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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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EDITOR GRANT CO. NEWS:—A political bombshell was exploded among the democrats this week by the statement, from an authentic source, that the Farmers' Alliance had about succeeded in capturing another state, and that the capture included two United States senators. The state is Missippi, and it is said that the Alliance is almost certain to elect a majority of the legislature this year, which, owing to the peculiar constitution of that state, will elect the successors to Senators George and Walthall. The indications of Alliance success which confronted Senator Walthall when he recently returned home are said to have been the real cause of the unexpected announcement he then made that he would not be a candidate for re-election, an announcement that was received with astonishment by his friends here at the time, and of which he had not given them the slightest intimation previously.

This news has cheered up the workers at Alliance headquarters, and encouraged them to keep up the fight they have already begun for the control of the legislature to be elected this fall in Maryland, which will elect Senator Gorman's successor. Verily, the Alliance is becoming a power in the land, and the end is not yet.

Secretary Blaine says ex-Senator Blair has accepted the Chinese mission, and that he will leave shortly for that country. This is official, and should dispose of all the silly rumors about objection on the part of China.

Ex-Representative Carter, of Montana, who was secretary of the republican congressional committee during the Waterloo campaign last fall, and who failed to get himself returned to the house, has been appointed commissioner to the general land office to succeed Judge Groff, who recently resigned because of a difference of opinion with his immediate superior in office, Secretary Noble. This appointment is generally credited to Russell Harrison, who is a warm personal friend of Mr. Carter's.

To the few people who doubted the existence of an active lobby in this city, maintained by the Western Union Telegraph Company, the acknowledgement of the ex-doorkeeper of the house of representatives, Samuel Donaldson, who is a witness in the murder trial of Charles E. Kincaid, the newspaper correspondent who killed ex-Representative Taulbee in a corridor of the Capitol last year, that he was a member of that lobby, ought to be convincing. Mr. Donaldson did not tell this voluntarily; it was told in answer to questions of counsel that the judge compelled him to answer.

Secretary Blaine, after being confined to the house for a week with an attack of gout, has resumed the negotiations with the British minister for the settlement of the details of the proposed Behrings sea arbitration. He has heard nothing further from the Italian minister since the publication of Governor Nicholls' reply to his telegram concerning the killing of the members of the Mafia at New Orleans.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has devoted the greater portion of this week to investigating [illegible] purpose of determining [illegible] of spending the [illegible] the first year [illegible] long [illegible]

act was to issue orders making the recent action of his assistant in refusing to exchange gold bars for coin, for shipment abroad, unless the parties desiring the exchange paid the cost of melting the coin into bars, the regular rule of the department.

Senator Peffer attended a meeting of the nationalist club Wednesday night, and took part in the discussion, favoring the nationalization of all railroads.

A census bulletin just issued shows that the increase during ten years in the percentage of the white population in the South, has been nearly double that of the negro. This is directly contrary to the idea that has generally prevailed.

Enlisting the Red Men.

General John Gibbon, of San Francisco, has issued orders in compliance with the Indian enlistment order from Washington. He directs that the Indians be recruited for organization as follows: For troop L, Fourth cavalry, at Fort Sherman, Idaho; for company I, First infantry, at Fort Bidwell, Cal.; for company I, Fourth infantry, at Fort Spokane, Wash.; for company I, Fourteenth infantry, at Fort Townsend, Wash. To Second Lieutenant George W. Kirkman, First infantry, has been given the task of recruiting for the army at Fort Bidwell, and he has been ordered to proceed there at once. Lieutenant Kirkman's work will not be easy. The Indian tribes about Fort Bidwell are of the great Piute family. They are not the most brilliant material for soldiers, and it is questionable whether they can stand the hard, steady grind of enlisted men's lives in the United States Army. Nevadans say the Piutes are a very degraded set of Indians, and it will be Lieutenant's Kirkman's task to get these Indians, ignorant and superstitious, if not treacherous, as they are, into shape for drilling.

Too Much Science.

