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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17, 1886.

While congress has done nothing startling since it re-assembled, almost everything that has occurred on Capitol hill during the week has been fraught with interest and importance. The senate has discussed and voted against the Mormons, and incidentally against woman suffrage. Steps were taken towards overhauling the street railways of Washington as well as the U. S. pension office, and the congressional record was embellished with considerable eloquence on silver coinage. Senator Beck exonerated himself from his recent alleged antagonism to the president. About 1,000 new bills were introduced in the house and the speaker completed the organization of that body by formally announcing where he has assigned his 325 men on his forty-eight committees.

There is no more than the usual amount of dissatisfaction among members on account of their positions on the committees. Indeed I think there was less complaint than was expected, and the general verdict of those who have no personal interests in the great questions with which these committees are to deal, is, that Speaker Carlisle has arranged them with wisdom and fairness. There are so many new members in the present house, that their assignments had to be made somewhat blindly, as their special abilities had not been tested. But the speaker profited by his experience in the forty-eighth congress in placing the old members with a view to their qualifications. The more prominent committees which have the most important work to do are strong.

With each congress the task of organizing the house is becoming a more delicate and burdensome one. The question has been raised whether the labor should any longer be thrown upon one man.

Both branches of congress are now ready for real work, any amount of which is waiting for them. It is thought the session will continue until August. About 3,000 bills have been presented in the house alone. Among those that have been introduced in the senate is one demanding longer sessions of congress, so that the country can have more work for the same money. The sessions ought to be continuous, with only such short recesses as other business men take from their labors. The pay of congressmen goes on whether they are in session or not. While it is a very agreeable arrangement to them for congress to sit only ten or eleven months out of the twenty-four, public business suffers from neglect.

The list of bills with which congress is flooded furnishes undeniable proof of American inventive genius. No possible subject of legislation has been slighted. Among them are many old-timers that come up and die out with every new congress. One bill asks that for the remainder of her life the widow of General Grant may correspond with her friends and that her friends may correspond with her without paying postage. The most popular measure is one for the establishment of agricultural experience stations. Nearly all the members from rural districts have introduced it in one form or another. About a dozen civil service bills have been presented, and a new bill asks for the establishment of a National university here. It provides instruction in the higher branches of all departments of knowledge, with facilities for research and investigation. Space forbids me to give the full term of the bill, but I will mention that the government of the institution is to be vested in a board of regents consisting of one member from each state of the Union, to be appointed by the governor. Each state and territory shall be entitled to scholarships in the ratio of one for each representative or delegate and two for each senator. The scholarships shall secure free instruction for five years.

The Republicans in both branches of congress are after the pension office, and the senate has passed a resolution for an investigation of its management, past and present. The complaint that Commissioner Black does not treat them with sufficient deference when they call on business, and then they have to do something in retaliation against the recent charges in Gen. Black's annual report, about the pension bureau having been a political machine, run by Republican partisans.

This great industrial growth in the South cannot be looked on as accidental. It is only the beginning of the wonderful advancement the South is about to make in adding to her own and the nation's wealth. Her surplus of a full hundred millions this year will far exceed that of the year before, and the next decade will witness the South closely pressing the North in every channel available for her industry.

ORDER.

"Where's my hat?"

"Who's seen my knife?"

"Who turned my coat wrong side out and slung it under the lounge?" There you go my boy! When you came into the house last evening, you flung your hat across the room, jumped out of your shoes and kicked 'em right and left, wriggled out of your coat and gave it a toss, and now you are annoyed because each article hasn't gathered itself into a chair to be ready for you when you dress in the morning.

Who cut those shoe strings? You did it, to save one minute's time in putting them! Your knife is under the bed, where it rolled when you hopped, skipped and jumped out of your trousers.

Your collar is down behind the bureau, one of your socks on the foot of the bed, and your vest may be in the kitchen wood-box for all you know.

Now, then, my way has always been the easiest way. I had rather fling my hat down than to hang it up; I'd rather kick my boots under the lounge than place 'em in the hall; I'd rather run the risk of spoiling a new coat than to change it.

