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WASHINGTON LETTER. From our regular correspondent. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22nd, 1886. Our law-makers on Capitol Hill have had before them this week much miscellaneous matter.

The President lost no time in affixing his signature to the Succession bill. This measure is thought by some to be far from perfect.

Michigan celery growers propose to organize a celery exchange. Last year they shipped \$25,000 worth.

A great pedestrian feat was accomplished by a Pennsylvania man several days ago. He is said to have covered a distance of twenty-two miles in three hours and five minutes over a hard road.

The Democratic Senators caucused in regard to the course they should pursue towards the President's appointments. They had special reference to what the Republican Senators might demand in the way of information concerning the reasons for official changes made by the President.

A Case Not Beyond Help. Dr. M. H. Hinsdale, Kenawee, Ill., advises us of a remarkable cure of Consumption. He says: "A neighbor's wife was attacked with violent lung disease, and pronounced beyond help from Quack Consumption."

Light is the sensation produced on the retina of the eye by some force, usually emanating from a luminous body, but not always, for the same sensation may also be produced by a current of electricity, or by a quick blow on the ball of the eye.

NEWS OF THE WORLD. Twenty-four persons were frozen to death during the recent storm in Kansas. The population of Europe has grown in the last century from 160,000,000 to 320,000,000 souls.

According to Dr. E. Parly Brown, the Sandwich Islanders formerly had the soundest teeth of any people on the globe, but their teeth have now begun to decay rapidly.

Experiments made during the past two years to introduce a few of the early varieties of American corn into some of the Austrian provinces have proved very successful in Dalmatia.

William H. Vanderbilt's executors have already paid over his bequest to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church, \$200,000 in all.

Mr. George Bancroft considers 250 words written, per day, a good literary average for an historian.

Mrs. Burton N. Harrison, the writer of so many pleasant books, comes quite naturally, says Jennie June, by her genius for literary work, for her grandmother, Virginia Randolph, was the kinswoman and pupil of Thomas Jefferson, early trained by him at Monticello to habits of intellectual exercise.

Mr. Gladstone finds his annual correspondence to exceed 3000 letters per month, or an average of 100 a day, besides innumerable postal cards, circulars and papers.

CURIOS FACTS. A putty of starch and chloride of zinc hardens quickly and lasts as a stopper of holes in metals for months. A writer in Hygiene Pratique states that boots and shoes may be rendered waterproof by soaking them for some hours in thick soap water.

Students are graded at Princeton in six groups. The athletes stand well down in the ranks, according to President McCosh. Fifteen of the twenty-seven are in the lowest two grades, all but seven are below the middle, and only two get up into the second grade.

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