ST LOUIS, April 3.—Mrs. A. W. Gifford, wife of the president of the Tamaulapias Land, Mining and Manufacturing company, is reported to have gone insane on christian science. The family lived in a brown-stone front on Olive street, and consisted of Mr. Gifford, his niece and wife. The lady was an invalid, and her husband said he spent $25,000 in vain efforts to cure her. About two years ago she had a vision, in accordance with which she went to a christian science healer and was cured. She obeyed the warning and got well. This made a convert of her, and she began studying. She soon became a healer herself, and her husband also espoused the faith. She developed the highest powers, and was considered the very light of the school here. She and the husband tried to make an advocate of the little niece, but it is said they failed in this. Studies and practices then took a wider range. She went into hypnotism, spiritualism, and other occult mysteries. Recently the family disappeared, and her hundreds of followers and friends have been wondering what became of her. Today it developed that her reason had become dethroned. Many stories are told of her vagaries. On one occasion she took a live parrot and put it in a furnace, and watched it die, as an offering to powers that controlled her. Then her malady [illegible] peculiar turn, and she imag[illegible] cupid on her mantel [illegible] her power and [illegible] on a regular [illegible] uirers have [illegible] mily have [illegible] and [illegible]

TIMBER LAND.

There is a possibility that the lumber interests of Oregon, Washington and California may be materially affected by section 24 of the timber-culture repeal act. This section is as follows:

"That the president of the United States may, from time to time, set apart and reserve, in any state or territory having public land bearing forests, in any part of the public lands wholly or in part covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations; and the president shall, by public proclamation, declare the establishment of such reservations and the limits thereof."

Under what is known as the timber-land act, applying only to these states, an entryman may take 160 acres of timber land and secure title by making proof and paying $2.50 per acre. It is under this law that great frauds have been perpetrated, and many thousands of cases are now pending in the department, where government agents have reported there was fraud in the entry and proof. Great lumber companies have procured men to go upon the land, make proof and surrender it to them. While it is not yet determined whether these cases will be wiped out by the curative legislation, of which the above section is a part, an opposition to timber entries has been created in the department, and the secretary of the interior may induce the president to withdraw large tracts of timber lands in the coast states from market under section 24. This provision is so sweeping that the president could, by a stroke of the pen, prevent any more timber entries on the public domain. Those who desire to have these lands preserved can, by sufficient influence, bring about a reservation proclamation which might prove very disastrous to lumbering interests, and cause some hardship to men seeking timber lands for their own personal use. An agent of the government has already recommended that a large tract of forest land on Puget Sound be set apart for a public park, and under forestry reservation the president could carry out this recommendation. A great many people believe that too much power was conferred upon the president in this section.

An old-time rule that is still in force at the Oregon penitentiary is somewhat peculiar. No conviet, during the term of his imprisonment, is permitted to read or see any newspaper that is published within the state. This arbitrary ruling has been enforced since the first establishment of the penitentiary. No one seems to know why such an order was made, and Superintendent Downing is considering whether it would not be better to revoke it, since California and Eastern papers are allowed free access, and since the legislature, by the appropriation of $1000 for a free library, has decided that convicts shall have a chance to occupy their minds as well as their bodies during their incarceration.

George Moore, indicted in Illinois for an assault with intent to kill, on trial waved a jury and consented to be tried by the court alone. He was found guilty and [illegible] ced to prison for six years. [illegible] of error to the supreme [illegible] was subsequently sued out [illegible] behalf, and the appellate [illegible] has set aside the convic[illegible] the ground that the right [illegible] jury in a prosecution [illegible] cannot be waived.

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ELECTRICAL SCIENCE.

There is no single remedial agent known to the medical world which can fulfill so many requirements in the treatment of disease as the scientific application of electricity. It is one of the most powerful agents in nature for evil as well as good, it is true; yet it is capable of being so perfectly controlled as to produce the most desirable results however diversified the conditions.

The successful electrician must not only understand the structure and functions of the various parts of the body, but he must also be familiar with the effect of electricity upon every portion of the body whether in a diseased or natural condition.

Dr. Darrin has made the study of electrical science a specialty for many years, and the results of his new methods of application are so astonishingly beneficial as to give renewed courage to the afflicted public.

We give below a few names that can be referred to:

John B. Dougherty, Roche Harbor, Wash., hydrocele; entirely cured and removed by one operation of five minutes.

Mrs. S. A. Wooden's girl, 94 Columbia st., Portland, nervous debility and malarial fever and discharging ear; restored.

Wm. Altnow, Drewsey, Grant county, Or., catarrhal deafness and ringing in the ears for 20 years; perfectly cured.

