WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON June 22nd, 1885.

An eminent French Statesman when asked how he accomplished such a prodigious amount of work each day, replied "by doing one thing after another." President Cleveland seems to understand this art as well as if he were its inventor. He examines all the papers in each and every case that comes before him. He will act on all the cases only as he reaches them in the course of his personal examination. It seems as if he had an almost endless job before him, but it is his way and he seems determined to go on as he has begun. The candidate who depends largely or entirely on verbal recommendations or influence of outside parties will certainly get left. The cases largely depend upon the kind of papers that are filed, and the President holds responsible parties who recommend a man to a strict account."

It is to be feared that in the discussion of appointments to office, the great and silent reform work which the new administration is carrying on may be overlooked. Though but a little four months in office, and laboring under great disadvantages, the public plunderers are being attacked and routed at every point. Stealing of the public domain has been to a considerable extent stopped, though much remains to be done. Secretary Lamar has proved the worst enemy the railway land-grabbers have ever met, and he has the earnest support of Gen. Sparks, the new land commissioner. It is safe to say that no more unearned grants will be patened to the railroad monopolists, and that as much as possible of the land already stolen in one way or another will be recovered and thrown open for settlement. The great Maxwell grant is only one of a series of enormous frauds which have been perpetrated through collusion between the claimants, the the territorial land officers, and the rings of Department officerds. There is every reason to expect that this whole system of plundering will now be broken up.

Hon. Geo. Jelks who has just been appointed assitant Secretary of the Interior and given special charge of all cases for the forfeiture of land grants, shows that this work is to be undertaken in no half hearted way. While on the Judiciary Committee of the House Mr. Jelks showed himself to be a thorough lawyer and his argument before the electoral commission was not inferior to the efforts of the great lawyers of National reputation. Carpenter, Black and Merrick who vainly tried to meet conspiracy with logic in that deplorable crisis.

Mr. Whitney, the new Secretary of the Navy is steadily growing in popularity with good men of all parties. Both the Navy and the country hail him as a deliverer from the regime of rings and corruption that has preyed upon the country since the war and left our coasts in a defenseless condition. The exposure of the Dolphin fraud will be to the Naval establishment of as great importance as were the Star Route exposure to the Post Office Department.

The action of the Post Master General regarding the Pacific Mail steamship subsidy is very significant. It will be remembered that the Republican majority in the Senate forced the passage of a bill giving $400,000 to the Pacific steamship company for carrying the mails, Mr. Vilas finds that there is no need of paying more for carrying ocean mails than is now paid. Since the act of Congress is not mandatory but merely gives permission to spend the money. The Post Master will, with the approval of the President, take no action in the matter, but remit the subject to Congress for more explicit legislation. It is not probable that the Republican agents of the lobby in the Senate will be able to again pass the bill and the sum of $400,000 will be saved to the tax payer.

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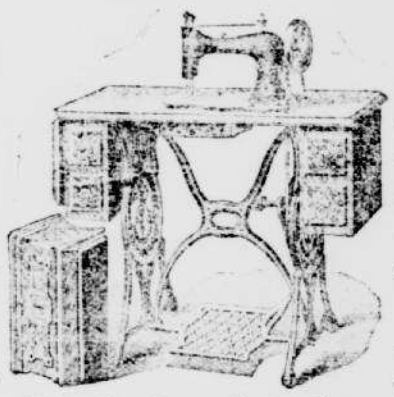

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