction, symbolical of utter annihilation. Let all men abandon his service fly to the cold water regions where there is safety. 2Declw.] GEORGE D. SIMMONS.

Too Fond of Herring.  
"John McWilliams, what were you going to do with so many herring? You had a whole box when the officer overhauled you coming from the Reading railroad depot, at Nolastreet wharf," said Magistrate Kerr, as he bent his judicial gaze upon a seely-looking individual yesterday morning.

"Well, Judge, I'll tell you. You see, there's a hard winter coming on. Lent will follow, and you know herring for breakfast it takes you long time to get away with the bones. By the time you're through the dinner hour comes around, and by that time the fish begin to feel dry in. Well, you get dry and stay dry all day, and you make your dinner and supper on water, if you can't get somebody to shoot for the beer."

"Shoot for the beer? Why do you have to shoot for the beer? Are the bar-tenders all deaf?"

"No, no, Judge, you don't drop to the racket. What I mean by shootin' is settin' 'em up."

Well, I'm just as much as sea as ever with your shootin' and settin' 'em up," remarked the Court, "I guess you'll have to go down in the van. A man that's constitutionally dry as you are would require the Fairmount reservoir or a brewery on tap all the time to keep him supplied with potables."

John went down without his box of herrings.

Senator Chandler's Last Speech.

(From the Baltimore Sun.)  
The speech delivered by Senator Chandler in Chicago on Friday night last was devoted chiefly to a denunciation of the "Ohio idea," and a defense of the national bank system. He asked the question, "Are we or are we not a nation?" and went over the history of the late war, claiming that the Republican party had saved the country. In view of his death a few hours afterwards the following words he used have now a peculiar significance. He said: "After we have done all this we are told that we ought to die. If there was over a political organization on God's earth which, so far as future punishment is concerned, is prepared to die, it is that old Republican party. But we ain't going to die yet. We have made other arrangements." Senator Chandler, at the close of his speech, in referring to the election in Chicago to-morrow said: "On the night of the election, Mr. Chairman, send me a dispatch, if you please, that Chicago has gone overwhelmingly Republican."

We were exposed last week to a pitiless storm, that wet our feet and stockings, and indeed our person all over. In fact we took a cracking cold, which brought sore throat and severe symptoms of fever. The good wife asserted her authority, plunged our feet into hot water, wrapped us in hot blankets, and sent our faithful son for a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It is a splendid medicine—pleasant to take, and did the job. We slept soundly through the night and awoke well the next morning. We know we owe our quick recovery to the Pectoral, and shall not hesitate to recommend it to all who need such a medicine. (Tehuacana (Texas) Pros'yterian.

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The Next Senate.

The following named Senators will retire on the 4th of March, 1881.  
N Booth, R, Cal; W Sharon, R Nev; W W Eaton, D, Conn; T F Randolph, D, N J; T F Bayard, D, Del; F F Edmunds, R, Vt; S J McMillan, R, Miss; R E Wilkey, D, Va; B K Bruce, R, Miss; F Hereford, D, W Va; F M Cockrell, D, Mo; A Cameron, R, Wis; A S Paddock, R, Neb.  
Republicans, 11; Democrats, 14.  
Of the succession the Republicans are reasonably certain to elect 14; the Democrats can count on only 9. From Indiana and New Jersey it is not safe to say which party will secure the Senators; should the Democrats in New Jersey triumph and the Republicans in Indiana, the Senate will stand 35 Democrat and 17 Republican on March 4, 1881; should the Republicans elect in both Indiana and New Jersey, the Senate would be a tie, with the Vice President casting the deciding vote. [Post and News.

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