Mrs. S. W. Metzger, Gresham, Or., dyspepsia, liver complaint and pain in the stomach 23 years; restored.

Mrs. C. Magenson, Merchant's hotel, Portland, rheumatism, neuralgia and female troubles; cured permanently one year ago.

W. F. Ogle, Seatco, Wash., liver and kidney complaint and dyspepsia, also deafness and whole system run down; cured.

William Little, Seattle, Wash., pain in his chest of over eight years' standing; entirely cured by electro-magnetic treatment.

J. V. Shangle, Sunnyview, Or., heart disease, palpitation, kidney and liver complaints; cured.

Dr. Darrin treats all curable chronic, acute and private diseases, blood taints, lost or failing manhood, nervous debility, effects of errors, or excesses in old or young, loss of memory, diseases caused by mercury in the improper treatment of private diseases. Office 704 Washington st., Portland, Oregon. Hours 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. daily. Examination free and confidential; question blanks and circulars sent gratis to any address. Patients cured at home.

An impressive scene recently was presented at the Congregational church in Stockton, California. The occasion was the celebration of the anniversary of the Chinese mission in that city. A part of the exercises consisted of singing in chorus and solos and addresses by the Chinese. The singing, especially of solos and hymns, was a surprise, as it was generally supposed that the Chinese were destitute of capacity in that direction and incapable of appreciating harmony, juding by what travelers in China tell us and of the barbarous exhibitions given in this country by untaught immigrants. One soloist particularly carried the audience by storm and elicited applause that was with difficulty checked.

The excitement in Rome, caused by the lynching at New Orleans, is completely subsiding. The government fully appreciated the difficulties under which the American government labors, and it is not likely any pressure will be brought to bear upon the latter. It is convinced the American government will readily make the compensation which justice demands. Public opinion goes to show that no sympathy for the lynched Mafians is manifested. Many Italians say it would be well if other members of the Mafia were treated in the same way.

Director of Mint Leech has said that after July next it is probable that no more silver dollars would be coined, but silver certificates be printed instead. Congress has given the secretary of the treasury power to recoin about $2,500,000 of subsidiary coin now in the treasury, and that too would probably be done as soon as possible after the beginning of the next fiscal year. This will in effect put just so much more money in circulation. There are also about 2,600,000 silver dollars in the treasury against which silver certificates can be issued.

LAUGHS OF ALL KINDS.

THE more wealth a man has, the more difficult for him to find out what people really think about him.

"HOW DID you cure your husband of smoking, Mrs. Wing?" "I made him let me buy all his cigars for him."

IT is one of the curiosities of natural history that a horse enjoys his food most when he hasn't a bit in his mouth.

RESTAURANT GUEST—"Every thing you have brought me is stone cold." Polite Waiter—"Here are the mustard and pepper, sir."

A CHEMIST has discovered a mixture which insures protection from auto. But what the public really yearns for is protection from uncles.

THE different kinds of laughs they have: Dudes, Ha! ha! Farmers, Ho! ho! Teamsters, Haw! haw! Feed dealers, Hay! hay! Women, He! he!

SMALL BOY—"There's one thing in the Bible sis says she'd like to change." Minister—"Impossible! What can it be, my young man?" Small Boy—"Her age, sir."

"WHAT is it, do you suppose, that keeps the moon in place and prevents it from falling?" asked Arminta. "I think it must be the beams," said Charley, softly.

HUSBAND—"Good-bye, dear!" Wife (coldly)—"Good-bye!" Husband (giving her fifty dollars for shopping)—"Good-bye again, dear." Wife—"Kiss me. Good-bye, my own darling. Be home early. Once more, love, good-bye!"

THE man who was convulsed with laughter at a woman trying to sharpen a pencil, was soon after discovered trying to cut a paper pattern by the united efforts of a pair of scissors, his right hand, lower jaw and two-thirds of his tongue.

PROUD FATHER—"Taken high degrees in your scientific course? Proud of you, my boy. By the way, can you prove that heat expands and cold contracts?" College Graduate—"Certainly. Don't the days grow longer in warm weather and shorter in winter?"

AMOUNT SWAIN (to object of his affection)—"For several weeks past I have been trying to speak to you, Miss Rosa, but you never gave me a chance of putting in a word. I therefore gladly avail myself of your temporary hoarseness to make you an offer of marriage."

