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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, May 10, 1886.

This is the day that the workingmen of Washington propose that their demand for the eight hour rule shall go into effect. One of them said to me. "This is not a strike. The workman will simply discharge himself and leave rather than work ten hours. He will then be an unemployed workman and not a striker. He will be "locked out" by the employers. What we propose to do, "continued he," is to go to work on Monday as usual. We will work eight hours. If the bosses do not choose to employ us eight hours a day, we will pick up our tools and leave. We will not prevent other men from working, and there will be no disorder and violence, but we will present a solid, unyielding front."

The secretary of treasury, who has been so near to death's door for the past month, is at work again. I do not mean that he is well or at his desk. He is only able to sit up and take a drive occasionally. But he interests himself with affairs at his department and discusses business questions wiht such officials as Treasurer Jordan and Assistant Secretary Fairchild. There is no truth in the report that he had signified to the president his intention of retiring from office. On the contrary, it is known that he earnestly desires and fully intends to remain at the head of the treasury which he has so ably directed for the past year. The apprehension of his friends now is that he will undertake to resume his official duties before he is physically able.

I asked a prominent western representative what he thought of the new Congressional Democratic Campaign Executive Committee. He answered that the selection of Senator Kenna as chairman was a most excellent one. "We had so much faith in the executive ability of Senator Gorman," continued he, "that he was the choice of most of us, but he has enough to do as chainman of the National Executive committee, and declined to serve in this capacity. He will aid us in other ways, however, and Senator Kenna is young, active, vigorous, and capable of doing a great deal of hard work." The West Virginia senator made his mark first in the house of representatives, where he worked hard and spoke well. His speech on the currency question was one of the text books of the party during the congregational campaign of 1878, and he is in sympathy with his party now on nearly every question.

It is not creditable to the Republicans in congress that it should devolve on a southern member to try to check the waste of public money on pension appropriations. This a field of reform into which few congressmen care to venture, and the action of a southern man is particularly liable to misconstruction, in taking the much-dreaded step. But the northern men are afraid it would mean the loss of thousands of votes for them at home, and denunciation abroad.

There is scarcely a subject which so tests the courage and conscience of the average congressman as that of pension legislation. Every member has his own scheme to advance, and feels that he cannot afford to refuse to help the schemes of his associations. Consequently good and bad schemes are huddled together and nobody has the hardihood to try to assort them. Every Friday evening in its special pension session, the house passes from fifty to a hundred pension bills. Last week, you remember the senate passed four hundred in a batch without reading one of them. The senators sat talking and writing while the farce was going on, apparently oblivious of the fact that the U.S. treasury was not inexhaustible, and that every dollar taken out of it had to be put into it by a tax. The pension business, as it is carried on in congress, is a swindle of the worst sort, and Mr. Tillman of South Carolina, is the man who is credited with the intention of exposing it to the country.

The senators had a little tariff talk a few days ago. It was the first chance they have had this season of reproducing their views on the protective tariff system, and the occasion was regarded with all the pleasures of a novelty. Senator Beck was making a warm defence of the course of the postmaster general in his dispute with the Pacific Mail and other steamship companies. He arose with the intention of speaking one hour, but when he touched up on tariff topics he was so constantly interrupted by the Republican senators that it took him nearly four hours to finish his remarks. He made a bitter denunciation of the policy which forbids an American to purchase a foreign built vessel.

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The Candidate.

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It is a man who runs for office, son.

How fast do they run?

Some run faster than others. Republican candidates are always behind in this country, the Democratic procession is to fast for them.

Is pa a candidate, ma?

No, my son, your father hasn't time to run for office, and besides he wouldn't have one if it were offered him.

Well, what makes him go to the 'lection and vote for them?

Because he is a good Democrat and wants the candidate of his party elected.

Can I vote sometime?

Yes when you get old enough.

Will I vote for Democrats then?

Yes, everybody will be Democrats by that time there won't be any Republicans and Greenbackers for you to vote for.

Show me a candidate some time, ma, I want to see what they look like.

All right, son they will be around soon, thicker than chinch bugs in spring time, and you shall see all you want.

Will they bite?

No, they will kiss you, darling, and baby, to.

Will they kiss you, ma?

Not if I know myself.

Well, a candidate must be a funny thing, ma. I wouldn't be one though.—Hunt County Democrat.

Mrs. Mary P. Sloan aged 90, and George Sohn aged 86, died in Adair county, during the last week of April. The former had been a resident of that county since 1837. The latter since 1850.

A TIMELY APPEAL.

If the Women of the Land Heed It, Bird Destruction Will Cease.

[Correspondence, N. Y. Independent.

An "Appeal to the Women in Behalf of the Birds" has been issued. It says: "So long as the demand continues, the supply will come. Law of itself can be of little avail. Offenders will find it worth while to dare the law. One thing only will stop the cruelty—the disapprobation of fashion. It is known that even new birds are not worn by some on grounds of humanity. Concert of action is needed. The sentiment of humanity once aroused, the birds are safe. Word comes from London that women are taking up the work. Can we do less?" In England, among those active in their protests are Tennyson, Browning and Princess Christian. It is to be hoped the press everywhere take up the voice of protesting humanity in the name of agriculture, as well as for the sake of putting an end to cruel fashion.

