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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, March 23, 1888.

Senator Blair, of New Hampshire, author of the educational bill, has just introduced another measure over which the mere question of reference caused quite a spirited debate. It provides that in appointments to civil service positions the wounded and disabled ex-confederate soldiers shall be given preference over other confederates. Speeches were made by Senators Platt, Hale, Berry, Blair, Hoar, Riddleberger, Hampton, George, Manderson, Daniel and Hawley.

The Southern senators, while expressing the kindliest feelings for the generosity and philanthropy which had prompted the introduction of the bill, disclaimed all desire on the part of the ex-confederates for the passage of any such exceptional measure, but thought that as a matter of courtesy and uniformity of practice, the bill should be referred to its appropriate committee. The Northern senators were of one accord in condemning the measure as unwise and ill-considered.

Senator Blair said he had introduced his bill in entire good faith. He understood that in the one state of North Carolina, there were today 40,000 ex-soldiers of the confederacy who had lost limbs in the service, and that most of them were in poor circumstances. It seemed to him that if the government under this or any other administration gave appointment to men who had been disloyal to the Union, preference should be given to those who were disabled, other things being equal.

The widow of General Hancock will be presented with a handsome brown stone and brick house in this city about the first of April. Some friends of the late general have been actively engaged in trying to raise sufficient money for its purchase, and have been successful. The lady will take possession of her new home at once.

The dozen or more authors who have been visiting Washington during the week and giving public readings from their works for the benefit of the Copyright league, were entertained at the White House on Monday evening after the readings. The old mansion was in gala dress for the occasion, and supper was served about midnight. The writers want an international copyright law, you know, and a bill to that end has just been reported to the senate.

On Wednesday a terrific thunder storm caused something of a panic on Capitol hill. It was thought that the dome had been struck, and there was a general rush to see if the Goddess of Liberty had lost her balance. In the rotunda the crash was appalling, and the echoes reverberated up and down the corridors for some time. Every electric light in the building was put out, and fiery balls of electricity were sent through the corridors, cutting off telegraphic communication and giving the elevator conductors a severe shock. The crash which accompanied the thunder silenced the eloquence of the congressman who had the floor, and sweeping into the press gallery over the telegraph wires, caused the operators at the keys to make a hasty and undignified retreat. No real damage was done to the capitol, although the presence of the electric current was plainly felt at different points by men around metal work.

Congressman Crain, of Texas, is very hopeful in regard to his constitutional amendment changing inauguration day. Said he: "The weather of the past two weeks is sufficient to warrant a change, and I believe the next president will be inaugurated on the 30th of April." Mr. Crain will make an effort to have this question considered on the 2d proximo. There is a pronounced feeling in the house in favor of changing inauguration day, and there is but little doubt that the change will be made.

On Wednesday evening Belva Lockwood, looking in excellent health and spirits, occupied the platform of the Grand Army hall and spoke for an hour and a half to about 150 people. Her alleged subject was "Washington social and political life," but she did not allow herself to be trammeled by it, and branched off in different directions. Speaking of politics, she said as Blaine had resigned and Geo. W. Childs and Robert Lincoln, that when Cleveland resigned, she also would publicly tender her resignation. She believed the coming man would be a woman. All that she asked for the District of Columbia at present was that the women be allowed to vote on licensing the saloon. "The greatest act of President Cleveland's life, she thought, was that of taking unto himself Frances Folsom for a wife.

Representative O'Neill, of Missouri, made an aggressive fight yesterday for the right of labor to be heard in the house.

River and Harbor Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The river and harbor bill was completed in the committee to-day. The appropriations for rivers and harbors on the Pacific coast are: Humboldt, Cal., $150,000; Oakland, Cal., $175,000; Wilmington, Cal., $90,000; Yaquina bay, $120,000; San Joaquin, $25,000; Redwood, Cal., $74,000; Mokelumne, Cal., $2000; San Luis, Cal., $25,000; Sacramento and Feather rivers, Cal., $20,000; San Diego, $10,000; Napa, Cal., $7500; Petaluma, Cal., $2000; deep sea mooring, Cal., $150,000.

Coquille river, Or., $20,000; Coos bay, Or., $50,000; Cascades, Or., $175,000; Upper Columbia, Or., $10,000; mouth of the Columbia, Or., $350,000; Lower Willamette, $80,000; Upper Willamette, $15,000; Coquille, between Coquille and Myrtle Point, $2000; gauging the waters of the Columbia, $2500.

Chehalis river, W. T., $2000; Cowlitz, W. T., $2500; Skagit, W. T., $15,000.

