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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20, 1883.

As day follows day without substantial progress in tariff legislation the chances of any comprehensive bill becoming a law at this session grow less. The zeal with which Congress attacked this subject has cooled in face of practical difficulties in the path of any change in existing schedules. Even if Congress is in earnest in desiring reform it is going to be hard to make alterations which must involve such disturbance in business and there is a general belief that Congress is not moved by a sincere desire to change the tariff in the direction in which the present movement points.

M. Blackburn of Kentucky, appears to be pushing his Speakership canvas with a good deal of energy. He is asking support from his Southern friends because of his favorable attitude toward the Mississippi river improvement scheme. He is conducting his own campaign, besides making serious opposition to the candidacy of his colleague, Mr. Carlisle. What with overcoming those objections to himself which will naturally arise, carrying on a personal contest with a fellow member from his own State and looking after the interests of the Mississippi river in the existing condition of opinion on that question, it would seem that Mr. Blackburn had laid out considerable business for the next recess.

Mr. Knox Comptroller of Currency, and Treasurer Gilfillan have been reprimanded by the Chief Clerk of the Treasury, little Mr. Webster. Under the army-like discipline established by Mr. Webster. The employees in the Treasury Department are now afraid to say their souls are their own. Spies and informers hang around the building, and the least infraction of his petty rules is at once reported to Webster, who seems to love to reprimand better than he does to eat. A day or two ago Mr. Webster sent for Mr. Gilfillan and for the first time in his service of twenty years was reprimanded. His offence consisted in the fact that his wife had called on him for a moment during business hours. Comptroller Knox was also informed by Mr. Webster that his presence was desired in the Chief Clerk's office. Mr. Knox sent word that the Chief Clerk would find him in the Comptroller's office. Thereupon Mr. Webster went to the office and rebuked Mr. Knox for permitting a lady visitor in his office. The halls of the Treasury building now present the quiet and stillness of a jail where only the watchmen and guards can be seen and Mr. Folger is looked upon as the Warden and Webster holding the hangman's noose. The same ill feeling exists in the War Department between certain officials and clerks. There is a great lack of discrimination and judgment displayed by some of the petty officials in our Government Departments here, and how long the suffering subordinates will stand the nonsense is now simply a matter of conjecture. It is certain that it will not be long before the trouble is brought before Congress for needed reforms.

Some important changes are soon to take place in the Patent Office. The Assistant Commissioner having resigned there is as usual a large number of office seekers making still hunts for the place, which by the way is one of the most important in that branch of the Government service, and no man, unless thoroughly posted should be appointed thereto. Mr. Robert Mason is the choice of Commissioner Marble and unless political influence instead of actual worth is brought to bear in filling the place, this gentleman will be the coming man. That he is eminently fitted for the responsible position no one inside of the Patent Office doubts, having passed through all the various stages of training and experience since the first day of his appointment, fifteen years ago. He now is one of the most energetic and prompt of the Principal Examining Corps, and if there were more men of his class, less complaints in regard to tedious delays, now quite common, would certainly be made against the Patent Office, Other changes will follow some of the slow, lazy, and careless examiners who are more than two months behind in their examinations will be shelved and new blood infused in their places.

AUGUST.

DUAL WEDDING.

Wednesday we went down to the wedding of Frank M. Foster and Mrs. Belle Ferrell, and Daniel Stehmen and Miss Annie Bradley. Frank M. Foster is the nephew and stepson of our respected and well known citizen, Reuben Foster, and Mrs. Belle Ferrill is the widow of Nathaniel Ferrill, son of "Dad" Ferrill, one of the wealthiest and most energetic citizens of Astoria. A very short time they enjoyed each other's society, the young Ferrill dying of typhoid fever, and leaving his girl widow with a darling little son to bewail his loss. The two brides are daughters of the gallant old William Bradley one of the honored veterans of the Mexican War, and as beautiful as blush roses and sweet as the breath of a May morning. Never were there two more charming brides nor more delighted bridegrooms. His Honor, Judge Moore performed the ceremony. We got too late to see it but believe it was well done, as the Judge knows how to tie and untie the marriage knot.

