

**OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.**

It is but natural that the country should wish to know more of the latest Presidential candidate, Belva Lockwood, the nominee of the Woman's Rights party. The candidate's life, written by an impartial hand, as the only means for completely supplying this demand, will doubtless appear at an early day. Here in Washington any book of the kind is needed. She is to be seen almost every day treading the streets mounted on a tricycle, head erect, and feet working with an energy which is indicative of the secret of her success in life. She was the first of her sex to mount the tricycle and demonstrate the right of woman to ride whatever her business calls and she also rides for the pleasure it affords, as others do in their carriages, and how she does ride! No laggard's pace is hers, wherever she goes she is the observed of all observers. She is not a devotee of fashion in any respect. She sets her own fashions. With head in air and face earnestly, not to say fiercely, pointing in the direction her industrious feet are propelling her she whirls along, every turn of the crank flipping her skirt with unceasing regularity. She stops at nothing, and turns aside only to pass slower goers or pick a stretch of clear track whereon to display a pace which might make Maud S. envious.

Of late a demand has sprung up, for pictures of the Woman's Rights candidate. In preparing to supply this demand the artist has been at a loss how to take her. Blaine is generally represented as speaking in the House or Senate, Cleveland as standing on the rostrum, Logan as cavorting on his war-horse, each in a position designed to show the man at his best. Reflecting on these things the artist was not long in coming to the conclusion that the proper thing was to represent Belva mounted on a tricycle, a familiar sight in Pennsylvania avenue, where as any one will say, she too, appears at her best. The pictures, it is understood, will be ready at an early day. She might have been taken pleading at the bar; laying down the law as any man should, and often better than men do; giving tit for tat after the custom of the profession; taking graceful flights of oratory, as orators sometimes do, responsive to a suggestion from the bench, citing precedents and cases, principles and practice from a well-stored repository of learning covered by that well known bonnet, or appeal-

ing to the jury for justice for her client. But after due consideration the tricycle idea was adopted as not only the most novel, but the most truly characteristic.

The General Land Office has been investigating the appropriation of the public lands, and it has been discovered that upwards of 5,000,000 acres of the public domain have been illegally fenced in, in Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, Nevada, by large cattle companies, many of which are English and Scotch. The large corporations gobble the land and the poor men and actual settlers are excluded.

It is to be hoped that the commissioner will make a clean job of it, and roust the illegal holders. Other monopolies are bad enough, but when it comes to the people's heritage the public lands being monopolized by a few capitalist, it is time to halt. President Arthur has, it is said, settled the vacancy in the Cabinet. He has virtually offered the post of Sec'y of the Treasury to Gen. Gresham. The latter is willing to take the place. Gresham's transfer will probably make Frank Hatton Postmaster-General, as it is understood that the President is anxious to reward Hatton especially well for his good work at Chicago.

A Western republican Congressman who reached here this morning had a long talk a few days since with ex-Governor St. John, the prohibition candidate for President. Mr. St. John told him that both republicans and democrats would be utterly surprised at the vote which he would poll. He confidently predicted that the prohibition vote would reach a million, if not more. He estimated that in his own State of Kansas his vote would be 40,000, and was certain it would be 50,000 in New York State. He also thought that the prohibitioners would effect the result in Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio. He characterized Blaine's dodging issue in Maine as not only a cowardly, but a very silly act, and one that had received the unmixed contempt of those who are on both sides of the question.

**AUGUST.**  
HE INSULTED PAPA.—'Emma, I hear you have broken off with George.'  
'Yes, I am sorry, but it had to be. He insulted papa.'  
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