# NO STORY THIS WEEK.

Owing to Mrs. Duniway's absence in Eastern Oregon, and the prevalent bad weather, which doubtless caused delay in the mails, the story did not arrive this week in time for insertion.

# OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: The House adjourned on Thursday evening until Saturday, with the underto permit determination of the mooted point by the majority whether general and to be relieved of all public labors until he shall have determined upon

extent, by these chairmen. Hence, the absolute need devolving upon the speaker to select the best and purest men for the positions. Mr. Key, in several of his selections, was governed more by personal preference than by fitness of the appointee, and whether Mr. Randall will rise above partisanship or personal preference will be seen after we hear his announcements. Nearly all the corrupt legislation of Congress is chargeable to the action of committees, and were honest, capable, and vigilant men always appointed chairmen, fewer frauds would be enacted chairmen, fewer frauds would be enacted into statutes. And were the Constitution so amended as to compel a vote of year and nays upon every bill carrying an appropriation of moneys, not one dollar would be filched from the Treasury, where now there are thousands.

Members will advocate measures, force in the pastor's eldest inthe pastor's eldest. reds of acts without a single vote being but expressive pantomime as he tended of acts without a single vote being but expressive pantomime as he tended of the hierographic and the lad shook his head in dismal but expressive pantomime as he tended of the hierographic and the hierographic and the hierographic and the lad shook his head in dismal "I am sorry to have given you such a the wall, flashed at frequent intervals fright," he said to Cid, kindly, drawing the hierographic of the hierographic and the lad shook his head in dismal but expressive pantomime as he tended on the hierographic and the hierographic and the lad shook his head in dismal but expressive pantomime as he tended on the hierographic and the hi without a vote yea or nay; the Speaker simply reading the title and, because of no objection, would declare the bill a law. We have a slight fear, as regards the offices to be filled here in the city, that all may, like Macduff's hens and chicks, be taken at by one fell swoop by the Ohio men. We thought two winters ago, when the hungry horde of office-seekers poured in upon us from the South, that the like would never be repeated. But here's Ohio sweeping down in our midet like an avalanche, with innumerable candidates for every office in the gift of the executive departments and House of Representatives. The hungry legions from that State swained to the same old everiasting black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a vest of till black silk, made over with a set of till black silk, made over the set hungry legions from that State swallowed up all that Mr. Hayes had to dole out, and are now turning their attention to every other department. They want everything; door-keeper, book-keeper, folder, messengers, everything from a loaf of bread to a silver spoon, and are not particular, the majority of them, what they get, beyond light, siry work, good salary, nothing to do any ride. I suggest that a circus man work, good salary, nothing to do any ride.

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Love A-Gypsying.

"If you're run away with, girls, don't blame me; I didn't delegate you to take John to pasture," cried my brother, mockingly, as Citoyune Greenwood and I drove from the gate, before a copious hail of old slippers thrown after us for good tack

John was my brother's venerable care horse, that we had begged the honor of guiding thirty miles inland to his fu-ture home at my father's farm, where Cid, my beloved fellow-laborer in the High School, was to spend vacation

"Let us make a triumphal exodus, whatever we do," whispered she, siyly tickling John with the whip; and away he jogged, up and down, up and down like a chopping knife in its tray, not ad vancing appreciably, certainly; but what of that, slace he looked spirited

"Eight o'clock, and only fifteen miles between us and our dinner at Dixmont," continued she, ostentatiously reclining upon the cushions, while John subsided into a shambling trot, pouncing his legs down so forcibly that we half expected objection, and, as a consequence, the to see them driven into the ground like organization became merely a long, dull, stakes. "Ah, Laura, the pride of riding

in one's own carriage!"

