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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

The parlors and corridors of the White House which have been recently decorated and refurnished by Louis C. Tiffany & Co. of New York, were opened to-day for inspection by members of the press.

The Senate yesterday not only declined by a vote of 36 to 25 to take a recess from December 22 to January 3, but declined also to give its consent to the holiday the House had voted to itself.

The whisky and tobacco interests have been largely represented here ever since the beginning of this session of Congress. The whisky people clamored with vigor for the passage of the bill extending the time in which whisky can remain in bond.

Considerable interest has been aroused not alone journalistic but in wider circles by the announcement that Mr. Connerly had resigned the managing editorship of the Herald, on account of ill health, and that Mr. Flynn, the managing editor of Mr. Bennett's evening paper, the Telegram, had succeeded him.

The United States Supreme Court have affirmed the constitutionality of the law under which General N. McCurtis was convicted and denied the petition for a writ of habeas corpus. The Jeannette inquiry progressed but little, and with the exception of documentary evidence no more witnesses can be examined until the return of the rest of the crew.

The jury in the Star route trial has been completed and Mr. Bliss closed his argument for the prosecution to-day.

There is more or less consternation among the clerks in the departments at Washington. The discovery has been made that a law of nearly fifty years ago will prevent the closing of the departments at noon during the Christmas holidays, as has been customary for a number of years.

GOTHAM GOSSIP.

Metropolitan Newspaper Changes. John Kelly's Name to go up as Editor of the Star.—A New Publisher for the World.—The true Reason of Mr. Connerly's Retirement from the Management of the Herald.—Mr. Bennett's Cable Scheme.—Profits of the Liquor Trade.—A Handsome Christmas Present.—How a Criminal was Convicted.—Oscar Wilde's Departure. Souvenir of America.

With the first of the year there will be some important changes in the management of several of the leading metropolitan journals. First of all Mr. John Kelly's name will be printed on the editorial page of the Star as editor. Mr. Kelly will not write much. He is more of a man of action than words, but he believes that the value of the property of the paper, of which he is the principal owner will be enhanced. At the same time he will be able to direct all the machinery of his party as vigorously as before, and should he fall out with the Governor or with the Mayor, he will be able to criticize and attack them from behind the shield of his paper, and while able to inflict serious wounds remain invulnerable under the concealing aid of the editorial "we".

Young Mr. England, I am informed is to retire from the business management and publishership of the World on the proximo. Mr. Speed the late present managing editor of the paper, is to take hold of the fortunes of the paper besides retaining his present position. The World has been making frantic efforts right along to "boom itself up", but somehow its efforts do not seem to be productive of the desired results.

At last he has left us, the apostle of aestheticism. Oscar Wilde came like a lion and went like a lamb, but he carried away with him to his home across the Atlantic, enough pleasant reminiscences of his sojourn in this country in the shape of American dollars. His year's visit cost this benighted country about \$10,000.

Hon. Edward Martin presented Charlie B. Kesley an elegant silver watch and chain, and A. H. Blakesley a gold chain and lockets the other day. It is an equal honor to the donor and recipient. Mr. Martin is a whole-souled, kind-hearted gentleman and Charlie and his father are some of the most accommodating people we ever knew. Such people get come up with once and awhile with a fine watch and chain or something the sort when they least expect it.

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will give you an idea as to its extent. The proprietor of two of the richest bar rooms down town, places which do simply a day trade and cater only to the custom of business men, has been in the habit for a number of years of distributing the entire gross receipts on the day before Christmas to his employees. There are thirty-two of them. He commenced in 1878 when the receipts footed up \$1,183.99. The next year they rose to \$2,562.60. In 1880 they amounted to \$3,375.15. Last year they jumped up to \$5,163.39, and this year they reached the snug sum of \$5,830.87. These amounts include the proceeds of sales of cigars, drinks and liquor by the bottle, which is always heavy immediately before the holiday. When one thinks that the bulk of this amount comes in in the shape of sums ranging from fifteen to forty cents for drinks, an idea of the enormous amount of tipping can be formed.

Of course the proprietor of this place does not take in nearly \$6,000 every day. It is safe to take off 60 per cent. for the extra trade brought by people anxious to swell the receipts of the employees. But even at this the average receipts of each place are \$1,000 a day, which is not a bad business. Besides this there are at least a score of drinking places in town where the daily receipts vary from \$400 to \$1,000 a day. Delmonico's down town establishment on some days takes in as much as \$1,500 over the bar. This place is a perfect thermometer of the state of the money market. When times are dull, the brokers are dull and poor and have little money to spend. But, when they are excited, and "the boys" make money nothing is too good for them, and Delmonico invariably gets the cream of their good fortune. The Astor House averages \$700 a day year in and year out and does the best bar trade of any hotel in the city.

Last Tuesday was a day of terrors in the United States Circuit Court, where Judge Benedict, usually one of the most fatherly and benign old gentlemen in fluted sentences on forgers, swindlers, thieves and other criminals which were worthy of the severest days of Recorder Hackett. Among those sentenced was Eugene Landsberg, who was doomed to five years imprisonment at hard labor for perjury. His case was a peculiar one. He was arrested on a charge of passing counterfeit money. He cleared himself of the charge but somehow managed to arouse the ill feeling of Special Agent Drummond. While testifying in his own behalf Landsberg swore that he had never been arrested before. A number of reporters were present at the examination. Drummond turned to one of them quite a draughtsman, while Landsberg was testifying. "Draw this picture for me in that position, won't you?" said he pointing to the defendant. The reporter guilelessly did so, Drummond had the picture magnified and photographed and had copies sent to the Superintendent of every prison, and reform institution in the country with the request to write him whether Landsberg had ever been an inmate of one of these institutions. Not long after a reply came from the State Prison in Trenton that Landsberg had once worn particular trousers in that establishment. A charge of perjury was made and proven and the poor fellow had to pay dearly for his past sin.