I own right up to being reckless and slovenly, but, ah me! haven't I had to pay for it ten times over! Now, set your foot right down and determine to have order. It is a trait that can be acquired.

An orderly man can make two suits of clothes last longer and look better than a slovenly man can do with four. He can save an hour per day over the man who flings things helter-skelter. He stands twice the show to get a situation and keep it, and five times the show to conduct a business with profit. An orderly man will be an accurate man. If he is a carpenter, every joint will fit. If he is a turner, his goods will look neat. If he is a merchant, his books will show neither blots nor errors. An orderly man is usually an economical man, and always a prudent one. If you should ask me how to become rich, I should answer, "Be orderly — be accurate." — Detroit Free Press.

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It doesn't cost you many thousand dollars a year—at most only a few hundred.

It brings your customers to you, and makes them your personal friends. —Journal of Progress.

Says the Journal of Education.

"Industrial education in its relation to the public school has had a fresh impulse given to it in Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Boston and other cities, by the lectures of Professor Woodward, of St. Louis, who has been on a tour to the East, and has for the first time presented his views in his native state. Professor Woodward's grand work at St. Louis has attracted the attention of thinking men in all parts of the country, while that work, as he suggests to Professor Runkle's contribution to American handicraft, obtained by him at the Vienna Exposition of 1873."

SPEAKER Husted of New York

assembly stated in his opening speech that although it was only eight years since he was before elevated to the same office, not a single other member who sat in the assembly then was a member of the present body. This shows how few members of the legislature manage to suit the people.

Seven editors are members of the present house of representatives. They are Boutelle of Maine, Beakdale of Mississippi, Hayes of New Hampshire, Pulitzer and Merriam of New York, and Seranton and swope of Pennsylvania.

A St. PAUL saloon-keeper has a dog that will drink nothing but beer. It will drink heavily and go off for a nap. On awaking it goes straight to the trough under the spigots and laps another swig. It is growing fat and unwieldy and is an incorrigible old lubber.

We do not believe that the world

is growing worse. There are some good people who take a gloomy view of their moral surroundings and who with elongated faces and lugubrious tones are constantly lamenting the evil times upon which we have fallen. The only thing which gives any elasticity to their spirits or even a suggestion of cheerfulness to their words is a reference to the good "old times" long, long ago. They tell us that the churches are not as good as they used to be; that there is sad degeneracy in the ministry and that if things continue in their present state the whole world will shortly go to ruin. We don't believe one word of it. It is true that the forces of evil are more prominent and possibly more extended to-day than ever before. But on the other hand there are more good people in the world now than have ever lived before, and Christian efforts and achievements are grander at the present time than have ever been known. It is a sad thing when a man falls into such a state of mind that he believes that the Lord Jesus Christ is going to let the devil have the victory. There may sometimes and in certain places seem to be a temporary triumph of evil but it is only temporary.

The gospel is advancing. The reign of Christ is extending and he who will take the trouble to examine into the facts and figures will find his heart filled with joy. There is a practical side, however, to all this. Society is composed of individuals, and it is the duty of every man to try as far as in him lies to make the world a better place. Dear reader, would it not be well for you to stop talking of how bad other people are and to try to make yourself and them as good as possible.—Central Baptist.

Of New York's thirty-six

representatives in congress, eight are college graduates. Among the senators John Alexander Logan is recorded as having taken a degree at Louisville university.

SYSTEM always accomplishes

as much in housekeeping as in anything else. It is a great help to have a plan for each day thought out the evening before, or quite early in the morning.

Jor is prize unbought,

and is freest, purest in its flow when it comes unsought. No getting into heaven as a place will compass it, you must carry it with you, else it is not there.

WHETHER YOUNG or old,

think it neither too soon, nor too late; to turn over the leaves of your past life and consider what you would do if what you have done were to do ozer again.

THE yacht Brunhilde,

which is carrying an American pleasure party around the world, has already been mistaken for a pirate in the Indian ocean. All American ships are warlike in appearance.

If there is anything which

above all else can soothe or dispel human sorrow, dissipate doubt and uncertainty, solve problems, settle difficulties, turn fear into courage, and hesitation into decision, it is the prompt performance of the nearest duty.