A bountiful repast of the choicest viands was prepared to tickle the palate of the guests; that part we did not fail to enjoy. All that skilled and intelligent cookery could do to make food delicious was successfully carried out.

Mr. Reuben Foster is very happily married, as his wife is one of the most charming women we ever met, we don't think she has a superior if you hunted the continent over. She is Frank's mother, and has still another younger son, a fine noble boy,

The house is beautifully situated, well furnished and with its surroundings the seat of an industrious hospitality. The view of the Columbia River is magnificent. There is a great amount of orcharding around it, and the land is first class. Patient waiters are no losers, and this was truly so in Reuben Foster's case. He got everything else first, and to cap the climax got a polished, genial fine looking wife, and two agreeable boys his own brother's sons and possessed of all the qualities that ennoble the Foster family, and raised in the highly civilized society of Illinois. Mr. Foster seems to have obeyed the old and new testament in his marriage, taking as wife his brother's widow, and God's blessing seems to fall on him in the fullest manner and his life of hard self sacrifice and patient industry to be crowned with happiness. The Fosters are the descendants of Revolutionary soldiers both on father's and mother's side. The Fosters belonged to Washington's "buckskin" troops, and the Steeles were true as steel in those times that tried men's souls when the great foundations of the American empire were laid in blood and tears. The native ground of the Fosters is Ohio. George Foster, who lives near Reuben, served as soldier in the 76th Illinois Regiment during the late Rebellion, and is a fine specimen of intelligent manhood. He has an accomplished wife and charming children. He is a patriot from the soles of his boots to the soul of his body.

The bridegrooms, all know, Frank, genial, whole-souled, industrious and energetic, and Daniel Stehman, with fine large open countenance which bespeaks him every inch a man. The Stehmans are Pennsylvanians of German stock, but here in ante-revolutionary times, here when patriots fought and bled, and ready and willing to give a hand for liberty and equal rights. The venerable Christian Stehman is a well educated man, and has raised a large family with his excellent wife in industrious ways.

Enterprise Landing has a store kept by Bolt Havird, and will one day make a thriving village. There should be a post-office established here. Among many others present at the wedding who deserve especial mention were Mrs. Coffenberry of Astoria, sister of the brides; she is the wife of a son of Judge Coffenberry, and has two beautiful little cherubs to adorn her household hearth. She is a radiant, agreeable woman, loving and beloved by all who know her. We met Mr. Charles Smith, a brilliant, jovial young man of Kalama. Mrs. Fowler, young and energetic as ever was at the wedding and dance, and danced in almost every set. She can work or play in a whole souled way that makes work play and play work. She will soon be clear of debt, and own a valuable property and many agreeable men are looking out of the corner of their eyes thitherward.

The dance was at Christian Stehman's residence. The upper part of the house made a splendid dance-hall. The supper was just as good as could be. It was an awful unhealthy time for chickens, a great many passed in their checks, and we noticed one old turkey that sat very uneasily on the fence, doubtful whether this social blizzard would leave him alive.

The dance was prolonged till nearly light, we then returned to Mr. Reuben Foster's, ate breakfast, and returned on our homeward journey. We stopped and took dinner with that genial gentleman, Mr. J. L. Benham. His beautiful and charming daughters were at home, Miss Mary having returned from the dance. Mrs. Benham who is a native of Jersey, the home of the Jersey Lily, Mrs. Langtry, had started for Astoria and was supposed at Mr. English's. The mail steamer went down Wednesday but no boat came up, and Judge Moore and Mr. Caudle walked home to-day.

The scenery coming up was very exhilerating. At some future time we shall particularize. We arrived home in safety.

LIST OF GUESTS—William Bradley, Louis Bradley, Mrs. S. M. Coffenberry and children, Otto and Nervesta, Christian Stehman and wife, the Misses Stehman, Laura Link, Charles Smith, George Foster, wife and children, Reuben, George and Lillie, Ben Neer and wife, S. G. Caudle, Lincoln Stehman, the Misses Malcolm, Bolt Havird, Henry Stehman, Mrs. Fowler, Thomas Thompson, and several others.