Here came an unwelcome diversion in
the shape of our Jowler, that had stolen after us without leave. I had a serious task in persuading him that we rejected his escort, and this delayed us so much that when we turned off at the first guide-board, as directed, we had gone but just four miles in an hour and a

quarter. "Oh, well, who wants to race through the country in leafy June? See, Laura, that lovely mosaic of mountain, sky,

I touched Cid's arm, "converting her

feet were long.
"He must have a good scare," Cid

finer display of hair-splitting can be found than in its debates, we are ignorant of the place. With Senator Edmuds on one side and Senator Thurman on the other, we challenge the world to surpass the display of metaphysical disquisition. Both are most able lawyers and thorough masters of argument in all its niceties, hence, their contests are always interesting, excepting when in a plane above ordinary washington, D. C., October 20, 1877.

Washington, D. C., October 20, 1877.

"He must have a good scare," Cid pronounced. "No, you can't be terrific enough, Laura. Give me the whip;" and she sprang out with an explosive and she sprang

She shricked; the gentleman started; his horse reared and plunged. For an instant it seemed as if they were all go-"Look out for his hoofs! Back-run back, miss!" the gentleman called out to be wildered Cid, spinning round and round like a leaf in an eddy; and with just sense enough to obey, she fluttered

toward me. "O, Laura, he'll be thrown! What

screen, and I didn't see you till I was close upon you."

"It was my fault entirely, sir, and I'm sure I beg your pardon for startling your horse," said Cid, with a hysterical laugh. "It wasn't you I was beating home; it wasn't, indeed, sir!"

"I know. I got a glimpse just now of a discomfited black quadruped scampering over the brow of that long hill in the rear. The dog work tanger you first. ing over the brow of that long hill in the rear. The dog won't annoy you further, I think. This is yours, I believe," he added, gravely enough, but with irrepressible mirth in his eye, as he handed Cld our whip, which she must have flung down in her perturbation.

Then touching his hat to us, he whirled on in his light open buggy, out of our sight forever, for aught we knew, short-sighted mortals. John manifested a sudden and unprecedented desire to follow him, but Cid grasped the reins, tremulous with laughter.

"For pity's sake, Laura, don't let us continue to dog that individual. Let him go in peace to tell his wife how the queen of the witches assailed him with a broomstick."

The pastor informed his son that he might stay away from the river, and then resumed his topic. He said:

"The Apostle Paul.asys—"

"My teacher is an awful liar," shouted the xe are not particular, the majority of them, what they get, beyond light, airy work, good salary, nothing to do, and assurance that they will never be removed. Colouel Pole, the door-keeper, takes his meals at the Metropolitan, and lodges in a little two-story house in one of the back streets. He goes in by a side door to the hotel, slipping out the same way, and hides himself in his room, assigning for a reason, his desire to keep-from being everwhelmed by the immense hordes of place-seekers, who besiege him at every turn with their importunities.

We may chronicle "first round and blood" for the silverites, inasmuch as the monetary commission appointed by last Congress has reported in favor of remonetization of silver, and ably and powerfully argues its point. That Congress will adopt some of its recommend. place that gentleman again overtook us. It was a most secluded nook, where we certainly had no thought of being seen of men; and Cid, after running out overthe thill to drop John's check-rein, had perched berself upon his back to wait for him to drink, and as the buggy for him to drink, and as the buggy drove up was tricking the harness with leaves, meantime mimicking in a high key a scolding squirrel on a branch above. Suddenly cognizant of the stranger's proximity, her voice died into a gasp, and she straightened hereoif with a despairing struggle for propriety, while he, evidently embarrassed for her sake, made, in alighting, some urbane remark about the pleasure of meeting us a second time.

and there never was. I wish I had seen the fellow. He's been making game of you. But don't lie awake over it, and be late at church in the morning."

yesterday, at which my father pricked up his ears, and declared there must be

fully conscious of their disapproval, Mr. Tyrrel answered, with an uncomfortable acquainted with the new and more di-rect route from Dixmont thither? Then smile. Then, suddenly breaking into a

might he map it down for us upon his card? He should be obliged to take the "Harmon, did you call me, Miss old circuitous way himself, in order to call on an invalid friend, but might meet us at the ferry, where the two of that name who pressed his card upon me at the Dixmont hotel. But how did you know him to be a clairvoyant? He didn't register himself as such." Mr. Tyrrel had inadverently given us

> 'You said it wasn't safe to have anything to do with such a person, and now I realize it," groaned I, as, between laughing and crying, I arranged her

And that teasing brother of mine called out from the doorway, "Don't promised card of instructions, expressing the cordial hope of a more formal take John to pasture."