SARAH ALTHEA HILL,

the noted plaintiff in the Sharon-Hill divorce suit, was married on Jan. 7th to ex-Chief Justice David S. Terry, of the supreme court of California. The man she married was her counsel in the divorce suit. His age is 62 and that of his bride 32 years.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Oklahoma question has been referred to a sub-committee to the Committee on Territories.

Claus Spreckels, the sugar king of the Sandwich Islands, manages to eke out a miserable existence in San Francisco upon the insignificant annual income of \$5,000,000.

Miss Catharine Wolfe, the wealthiest spinster in the country, has \$15,000,000.

The Czar of Russia derives an income of \$10,000,000 from his personal estate.

In several parts of Russia the practice of sacrificing animals as a part of public worship is still maintained.

In leap year Japanese girls who want husbands set out flower-pots on the front porch as an emblem. Its lucky the custom hasn't been introduced into this country.

Prince Bismark's gross annual income is a trifle short of \$100,000.

T. V. Powderly says if every laborer and every manufacturer would read daily a good paper and keep posted there would not be so much trouble.

An exodus of negroes from the Carolinas is going on. The weather is not favorable to the success of such a movement and the emigrants would do well to wait a few weeks.

olis with \$700.

One of the passengers, who was in delicate health; has since died from the effects of the chloroform.

Horace Greely once said

in conversation: "Any man with more than a million is a nuisance." A tame cougar followed like a dog at the heels of a wild cowboy in the streets of Portland, Ore., the other day.

Gen. Sparks continues

to worry the land grabbers. His last order prohibiting visits of attorneys and land agents to clerk and employees of the office during business hours has set the schemers wild. Certain railway and land syndicates have heretofore had inside information from the office which enables them to operate very profitably. They are now determined to down Sparks.

A statistician shows

that since 1793 wars among civilized nations have caused the death of 4,470,000 men. A very large majority of these deaths come from wounds, hardship and disease, the number actually killed on the field being comparatively small. The bloodiest battle in the period named was Borodino, where 250,000 men were engaged and 78,000 hours du combat.

The richest men in Russia

are two Swiss brothers named Noble. They brought up immense tracts of oil lands and now control more petroleum than the Standard Oil company. There is no way of computing their wealth, which has been estimated as high as \$400,000,000.

Wolves have appeared

in large numbers in the neighborhood of Hillsboro, Ill., and are killing sheep. One farmer, lost twenty-five out of a flock of sixty, a few nights ago.

The importation of coffee

into this country during the year 1884 amounted to 522,000,000 pounds, or an average of ten pounds per head for every man, woman and child in the country. The importation of sugar during the same period was 2,400,000,000 pounds, or a little over forty pounds per head.

Apparently the Cherokee

language supplies the longest existing word in "Winitawfeginaliskwungtanawneletitseti," which means, "They will by that time have nearly done granting (favours) from a distance to them and to me." In Aztec an equally formidable combination of vowels and consonants exists. It is "Amatuculoliticatlaxahullula," and it means, "Payment received for having been bearer of a paper with writing on it."

The cholera has broken out

in Venace, Italy, and the people are fleeing from the city. The German Foreign Office has notified Mr. Pendleton, the American minister, that it is intended to expel the German-Americans residing at Schleswig who emigrated to the United States just before becoming liable to military service and returned after being naturalized. The recent order of expulsion of other German-Americans remains suspended.

A mammoth's remains

have been discovered near Yreka, Cal., by miners. They were found 45 feet below the surface. The horn is five and a half feet long, in the shape of a cow's horn, and is eight inches in diameter at the base. The teeth and other bones are of mammoth size. An animal built in proportion to them would weigh at least ten tons when alive. The teeth, horns, etc., show that the animal was of the bovine species.

The more duties a woman

has to perform, the more need has she for uniform good temper and strong, healthy nerves. Some women are miserable when idle, even when rest is necessary. When to rest, how to rest, and where to rest each must determine for herself; but all know that nature rebels unless true and complete rest is taken during some portion of each day.