LIST AT DANCE—Lawrence Archibald, Mattie Archibald, Marion Fowler, wife and child, Christopher Fowler, wife and child, Edward Harvey and George Fowler, John Cameron, Mrs. Link, Frank Horsefus and wife, Irwin Seffert, Bird and Devin Seffert, Mary Benham, Mr. Olson, John Link, Jack Havird, Fernando McKinnister, Mr. Spocht, Major Adams and all the wedding guests.

MUSICIANS.—Marion Fowler, Ben Neer, Jack Havird and Bolt Havird.

CALLERS.—Charles Smith and George Fowler.

A Fine Picture.

At the large and elegant show window of Morse's Palace of Art there is a photograph copy of the splendid painting by the famous Pacific coast artist, Thomas Hill, entitled "The Last Spike," which represents the historical event of driving the last spike which closed up the track and made the through connection of the U. P. and C. P. railroads and gave to the world the first transcontinental railway. This picture is of peculiar interest to the people of this city just at this time when we are so soon expecting to have a similar scene on the line of our trans-continental railroad.—*Telegram.*

The Jetty System.

The latest official reports from the government jetty at the mouth of the Coquille show continued improvement, in deflecting the current from submerged rocks in the south channel to safer ground and straighter course toward the north, and at the same time deepening the channel. This news is of more than ordinary interest because proposed improvement at the mouth of the Columbia will be a repetition of this work, but on a much larger scale.—*Telegram.*

We pricked the bubble of "Official County Printing" put forth at the head of its column by the mist. Like its name its statements are thin. If it would have for editor and proprietor, A. Ghost it would be all of a piece. There is no litigant law. State printing for the County is lawful in any County paper, provided the paper don't evaporate into mist too quickly.

Glendye says the rush for mist at its first issue was terrific. This like editor's diamonds must have been in his mind. One of our most respectable citizens said he saw one person carry in two ten cent pieces that he knew of.

A distinguished litterateur in St. Helen has diskivered that a sheep has teeth. Wonder whether he has diskivered that he has a sheep's head.

O wad some power the giftie gie him
To see himsel as ithers see him.

They are training at a place below Deer Island a new kind of animal for riding. A young damsel was seen riding a hog. It would have made a fine picture for the genius of a Hogarth.

Mr. S. A. Miles, executor of the estate of John Gum Deceased, has posted up notices of sale of personal property to transpire at Gum's late residence on Feb. 13th., 1883,

Our subscription list is just booming.

LOCAL NEWS.

We met two gentlemen the other day who enquired the way to Mr. Walter Duncan's residence. They wished to purchase his place, but he does not want to sell. He says there is a fine chance for an overshot wheel. He wishes to put in a set of neighborhood cards for wool. Perhaps he will have a saw-mill, grist-mill and woolen mill, and with the assistance of his sons carry on a paying business where they can all live together and enjoy each other's society. This is certainly a happy way to pass through life with those we love around us.

We met Mrs. J. G. Hunter at Captain Lemont's the other day. She resides, when at home, with her son S. F. Hunter. She is one of the most intelligent ladies we ever met. She gave us some items about the R. R. She said that the water might not be deep enough at all times of the year at Spocht's, so the the water was resounded, and it was thought that possibly the crossing would be higher up and nearer the foot of Deer Island. The track on the Washington Territory side will extend up to a rocky point above Kalama.

Tuesday morning Henry Rung, Bert Ellis, Charlie Young, Eddie Watts, and Frank and Arthur Moore went down on the grand old skating rink in front of our house. We know of no place that would inspire the genius of a Hill, like the scenes around Frogmore. He could readily understand why a person like Major Adams would select such a place as a residence, for a wild, melancholy, weird magnificence it has no parallel.

T. C. Watts said his thermometer was 2 degrees *below* zero Saturday morning, but Mr. Muckle Senior says it was ⅝ degrees *above* zero on the windward side of their store. We should rather adhere to the Muckles' statement, as they intend to run everything here even the weather. We should not be surprised at hearing that they had boomed in Heaven in order to start a toll gate at the mouth of Hell.