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John F. Caples receives a very laudatory notice for his ability as Prosecuting Attorney, from the Enterprise. T. A. McBride said it was hard to follow so able a man; but Tom seems to fill the bill spite of his modest distrust of his own powers. At last election Caples ran far ahead of his ticket.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Abroad there is a curiosity to know what kind of a place St. Helen is. It contains 400 people or so, counting everything of every gender. It is the County Seat of Columbia County, which lies between Multnomah and Clatsop Counties. Washington County borders it on one side and the Columbia River on the other. The County contains 2500 inhabitants. There are some small places besides St. Helen; Columbia City and Rainier. Westport is near the border in Clatsop County. There is a sawmill at St. Helen, one at Rainier, one at Scappoose and one at Pittsburg in Nehalem Valley. There are some canneries in the lower edge of the County. There are some Cedar Mills besides in the vicinity of Rainier.

St. Helen has a sawmill, four stores, one blacksmith shop, two hotels, one or two boarding houses, two saloons, two lawyer offices, one shoemaker shop, one carpenter shop, one doctor's office, one patent bed-spring manufactory, two surveyor's offices, one Notary Public's office, Sheriff & County Clerk's offices, a dressmaker's shop, one furniture manufactory on Milton Creek, one printing office, the COLUMBIAN, two quarries, one Church, the M. E., on the hill. There is in occasional preaching, Episcopal, Methodist, and Christian. There is Masonic Lodge, a Good Templars' Lodge, and Band of Hope. There are two livery stables, two butcher shops and one or two wash-houses. There is a Public School and a Private School. Also a Post-office and some wharves. Lots of rocks and some backwaters.

St. Helen is connected with the rest of the world by numerous steamboats, the Latona, Mansanillo, Joseph Kellogg, Toledo, S. G. Reed and Mountain Queen. There are innumerable barges, flat-boats showing steamers all the time passing besides sail vessels and ocean steamers.

In the vicinity of Columbia City are extensive coal, iron and paint mines. Also back of St. Helen are extensive deposits of iron ore.

A certain set in town went to the Clatskanie, they found there a logger who had lost some logs. They went around among the neighbors and inquired how he was financially, they induced some of those who had worked for him to fasten on his teams, and so forth. Then they came back to St. Helen and slept sweetly, thinking they had made one man to fall. Said man went to Portland, got any amount of funds he wanted. Then his St. Helen friends arose to their hair and went bitterly, saying, "alas! alas!" and looked around for some other man on which to exercise their carnivorous disposition.

Some of the boys in town make a practice of tormenting Chinamen. They stand a chance of getting stabbed, as Chinamen when once aroused, are furious. Parents should train their children better, and learn them to leave men and animals alone, and mind their own business. If a subscription could be started for a reform school it would be a good idea. It might save some from seeing their children wear a hemp cravat.

The Columbia City Lumbering Co. consists of Wm. Dunbar, Wm. Lowe, C. J. McDougal, H. W. Ogilbee, and Hugh M. Wallace of Portland and D. W. Council of Columbia City. President, Wm. Dunbar; Secretary, C. J. McDougal; Treasurer, Wm. Lowe. The Company has bought Council's mill, will run it night and day and enlarge it till it has a capacity to cut 30,000 feet a day.

We met Mr. Chase, from Westport. He reports that David West lost \$8,000 by the fire and Frank Lovell lost all he had. Frank Lovell and his young bride were living over the store. Mrs. Lovell at the time of the fire was visiting her father, Mr. William Adams. Mr. W. Adams' eldest son fought all through the Rebellion and is living in Wyoming Territory.

Socrates Tryon brought up a crazy man yesterday, a Norwegian working for him in a logging camp. The man's name is Peterson. He has been trying to fascinate all the women and some of the men in the vicinity of Green's Point with an accordion, making night hideous by his discordant music. He is not a sheep-herder, but affected the same way. Byron Daniels was married last night to Miss Rosina Jaggy of Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morse, Mrs. Giltner and Mrs. Holman were invited guests. Mrs. Giltner took as a present an elegant pillow sham, hand painted in pansies and ferns.

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Proposals for Flour.

Subsistence Office, Dept. of Columbia, Vancouver Barracks, W. T., Jan. 1, 1883. Sealed proposals, in duplicate, subject to the usual conditions, will be received by the office and at the office of the Acting Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence at the following named posts, for the quantities needed at these posts only, until 12 o'clock, noon, on Thursday, February 8th, 1883, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of bidders for the delivery on or before March 15th, 1883, of the following amounts: Fort Canby, W. T., 3,000 pounds; Ft. Comd' Alene, T., 26,901 pounds; Ft. Lapwai, I. T., 26,536 pounds; Fort Stevens, Oreg., 2,070 pounds; Fort Townsend, W. T., 7,500 pounds; Vancouver Barracks, W. T., 29,445 pounds; Fort Walla Walla, W. T., 12,789 pounds.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Jan. 3, 1883. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helen, Oregon, on Tuesday Feb. 13th, 1883, viz: Nels D. Peterson, Homestead Entry No. 3360 for S. 1/4 of S. 2 and additional Homestead Entry No. 3808 for W. 1/4 of S. 1, all in Sec. 28, T. 6 N. R. 4 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz: N. C. Dale of St. Helens, John H. Wilson, George F. Hawkins, and Gustave Peterson of Riverside, all of Columbia County, Oregon. I. T. BARN, Register.



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Annual Settlement.

In order to close my books for the year 1882 all accounts due Jan. 1st. must be settled at once. G. W. McBRIDE.

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