WASHINGTON LETTER.

Cleveland's Management Censured--The Senators Are Now Getting Tired.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13, 1893.

Had Mr. Cleveland the tact which experience should have given to any man old enough to have been elected president of the United States he might have at any time during the last three or four weeks dictated the terms of a compromise by which the purchasing clause of the silver law might have been repealed. But he knew more than all his advisers and insisted that the senate should make the ridiculous test of physical endurance which began on Wednesday night of this week, the failure of which was openly predicted before it began by a majority of the senators who took part in it. About the only thing so far accomplished by the continuous session is the weakening of the president's influence. Unless all signs fail the compromise which will result, if there be any result, will be arranged without regard to Mr. Cleveland's wishes, notwithstanding the almost continual presence of his personal representative, Secretary Carlisle, at the capitol. By the way, many consider that Secretary Carlisle's action in this matter has been violation of good taste; it looks as though he was there to prevent the administration senators going astray. The senators are very, very tired and the end of the business is not far off.

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It costs a lot of money to keep detectives hanging around the homes of pensioned veterans in search of some excuse to deprive the pensioner of all or a portion of his allowance. In the regular pension appropriation bill for the current fiscal year there was an item of $200,000 for the investigation of pension cases; that is, to pay expenses incurred outside of the regular machinery of the pension bureau. Although only a little more than one-fourth of the fiscal year has gone all of that $200,000 appropriation has been expended and Secretary Hoke Smith has asked congress for an additional appropriation of $300,000 to be used for the same purpose.

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Although the elections are more than a year off the Republican congressional campaign committee has organized for business and will at once open headquarters in Washington and begin the work that is expected to result in giving the republicans control of the next house. The following experienced campaigners will run the machine: Chairman, Hon. J. A. Cadwell of Ohio; vice-chairman, Hon. J. W. Babcock of Wisconsin; secretary, Hon. S. S. Olds of Michigan; assistant secretary, Col. T. H. McKee of Indiana. An executive committee composed of the following senators and representatives, in addition to the chairman and secretary who are ex-officio members, will be in immediate charge: Representatives Draper of Massachusetts; Hooper of New York; Hitt of Illinois; Sweet of Idaho, and Settle of North Carolina, and Senators Manderson of Nebraska and Perkins of California.

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The alleged investigation of the New York custom house may turn out to be a very bad investment for Secretary Carlisle and the rest of the administration. The so-called commissioners—ex-Secretary Fairchild, ex-Congressman Dunn of Arkansas and a New York politician—are each drawing a salary of $25 a day in addition to a liberal allowance for expenses, and the whole business is eating up the "fraud fund" of the treasury at the rate of $150 a day and absolutely nothing that will ever benefit the country is being accomplished.

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It required a democratic caucus decree to get the bill for the repeal of all laws providing for federal supervision of elections through the house, but it is not believed that any known power could get the bill through the senate in its present condition. Democratic senators are reported to have declared the bill to be entirely too sweeping and to have intimated their willingness to see the bill modified before it passes the senate. There is a rumor, too, that Mr. Cleveland would veto the bill if it were sent to him in its present condition, but its authenticity is doubtful.

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Owing to a hitch in the confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Hornblower to succeed the late Justice Blatchford of the U. S. Supreme court, that court is holding its present term with one vacant seat. It is not thought that the hitch will result in defeating Mr. Hornblower's confirmation, although a number of protests against it, on account of his age and lack of legal experience, have been received by members of the senate judiciary committee. It seems to be settled that Van Allen's nomination to be ambassador to Italy is to be confirmed by a party vote, but for some reason it was not done this week.

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The House has taken up the bill providing a substitute for the Geary Chinese law which is the result of the negotiations of the new Chinese minister with Secretary Gresham. Although opposed by Representative Geary and some of the other Pacific coast members it will pass. CAS.

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ARRESTED FOR WHISTLING.

Treasonable Tunes Are Not Allowed in Germany.

Americans have little conception of what may constitute a treasonable offense in some of the countries of the old world which are still despotic and extremely military. There recently occurred at Barr, in Alsace, a trial which must have been very amusing to an American who might have witnessed it, if a man's liberty had not been in jeopardy.

One day not long ago, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, in the streets of Barr, a laborer, who was engaged in loading a wagon, whistled cheerfully at his work. As he was thus engaged a gendarme, or military policeman, came within hearing. The workman, apparently preoccupied, kept on with his whistling.

"I arrest you," said the gendarme, coming up and putting his hand on the workingman's shoulder.

"What for?" asked the man, astonished.

"For seditious whistling. You have been whistling the 'Marseillaise.'"

The "Marseillaise" being the French national air, and a revolutionary air besides, is forbidden in German Alsace.

But the workman exclaimed: "Oh, no, you are mistaken! It isn't the 'Marseillaise' at all that I am whistling, but the 'March of the Brunswick Hussars.' I used to belong to the Brunswick Hussars, and that was our regimental tune."

The gendarme, who was a German, and thought he knew one tune from another, took the workman under arrest, and in due time he was brought into court charged with disloyalty in whistling a seditious air in a public place.

Both the gendarme and the accused told their stories very confidently, and, as the workman was reputed an honest and loyal man, the court was very much perplexed between the two men and the two tunes.

In this predicament the court adjourned to the council-room adjoining, and, calling in the accused and the accuser in turn, made the workman whistle the "March of the Brunswick Hussars," and the gendarme the "Marseillaise."

Each did his best; but the tunes proved in the ear of the court to be so much unlike that it was regarded as improbable that the gendarme could have been mistaken.

The accused was therefore sent to prison; but his general bearing, and, above all, his excellent whistling, had affected the court so favorably that he was sentenced to only three days' imprisonment.

DEAR FOOD NOT THE BEST.

High-Priced Market Products Are Usually Not the Most Nutritious.

Prof. W. O. Atwater, writing in the September Forum, claims that the maxim "the best is the cheapest" does not apply to food. The best food in the sense of that which is sold at the highest price is rarely the most economical for people of health. The food that is best fitted to the real wants of the user may be the very kind which supplies the most nutriment at the lowest cost. Round steak at 15 cents a pound contains as much protein and energy, is just as digestible and is fully as nutritive, as tenderloin at 50. Mackerel has as high nutritive value as salmon and costs from an eighth to half as much. Oysters are a delicacy. If one can afford them there is no reason for not having them, but 25 cents invested in a pint would bring only twenty-nine grams, about an ounce, of protein and 260 calories of energy. The same 25 cents spent for flour at $6 a barrel, or 3 cents a pound, would pay for 420 grams of protein and 13,700 calories of energy. When a day laborer buys bread at 7½ cents a pound, the actually nutritive material costs him three times as much as it does his employer who buys it in flour at $6 a barrel.

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There is not the same strict control over expenditure on elections in France as in England. The cost of an election varies considerably. There is a great deal spent in holding public meetings, but a spirited rivalry arises sometimes over placarding. The candidates are not saddled with official expenses. The amount spent depends entirely on the strength of the opposition. Usually, when the fight is keen, the expenses of each candidate will run between ten thousand and thirty thousand francs. At the famous contest between Boulanger and Jacques in 1889 over a million francs were spent.

The French system of polling tends to insure purity of voting. When a voter enters the polling station he gives up his electoral card. The number on it is compared with the number in the register. When the identity of the voter is established his card is accepted and he is allowed to vote. Before the card is returned to him an official tears off a corner of it, which renders it useless. Other precautions are taken which render fraudulent voting extremely difficult. Election offenses, which are severely punished, are hardly possible except through collusion with the presiding officers.

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