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Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, April 18th, 1887.

As the time draws near for the Washington National Drill, public attention is concentrating upon the novel event, and preparations go briskly forward. The ruling of the Interstate Commissioners allowing reduced rates of travel to be given to people attending the Drill, will tend greatly to increase the crowd of visitors. The leading railroad lines of the country telegraph to headquarters that they are expecting, and making arrangements to carry immense numbers of excursionists to the spectacle, and that the accommodations of the capitol as regards board and shelter will probably be taxed to their utmost capacity. They are unnecessarily alarmed on this point however, Washington is a city of hotels and boarding-houses, and its adaptability to crowds has never fully been tested. It was not uncomfortably full at the time of the Cleveland inauguration, and it was estimated that there were then two hundred thousand strangers within her gates. Still the Drill committee, which seems determined to leave nothing undone that can add to the pleasure and comfort of the occasion, will keep a list of hotels, boarding and lodging houses, where rooms and beds with and without meals can be had. Rooms are registered at prices ranging from $1 upward, and meals can be had from 25cts. upward. If those wanting rooms will address the National Drill committee, stating just what they want as to rooms, beds and meals, and what they are willing to pay, they will be put in communication with persons who can furnish such accommodations. About the 21st. of May an official will be at each of the railway stations in this city to give the same information to people arriving, so as to enable them to repair directly to such quarters as are most convenient to the station where they arrive. There is every indication that the Drill will be successful in every particular. The East, West, North and South and every other section of the Union will be represented in the contest, and an abundance of funds for the expenses of the whole affair were long ago subscribed and paid into the treasury. $26,500 will be distributed in cash prizes, besides stands of colors, gold, silver and bronze medals, special medals and plate trophies. South of the White House and between it and the Washington monument is a beautiful level ellipse, one-half mile in circumference. Here the daily contests will be held to show the proficiency of the infantry, cavalry, artillery and zouave tactics. Each evening there will be a grand dress parade, and on Governor's Day the great parade will take place, when it is expected that about twenty-five chief executives of states, together with the president, will review the procession. Grand stands for spectators will be erected around the Drill grounds, and the camp is to be on that broad expanse of green lying around the Washington monument. The Drill will commence on the 23d of May and continue nine days, closing on the 30th, decoration day, with a grand combination parade through the streets of the city. It will be the largest gathering of citizen soldiery, and the finest display of their excellence in the manuel of arms and military maneuvres that has ever been seen in this country. State and other local Drills have been held at different places, many of them meeting with signal success. No national drill has ever before been attempted, and one could not be carried out elsewhere than here. Military displays have always been popular, the pomp and circumstance of war, always attracts the multitude. The national capitol will welcome the thousands of visitors who will flock to the coming encampment, in all the beauty of her best attire, her new spring suit of fresh, bright green. They have no idea how charming Washington is at her best, and they will be surprised and delighted with the broad asphalt avenues lined with shade trees, forming miles of green vistas, and with the statues and fountains and parks and flowers that they will see at every turn.

LOCAL NOTES.

Fish are being caught here every day by the hundreds.

We were at fault last week in the announcemant that Billy Webster would lecture here on temperance. We should have said prohibition.

A. F. Campbell, a former attorney of this district, was doing the river Tuesday and Wednesday in the interest of the government, gauging whisky.

Skookum Joe has opened a restaurant on Front St., Marshfield, and will hereafter be a candidate for a share of the patronage. He will be pleased to meet his many Coquille friends.

Willie Schroeder, the Halls prairie merchant, was visiting friends in this place Wednesday and Thursday. Willie used to stick type in this office, and on this occasion gave us a lift.

Young Bros., of Oakland, Douglas county, left Myrtle Point on Wednesday with a large drove of cattle. Verily, Coos is coming to the front for good stock; and Young Bros. are not slow to visit the excellent field to be found here.

Mr. Frank Grant learning of the death of his father in Ohio, started back there on Thursday. Mr. G. has been engineer on the Coos for some time, and is a fine engineer. He will be missed, and by none more than by the Coquille City brass band, with whom he gained a deserved reputation as a first-class musician.

Mr. Baily, of Oakland, before leaving the river purchased four fine horses of Mr. R. C. Dement, of South Coquille. Those who saw the horses, say, that without doubt, they were the finest ever taken from this county. One of them, a 4-year-old, in moderate flesh, weighed 1380 pounds. Not only were they of good size, but every point of excellence was prominent. Mr. Baily says that our third annual fair will be largely attended by people from the Umpqua and Willamette valleys, and that we will see the best racing stock that these valleys can muster.

Iowa Slough Items.

Weather fine.

Farmers busy.

School progressing with an increased number of pupils.

Our toboggan builder has a contract to build fourteen new toboggans.

Our road supervisor says he will have the road open from this place to Green Point or bust, "by the life."

There is talk of starting a Sunday school. Well, we have a right to, for Iowa slough is the daddy of all the Sunday schools in Coos county, as the first one was organized here.

A party of Iowa slough's youth and beauty went down to the Pioneer church last Sunday to take in the Sunday school, they said, but they were badly taken in themselves; they finished up with a picnic on the bank of the river a mile or so above, but we desist from telling about the half gallon of sand that got into the basket among the pies and chickens. Of course everyone came home with sand in his craw The same crowd are going to Bear creek next Sunday and if the people down there are sharp, they will kill the whole brigade.

Some of the children had a fishing match a few evenings ago, in which Miss Myrtle Perry came out victorious. Well, Myrtle deserves the honor, for she is one of the finest girls in the country, and no one dares contradict it.

Building and repairing boats seem to be the order of the day on the slough just now. Guess boat rides will come next, then four-leaf clover, then mashes, then engagements, then a wedding, then —then—oh! pshaw; let's stop.

More anon, Lodi.

Operations at the Panama canal have about suspended on account of sickness.

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