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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.]

WASHINGTON, October 22, 1900.
The Chinese Minister, who has not been courting notoriety for some time past, took the center of the stage this week by an extraordinary proceeding, nothing less than a personal interview with the president on diplomatic business. This is a privilege which diplomatic usage accords to ambassadors, who are accredited to the rulers of countries but not to ministers, who are accredited to countries. In this case, the Chinese Minister had a message from the emperor of China in person, tendering his thanks to the president for the course pursued by this government in dealing with the troubles in China, and he desired to present it in person. He laid the matter before Secretary Hay, who granted him the privilege. When he left the White House after half an hour's talk with the president, the minister was a picture of happiness.

Although this government has at all times treated the Chinese minister as though it thoroughly believed in all the professions of his government, it is doubtful whether it does or has done so at any time. It has certainly had cause to doubt. At the very moment when Secretary Hay gave the Chinese minister the privilege of making a personal call on the president he had in his possession a dispatch from Minister Conger containing more than on intimation that the Chinese government was not acting in good faith. Perhaps Secretary Hay is merely trying to beat the Chinese at their own game.

Gen. A. J. Sampson, of Arizona, U. S. Minister to Ecuador, who enjoys the distinction of having been the first citizen of a territory to be appointed to a position in the diplomatic service, as high as minister, since Lewis Cass was appointed from the then territory of Michigan, sixty odd years ago, is in Washington on leave of absence. Gen. Sampson is a native of Ohio, but has lived many years in the west, and was at one time attorney general of Colorado. He has just returned from a visit to West Point, where he went to visit a son of the president of Ecuador, who is a cadet in the military academy, through the courtesy of congress. He says Ecuador is prosperous, but that it is not an inviting field for Americans in Ruito, the capital,

and probably not fifty persons in Ecuador who speak English.

Judge Gray, formerly senator from Delaware, who was recently named by the president as the second American member of the Hague Arbitration Court was in Washington this week to confer with Secretary Hay. Judge Gray has not yet formally accepted the appointment, but it is thought that he will.

Treasury officials have been studying the figures showing the income and outgo of the government for the last fiscal year, and wondering how it will be possible for congress to carry out the much talked of reduction of internal revenue taxes, which were imposed at the opening of the war with Spain. The income for the year only exceeded the expenditures by a little more than \$3,000,000. True the treasury has a cash balance of \$133,000,000, but no secretary of the treasury will be likely to recommend legislation that would make it necessary to use part of that balance to pay ordinary expenses. There may be some reduction in internal revenue taxation—it is said a positive promise has been made to reduce the tax on beer—but it is certain that there will be no general repeal of what are known as the war taxes at the coming session of congress.

Secretary Hay delivered an address before the New England Cotton Manufacturers Association, which held its semi-annual meeting in Washington this week, in which he took a somewhat different stand from that taken by him in an interview a few weeks ago concerning the future stability of our financial system. In that interview Mr. Gage spoke apprehensively of the possibility of a change, in this address he said: "You are to be congratulated that the standard of money is fixed and established on an enduring foundation. You can make contracts with people at home, with people abroad, both parties to the contract knowing what the terms of money mean in which those contracts must at last be settled." The political know-it-alls ascribe the change of tone in Mr. Gage's language about the financial future to the status of the campaign. They say that his statements a few weeks ago about the danger of the present financial system being overthrown if President McKinley was defeated was

intended to alarm the republicans and get them to take a more active part in the campaign and that having succeeded, he now expresses his real opinion, because he is now confident that his party will elect the president.

Speaking of confidence, the president and every member of his official family have it to overflowing, not only in public but among themselves. They are not assuming it, as all politicians do at times as a part of their campaign business, but they absolutely have it, and if the president is not re-elected, they will be about as greatly surprised a lot of men as this country ever saw. About a month or six weeks ago, they had doubts, but they have none now about the presidency, although they are still dubious about the majority in the next house, and somewhat afraid that it will be captured by the democrats.

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.

THE DELUSIVE DODGER.

Speaking of methods of advertising, an exchange says, with truth, that the dodger, nine times out of ten, stops at the front door, while the newspaper finds its way to the dining room or parlor and enters right into the bosom of the family. It may be said that the dodgers or handbills rarely reach the front door, so negligent of duty are most bill distributors. The surest way to advertise, as to good results, is in the local paper.

As we hear the name Roosevelt pronounced in various ways, it may be of interest to know the pronunciation given by Governor Roosevelt himself. The editor of a

New York paper wrote to him some time ago for information on this point. In his reply the pronunciation is given as Rosevelt, and not Roosvelt, nor Roseyvelt, nor Roosevelt.

Bryanitis.

Bryanitis is a complication of diseases, comprising opposition to everything in the shape of common sense.

The disorder is acute and virulent, but self limited in its nature. If Tammanitis does not develop and the fanatic fever can be kept under control the prognosis seems favorable.

The following prescription furnishes a reliable febrifuge:

R Knowledge of human nature..... 4 ounces
Knowledge of political history..... 4 ounces
Common sense..... 2 ounces
Deliberation..... 2 ounces
Patriotism..... 4 ounces
M. Sig.: Tablespoonful doses as indicated.

Bryan Has Betrayed Himself.

Time has exposed the quality of Mr. Bryan's honesty, and it proves to be only a thin veneer. He is a shallow trickster, a scheming, peevish politician. He carefully adjusts his arguments to the supposed sympathies of his hearers. He tries his political sails to catch every shifting wind. He deliberately repeats assertions which he knows to be false and misleading because he thinks they are effective to win votes. He does not abandon a false or foolish argument when its falsity and folly are exposed. He persists in employing it and studies to present it if possible in a more delusive manner. He has, for example, repeatedly declared that the United States treasury is even now, under McKinley's administration, coining silver dollars at the ratio of 16 to 1. He insinuates that the republican administration is doing just what the republican party condemns him for demanding. But the coinage of silver dollars of the silver bullion purchased under the Sherman silver law of 1890, the purchasing clause of which was repealed in 1893 by a democratic administration, is all that the treasury is doing, and this is as different from the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 as black is different from white, and Mr. Bryan knows it, but thinks his audiences do not.—Tacoma Ledger.

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T. J. DOWNING,
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STICKLE & STAEDINGER, Gold Hill, Oregon

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SHINGLES.**

The N. Y. Racket Store.

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Gold Hill, Oregon

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