A young chucklehead of St. Helen says he made a marsh on a girl of Lewis River. He did not say whether salt or fresh; it evidently was one covered with the greenest of grasses.

Same quidnunc sent to Portland for 1 hundred dollars' worth of opium to calk a dam with, which made people think him a dam fool, that is a fool about a dam.

Mr. Lynch says the way the Muckles cut Milton in two is perfectly exasperating. There is no way to approach the shore from the house with a team except the most round about one. The Muckles may run against a worse snag one of these days than Major Adams. They may not find other people quite as patient to endure imposition.

The editor of the mist says it is not good manners to read newspapers round the Post-office stove. We think it quite as genteel as sitting drunk on the sidewalk all covered with puke from nose to heels as a certain person did when running for School Superintendent of Columbia County on the Democratic ticket.

The mill is froze up. Men cluster around the stoves in the saloons or fly to Broyles' and other ponds. One young lady hopes the cold spell will last as she is just learning to skate. Cattle prefer to take theirs warm. Hogs and small lambs climb the golden stair, and turn into little angels.

Mrs. Allen has nearly recovered. Her little children were so delighted to see her sit up, they would cluster to her side, and kiss her every few minutes. Few people can realize how badly little children feel when their mother is dangerously sick.

The blind Slough, a part of Frogmore furnished the finest skating rink yet. The water on it at the time of the freeze up was deep, consequently there is almost a hundred acres of smooth surface that looks really magnificent enough for the Emperor of Russia and his suite.

The ice at the head of the Lower Willamette River or Slough, prevents steamers from coming down and going up that way. That has usually been open when the Columbia is closed.

Tuesday night there was a fine party on the ice at Broyles' pond. There were 5 ladies and 18 gentlemen present. They fired a big fir on the bank, and made a splendid illumination.

The quarrymen at the quarry near the corner of our place struck the other day a bonanza of snakes. They snaked them out in a hurry, and laid them out on the cool ice to freeze to death.

NEWS DROPS.

Mr. N. L. Grey is quite sick.

Mr. Edmonds' little girl is better.

Young Hill, the artist is in Portland.

Rev. Mr. Reese didn't come last Sabbath.

Lyman Merrill is building a new house.

Mr. Spencer keeps the Deer Island School.

Had a pleasant call at Mr. Hilleary's the other day.

No mail-boat down on Tuesday. No way boats came.

Eddie Watts' dog is named Trip. He trips up the mice.

J. S. Davenport has received a big supply of valentines.

Mr. Mackinaw is in town. His family is in Harrisburg.

There will be a dance at Swager's Washington's Birthday.

Mrs. Shintaffer and Miss Dora Ellis went to Portland this week.

Mr. Walter Duncan came from the grand old state of Kentucky.

Rev. Mr. Sellwood will preach here next Sunday at the usual hours.

Mr. Ellis went to Portland, had his arm lanced, and is improving fast.

The silence of aboriginal times on the river! A mail boat came up.

James McKay and Harry West are two of our most stirring citizens.

It is reported that Mr. James Muckle Senior is printer's devil on the mist.

Dr. Blanchard lives in the house, opposite the place of Mr. Frank Hoyt.

Mike Dugan and a Mr. Webb waited on John Gum during his last sickness.

Valentine's day is coming. Look out for fun. Davenport sells it by the yard.

It is reported that the steamer *Latona* ran on a snag in Lewis River and is sunk.

The icicles at the head of the cove near our house are like the spear of a Samson.

☞ Money to loan on real estate security by F. A. Moore Esq., St. Helen, Oregon

Mrs. Fred Lewis is dead. She stepped to the door the other morning, and dropped dead.

The editor of the mist drew a Blank in the necktie sociable, and she says she drew a blank too.

Last week's mist has a three line Editorial the gist of which is, "Help Cassus (cash us) or we sink."

Mr. Reilly's block-haulers are improving the dry time to haul into town for shipment their heavy freight.

Frank Hoyt and the two young Fullertons skated all the way down from Scappoose to town on Tuesday.

Tuesday George W. McBride and a party of ladies went down to skate on Caples' pond near Columbia City.