Not the least of the arguments in favor of bird protection is the general damage to national character arising from disregard for life. The Buddhist revenge for all life may wisely be studied by us. The boy who kills for pleasure is not the better type of man. It is impossible to be cruel or even unmindful of suffering in one direction, and be hard-hearted in all directions. Selfishness can not be shut up in one corner of the character. In these days there are so many methods of "sport" that there is no excuse for finding fun or pleasure in hunting the pretty game of our small woods.

On the other hand, enlist the boys in scientific appreciation of nature and her methods of contributing to all rational joy. Does not science, however, also destroy the birds? Science, that is worth the name, does nothing ruthlessly. There are a few thousand birds used annually in making ornithological collections for just study; but there are not less than 5,000,000 used for fashion.

G. B.—You are right in your wager. International prize medals were given to St. Jacobs Oil not for display, but for the best pain-cure, and after crucial tests in hospitals.

Burned Out.

"The Housekeeper," Minneapolis, Minn. was burned out for the second time in six years, April 12, and a part of its large subscription list destroyed. Several of the ladies employed barely escaping with their lives.

Such of our readers as do receive the May number promptly, should write to the publishers, giving full address, time when subscription was made, and length of time paid for. The May number will then be forwarded and the name restored to the list.

New Murdock, Kansas.

May 8, 1886.

Thinking that some of the many —Thousands of your valuable paper readers of items from this would like a few for their benefit, as well as my own gratification. I will write a part of Kansas I write.

—New Murdock is a nice little town, about two years old, with something near 100 inhabitants, and is situated on the Wichita and Western railway, twelve miles from Kingman the present terminus of the road, but will not be so long as work is being done on the extension.

—The business men of Murdock are alive, energetic and accommodating and keep pretty general assortments of goods and sell at about the same prices as we were accustomed in Chariton county, Mo.

—There are five dry goods and grocery stores here. Lute Long, a former citizen of Chariton county, is the proprietor of an agricultural implement store and black-smith shop. There are too more black-smith shops besides his, also one drug store and lumber yard. All seem to be doing well. There is one hotel here also a livery stable. Last, but not least, there is a nice public school building here, that many older towns might be proud of, in which is taught a good school. There is a mill under way, not yet complete. We have no saloon here, and but one billiard hall, which we think we could better if we did not have. One firm here is engaged in buying and selling stock. Charlie Collins, a former Keytesvillian, has a harness shop for the accommodation of the farmers. We have but one doctor, and he is not crowded with business, as there is but little sickness.

—As a farming county I think this is hard to beat, when one gets fixed for it. The soil is rich and very productive and will produce almost anything the farmer wants in the way of field crops.

—While this is true I want to say to your many readers that the day is past here for poor men. The land is all taken up, and wages are low and work scarce. I will say to all seeking cheap homes, to go somewhere else. Land is as high here as in Missouri, according improvements.

—We are having nice weather here now. There has not been as much rain as was needed to push the oats and wheat. Corn is all planted. Grass is fine on the range.

Yours truly, C. FURROW.

Chraneville Siftings.

We are having nice growing weather and farmers are busy planting corn.....Wheat looks fine and the farmers are looking forward to a bountiful harvest. Oats, ditto, and a large acreage is sown.....Mrs. Jane Bishop, of Bishop's Mill who was on the sick list, last week, is reported convalescent. Mrs. Phillips, near Dawkins' Mill, is confined to her bed, afflicted with consumption.....Al Medlin's little son is confined to his bed with pneumonia.....Waller & Co., contractors and builders have resumed work, on the new Methodist Church near the Bell school house.....Perry Stacy has completed a new house, which adds to the general appearance of his farm.....Dr. McKeen's mill at this place is doing an extensive business, sawing in about five week 612 logs averaging about 250 feet per log, making 153,000 feet. He also sawed several logs which came in outside of the subscription number.....Rev. Harris, of Howard county, will preach the funeral of Mrs. Calvin Shoemaker at the Scribner school house on the third Sunday in May. Services commencing at 11 o'clock, a. m .....Miss Sarah Meade, of Howard county, is visiting at Mr. Patrick's this week.

A legend says that the devil gave a hermit the choice of three great vices, one of which was drunkenness. The hermit chose this as being the least sinful. He became drunk and then committed the other two. And it still remains a fact that a man is capable of any crime, however revolting, when under the influence of liquor. Whisky is the devil's Sampson and Delilah.—Terra Haute Mail.

A Card.

To Webster Nance and Wm. L. Howard:

Sirs—I noticed your card in the Courier and will say in reply, that as to Mr. Howard I have not said any harm of his daughters and any one who says I did is a willful liar, it matters not who he is. As to Mr. Nance, I have nothing to take back; that I have said, but challenge a contradiction by any witness that can be believed upon oath or whose testimony he has not tried to impeach in some of his many lawsuits. Yes, Mr. Nance, are always in trouble with some one and are now trying to draw me into trouble also. FRANK BURRIER.

Bogard, Mo.