The bill makes an aggregate appropriation of $19,432,783 and is the largest bill of the kind ever brought in.

The Mississippi river from Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico receives $3,385,000; St. Mary's river, $1,500,000; Missouri river, $625,000.

John C. Eno, who a few years ago robbed his rich old father and all his friends by a shameless embezzlement and theft of his financial trust, and ran away to Canada, is reported as becoming quite a favorite in social circles at Ottawa. He recently dined with Sir Adolphe Caron, minister of militia, meeting several members of the cabinet, including the minister of justice. He soon returns to Quebec, where he is building a summer residence. There are, however, a large number of the best citizens of Quebec and Montreal who treat Eno's social advances with scorn and contempt. A few years ago Eno was invited to a grand public ball in Quebec, whereupon the great majority of the best English and Canadian residents gave the committee notice that if Eno was to be present they would be absent, on the ground that he was nothing but a rich and well educated thief, who had ran away to Canada to spend his swag and loot in safety; that a man who had become an exile from his father and his friends in order to escape Sing Sing for theft and forgery, was not fit company for honest business men and honorable officers of the army.

A Great Day at Denver.

DENVER, March 30.—The fifth day of the great celebration opening the Panhandle route was the grandest of the week. It proved a "day of days," not only so far as the celebration was concerned, but also meteorologically, and more beautiful weather never was enjoyed in Denver. The streets along which the parade passed were one wilderness of flags, bunting and banners, while the pavements for miles were one mass of humanity, so closely packed that all travel had to be suspended for several hours.

There is too much pressure upon children in the studies and lessons assigned at school. Trying to teach a little of everything results in not teaching anything well. A Chicago merchant recently offered his bookkeeper, and educated man, $25 if he would master the lessons assigned to a twelve-year-old girl in the time given her. The challenge was accepted and the bookkeeper failed.

GENERAL NEWS.

The delinquent tax roll of Whitman county foots up $11,897.44 of the original assessment, or a total of $12,147 added. The total amount of taxes were $97,438.95, of which about one-eighth became delinquent.

Roseburg Plaindealer: One of the amusing jury verdicts that comes to the notice of the public is that rendered in the Hamlin case at Grant's Pass last Thursday. The verdict was: "We find the defendant not guilty, but recommend that he be severely reprimanded by the court." The court didn't reprimand the defendant, however, thinking, no doubt, that it is hardly proper to reprove a man for not being guilty of a crime.

A chair factory at Salem, Oregon, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss is estimated at $15,000. It was owned by Foley.

Colonel Lamont is the "exchange reader" of the White house. He has had considerable practice in this department of newspaper editing, and claims the ability to get through forty papers an hour, which is excellent work. But it must be remembered that the colonel's "misses" don't count, as he works for a scrap-book, and not for a wide-awake editor. The colonel in his reading clips all personal references to the president and his wife, and these are a source of much interest and amusement to the family when assembled for social enjoyment.

It is stated that the Puget Sound sawmills are so crowded for lumber that they are compelled to run night shifts. All the mills have orders ahead, and some will be kept running until next winter on their contracts. This insures a season of great prosperity throughout the Sound country. That will stimulate other business to such a degree that the season will be one of the greatest activity the Sound has ever experienced.

A mob of women in Constantinople sought to obtain arrears of pensions due their husbands from the government, and besieged the office of the minister of finance. The minister was secreted to escape the fury of the mob. The mob killed a woman who was advising them to make their demands quietly.

London mail advices from Adelaide say a great silver boom prevails throughout South Australia. Mining shares that were quoted at £15 two years ago are now worth £49.

The joint resolution appropriating $25,000 to enable the United States to participate in the international exhibition to be held at Barcelona, Spain, in April, 1888, has been adopted.

The North Salem school is afflicted with the measles. Out of fifty pupils enrolled, Prof. Sellwood has only thirty in attendance, while out of an enrollment of seventy, Miss Cosper has but twenty-five in attendance. This state of affairs will materially affect the year's result, as absent pupils will fall behind in their studies.—Salem Vidette.

As a wool producer the United States stands first, the values being $72,464,201; Australia second, $47,358,000; the Argentine Republic third, $45,046,855; Russia fourth, $33,675,200; Austria-Hungary fifth, $30,633,000; France sixth, $16,654,000, and Germany seventh, $15,582,000.

It is reported that the Oregon Pacific has at last paid the judgment rendered against them in favor of Mrs. Laura Lakin. Mrs. Lakin received $1600 for injuries of herself and $600 for the loss of her child, the railroad company paying all costs.

