

Our Washington Letter.

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TER APPROVED.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1. 1878.
 The 30th of May, which was formerly designated by the Grand Army of the Republic as a day upon which it should do honor to the fallen comrades which lay buried in the various cemeteries, has become a general holiday, and its observance here was almost complete. Arlington, Soldiers Home, Congressional, Oak Hill and other cemeteries where the "heroic dead" slumber were naturally the centres of attraction. All Government work was suspended and many business houses allowed half their employees a day's recreation or closed up entirely.

President Hayes, part of his Cabinet and a number of Senators and Representatives left Washington last Wednesday for Gettysburg. For the first time, therefore, in the history of this country since the rebellion, Arlington and its ceremonies were neglected by the President of the United States. Heretofore the people have thronged to the nearest cemetery where so much money had been lavishly spent in beautifying and otherwise increasing the natural attractions of the former house of Curtis and of Lee, in order to see their Chief Magistrate. Now, this pleasure has been denied them and an old and valued custom has been lightly set at naught by one who is fast losing the popularity his liberal policy at first obtained for him.

The example thus set by our rulers was followed by a large portion of the populace, as fewer people than usual walked and rode from every direction, and in all conceivable vehicles to witness the proceedings at the "National Cemetery."

What a world of memories the very name—Arlington—recalls to every mind. Each grave, each natural terrace, each grassy mead has its own story to tell. The extended view of marble headstones, the long avenues of graves, over which a free and united country's flag proudly waves, breathe a history and noiselessly repeat a heroic struggle. The broad and often travelled roads, the hills and dales have so much to say and are so inviting to the weary visitor that one might dwell on other features of this lovely and silent "city of the dead" than those which summoned the crowd thither on Saturday.

The Potter Investigating Committee were in session an hour this morning and adjourned to hold a second meeting at 2:30 this afternoon. The time of the morning session was taken up on a motion to re-consider the vote whereby the committee decided to conduct the investigation with closed doors. No conclusion was reached, but the debate indicated that a majority of the members were in favor of open sessions, and that the doors will be open to newspaper correspondents as soon as witnesses are to be examined. This will probably be at the afternoon session, when it is believed James E. Anderson, the supervisor of West Feliciana (La.) parish, will be placed on the witness stand. Anderson arrived here under a subpoena this morning. It is expected that the sub-committee which is to go to Florida will get away to-morrow night, as McLin's condition is such that if his testimony is not soon taken he will not be in the land of the living, and therefore well out of the reach of a Congressional summons. The sub-committee to investigate the alleged Louisiana frauds will not leave before the middle of next week. The House this morning passed the bill appropriating \$20,000 for the expense of the committee. After the Senate passes it, the bill will have to go to the President for signature, and if he signs it he will be aiding what is called a revolutionary committee with money to conduct its operations.

The telephone and phonograph are already old stories in the rush of announcements of wonderful inventions. Our public buildings are furnished with telephones and the squeak of the phonograph is heard through the land. But new marvels keep the public in a state of wonder. The aerophone, a sort of articulating calliope, a truly fiendish invention, the anagraph, which transmits all the sounds in a room, with increased distinctness, to an adjoining apartment, and, lately, the microphone,

which in conjunction with the telephone, renders sounds greatly magnificent at long distances, have successfully attracted attention. For the last named invention application for Patent is now pending in the Patent Office, but the lucky inventor or this time is an Englishman. It increases the capacity of the ear in the same way that the telescope does that of the eye. It was discovered that vibrations of sound are reproduced with the greatest delicacy and with increased force when pieces of charcoal, previously heated to whiteness and plunged into a mercury bath, are interposed, closely pressed together, in an electric circuit. Sounds scarcely audible may be reproduced with any degree of loudness at long distances. It is claimed that the footsteps of a housefly may be heard as far as a telephone wire stretches. The development of these various inventions, and their combinations with one another will undoubtedly result in the construction of instruments of great practical utility, as well as satisfy from time to time the public craving for something novel and wonderful.

Senator and Mrs. J. Donald Cameron arrived in the city last Sunday. The Senator brought a fair young bride to his residence on I street. This old mansion has ever had a charming young hostess. When Senator Frelinghuysen, was in the Senate, owing to their mother being an invalid, the Misses Frelinghuysen did the honors of the house. Each daughter, in turn, took charge for a week; and their lunches, receptions, and parties are yet remembered as models of graceful, generous hospitality. To the delicious marvels in cookery that were prepared under the direction of these young ladies may be attributed the organization of that pet society. "The belles of the kitchen," that numbers among its members the belles par excellence of society in the First ward. After the Misses Frelinghuysen came Miss Cameron, the daughter of the Senator, who presided with queenly grace and dignity over her father's household, and now comes the fair young wife to grace the lunches, dinners, and receptions of the Senator from Pennsylvania.

The session of the Cabinet at the meeting yesterday was very brief. Assistant Secretary Seward represented the State Department, in the absence of Secretary Evarts. No business of public interest was transacted, but a few minor appointments were determined on and the names sent to the Senate. Postmaster-General Key was congratulated by all the members upon his letter to the public endorsing the administration of which he is a member, and pronounced good by all.

EDWARD.

The Growing Wheat Crop.

Eli Perkins writing from Fairmont, Neb., says:
 "I have thought and written all along, before examining Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska critically, that the wheat crop would be one third larger this year than ever before, but every day I am more and more astounded at the immensity of the growing crop. To-day—and I have seen personally as much of the growing crop as any one person in the United States—to-day, I say, I will stake my journalistic reputation that there is 60 per cent more wheat growing in the United States than ever before.