Senator Evarts had a family

reunion recently at which nine grandchildren tried to ride his knees to "Banbury Cross" all at once. They are not as long as his sentences. The proposition to permit each state to decide whether gold or silver shall be legal tender within its boundaries find an advocate in the Boston Transcript.

The New York post-office

employs more than 2,000 men.

The volcano Tongagura

in the United States of Columbia is in a violent state of eruption.

Admiral Porter of the United

States navy, who has been seriously ill, is now considered out of danger. Three persons were killed Saturday near Millville, Va., by a collision between an engine and a ballast train.

John Magie, the would-be

black-mailer of the prince of Wales, has been sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. General Wolseley denies that the British government has offered him the command of the military forces in Ireland.

A case of the smallpox

was reported at Canton, O., Saturday. Precautions have been taken against a spread of the disease. The anti-coolie league of San Jose, Cal., has decided to circulate petitions asking for the abrogation of the Burlington treaty.

The ship Undaunted, of Philadelphia,

which was abandoned by a tug last Friday, has arrived all safe and sound at Fortress Monroe, Va. A French syndicate has been formed to complete with the Germans in supplying the Chinese government with material for the construction of railways.

Adam Koehler, a coal handler

of Wamengo, Kan., while drunk went to sleep on a railway truck and was run over and killed by a train. He left a wife and six children. Enoch Cook has been sentenced to two years in the Kentucky penitentiary for having beaten and kicked James Frewitt to death during a quarrel in Louisville last July.

The fishing schooner Eliza Baker

has not been heard from for eleven days and it is feared that she has been lost. She had a crew of ten men and belonged to New York City. The supreme court of Pennsylvania has continued the injunction obtained some weeks ago by the attorney general preventing the consolidation of the Pennsylvania and South Pennsylvania railways.

The king of the Belgians

proposes to establish an annual prize of \$25,000 for the purpose of encouraging works of the mind, the competition to be open to the world. The first subject will be adjudged in 1889 to the best work on "The Progress of Electricity as a Motive of Power." There were seventeen deaths from smallpox in Montreal last week.

The Cincinnati poultry

association will give an exhibition beginning January 20 and lasting a week. George Bennett, who escaped from the Little Rock, Ark., penitentiary last September, was arrested in Springfield Mo., Saturday.

It is understood in Washington

that the vacancy in the office of assistant treasurer at New York will be filled this week. Prof. O. S. Fowler, the phenologist, was arrested in Buffalo, N. Y., Saturday on the charge of practicing medicine illegally.

The state engineers of Louisiana

have been notified of a serious case of the levee at Kamerville, twenty miles above New Orleans. J. C. Luttrell, Democrat, has been re-elected mayor of Knoxville, Tenn., by a majority of 435. Six of the nine aldermen elected were Democrats.

About 11:30 o'clock Friday

night two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in Kockland county, New York. No great damage was done. The fourth death from eating raw pork occurred in Tarentum Pa. The four remaining members of the trichinosis stricken family are growing worse each day.

Sir William Hart-Dike

intends to resign the office of chief secretary for Ireland. Edward Stanhope, now vice president of the council, will probably be his successor.

Nearly five hundred cigar

packers of New York held a meeting Saturday and resolved to go out with the cigarmakers in all shops where the cigarmakers may be locked up.

A. M. Bowling, one of the

leaders of the Tolliver faction in Bowman county, Ky., has been sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary for shooting Gill, last February.

The national convention of

journeyman bankers adjourned Saturday in Pittsburg after adopting a resolution to boycott all proprietors refusing to reduce the hours of labor to 42 per day.

Jacob Seeper, an insane man,

was found dead in his bed in the Longview lunatic asylum, near Cincinnati, yesterday morning. It is thought that one of his room mates may have killed him.

The Freeman's Journal, of Dublin,

declares that the British cabinet at its meeting Friday discussed the propriety of issuing a proclamation declaring the national league an illegal organization.

The London Telegraph

declares that the British cabinet proposes to re-enact the clauses of the crime act relating to boycotting and providing for impartial trials and the crushing out of terrorism in Ireland.