

The Daily Astorian.

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Editorial Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The day for despoising small things should quickly pass with us of the Pacific coast. To illustrate: Passing up The Avenue (Pa.) this forenoon an Astorian was suddenly left without his hat—a gust of wind took it. As his weight might be considerable of an obstacle to speed, and chancing to spy a colored boy near whose mouth was watering for an opportunity to earn a nickle (five cents) by giving your boots a shine, he started "John" after the hat which was speedily recovered, brushed, and returned to the owner. Putting his hand into his pocket he drew forth a quarter, the smallest piece of coin he chanced to possess, and handed it to the boy, remarking, as he pursued his way, that he had paid just 400 per cent. more for the service than it was worth, simply because he had a habit of spending all his "nickles" for street fares and newspapers. Hereafter he will not be caught without a nickle in his pocket.

The weather to-day is more moderate, but still is too cold for comfort on the shady sides of streets. Our morning hour was spent at the market taking a note of how the 300,000 more or less Washingtonians get their feed. The picture is a novel one, but as we described it last year pass on to the museum building in course of preparation for the inaugural ball, then to Smithsonian institute, then by way of the Botanical gardens back to the capitol. For some reason we had quite forgotten that an old-time acquaintance in Oregon, Mr. Davenport, has charge of the heating engines of the house in the basement of the south wing, but this morning we chanced to come in that way and ran across our friend accidentally—the meeting was mutually agreeable, and we at once accepted the invitation of Mr. D. to visit the engines, the air ducts, etc., etc., which no person should ever think of leaving Washington without seeing. It would be impossible for us to describe it, but it carries onward the idea that the day is not far distant when premises of every kind in cities, from kitchens to places of business, will be warmed and utilized by hot air and steam from grand central reservoirs, like gas and water are now served. The day is not far distant! indeed it is now here in more than one instance as is shown by the works here, as well as those of other parts of the country. Among the "curiosities" shown by this visit Mr. Davenport illustrated to us how it is that the capitol can be lighted instantly, so to speak; by the electric spark. Substituting or fragile wire for the delicate platinum form which passes the slot in the million gas burners, bade us step upon a glass platform, taking in one hand a small implement connected with a friction meter under the engine belts. He then turned the gas on at a burner within convenient reach, and pointing we touched it with the fore finger of our right hand when it was lighted as if touched by a friction match. Verily the Golden Age had but little to compare with the Age of Gold in which we are living, lighting gas with the tips of our fingers; heating whole acres of buildings with artificial air heat; cooking for thousands by steam, etc.

In a late number of "Old Letters from the Editor" Don Platt remarks: I could fill my letter with illustrations to prove that honorable men can commit assassination, as Mark Antony said over the body of Caesar, but why waste time and ink to demonstrate what all thoughtful men can see so clearly. All wicked men can be respectable if they are only square on the goose of politics. If this

disease was to break out in our penitentiaries the convicts would immediately have their striped garments covered with the glow of eminent respectability. When I am dead and buried let it be engraved upon my tomb—

Beneath these stones There lies the bones Of one who died resigned In heart and mind, But not respectable. Fools laugh at, and rogues abused him; Few did love and many used him. He died Well satisfied, For between, and by thieves was he Crucified.

Later advices from Honolulu report that the smallpox epidemic is abating. Since it began 1,000 persons have been quarantined in their houses.

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