Hon. S. A. Miles was presented with an addition to his family in the shape of a fine bouncing boy the other day.

Hon. M. C. George's requested appropriation for the Cascade Locks was $500 000 instead of $50,000 as reported.

There will soon be another Link in the Bradley family, a beautiful one, and when it is rivetted Hurrah for the golden chain of happiness!

J. L. Benham has great varieties of seed potatoes of the latest and most celebrated kinds. He is a live man in everything relating to a garden.

The paper signed in respect to the N. P. R. R. and County road we don't understand, so cannot express our mind. It may be all right for all that.

Willie Miles received among other presents, a copy of Æsop's Fables. This is a work that though thousands of years old, never deteriorates in worth.

Mr. P. Reilly has been awarded the contract for improving E street from Front to Third with stone block pavement for the sum of $5,001.——*N. W. News.*

It seems that Columbia Street, St. Helen should be drained and kept in better shape; if fixed up and graded from Miles' to Hancock's it would be really a fine street.

Glendye says his subscribers are *good.* Yes, they are poor but pious. They are so good to themselves, they will not spend much money on mist, they prefer gin cock-tails.

On the top of the Church Hill is a pond where the town boys find a fine place for skating. It is completely embowered by woods, which keep off the chill gusts of wind.

☞ The *Mist* says it is OFFICIAL PAPER OF COLUMBIA CO. This is to gull ignorant people. Who issued the order? James Muckle?

ST. HELEN BAND OF HOPE—Under the Superintendency of Mrs. Emma Moore. Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Mary George; Chaplain, Mrs. Julia Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Adams; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Perry; Chorister, Miss Dell Butler; Organist, Miss Nellie Moore. All of Evergreen Lodge. The Band of Hope meets every Saturday at 3 P. M. in the Church. Visitors are always welcome.

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Annual Settlement.

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

G. W. McBRIDE.

Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, W. T. January 25st, 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 Judge of the Probate Court, at Kalama, W. T., on Saturday, March 3d, 1883, viz: John Reames, Homestead Application No. 2390 for the s. ½ of s. w. ¼ and s. w. ¼ of s. e. ¼ of Sec. 22, Tp. 6 N. R. 1 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land viz:

John Wicks of Kalama, W. T.
Lewis Wicks of " "
Robert Kirkwood, of " "
John Rawden, of " "

FRED W. SPARLING, Register.

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Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Land.

LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, W. T. January 16th, 1883.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory," Abraham C. Mowrey of Cowlitz Co. Wash-Ter., has this day filed in this office his application to purchase the s. ½ of s. w. ¼, and lots 3 and 4 of Section 30, Township 9 North of Range 3 w. of the Willamette Meridian.

Testimony in the above case will be taken before the Judge of the Probate Court at Kalama, W. T. on Tuesday, March 27th, 1883.

Any and all persons having adverse claims to the above described land, or any portion thereof, are hereby required to file their claims in this office within sixty(60) days from date hereof.

FRED. W. SPARLING, Register.

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Testimony in the above case will be taken before the Judge of the Probate Court, at Kalama, W. T. on Tuesday, March 27th, 1883.

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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 at this office and at the offices 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 places 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. Cœur d'Alene I. T., 26,901 pounds; Ft. Lapwai, I. T., 26,656 pounds; Fort Stevens, Oga., 2,070 pounds; Fort Townsend, W. T., 7,350 pounds; Vancouver Barracks, W. T., 39,445 pounds; Fort Walla Walla, W. T., 12,789 pounds.

Samples of the flour (not less than two pounds) proposed to be furnished, must be submitted with the proposals. The flour to be tested by baking before acceptance. Proposals for quantities less than the whole required will be received. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Blank proposals and printed circulars stating the kind of flour required, and giving full instructions as to the manner of bidding, conditions to be observed by bidders and terms of contract and payment, will be furnished on application to this office, or to the Acting Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence at the various posts named.

Envelopes containing proposals should be marked:—"Proposal for Flour at——," and addressed to the undersigned, or to the respective Acting Assistant Commissaries of Subsistence.

SAMUEL T. CUSHING,
Captain and C. S., U. S. A.

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