I find that some winter wheat in Southern Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky is a little damaged by rust, and a few fields will be completely destroyed, but I have not seen a damaged piece of wheat in Northern Illinois, in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, or Nebraska. An immense wheat crop is growing this spring in Western Nebraska and in Dakota on lands never before plowed."

As to the effect this immense wheat crop will have upon the markets of the world, Mr. Perkins says:

"Wheat will go down to 50 cents in Iowa, to 65 in Chicago, to 80 in New York, and to 90 in Liverpool. War will add 20 cents to these figures, but with peace my prophecy will prove true. Let the Chicago grain man remember the figures.

Why, when we deliver wheat for less than \$1.00 in Liverpool it will cripple the Russian wheat-growers, who cannot compete with us. The bulk of our wheat is raised on land worth less than \$12.00 an acre, and much on land worth less than \$5.00 per acre. How can the English, Irish, Scotch, Hungarian and Russian farmers compete with us when his lands are worth from \$100 to \$400 per acre?"

A HUMERIST'S DINNER.

"Twenty minutes for dinner," shouted the brakeman, as we approached Lathrop.
 Arrived there, I entered the dining-room and inquired of the waiter:
 "What do you have for dinner?"
 "Twenty minutes" was the hurried reply.

I told him I would try a half a dozen minutes raw on the half shell, just to see how they went. Told him to take a minute of it on his books. He scratched his head, trying to comprehend the order but gave it up, and waited upon some one else.

I approached a man who stood near the door with a lot of silver in his hand: "What do you have for dinner?"

"Half a dollar," says he.
 I told him I would take half a dollar well done. I asked him if he couldn't give me, in addition, a boiled pocket-book stuffed with greenbacks, and some seven thirties garnished with postage stamps and ten cent scrip; also a Confederate bond, done brown, with lettuce alone. And I would like to wash my dinner down with national bank notes on "draft."

He said they were out of everything but the bank notes, and that as soon as the train left he would order the waiter to "draw some."

Poof of Affection. They were disputing as to who had the richest father, and the smaller one finally flew the track and called out:

"Well, I've got the best sister, anyhow!"

"I guess not," replied the other.

"Yes, I have!"

"I guess not, I've got the bossiest sister in Detroit. She'll stay home any day for let me wear her shoes to the circus!"

"My sister will do more than that!" put in the little one. "She'll take the string out of her corset for me to spin my top with, and if I lose it she'll stay home from a party and never give me a word of sass! Is your sister any bossier than that?"

The big boy had to take a back seat.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Iberia Correspondence.

IBERIA, June 7th, 1878.

Editor Review:
 There is considerable excitement over Josiah's communications from Iberia.—Some suppose him to be of the clerical order, and you can't beat them out of that idea. A man among us got so mad that he gave expression to his pent-up wrath in an article in which he implied that he was a grand inquisitor, Josiah would be inevitably burned. Some are scared at their own shadow and make fools of themselves. They think they see a nigger in the fence, and can swear that it is a nigger, when, on closer inspection it was a charred stump. One divine is so positive that Josiah wears the white neck tie that he makes no bones in telling it. What a knowing man! How fortunate to be possessed of such sagacity! This last named gentleman and a few others have pronounced sentence against our valued correspondent, and if he is ever taken, they will compel him to atone for his errors in the most solemn manner, or be burned at the stake. Josiah, you stand impeached by your accusers. You are branded as a heretic, and must keep dark until a more tolerant spirit prevails.

My opinion is Josiah must be omnipresent. He knows all that is transpiring among us. He has told us nothing but the truth. That is the reason why our people feel his thrusts so keenly. They are well aware that he says no truth, more truth than poetry. Being a resident of Iberia, I can testify that Josiah has not exaggerated a bit. And the more I think the matter over the more I am convinced that Josiah is not only omnipresent, but an actual being, and that however inclined well-to-do persons may be to think otherwise, I am surprised that any intelligent individual should denounce and exhortate a person with such infinite relish on mere surmise or conjecture. It is the way, however, that a few people have of doing things—always basing their conclusions on mere hypothesis. The warp and woof of their disposition is constructed of jealousy and prejudice, and though one may sternly assert his innocence and denounce it beyond contradiction, it were the height of folly to try to beat any knowledge into such people's heads.

If communities do not want their acts ventilated, let them behave themselves. I do not blame Josiah for telling what he did. He has thrown a little light upon some things, and it is this light that drives people mad. The parties see their deformity reflected in its glare, and revolt at the portraiture.

I would add my denunciation against the conduct of the party or parties who had a hand in the breaking up of the Sunday School at Albion: It was no credit, but a burning shame to the ones who participated in its destruction. This talk about Union is all bosh. In the sense in which these self-styled Unitarians teach the idea, it is a caricature on Christian principle. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Now, be careful, my dear constituency, how you report to your next door neighbor that I am a minister. This is a peevish remark; but people will talk.

A game of baseball was played between Golden Gate and Iberia. We do not think that Golden Gate received that courtesy that should have been extended to her.

Clubs are too eager to win, and their ambition, in this direction, sometimes overleaps itself. When it does, a factional jealousy is created which runs high, and generates a good deal of unpleasantness. Unless the players can hold their temper, and practice that graceful dip called courtesy, a victory is unquestionably a defeat.

Iberia will yet emerge from her sectional strifes,—her fermentation purifying her from all unhealthiness, and take a high stand in the scale of being. A broader and more enthusiastic spirit will prevail, her old fogies laid on the shelf, her teachers willing to live and let live, her girls getting married, and the millennium come.

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