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Beach street, Boston. Why, Laura,
the man's a fortune-teller!" If he had
been a convict, she couldn't have shown
greater horror. "And to think of his
passing himself as a gentleman, Laura.
"Emblematic, pathetic, indeed! Who
knows but he has beguiled us into a
false route?"

She would not go a step farther till,
by inquiry, she had assured herself we
were in the right way.

Minute by minute the heat grew more
and more intense. Before we had passed
over half of the fifteen miles yet remaining, the sky became oversat.

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that under this guise frauds have been
imposed upon, not only the weak and
the credulous, but upon the conscious
and careful searcher after truth, and
this not for a single evening, but time
after time. The Religio-Philosophical
Journal, the great organ of Spiritualism
in the United States, says upon this
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sense of sympathy with Gail Hamilton's declarat

No phase of the phenomena has ever talent—that is, taste alone will enable created a tithe of the bad blood and blockering Spiritualists as has this; need-lessly so, we think. The difficulties Mrs. Gow, of that city, must, of course, have arisen rather through the ignogreatly enhance the interest of the rance of investigators and the dogmatic proclivities of a few self-appointed exponents. It seems to us that when all there is some work she can do, or learn the rubbish which environs the subject to do. Doing it excellently, she can, in the rubbish which environs the subject is removed by calm, careful, patient students, who are seeking for the truth, and not to substantiate some pet theory of their own, which is often born of generations of narrow creedal training; when these investigators shall be composed of men possessing the zeal, persistency and devotion of some of the present champions of this phase, without their blind narrowness and want of capacity to comprehend the subject in if weeessary, support herself.

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# The Test of Affection.

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What to Do.

storm comes and the ship goes down.
It is true women are hampered and

Mr. Thorpe is a middle aged widower, and some time ago he paid his addresses to Mrs. Botts, a widow on the shad! side of forty. Thorpe is rich, and, after what lies close at hand."

This often occurs to me in our farreaching discussions of the way out for the widow accepted him, he began to reaching discussions of the way out for the widow accepted him, he began to reaching the way to a purer air and a fear that she had taken him for him. money, and so he concluded to test her to ascertate if she really loved himself alone. So one evening when they were sitting together in the parlor, he said to

tiny. The first practical step is finan-cial independence. The average woman can do a little of almost everything, her:
"Hannah, I've something unpleasant can do a little of almost everything, but ten chances to one there is not probably any one thing she can do excellently, so well as to feel the work a reliance. Of course this evil is largely due to the false education she has received; and the women of the next generation will have the benefit of a wider outless and that I have a patent in the continuous and that I care nothing for outless and that I care nothing for

due to the false education she has received; and the women of the next generation will have the benefit of a wider outlook, and special training for special work; but the wonau of to-day cannot call up her lost girlhood, to live it more wisels recreate for the next sail outlook. The others were frostbitten off, and the ankle is all twisted wisely; regrets for the past avail not; she has only to do with her present, her

around crooked."
"You don't tell me!" said Thorpe. Well, but I've something worse than My friend, Mrs. Allism, finds herself that. I might as well confess now that a widow with four young childrend bald place on top of my head is not maintain, to clothe and educate. She really my scalp. I've been trepanned. has a little home of her own, but the income upon which to live it is absolutely necessary for her to earn. But how? The question pursues her by day and haunts her by night.

