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### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Oct. 8.—There has been another turn of the Chinese kaleidoscope, and now everything points to a peaceful settlement with China by the powers. The threat of independent action by this government and the actual steps taken in that direction resulted in awakening the other powers to the necessity for some sort of concerted action, if a big war was to be averted, and the refusal to support propositions made in turn by Russia, Germany and France showed that it would not be easy. The Chinese government added materially to the chances for a diplomatic settlement when it ordered the punishment of Prince Tuan and other prominent Chinese officials known to have been largely responsible for the Boxer uprising and its hideous atrocities, because it thereby strengthened the position the U. S. has occupied from the first, that the Chinese Empire should not be dismembered, and made it easier for the other powers to come around to the same position. Secretary Hay will not say what has been done or will be done by the powers, although it is known that he has important information on the subject—information that has brought smiles to the faces of all the officials in Washington, from the President down, because it indicates concerted action on the part of the powers in negotiating with China and that the negotiation will be along lines in keeping with the declaration of our policy.

It is a coincidence that the President's fortnightly visits to Washington, since he has been at Canton, have invariably been accompanied by favorable news from or about China.

Probably no man in Washington more thoroughly enjoys the change in the tenor of the news from China than the Chinese minister to the U.

S. Once more he looks the old-time, beaming, moon-faced Chinaman he was before the Boxer troubles began. For months he haunted the Department of State in search of news, with care and dread plainly imprinted upon his countenance. Although he never asked for protection, during those months the Chinese legation was watched night and day by policemen in citizens clothes. Now Mr. Wu feels so good that he wants to swap jokes with everybody he meets.

Probably there has never been a Presidential campaign in which humbug did not play a part on both sides, and never will be, as the politicians have long ago recognized the truth of Barnum's assertion that the people liked to be humbugged. In fact, it is likely that Barnum acquired the knowledge, which he turned into money, from the politicians during some bygone Presidential campaign. Certainly in no campaign was humbug ever more prominent on both sides than in the present one. In every direction democratic speakers and writers are declaring that with the reelection of McKinley will come the end of the republic, when they know that it is humbug, while republican speakers and writers are saying that Bryan's election will spell ruin for the country, when they know it is humbug. This country will go right along being a republic to the end of the chapter, and it is too big and great and rich to be ruined by the election of any man to president.

The Union Veteran Union held their fifteenth annual encampment in Washington this week; also the Woman's Veteran Relief Corp. There were 111 commands represented by nearly 600 delegates. The meetings of both were held behind closed doors, in accordance with their by-laws. General R. G. Dryenforth was re-elected Commander-in-Chief. The President held a special reception at the

White House in honor of the veterans and accompanying ladies.

When it comes to talking about a "Greater America," Col. Jeremiah H. Davis, of Tenn., certainly put a strong bid for the championship medal when he said to a group of Washington friends: "The time is coming when Washington will be the seat of government of the whole Western Hemisphere. This will come about, I think, by gradual evolution. The U. S. will annex Canada first, and govern all territory north of the Rio Grande. The Spanish speaking peoples of Mexico and the Central and South American States will find it to their advantage to combine under one government. None of this will be brought about by conquest, but the spirit of the age is for combination, and weak nations will find that they must join forces to resist the aggressions of stronger powers. The growing greatness of the Western Hemisphere will cause all the Old World to be arrayed against it, and combinations in Europe and Asia will necessitate counter combinations in the west, until North and South America become one great republic, defying the combined forces of all the rest of the world." Even Jules Verne would have found it hard to beat this in the prediction line.

Postmaster General Smith denies the charges, several of which have been made, that the machinery of the post office department is being used for partisan purposes, and says that any individual postmaster proven to have been guilty of withholding or destroying mail will be severely punished. Most of these charges are general, but this week Representative Rhea, of Va., made one that was specific and asked that it be investigated. He says that important political documents mailed to him from Washington have repeatedly failed to reach him.

### It Happened in a Drug Store.

"One day last winter a lady came to my drug store and asked for a brand of cough medicine that I did not have in stock," says Mr. C. R. Grandin, the popular druggist of Ontario, N. Y. "She was disappointed and wanted to know what cough preparation I could recommend. I said to her that I could freely recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that she could take a bottle of the remedy and after giving it a fair trial if she did not find it worth the money to bring back the bottle and I would refund the price paid. In the course of a day or two the lady came back in company with a friend in need of a cough medicine and advised her to buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I consider that a very good recommendation for the remedy. It is for sale by E. J. Eastman, Gold Hill or Ben Haymond, Rock Point.

### A Chance for Old Bachelors.

The "Old Maids' Convention" will be held at the Opera House, Grants Pass, Oct. 26. Admission 25 cents.

### The Center of the Eye.

Should come directly in the center of the lens—sometimes not— not always. Whether your eye should look through upper, lower, inner or outer part of the lens is immaterial to you, but that you should look through the right part is of the utmost importance. A knowledge of the eye that will enable us to place the lens properly is what we offer you. The wrong glass wrongly placed will injure your eye, the right one rightly adjusted will strengthen it.

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