

Daily Empire.

Letter from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 1863.

Editors of the Philadelphia Daily Age.—However well informed a man, may be, if he live at a distance from Washington, he must know very little of current political maneuvering and still less of the intrigue, bargaining and corruption of which political results are based. At present Republican circles are feverish, burning, almost mad with the excitement of the contest for the Presidential nomination. Here is a most singular spectacle. A President of the United States using all the immense patronage which he can directly or indirectly control, to defeat the aspirations of an overgrown Secretary who seeks to unseat his chief, and the Secretary in return giving back his blows with accumulated interest, and all the intense bitterness and contempt which the radicals feel for the President, whom they regard as a timid and time-serving instrument, who has served his purpose and is ready to be cast aside. Unfortunately for Lincoln, Congress has invested Chase with such extraordinary powers as was never before lodged in the hands of any Secretary. Every law which relates to his department, gives him some wide latitude of discretion, and confers upon him a patronage independent of the President. His agents and emissaries swarm everywhere, and are in harmony with those of the President in one particular alone—they are all intent upon plundering the country just as long and as effectually as possible. May the country recover through this most happy division of its enemies.

Against Lincoln.

The New York Evening Post, one of the most influential Republican papers, and the New York Tribune in opposition to Lincolns renomination. It says:

"If Mr. Lincoln could say to the nation that during the three years of his management this most formidable outbreak has been suppressed, we think it pretty clear that he would be renominated almost by acclamation. But if the war should be allowed to drag itself along, as it has at other times, and recruiting or drafting be the order of the day all through the summer, while a tremendous debt is rolling up against us every week that the war is protracted, the probability is that the consequent disappointment or dissatisfaction would bring about such a reaction of public feeling by next autumn, that not only would Mr. Lincoln not be accepted with enthusiasm, but his own party would fail to retain its ascendancy."

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During the last few days, a lady who was employed to the Treasury Department—the wife of a paralytic husband and the mother of five small children, all of whom she was supporting by her industry—was not only dismissed from her employment, but was torn from her family and sent South across the lines, simply for having been detected in writing to a Southern friend, although the only thing objectionable in this letter was a disapprobation of the emancipation proclamation.

The brilliant const discovered some time since by Prof. J. C. Watson, of the Observatory at Ann Arbor, Michigan, was, on the 1st of February, only 15,000,000 miles distant from the earth. It is believed to be the same comet whose extraordinary brilliancy astonished Europe in 1810.

A Southern genius has invented a flying machine, which is styled the *Artisana*. The inventor proposes to destroy the Yankee fleet and armies, with the aid of this machine, by dropping shells upon them from an immense height, above the range of canon shot.

Plantation Bitters.

S. T.—1860—X.

Persons of sedentary habits troubled with weakness, languor, palpitation of the heart, lack of appetite, distress after eating, torpid liver, constipation, &c., deserve to suffer if they will not try the contrived

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They purify, strengthen and invigorate; They create a healthy appetite;

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They overcome effects of dampness and late hot;

They strengthen the system and enliven the mind;

They prevent miasma and intermittent fevers;

They purify the breath and solidity of the stomach;

They cure dyspepsia and constipation;

They cure diarrhoea, cholera and cholera morbus;

They cure liver complaint and nervous headache;

They make the weak strong; the fatigued brilliant;

and are extenuated nature's great restorer. They are composed of the celebrated calamus bark, wintergreen, saffron, roots and herbs, all preserved in perfectly pure St. Croix rum.

*** I have given the Plantation Bitters to hundreds of our disabled soldiers with the most astonishing effect.

G. W. ANDREWS,
Capt. Soldiers' Home, Cincinnati.

*** The Plantation Bitters have cured me of liver complaint of which I was laid up prostrate, and had to abandon my business.

B. B. KINGSLY, Cleveland, Ohio.

*** I owe much to you, for I verily believe the Plantation Bitters have cured my life.

Rev. W. H. WAGGONER, Madrid, N. Y.

*** Then will send me two bottles more of the Plantation Bitters. My wife has been greatly benefited by their use. Thy friend,

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*** I have been a great sufferer from dyspepsia, and had to abandon preaching. *** The Plantation Bitters have cured me.

Rev. J. S. CATHORN, Rochester, N. Y.

*** Send us twenty-four dozen more of the Plantation Bitters, the popularity of which are daily increasing with the guests of our house.

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Such are one in thousands of certificates daily received. They are immensely beneficial to weak persons and delicate females.

Be cautious of re-filled bottles. See our signature on a fine steel plate label. They are not sold by the gallon. They are only sold in our patent ing cabin bottles, by respectable druggists, grocers, hotels, stores, restaurants and country stores.

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Etna Life Insurance Company

Insurance.

85th Semi-Annual Expose.

A few insurance companies have recently increased their capital, and one insurance company has recently decreased its capital. The new capital of the Buckeye Mutual Insurance Company is \$1,000,000.00.

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