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She really my scalp. I've been trepanned. I have a silver-platted concern set into my skull—a kind of skylight. You can lift it up and see down on the inside of me."

'I'm glad you mentioned it, dear,"

how? The question pursues her by and haunts her by night.

What can she do? When she was a young lady, eighteen years ago, she was a teacher; but can one who, for all these years, has kept no knowledge—scarcely interest—in the great educational probing the statement of the stat

lems under discussion, of new books, should have expected it. But you will new methods, can she compete with be surprised to learn that none of my skilled and trained pedagogic labor? Obviously not.

Mrs. Allism is a lady; delicate, resides that, I have to wear an India-rubber thingamaging on my palate, to keep

Mrs. Allism is a lady; delicate, refined, but she has no knowledge of the problems of life, she has no business training, no artistic gift, in fact, no specialty. The Mrs. Allisms usually end in resorting to sewing; and with work and anxiety together, shorten their care-filled, unhappy days, till Providence mercifully admits them to the untired life to come.

Now the remedy for all this lies in a nutshell.

"When the foundations of living rest solely ou an income that ceases the hour the husband and father is taken away, during the peaceful, happy, shel-

away, during the peaceful, happy, sheltered years that the wife has the dyspeptic for twenty years, and besides, stronger arm to lean upon, she should I am one rib short. It was broken in a fit herself for some special work of life, railroad accident, and the doctor had to In case she needs to use it. It will recut it out. I'm subject to fits, too."

quire self-sacrifice, it will require particular in This is borrible," said Thorpe. "Mrs.

thence, perseverance, but what a life-boat would it not be to her, in case the storm comes and the ship goes down. Post to you. I imagined I was ad-

so's if you'd knock against anything work. It is something for which the demand will increase. In the West, you'd scatter all around over the carpet

I think you ought to let me off." "Very well, sir; so I will. But let me tell you that I've got nothing the matthose stories to try you, because I knew

Among the colonial possessions, or, more correctly, dependencies of Holland, there is a remarkable little State which in its constitution and the original customs of its inhabitants, surpasses the boldest dreams of the advocates of women's rights. In the island of Java, between the cities of Batavia and Samar-ang, is the kingdom of Bantam, which, although tributary to Holland, is an in-dependent State, politically without importance, yet happy, rich, and, since time immemorial, governed and de-fended by women. The sovereign is, indeed, a man, but all the rest of the government belongs to the fair sex. The

terial the camp is composed of."
is not probably a community kind of the same size in America contains as much intelligence, m and sobriety as the Habn's Peal

will give the country wise and prudent Short work was made by the Demo crats in the organization of the House As indicated in our last, Mr. Randall was elected Speaker, the opposition being unable to concentrate upon any one candidate against him. Under his parliamentary experience, everything,

