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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 5, 1886.

Whom the blind chaplain, of the house of representatives, in his morning prayer, asked for the recovery of the secretary of the treasury, he extended his invocation in a way that was quite unnecessary. He prayed that the president, his cabinet, and the two houses of congress might profit by this example of overwork, bearing in mind that the body has its laws, the study and the practice of which are obligatory on every man of sense. So far as this busy, hard worked administration is concerned, Dr. Milburn's petition seemed well enough, but it was felt that there was no need of placing before either branch of congress, as a warning, the result of over industry.....There is little danger that the senate will injure itself with hard work if its majority, in a time when hundreds of thousands of hungry men are wandering with despairing aimlessness down the highways and through the byways of the land, can find on its only issue the question as to the papers in some petty office. So long as the majority in the highest legislative body of the nation, will continue for the length of three weeks, a privileged collective scandal monger, because the executive does not waive his prerogative and give it access to his private correspondence, there is no need of prayers in behalf of overtoiled senators.....The President continues to astonish every one about him by the remarkable amount of labor he performs daily. No man probably has ever before given anything like as much intellectual strength and steadiness of application to the duties of the presidential office. He studies closely even the minor questions that come before him for official action, and every document that goes from his hands, if it be only a letter to an office hobber, is carefully prepared .....Mr. Jordan, the United States treasurer, under the new regime, is another practical worker and thorough business man. A short time ago a congressional committee asked him to appear before them and impart his views on financial topics. He responded that he was too busy during the day, but would be pleased to meet the committee at night, and so he did.....A short time after Mr. Jordan was installed in his new office, he went to the government printing office and asked to have a small job of work done that day. He was assured by some of the officials there that it could not be finished before the next morning. I must have that printing to-night, insisted the treasurer. It is "impossible," remonstrated the others. Mr. Jordan threw off his coat, went to a desk, and began setting the type rapidly himself, while the clerks looked on in astonishment. He finished a third of the work in fifteen minutes, and turning to the officials, he said: "Now, when I ask to have a certain job of printing done by a certain time, please remember that I know what I am talking about." It is useless to say the work was ready for him at the specified time.....When the resolutions finally got through the senate by a mere majority of one, Senator Edmunds breathed a sigh of relief. Even this barren victory was better than he expected. He was nervously apprehensive that a sufficient number of his Republican brethren would vote against him to cause his defeat. Mr. Edmunds' sudden anxiety to force a vote is easily explained. Had he allowed the debate to continue until the new California senator, then en route for Washington, reached here, his little game would have failed for the senate would have been tied.....The political effect of the discussion will not be profitable to the Republican party, and the whole contest can have no practical result. No displaced official will be restored. No personal papers will be furnished and no reason will be given. It is all well known here that the Republicans feel no elation or satisfaction in carrying through these resolutions by this meagre majority of a strict party vote.....It was thought the distinguished senator from New York, Mr. Edmunds, would not dare to speak on the Edmunds resolution question because his logic as an attorney in behalf of a senate plaintiff against a president defendant in 1876 conflicted so seriously with his logic in behalf of a president defendant against a senate plaintiff in 1860. He did speak, however, and this is the way he explained his change of base: "I might say, that when counsel are urging and pressing propositions in view and in aid of a defendant in charge, it does not scarcely judicial opinions." His explanations would have been simpler, at least, if he had said: "I was retained to attack the tenure of office law seventeen years ago: I am retained to uphold it now.

Muscle Fork.

—Grass growing finely.....J. W. Wilkerson, our efficient township collector, is confined to his bed with heart trouble.....Wheat looks splendid, and farmers are jubilant over a good prospect for a fine crop. .....Farmers are beginning to sow oats and a large acreage is anticipated..... Miss Fannie Shoemaker is convalescing from diphtheria.....Miss Frank Douglas, of Bell school house vicinity, visited friends and relatives near this place last week.....Mr. Geo Sparks, in company with his mother, Parker Franklin and Miss Marina Welch started for Douglas county, Mo., week before last.....Jim Carter is on the sick list with chills and fever.....Miss Frank Stephenson will teach at the Walker school house this summer.....Our township board appointed Henry Allen to complete Wiley Ellis's time as road overseer, the incumbent leaving the township. They also appointed B. Carpenter collector, vice Wesley Ellis resigned.....We are informed, that while Mrs Drew was milking a vicious cow, a few days ago, the cow became enraged from some cause and attacked her plunged at her, and knocked her down, but fortunately for her, she fell beneath the cows horns which doubtless saved her life; at least she was bruised badly the cow having held her, pressed to the ground until her son came to the rescue, when he took the cow by the horns to make her relinquish her vise-like grip, when she attacked him, and succeeded in impaling his clothing upon her horns, and carried the wearer forty or fifty yards. Mrs. Drew is under medical aid.....We wonder how that fellow felt the other night at meeting when he found that he had got on the wrong horse, her saddle having two horns.

PEE DEE SITTS'NGS.

Hon. Wm. E. Coleman, state superintendent of public instruction, has suggested April 16, 1886, as Arbor Day, on which the school children, teachers and parents are requested to set out trees on the school grounds in the thousands of school districts in the state, and Gov. Marmaduke supplements this choice by a proclimation and suggests and recommends to all heads of families, that while the school children on that day are engaged under the recommendation of the state superintendent of public schools in beautifying the school ground, they engage in the duty of adorning and improving, in a similar way, the homes and patrimony of there children, a work that is even more a labor of love than is that asked of the children.

Persons who have a superstitious dread of Friday will not be pleased that this is a thoroughly Friday year. It came in on Friday, and it will go out on Friday, and will have fifty-three Fridays. There are four months in the year that have five Fridays each, changes of the moon occur five times on Friday, and the longest and shortest day of the year each falls on a Friday.—Macon Republican.

THE Sullivan Standard is violently opposed to Senator Cockrell's re-election. Thinks "twelve years in the senate enough for any man." That may be true, but it is bad economy in the people to turn a man out of the senate because he has honor enough, when he is becoming experinced and better able to do them good work the longer he stays. Thos. H. Benton was in the senate from Missouri, for thirty years before the question of his being turned out was seriously thought of. He would not then have given place to another had his opponents have understood the situation as well as he did. The same element that divided the democratic party, in Benton's time are seeking to divide it now. "Rule or run" is their policy, and like Benton's enemies, if permitted to have their way, will soon lead their party to ruin. The Standard also object to Cockrell because "the senate is composed principally of rich men." But neighbor, Cockrell happens not to be one of them. He is a poor man and is likely to remain so if he stays in the senate. In his twelve years in the senate he has never helped put up any jobs that were designed especially to increase his earthly store. If the proprietors of some of the papers, instead of blowing their bazoos against Cockrell, would consent to go to work and make an honest effort to secure the election of Democrats from their respective counties to the legislature, we think they would soon conclude they were spending their time and talent to a better advantage. If this fight is kept up, and the seeds of discord in the party are continued to be sown it may be that we will find the next legislature, as it was found when Benton was defeated for the senate. Unable to elect a Democratic senator.

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