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## Our Washington Letter

Special to the News from our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16.—There is a serious question of veracity between Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of State, and a number of prominent newspaper men of Washington and of New York, concerning certain utterances of Mr. Sherman on the assassination of the Spanish Premier and its probable effect upon Cuba, and on the general attitude of England towards the United States, which were published as interviews with Mr. Sherman. The newspapermen who are among the most prominent in the business, declare that Mr. Sherman used the language they quoted, while Mr. Sherman declares most emphatically, both verbally and in a signed communication to a local paper, that he did not. This controversy has revived the talk about age telling upon the faculties of Mr. Sherman, which was quite prevalent when he left Washington several days before the adjournment of Congress. It was his personal friends who first began to talk about his failing memory. Mr. Sherman is now in his seventy-fifth year, but the world is full of men older than he whose mental faculties are at their best.

It is queer what different views are taken of the same thing. When Secretary Alger took charge of the War Department he found a system under which the watchman of that department made daily reports of the goings and comings of the clerks and promptly abolished it, believing that better results would be obtained by putting the clerks on their honor. Now the abolished system of the War Department has been adopted by the Treasury Department.

There is no doubt of the good intentions of Secretary Bliss in issuing that official warning to the Klondike-bound public, which was published this week. Nor is there any doubt that all the dangers enumerated in that warning exist, aye, and more; but who ever heard of a man with the gold fever in his veins being turned aside by warnings of danger ahead of him.

It is generally believed that the extraordinary state of affairs show by the investigation into the methods followed by John Wedderburn & Co., which caused Commissioner of Patents Butterworth to prefer charges of fraudulent practices against that firm and to cite them to show cause why they should not be disbarred from practice before the Patent Office, served a good purpose by hurrying up the new regulations for practice before that office which have been promulgated by Commissioner Butterworth, and which are bound to result in benefit to the inventors of the country. It is in evidence in the case against Werderburn & Co, that almost 50 per cent of the applications for patents they have filed during the past two years have been rejected as unpatentable, and many of the remainder (probably four-fifths) have not been considered worth the cost of a patent. Yet, in addition to their fees in advance for prosecuting these applications for United States patents, that firm has persuaded many of those poor applicants to pay them fees for applying for European patents and money for advertising for sale patents that they should have known would never be obtained.

Senator Hansbrough, of N. Dak., was in Washington this week, but he wasn't worrying about political or other public matters, as he came to see Miss Chapman, to whom he will be married next Monday, in New York.

In view of the large sums of money the Cramps have received from the government in the shape of premiums for speed in excess of the requirements in the war vessels they have built for the government, there was much surprise in Washington when they filed a suit in the Court of Claims against the United States government for damages aggregating \$1,736,149, which they claim to have sustained by reason of delay and defaults on the part of the government in furnishing the armor plate and plans while the battleships Massachusetts, Iowa and Indiana, and the cruisers New York, Brooklyn and Columbia were being constructed by them. While Congress has nothing to do with the Court of Claims, it is probable that members of Congress who think the Cramps have been exceedingly well treated in all their dealings with the government will have something to say about these claims next winter.

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