YOUNG CANADA—"Did you ever hear such horrible, discordant, ear-splitting—" Old Broadfoot—"Sieg! Why, that's my oldest daughter, and—" "I repeat, sir, such ear-splitting clatter as those kitchen utensils making? Why, I can't hear a word of the song."

A SWELL at the seaside was surprised when leaning against the railings on the parade to notice that nearly everybody who passed him burst into laughter. On looking down at his feet some time after he perceived to his horror that he was standing just over a notice-board which read in large print: "Stand for one donkey."

UNCLE SAM'S CHILDREN.

JAY GOULD carries a thirty-five-cent watch.

THE former estate of James Madison at Orange Court-House, Va., is owned by William L. Bradley, of Boston and Louis F. Detrick, of Baltimore.

EX-SENATOR BRUCE's twelve-year-old son is named Roscoe Conkling Bruce, and is the proud possessor of a silver cup, knife, fork and spoon given to him by the late Senator.

THE very finest estate in America will be George Vanderbilt's, in North Carolina, when he has finished improvements which, for the foundation and first floor of his castle alone, have already cost four hundred thousand dollars.

A. B. FROST is one of half a dozen American illustrators to whom art has brought handsome fortunes, "lettered ease" and rural comfort. He lives on a good-sized farm near Madison, N. J., dresses as he will and dispenses a generous hospitality.

WEBB C. HAYES, the ex-President's son, lives in Cleveland, where he is rated a keen and successful business man. He is treasurer of one corporation and a stockholder in several others. He is a bachelor and occupies handsome apartments in the east end of the city.

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MENTAL KITCHEN SCALES.

TEN common-sized eggs weigh one pound.

SOFT butter the size of an egg weighs one ounce.

ONE pint of coffee A sugar weighs twelve ounces.

ONE pint of best brown sugar weighs thirteen ounces.

TWO TEACUPS (level) of granulated sugar weigh one pound.

ONE and one-third pints of powdered sugar weigh one pound.

ONE pint (heaped) of granulated sugar weighs fourteen ounces.

TWO TABLESPOONS of powdered sugar or flour weigh one ounce.

ONE tablespoon (well rounded) of soft butter weighs one ounce.

TWO TEACUPS (well heaped) of coffee A sugar weigh one pound.

TWO TEACUPS of soft butter (well packed) weigh one pound.

ONE quart of sifted flour (well heaped) weighs one pound.

ONE tablespoonful (well heaped) granulated coffee A or best brown sugar equals one ounce.

FOUR teaspoons are equal to one tablespoon. Two and one-half teaspoonfuls of the best brown sugar weigh one pound.

TEASPOONS vary in size, and the new ones hold about twice as much as an old fashioned spoon of thirty years ago. A medium-sized teaspoon contains about a drachm.

MISS PARLOA says one generous pint of liquid or one pint of finely-chopped meat, packed solidly, weighs one pound, which it would be very convenient to remember.

ENTERPRISING WOMEN.

MRS. EMILIE A. OBERLE is engaged in the manufacture of tents and awnings.

MRS. JOHN REISNER, of Atchison County, Kan., made 4,020 pounds of butter last year, churning and working it all by the old-fashioned process.

ADA GRAY, of Cincinnati, is said to be "the only colored lady dentist" in this country. It is not stated whether she has a special pull with people of her own race.

ONE of the best financiers in St. Louis is Mrs. Lucy V. S. Ames, who since her husband's death, has managed his estate with great skill and practical good sense. She is at the same time a prominent figure in the best society of the Mound City.

THERE are fifty-eight butcher shops in New York either owned or managed by women. These "lady" butchers—they would be called on the other side—are for the most part widows or daughters of men who established the business.

MARY PHILAMENA DITZEN, a tawny haired, square-shouldered woman of thirty, contributes to the support of herself and family by filing and setting saws. She has a little yellow-hair husband and a big bank account. Unless her plans fail she will make university man of her sons.

MRS. SOPHIE BRAUENLICH, who has worked her way up, beginning as a typewriter in the office of its editor, has lately been made sole business manager of the Engineering and Mining Journal. She also superintended the preparation of the Government statistics on gold and silver for the new census returns.

CURIOS FROM EVERYWHERE.

A DROVE of one thousand turkeys were driven from Parsons to Oswego, Kan.

