

WASHINGTON LETTER. Congress has been shaking things up rather lively for a week past and several important matters have been practically disposed of.

Talking politics a day or two ago with a Democratic Senator who was opposed to Tilden as a Presidential candidate two years ago I made the not unexpected discovery that the Gramercy cipherer is the favorite of his party for the nomination in 1884.

Now, if there is anything that unites us more than it is to insinuate that we are not wealthy, and as, strange to say, just at that moment we happened to have for once in our life, a whole five dollar bill all at once, we pulled it out with a lordly air and handed it to her.

During the last four years Oregon has exported to the Eastern States not less than 400,000 head of beef cattle. Most of these cattle were produced in the counties east of the Cascades.

and the mantels were bedded a foot high in beautiful flowers. The state dining room, which was used for the first time during this Administration, was also beautifully decorated.

TOUCHED HIS VANITY. A dark-eyed beauty, with a mouth like a mule's ear and a nose like a sugar-cured ham, a saddle-colored complexion, and something sweet and assuring in her demeanor, walked into our den the other day, and bearded us.

"I want to see the gentleman who edits this paper," said she. We pointed ourselves out. "I lecture on temperance," said she, "and let me assure you that I just tear the life out of the whisky subject every time I throw my jaws apart."

"You seem to be a kind of female Benson," we ventured. "Worse than that. If Benson and Gough were both boiled down and copper distilled, they wouldn't do to travel on the same train that I do. And besides that, I am naturally a literary character. I don't mind giving the thing away to you, for you seem to be a square man, but I am the author of 'Beautiful Snow.'"

"You are?" "Yes I am. I write like a mole kicking, and the publication of my lecture would make the fortune of any half-starved editor in Arkansas." "Have never consented to have my lectures published," continued she, "but I don't care if you give a report of it, provided it don't extend over two columns. Give me ten dollars—five now and the other five after it is delivered—and it's all right. Here is the copy for the report, so you won't be troubled."

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They were sitting beside the gate when all at once she looked up and said: "Richard, do you believe people ever labor under hallucination?" "Of course they do," he replied. "I was just reading of a husband who went to bed supposing he had \$20 in his wallet, but on awakening in the morning there was but \$18. He at once charged his wife with robbing him, and a separation resulted. Wasn't it awful?"

There are fifteen doctors in Union county. A few weeks ago Hank Vaughan was considered dead. The editors spoke freely. Hank Vaughan has since recovered: now editors are repenting. Bishop N. Castle, formerly of Philomath, has lately been holding an interesting series of meetings at Himstville, W. T.

There are six cases of smallpox in Pomeroy, Washington Ty. On the 19th inst, the thermometer in Union stood at 12 degrees below zero; at the same time in Wallows it stood at 30 degrees below zero. Pomeroy is the county seat of Garfield county, W. T. It contains about 300 inhabitants. It is situated on the Pataha. It is surrounded by a hilly country that is fertile and will soon be favored with railroad facilities.

It is a safe and certain cure for all female diseases, such as: Pains in the Back; Severe Headaches; Blisters; Inflammation of the Eyes; Night Sweats; Pains in the Lower Part of the Body; Palpitation of the Heart; Jaundice; Gravel; Painful Urination; Menstrual Fever; Pever.

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