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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

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President Roosevelt's trip to the Charleston exposition has been disarranged on account of the illness of his son. The original intention was that he should leave Washington today, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, several members of the Cabinet, and ladies of their families, and that the trip should be leisurely made, the party not returning to Washington until the last of the week. This has been changed to a flying trip to join Mrs. Roosevelt at the bedside of their son, in Groton, Mass.

Not the least interesting of Gov. Taft's statements made to the Senate committee on the Philippines, in what is probably the longest hearing ever granted one man by a Congressional committee, was that urging the purchase of the land owned in the Philippines by the friars and its sale to the natives at low prices. He regards that as one of the most serious problems over there. The natives occupy these lands and refuse to pay rent and the friars call on the American authorities to assist them in forcing collection of the rent and thus keep things stirred up.

Rev. H. N. Couden, Chaplain of the House, in an entertaining address on "Things That Make Life Worth Living," delivered at a meeting of the Michigan Social Club, of which he is a member, referred to Washington as the father of his country, and to McKinley as the healer of his country.

The favorable report to the Senate of the treaty for the purchase of the islands owned by Denmark in the West Indies was accompanied by a statement showing the value of the islands to the U. S., from which the following is taken: "These islands, together with Porto Rico, are of great importance in a strategic way, whether the strategy be military or commercial. St. Thomas is the natural point of call for all European trade bound to the West Indies, Central America, or Northern South America. These islands, together with Porto Rico, form the northeastern corner of the Caribbean Sea and are of great importance in connection with the American isthmus, where a canal will be constructed between the Atlantic and the Pacific. They are of first importance in connection with our relations to the region of the Orinoco and the Amazon and with our control of the Windward Passage. In view of the Isthmian canal and European settlements in South America every additional acquisition by the United States is of value. Porto Rico is densely populated. Its roads are poor. It has a long coast line, without ports for large vessels. It is consequently very difficult of defense. San Juan is the only harbor capable of fortification, and this is only suitable for vessels of light draft."

Gen. John A. Holdman, who was U. S. Minister to Siam for six years, is now in Washington. He hasn't a high opinion of the Asiatics. Speaking of them he said: "I

never knew an Asiatic who was much of a man. Whenever I make this statement, people always say, "What of Li Hung Chang?" Well, "What of Li Hung Chang?" is always my reply. Li certainly was a man of parts, and was superior to most other Asiatics of his time, but still, he wasn't such a wonder as he was credited with being. Gen. Grant knew Li Hung Chang, and I once asked his opinion of the Chinese statesman. The general agreed with me, that Li was overrated. The difficulty is that the Asiatics lack stamina of character. They are given entirely too much to procrastination and falsehood to be really great and noble men."

The Anti-anarchy bill has been favorably reported to the House by the Judiciary committee, and is certain to be passed. The report on the bill, which was carefully prepared, concludes by saying: "In no view does this proposed law violate the Constitutional powers of Congress, for by its express limitations the offender must unlawfully, purposely, and knowingly assault or kill or attempt to kill the officers referred to when acting or because of their official character or because of official acts done or omitted."

WORLD'S FAIR COMMITTEE.

The organization of the Saline County World's Fair Association, was completed on Monday. Mr. L. Leonard is president and A. L. Jurden, secretary. The executive committee consists of one from each township which we give below.

	TOWNSHIPS.
Dr. R. W. McClelland.....	Arrow Rock
J. P. Foree.....	Blackwater
J. R. Thomas.....	Clay
S. P. Houston.....	Grand Pass
Dr. T. H. B. Ish.....	Cambridge
Dr. A. R. Edmonds.....	Miami
Logan B. Chappell.....	Elmwood
Dr. J. F. Wheeler.....	Liberty
F. M. Lall.....	Marshall
June K. King.....	Salt Fork
R. Sam Hays.....	Salt Pond

The committee decided to hold a Saline county fair in Marshall next fall, at which there will be liberal premiums paid for the best products of the soil, the best stock and poultry. From the exhibit made next fall, the selection for the World's Fair will be made.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM.

In the REPUBLICAN of this week will be found the advertisement of Messrs. Sadewhite & Rieder, who have opened a new stock of groceries, fresh and salt meats in the Boyer block, one door north of Hotel Hurt. They will keep a full line of groceries and meat. These are well known and honest men and we bespeak for them a liberal share of patronage. Mr. George L. Mason is in the grocery department and will be pleased to have his friends come and see him.

FIRE IN THE COUNTRY.

The home of Mr. E. L. Rhodes, a short dis-

tance north of Norton, was entirely destroyed by fire on Thursday morning. The house was a 9 room, two story frame worth \$2500. Insured in the Saline County Mutual Insurance Co. for \$1200. Mr. Rhodes saved about half of his household goods, the balance being a total loss as he had no insurance on the contents of the house.

MISTLETOE CLUB GERMAN.

The Mistletoe Club gave their annual reception at their handsome club rooms Monday evening, February 10th. The ball room was artistically decorated with festoonings of green. Red hearts, both large and small, were used with the green, making very graceful and effective bits of color. The parlor, which is beautifully furnished in red and the ball room were soon thronged with guests. At nine o'clock the German commenced, lead by Mr. William Jackson and Miss Ellen T. Woodson. Mesdames G. A. Wright and J. T. Brown presided over the favor table. The figures were beautiful and very interesting to the many spectators. The first was a waltz, second, "red ribbon favor" a two-step; third, "white ribbon favor, a schottische; fourth, valentine favor waltz; fifth, bracelet and key favor, two step and sixth, a waltz, "In the Gloaming," in which the electric lights were softened producing a very pretty effect.

The cotillion was followed by many delightful waltzes and two-steps in which all the guests participated.

Zeiler's orchestra, of Kansas City, furnished the music, which was splendid.

Supper was served at Ming's Hotel and Loomis'.

MENU.

Turkey,	Oyster Patties,	Saratoga Chips
Celery,	Olives,	
Salmon Croquettes,	French Peas,	
Cheese Straws,	Loyster Salad,	Hot Rolls,
Frozen eggnog,	Brick Cream,	
Cake,	Coffee.	

The out-of-town guests at the reception were: Misses Josephine and Eleanor Rea, Frances Austin, Nellie Mirick, of Carrollton, Agnes Langan, of St. Louis, Lizzie and Leta Hancock, of Mt. Leonard, Lutie Vanmeter, of Miami, Katherine McBride, of Paris, Jule Lincoln, Anna Bell Hudson, of Kansas City, Addie White, of Moberly, Fannie Cordell, of Blackburn; Messrs. F. M. Brown, of St. Joe, Buckner Ragdale, of Centralia, Will Hancock, of Mt. Leonard, W. T. Nock and wife, of Slater, W. E. Vawter, of Rochester, N. Y., Fay Bass and Adolph Striker, of Huntsville, E. R. Wood and Browning Fellers, of Kansas City, K. W. Holland, of Higginville, and Wilder Blair.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

O. J. Watts and Mary C. Keys, Hardeman. Henry Millsap and Mrs. Nannie Hiatt, Sharon. John Winkler and Mary Insprucker, New Frankfort.