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WASHINGTON LETTER

(From our regular correspondent.)

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A desperate effort was made this week by Senator Hawley, and a few other Blaine Sympathizers to revive the southern quarrel on the basis of the unpleasantness that has existed between Jefferson Davis, Esq., and General Sherman. Both of these old gentlemen have long been in their dotage, and are interesting only as relics. Since the war Gen. Sherman has been distinguished chiefly for garrulity, osculation, waltzing, and as a ballet girl fancier. During the war unlike Xenophens Anabasis his was a katabasis, a march from the mountains over the fertile, well watered, unobstructed fields of Georgia to the sea. During the first day of the debate there was a prospect of richness and rows. Hawley Vest, Ingalls, Lamar, and Senator Sherman engaged in a wordy war that for the first time this session filled the Senate galleries. But on the second the Domocratic Senators with admirable good sense refused to enter into a sectional debate, and voted almost unanimously with the Republicans. This was a great dissapointment to Republican Senators who had been to see Mr. Blaine, and had been supplied from that magazine of statistics and venom with the sinews of great speeches with which to fire the Northern heart.

There was quite a contrast prosented in the political animus of the Senate on two successive days of this week. On the first day the Republican Senators were rampant in their abuse of a feeble broken disfranchised old man who was once President of the Southern Confederacy. On the second day the Democratic Senators voted an annuity to Gen. Grant, the bankrupt beneficiary of more public and private honors than any American citizen ever before received.

There is a good deal of talk to-day in the House about the Edmunds—Grant bill which passed the Senate. Gen. Rosncrans, chairman of the House Military committee is against the bill. Gen Slocum is also against it. He is in favor of the bill which passed the Senate last February, and which mentions Gen. Grant's name. The Edmunds bill, which went through the Senate, yesterday, does not mention Gen. Grant but it is, of course, meant for his benefit. Gen. Slocum thinks that the Edmunds bill would be in direct opposition to the President's position in the Fitz-John Porter case. It is not likely however that he will find much following.

Gen. Slocum says that to pass the Edmunds bill would be to indorse Ferdinand Ward, and his actions. There has undoubtedly been a change of sentiment in regard to Gen. Grant. It is very probable that the Edmunds bill through the sentiment despite the opposition of Gen. Slocum and others.—will become a law.

The River and Harbor bill will be reported to the House to-day or to-morrow. It will appropriate about $10,500,000. The Mississippi river will get for reservoirs $35,000; for removing snags $50,000; between St. Paul and Des Moins rapids, and the mouth of the Illinois to Cairo, $400,000; from Cairo to its mouth $2,800,000. The Hennepin canal matter was considered yesterday afternoon, A commission is to be provided to examine the work being done by private companies; also another to report upon the submerged jetty system now in use in several of the harbors of the South.

A portrait of Rutherford B. Hayes, Esq., has been received at the White House to be put up in line with the legally elected presidents, good, bad, or indifferent, but none fraudulent, from Washington down. This portrait of Mr. Hayes will doubtless secure a temporary hanging, but that of Mr. Tilden should be placed in its stead, or, at least, the portrait of Mr. Hayes should be removed forever, leaving a hiatus on the wall. Let it be stamped on the forehead with the word "fraud," and presented Judge "allunde" Bradley, or John Sherman.

Mr. Randall, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, has made the important statement, that unless the Committee shall be given the floor from now on continuously whenever an appropriation bill shall be ready, an extra session will be inevitable, and he did not regard an extra session as desirable either for Congress or the Democratic party. Mr. Randall was not given the floor for the appropriation bill that was ready. He was voted down by a combination of those who desired to bring up the public building bills, and this combination was in its turn prevented from getting the floor.

Minister (after church)—You seemed much impressed by my sermon this morning, deacon. Deacon (who had dozed through it all)—Y—es, I was—er—very much interested indeed; but would you mind repeating the text? The exact words have escaped me. Minister—"He giveth his beloved sleep."

POISONED FOOD.