More than 8000 house painters in Cincinnati have struck for less hours to constitute a days work, and increase of pay.

United States Surveyor General Hammond stated to-day that from facts and figures secured by him the population of California on the 1st of the present month was fully 1,350,000, with a floating population in addition of at least 300,000. The national census of 1880 credited that state with a population of 864,694.

The youngest son of a well-known Seattle family was very much interested the other day while his father, a learned lawyer, was discussing with the others at table the question whether the father or mother had the most claim to a child in the event of a separation. After various opinions had been expressed the youthful spoke up and said: "Well, I think the mother owns the child more than the father does, 'cause men never have no children when they ain't married, but with women it don't seem to make much difference."

Last winter played the mischief with tall Johnrabbits in Eastern Oregon. Hardly one is now to be seen in places where formerly they roamed by thousands.—Grant County News.

The boiler of the steamer Bob Irving exploded at 1 o'clock last Sunday on the Skagit river about nine miles above Mount Vernon. The captain and fireman were instantly killed and a deck hand and the cook, a Chinaman, were badly injured.

A great deal of interest is felt at Washington respecting the appointment of a successor to Major General Terry, who has asked to be retired and whose request will undoubtedly be granted. General Crook is the senior in the line of brigadier generals, but the friends of General Miles will make a strong effort to induce the president to give him the coveted appointment.

Rev. Sprague Davis preached a sermon in the Methodist church at Johnson City, Kansas, in which he used indecent language, vulgar expressions, etc. He was arrested and all the people who heard him testified against him, and he was fined $300 and costs. He appealed to the district court. No similar case is known in the United States.

Says a Colfax exchange: Essie Hatley, a boy about 16 years old, was arrested and brought before Justice Inman, Wednesday, on a charge of forgery. He was lodged in the county jail under bonds fixed at $300 for examination continued until April 11th. The youth forged M. W. Lindley's name to an order on A. Kuhn for a $7.50 pair of pants and a package of "Old Judge" smoking tobacco.

It is reported that Miss Mary Louise Booth, who edits Harper's Bazar, receives a salary of $8000 per year.

Dark Crimes.

Some time in 1886 or the first part of 1887 a gang of Chinese went into Wallowa county, Oregon, and pitched their tent near the west bank of Snake river, and began mining along the banks of the river. It appears that these men succeeded in procuring considerable gold dust, during the time they worked the mines. They laid in a large quantity of provisions to enable the miners to carry on the work during the summer of 1887. About the 1st of July, 1887, seven desperate characters of Wallowa county went to the camp armed with rifles and revolvers, where the Chinese were at work, and shot the last one dead; robbed them of all their coin and gold dust, and threw the bodies in the river. An eye witness to the murder says that the gang of Chinese consisted of ten men, and all were at work when the murderers opened fire on them, and not one was left to tell the tale. The people of Wallowa are greatly agitated over the occurrence, and the officers will use every means to bring the guilty parties to justice. Some of the murderers are supposed to be out of the state, and others are thought to be in reach of the officers. This same lawless band has preyed upon the people of Wallowa county for some years, stealing horses and cattle, and no one knows really the extent of the crimes that have been committed of late by this band of desperadoes.

Hot Water for Plants.

It is a fortunate circumstance that a plant will endure a scalding heat that is fatal to most of its minute enemies. Water heated to the boiling point, poured copiously over the stem of an enfeebled peach tree, and allowed to stand about its collar, will often have the happiest restorative effects. Trees showing every symptom of the yellows have often been rendered luxuriantly green and thrifty again, by this simple means. The heat is presumably too much for the fungus which had infested the vital layers of the tree, immediately under the outer bark.

The London florists recommend hot water, up to 145 deg. F., as a remedy, when plants are sickly owing to the soil souring—the acid absorbed by the roots, acting as a poison. The usual resort is to the troublesome job of repotting. When this is not necessary for any other reason, it is much simpler to pour hot water freely through the stirred soil; it will presently come through tinged with brown. After this thorough washing, if the plants are kept warm, new root points and new growth will soon follow.

A lady friend had a fine calla in a three-gallon pot, which showed signs of ill-health. On examination the outer portion of the filling was found mouldy, it being in large part fresh horse manure. As repotting was inconvenient, the plant being in flower, hot water was freely used; it killed the mould, and the plant began to revive and was soon all right.—Vick's Magazine.

Death from a Strange Cause.

SAN JOSE, March 30.—Constable Morris Ladd is dying at his home in this city, from glanders.

Constable Ladd contracted the disease three weeks ago from a glandered horse. He was treating the animal, and was inoculated in one finger.