more perplexing than that. How will

Congress be able to reconcile its incon-

gruous views into such proper shape as

after he was sworn in, was soon running standing that no business was to be in apple-pie order, that is to say, the transacted on that day. This recess was taken to enable Mr. Randall to complete day last, both on the floor and in the his list of the standing committees, and galleries, was crowded with people destrous of seeing an exciting contest over theadmission of certain members, under egislation shall be attempted during the call of States, by the clerk, Mr. this extra session. It is Mr. Randall's Adams, But the strong majority of the wish to put the right man in the right Democrats, and their parliamentary lace, as chairmen of these committees, skill, put an immediate quietus on every organization became merely a long, dull, his leaders. Some of the appointments and sleepy proceeding of calling names made by Mr. Key last winter were ob- of members. Mr. Hale, of Maine, made nable in many respects, and Mr. himself at one time a subject of intense Randali asserts that he will try, in so merriment by a blunder, in supposing far as he can, not to repeat the same Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, was duly blunder. He has left the city for his enrolled, and this was nearly the only home, and will stay there until Mon- relief given to the monotony of roll call. day, on which day he will make his We are now ready for the attacks of blood-suckers and leeches upon the The power exercised by the Speaker Treasury. They are here by bundreds, in the matter of committees is equal in with bills giving moneys by the millnational importance, in many respects, ions to every conceivable form of public national importance, in many respects, to that exercised by the President himtable. That many of these will become sail. The chairmen of these committees, to a very great extent, rule and control the legislation during Congress. The real work of the legislature is done in the committee-room. The amount of appropriations and the effect of certain appropriations and the effect of certain that it is inevitable labor of dis
tons to every conceivable form of public there. It touched Cid's arm, "converting her poetry into doggerel;" she protested, when her eye fell on that rogue of a Jowler skulking along the fence. We held a council of war upon the spot. Plainly, he must not go on, for he was needed as a watch-dog; yet the taking helm home would involve eight miles of travel, and miles measured by John's feet were long. the committee-room. The amount of Senate is at its inevitable labor of disappropriations and the effect of certain custom the Louisians question and its cussing the Louisiana question, and if a distance is determined, to a very great finer display of hair-splitting can be

Interrupted Table Talk.

son; "cut my feet so I can't wear my shoe; and, please, may I stay bome to-

tor, absently.

Then the committee rose, and the senate went into executive session, and soon after adjourned.—Burlington (VL)

at the hotel, if we desired, and thus see cept Mr. Harmon's escort, with thanks,

at the hotel, if we desired, and thus se-cure us an early dinner.

At North Chester we left the river.

No more dallying for us in the lap of the vailey. We must scale the rouged shoulders of the bills. Cld read aloud the "Adventures of a Phaeton," while John crept drowsily up the beights, but at the dizzy descents she always closed the book. Though he had never stum-bled his very castion made as fear he

the book. Though he had never stum-bled, his very caution made us fear he might, suggesting perils otherwise un-thought of. With his feet drawn to-gether like the spokes of a wheel, back arched, and head pendulous as a fuchsia blossom, he described a segment of a circle; and what if his curved surface should not always also noncorrect? circle; and what if his curved surface should not always stay uppermost? Agonizing moments there were at the steepest slopes, when he seemed on the point of sitting down upon the dasher of the rocknway, and turning a backward somersault into our shrinking arms. But these moments passed. A great many moments passed, indeed, among those frightful ups and downs, and dinner-horns had sounded far and near ere we arrived at the hotel at Dixmont.

Our friendly acquisitance ast oppo-

Our friendly acquaintance sat opposite us at the dining table, and conversed agreeably about the country through which we were passing. He had traversed it several times of late, he said, in going to Sanford. Ah! was that our destination also? and were we not fully conscious of their disapproval, Mr.

After dinner our bird-faced landlady wooped down upon Cid and me in the parlor with a huge leather-covered book. Would we be good enough to write our names in it? It was sort of an "albium," she said, that she kept to show to folks. Cld pointed to the single en-try that day with a significant smile— "Lemuel Harmon, Boston, Massachu-setts." It was a satisfaction, she whispered, to know how our cavaller was called among men. And when, a little later, I detected said cavaller poring over the "albium" in the bar-room, I mistrusted that he felta like satisfaction

introduction to us at Sanford. She studied it as we proceeded, and idly turned it over, engraved surface upward. Then she uttered a little cry of dismay. "Laurs Elizabeth Cortial will you hear this? "Professor Lemuel Harmon, prophetic, test, and business clairvoyant; emblematic, prophetic; 37; Beach street, Boston." Why, Laura, the man's a fortune-teller!" If he had tration of stupendous frauds. We know been a convict, she couldn't have shown ion to us at Sanford. Shi

we had entered upon a new strip of road with no buildings, and must press on to the ferry ere we could gain shelter. Cid wrong her hands in anguish.