The Philadelphia *Times* says that the ordinary newspaper reader who peruses the revealations made by the New York Board of Health in regard to the extent to which food adulteration is carried on in that city will naturally wonder whether there will be anybody left alive for the cholera to kill, should it come next year. Beginning with the candy that the children eat, of which the board has confiscated tons, the investigation has led to the discovery that canned fruits, tea, coffee, spices of every kind, sausage, head-cheese, and, in fact, nearly every article of ordinary food, not only are subjects of wholesale adulteration, but that the substances used are in many instances active poisons.

The candy is colored with chrome yellow and green, Prussian blue, red lead, burnt umber and vermillion. The acid eats the tin of the fruit cans and produces lead poisoning. The cheapest Rio coffee is made into choice old government Java by cooking it in a steam oven and coloring it with burnt umber. The addition of soapstone and Prussian blue suffices to change willow leaves and sweepings into choice tea. Mustard and pepper are made from buckwheat middlings, colored to deceive the eye, and Venetian red is used to give sausages and head-cheese a tempting color. Lead and its compounds are found in a great majority of these adulterations, while copper and arsenical preparations are not infrequently employed.

The unearthing of these dangerous frauds in the neighboring city suggests a very forcible reason for the establishment of a Board of Health in this State, with full powers to investigate and deal with the matter of food adulterations. It is not at all likely that New York has a monopoly of this kind of rascality. If it has, its products are certain to be sold and consumed in our own as well as other States. As things stand at present there is no effective method of protecting the Pennsylvania public against these dangerous compounds. The Legislature cannot act too soon or too effectively in this matter. It is of much greater public importance than distributing offices or making new Magistrates where none are wanted.

PROTESTANT—CATHOLIC GROWTH.

During the sessions of the Plenary Council at Baltimore, some statisticians have collected a mass of instructive figures relating to the growth of the various religious sects. Their tables may be briefly summarized and made intelligible at a glance.

In 1860, the total population of the United States was, in round numbers, 31,500,000. It is now 55,000,000. The increase in twenty-four years has been 75 per cent.

In 1860 there were in the country 3,600,000 Methodists. The Methodists now number 15,000,000, in increase of about 94 per cent. The Methodists are the most numerous sect, and have made a more rapid increase than any other Protestant element.

The Baptists in 1860 numbered 3,000,000. They now number 12,000,000—an increase of 50 per cent. The Presbyterians numbered 3,600,000 in 1860; they now number 5,500,000, an increase of 53 per cent. The Lutherans numbers have been increased by foreign immigration, their rank now include 2,000,000, an increase of 60 per cent. The Congregationalists have increased from 1,400,000 to 1,800,000, or about 27 per cent. The Episcopalians have increased from 900,000 to 1,200,000, which is 33⅓ per cent.

From these figures of numbers and growth, and of rates of increase among Protestant sects, let us turn to the Roman Catholics. In 1860 they numbered in the United States 3,175,000. In 1884 a careful estimate of all their congregations gives them 9,000,000, which is an increase of 200 per cent. They have trebled in number in twenty-four years. Compared with the little progress which Protestant denominations have made—of from 27 to 60 per cent., and the Methodists of 94 per cent—this is gigantic progress. At the same ratio of growth in the year 1900, the Catholics will number 25,000,000 in the United States, and will have outstripped the most numerous Protestant sect in power.

Ben Butler came out of his cave of gloom the other day to begin suit for libel against a Boston paper, and then, wrapping the cloak of silence about him, withdrew within himself and pulled himself in after himself.

A Chicago gentleman who was a professor of languages, moved to Texas and started a school. His business flourished so well that he was soon enabled to take unto himself a better half, in the shape of a widow with considerable property. On the morning after his marriage he opened school as usual, but did not seem to be in a very hilarious mood. The reason for the Chicago man's dissatisfaction leaked out when he dismissed school, for he said: "Young ladies and gentleman—I do not think that you have treated me courteously. None of you have congratulated me on my marriage. When I taught in Chicago, I don't remember of ever having got married a single time without my pupils congratulating me on the happy event."

HUMOROUS MATTERS.

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