THE proprietor of a Philadelphia cigar store has posted a sign in his place forbidding smoking.

REV. DAVID KAUFFMAN, of Indiana, puts himself asleep while in the pulpit. While apparently asleep and unconscious, it is said that he delivers sermons of amazing eloquence.

A KANSAS man played a very sharp trick upon a neighbor lately. He stole a herd of 150 cattle, sold them, pocketed the money and then committed suicide. His victim sees no way of redress.

IN counting his small change the other day, a Michigan man found the most valuable five-cent piece extant. The jarring on the table caused the piece of money to split in two, and from the center rolled a gold dollar.

CHARLIE GRIFFITH, of Athens, Ga., has a curiosity in the shape of a pipe. The bowl of the pipe is fashioned out of a costly variety of briarwood, while the stem was taken from the leg of some lordly goblet of the days of long ago.

RESIDING on a farm near Dubuque, Ia., is a peculiarly afflicted boy, four years of age, the son of Ernest Bohn. He was born without eyes, and has no place in his head for them, the forehead being perfectly smooth. The child is possessed of all his other faculties, and enjoys good health.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

FOR rapid pronunciation: An anonymous Ananias is an anomaly and an anachronism.

THE French chouvinists rebel against the use of the English word "yacht," and in deference to their feelings, the word will probably be spelled "yaute."

PROF. MARSH has made an estimate, based on careful analysis, that the proportion of Anglo-Saxon words in the English Bible is ninety-seven per cent. of the whole.

A DISCUSSION upon the modern pronunciation of English leads to the observation that the letter R has ceased to be heard. There is now no difference between "law" and "lore."

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES has just invented two admirable words—"pseudopathy" and "pseudotherapy," one signifying the quack science of disease and the other the quack method of healing.

LITERATURE AND ART.

BOSTON has a school the object of which is to teach models how to pose.

IT is reported that the Pope intends to renovate Michael Angelo's celebrated fresco, "The Last Judgment," which is the glory of the Sistine chapel.

THE venerable James Parton works six hours a day at his home in Newburyport. His desk is his place of rest and recreation, for that is what literary occupation means to him.

W. CLARKE RUSSELL, whose sea stories have such remarkable dash, breeziness and out-of-door freedom, has long been a hopeless and well-nigh helpless invalid, chained to an in-door existence in an inland town.

MISS K. T. MCGROGAN, of Detroit, at one time George Bancroft's amanuensis, says that the historian, though deluged with letters and telegrams of congratulation on every birthday, scrupulously replied to every solitary one by letter.

A MONTREAL citizen has purchased for $800 a landscape painting that he would be willing to sell at a discount. The chief value of the picture was in the signature, "D. Tenniers," in one corner, but Mrs. Stanley pronounces it a forgery.

THE Russian press unanimously laments the death of Gregory Petrovitch Danilevsky, editor of the official Russian Gazette, which he converted from a dry and uninteresting record of official acts into a journal of distinct literary attraction.

THE royal Saxon collection of china, the finest lot of Dresden china in the world, has just been greatly increased by the addition to it of the 11,000 pieces of Dr. Oertay Spitzner. The collection now contains about 24,000 pieces from the Meissen factory.

FRANKLIN W. SMITH, of Boston, the projector of an audacious scheme to build an immense temple of Chance at Washington, D. C., to cost $[illegible] and occupy 100 acres of ground, Mr. Smith has had the plans drawn, it is said, and hopes to raise enough money in the next five years to begin the work.

"O, ah, let me see, what do you give for a cold on the chest?" asked Jones, in a sort of indifferent tone, of a doctor with whom he was slightly acquainted, as he met him on the street. "Advice," was the laconic reply. So do we. We advise you not to neglect that hacking cough and drowsy feeling, the coated tongue, the failing appetite, the indigestion and general lassitude and debility—that "tired feeling," as so many express it. Take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, in time, and it will not disappoint. It is not only the most wonderful alterative, or blood-cleanser, known to medical science, but also possesses superior nutritive and tonic or strength-giving properties. It improves digestion and builds up both flesh and strength when, from any cause, they are reduced below a healthy standard. For Bronchial, Throat and Lung Diseases, accompanied with lingering coughs, the "Golden Medical Discovery" is absolutely unequaled as a remedy.

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