"I shall die if the storm strikes us! Look, I awra, there comes a man. Ask him how far it is to the next house." It was Mr. Harmon, the "emblematic,

headlong speed.
"The rope is broken, and we cannot

eross in the boat," he cried, hurriedly. "We must go round by the bridge." "We must go round by the bridge."
In the time it takes me to tell it, he had wheeled John about, pulled up the boot, and pulled down the curtains. Oh! that was a fearful drive through the very battle-field of the elements! Our companion's horse snorted wildly at each succeeding bolt. John alone was unmoved, sliding down the long hills with maddening deliberation, and pausing in the blaze of the lightuing to nibble at way-side herbage. We found shelter at last beneath the old shed of an out-house, and here a flash of lightan out-house, and here a flash of light-ning, more vivid than any before, seemed to completely envelop us. Cid flung berself strinking into my arms, and I held her close while the tumult raged on. There came a hush at last. The shower was going round, Mr. Harmon said to Cid. He was thatikful for her sake. He had the warmest sympathy for those who suffered from dread of thunder storms. It was a constitu-

Yes, she believed it was, Cid answered, constrainedly, quite herself again, the danger being past. Should she discuss her personal peculiarities with a "pathetic" fortune-teller? The saints for-

Rather benumbed by her frigidity, he addressed himself to me.
"You are the Miss Curtis, are you not? Excuse me—you perceive I have studied the hotel register, and seeing that name, I immediately fancied I detected in you a resemblance to certain relatives of mine of the same name. I wonder if our families are not distantly

and, deserting our too-aspiring vehicle, ride home in the low buggy, with John tled on behind.

"Harmon," mused my father, that evening, after, prayers—"Harmon! There's no such family in town, Laura, It has passed into a truism, that we often err by seeking "far and wide for what lies close at hand." woman's partial independence lies in her individual will to work out her des-

be late at church in the morning."

With shame be it spoken, we were late, to my father's chagrin, who, as deacon, felt it especially incumbent upon himself and family to show every respect to the new candidate, a distant cousin, whom we were to invite to dinner. That divine was reading the opening hymn as we entered, and I shall never forget Cid's look of startled incredulity as she recognized in him our "pathetic" clairwoyant.

After service, my father introduced him as Mr. Tyrrel, and Cid, in her confusion, greeted him as Mr. Harmon, straightway alluding to his kinduces of yesterday, at which my father pricked

Mr. Harmon's card in place of his own, Cid laughingly explained, blushing be-neath his eye, which evidently did exercise some strange bewitchment over

wedding veil the next Christmas. "Oh, Cid, Cid, to think you should desert me for my ministerial cousin!" And that teasing brother of mine called out from the doorway, "Don't

nomena are quite naturally staggering the faith of thousands of Spiritualists in purchaser and maker are alike enthuthe probability of such materialization sinstic over the work.

In the past, or its possibility in the future. Even pow there are old 'dyed in the wool' Spiritualists, whose belief is School, who has fallen in love with the anchored to a knowledge extending work, learned it berself, and has taught the wool' Spiritualists, whose was the wool' Spiritualists, whose was anchored to a knowledge extending work, and to classes of ladies.

It to classes of ladies, the country who not it to classes of ladies, the country work in oil paluting, does much of her painting upon the china from her own designs, which are simply exquisite.

Like wood-carving, china painting the country and, as a practicable and beautiful art for womanifes taste rather than will enable the consolidated next month.—Philadelphia Bulletin, and the work in oil paluting, does much of her painting upon the china from her own designs, which are simply exquisite.

Like wood-carving, china painting the curtain had better be drawn right here. The cold and selfish world has no business with such scenes as this. They are to be consolidated next month.—Philadelphia Bulletin,

tistency and devotion of some of the present champions of this phase, with the present champions of this phase, with the present of the phase, with the present champions of this phase, with the present champions of this phase, with the present champions of the phase, with the present champions of the phase, with the present champions of the phase with the present champions of the phase with the present champions of the phase with the present champions of the present