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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. (SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.)

WASHINGTON, October 12, 1900.

The president and his cabinet have devoted considerable time to Chinese matters since his return to Washington this week, but there has been very little made public, except that the answer of this government to the proposals of France for dealing with China had been prepared and forwarded. There is about as wide a difference between the opinion of members of the administration and of those held by European members of the diplomatic corps on the present status of affairs in China and the outlook for a settlement as existed previous to the rescue of the foreigners in Peking. Then, as now, this government trusted China, while the European diplomats distrust it now as much as it did then. Members of the administration hold the opinion that the refusal of the Chinese government to return to Peking will not delay the negotiations, while the diplomats think it will, and that it will be weeks, perhaps months, before the negotiations are started. Minister Conger has sent to Washington the names of a dozen Chinamen of prominence who deserve punishment for participation in the Boxer troubles, but the Chinese government has only ordered the punishment of three of them.

Gen. John R. Brooke, commander of the military department of the east, in his annual report to the war department, made public this week, makes a strong plea for the reorganization of our army on modern lines. He says: "For many years past the general officers of the army have shown the necessity for an increase which will place the army on an efficient basis and enable it to perform its duties with credit to itself and to the satisfaction of the nation. The events since the commencement of the Spanish war have demonstrated beyond doubt the necessity for a reorganization which will enable this nation to maintain the position in which it now finds itself placed, so that in case of war the army may form the bulwark behind which the volunteer army may be created, as has always been done in our country, by organizing the people."

Ever since their introduction there has been a controversy among army officers as to the advantages

of the costly disappearing gun carriages on coast fortifications. The Board of Ordnance and Fortifications has taken a hand in the controversy by recommending to the secretary of war that no more disappearing gun carriages be made.

The bureau of engraving and printing is now employing the largest working force in its history—2360 persons. It is also turning out more work than ever before, the present daily average being 200,000 sheets of revenue stamps, 40,000 sheets of postage stamps, 8,000 sheets of national bank notes four on a sheet, 72,000 sheets of silver certificates and 5,000 sheets of miscellaneous work.

Rear Admiral Sampson came to Washington this week to hold a conference with Secretary Long, on some matters connected with the Boston navy yard, where he is now stationed, and he was so weak and ill that a naval surgeon was ordered to accompany him back to Boston. His health, which has not been good for several years, seems to be getting worse all the time.

There is a wide difference of opinion on compulsory arbitration of labor disputes among those whose positions would seem to enable them to form an intelligent opinion. The industrial commission has been hearing evidence on both sides of the question, but if the testimony has been conclusive either way to any member of the commission, it has not been to the average outsider. Mr. John S. Kelley, president of the United Journeymen Plumbers and Gasfitters Association, of Chicago, strongly recommended compulsory arbitration in his testimony before the commission. While Joseph O. Smith, a member of the New Jersey state board of arbitration, was equally as emphatic against it, and that is the way the testimony has been going since the subject has been before the commission.

The secretary of the navy had another conference this week with officers of the steel companies which have the facilities for making armor plate, which ended with submission of propositions and counter propositions which naval officials say are so near together that they regard it as certain that an agreement will soon be reached and that no government armor-making plant will be established under the authority conferred on the secretary by congress.

German cotton manufacturers are getting alarmed for fear that something might cut off their supply of raw material, which comes almost entirely from this country. The U. S. Consul at Annaberg, Germany, reports to the department of state that the German colonial association has recently sent a petition to the imperial chancellor, asking that every means be used to introduce cotton growing into German colonies where soil and climate favor. The consul added: "If, for some reason Germany should be cut off for one year from her cotton supply there would be a crisis of incalculable consequences. Germany, France and England have never forgotten the days of the civil war, when their cotton supply was cut off by the blockade of the Southern States."

Four Doctors Failed.

Medford Mail.

Dr. Darrin has been so thoroughly heralded by the press of Southern Oregon that these are none who are not aware of his presence or conversant with the many hearty indorsements that come to him from every section of Oregon. Many of these are from well known and prominent persons—persons whose word is unquestioned by their friends and neighbors, whose veracity is recognized far beyond the community in which they live, and whose endorsement carries with it more than ordinary conviction; yet even the testimony of those of more than local reputation fails to carry with it quite the degree of conviction that is borne by that of the testimonial produced by a neighbor, relating to facts personally known to the reader. Mr. A. Pool of Eagle Point, a well known resident of Jackson county of many year standing, submits over his signature what he knows of Dr. Darrin's professional ability in a complicated case in which four doctors had previously failed, and tells of a neighbor who is able to bear splendid evidence of the doctor's curative powers. He writes as follows:

Mr. Editor—I hold it to be my duty as well as pleasure to help to make known any means of relieving the suffering humanity. Ten years ago I was taken with heart trouble and pains through my chest and body. I had then been under the care of four doctors, and

they gave me up as incurable. I was so weak and run down that I could scarcely walk across the street. All my friends and neighbors thought my days on earth were nearly spent. I visited Dr. Darrin in Portland ten years ago, and was cured by him in two months. I have never been ill since and feel well and able to work.

My neighbor, Mr. Mathews, of Eagle Point, visited Dr. Darrin the same year and was cured of lung trouble, called consumption, and a large tumor in his side. Refer to me at Eagle Point, Oregon where I reside and have for twenty years.

A. Pool.

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."

INSTITUTE NOTES.

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The work of the Institute will be based on the State Course of study.

All persons expecting to teach in the county the coming year, as well as those now in the work, should be present each day.

P. H. Daily, Supt.

H. E. Ankeny was in the city Monday.

Hon. Tillman Ford, of Salem, an old war horse in the republican ranks, spoke to a large audience in I. O. O. F. hall last Monday evening.

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