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## Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14, 1882. Regularly once a year the items of expenditure from the Congressional contingent fund are published in the New York Herald and a few other journals, accompanied by fierce editorial condemnation and ridicule. Recently the Herald has been making itself merry over Clerk Adam's account for the last Congress, assuming to regard the expenditure of opera glasses, knives, and such articles for members of Congress out of the contingent fund as a great national shame. But really there is nothing very bad about it. Every member is allowed \$125 per year for stationery and newspapers. As a matter of convenience a stationery room, where members can supply themselves with everything in this line, is kept for each House, and every member has an account there, but no one can exceed the amount of his allowance—\$125. Instead of stationery and newspapers, opera glasses and fancy articles are often purchased out of this allowance, as they are supplied at wholesale rates by the clerk, but that sum of \$125 is as much a part of the member's pay as his salary, and he can use it as he chooses. If at the end of the year there is a balance in his favor with the stationery keeper, the member is entitled to draw it in cash. But the account of the member with the stationery keeper does not represent by any means, his expenditures for stationery and newspapers. There are very few members of either House who do not expend more than their allowance every year for newspapers and stationery.

The volume of business before Congress grows larger instead of smaller, because the increase is all out of proportion to the work done and it is becoming a serious question as to where the thing will end. Already members are estimating upon the probable duration of the session, and the most experienced judges agree that this is likely to be the longest since the war. Even if only the more important and necessary measures are acted upon, it would be hardly possible to get through before the end of July; but it is inevitable that considerable additional time must be consumed in giving attention to the numerous schemes which do not come under this head. There is the Eads' ship-railway taking up the time of committees, and its friends are so much in earnest that they will certainly obtain a hearing. Then there is the tariff question and the proposed reduction of internal revenue taxes, the "new navy" enterprise, and many other matters equally important which will be heard and which if considered at all are bound to occupy a great deal of time. The necessary business like the new apportionment, the contested election cases, including the Mormon question, the appropriations, etc., promise at least to occupy three months, judging from the debates thus far.

The repeated complaint every session of Congress that halt the time of our statesmen is consumed in the consideration of small, inconsequential matters is again heard. Congressmen are themselves to blame for this. More than one-half the bills presented every session refer to private claims, which should never come before the national legislature charged with the vast general interests of a population of fifty million people. Congress might easily rid itself of this picaresque business by enlarging the juris-

isdiction of the Court of Claims. To do so would be a great advantage to the country, a benefit to Congressmen, and a blessing to the honest claimants, many of whom now wear out their lives in seeking legislative redress. Congress now fritters away a large portion of its time in the consideration of questions which are hardly of sufficient dignity to come before a board of aldermen.

A peculiarity of the etiquette in regard to the official mourning for the late President is of interest. It is not only the stationery used for official correspondence at the executive mansion and state department, which still has a broad black border, but the visiting cards of the President and Secretary of State are also bordered with black, while those of the other members of the Cabinet are not. Secretary Frelinghuysen, although not in any official position at the time President Garfield died, inherited the mourning when he became chief of the state department. The cards used by his wife and daughters are plain white, while his is in deep mourning. As is customary here, the name of a member of the Cabinet does not appear on his card, but only his official title, as, for instance, that of Mr. Frelinghuysen is engraved only, "The Secretary of State;" on that of Mr. Brewster, "The Attorney General," and so on through the list. On the President's card, which, as mentioned, has a wide black border, is engraved only, "The President." The same style is usual for a Vice-President, when we have one. Vice-President Wheeler upon entering his office was told by Senator Anthony, who is the authority in the Senate upon all questions of official etiquette, that on all his cards, whether to be used on purely official calls or not, must appear only, "The Vice-President." This style has not been usual heretofore for the cards of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The last Speaker did not have any title on his, but merely his full name—"Samuel J. Randall, Pa." Mr. Kiefer, on the other hand, has no name on his, but only, "The Speaker." Srer.

### Ought One to be Killed at Sixty?

Huxley is credited with the suggestion that inasmuch as a man adopts no new scientific theories at sixty years of age he might as well be killed. It is assumed that at that age a man has some settled convictions about a great many perplexing matters. He has thrown overboard a great many theories, has sifted the facts bearing on a great many more, and has put under his feet a pretty solid platform. Humboldt was in the very hey-day of his investigations at sixty. He was a young man at that age. Agassiz reached his prime at that age, or rather would have reached it had he not overworked and brought on a brain disease. In the last years of his life he was as ready to adopt any new idea in science, if once he could find a satisfactory demonstration, as ever before. The fact was, that in an important sense Agassiz was the first to propose the doctrine of evolution. He did not push his conclusion so far as Darwin, but he foreshadowed and clearly outlined that theory. At sixty he stood on the border-land of discovery, and only wanted a score of years more to have made momentous discoveries in the near outlying fields, which he had overlooked from the heights he had attained.

There is a class of men who are old at middle age. They never grow any more—mind and body matures early. It might be well

to prosecute the inquiry if these people were not precocious? If they were not prodigies at the age of sixteen, and if they did not carry off all the college honors before they had reached the age of twenty years? The precocious young men have the ripeness of immaturity. They are frequently witfalls, dropping early and disappearing early. The plodding young fellows who pound out everything by the hardest blows, and who are frequently made the butts of many a joke for dullness, mature late. When their rivals have gone over the grade, are bald-headed and prematurely old, these stolid, patient, ox-like men are just beginning to mature. They have hardly opened their eyes to the world about them. They will be young at sixty, and even at seventy, if they take care of themselves. And, being young, they will be as ready for any fresh investigations as the men of thirty. Columbus set out on one of his later voyages when he had nearly reached the age of seventy. It was a voyage of discovery. He had obtained a glimpse of the new world on previous voyages, and wanted to see more of it—wanted to find, if possible, the short passage to India, which is now obstructed by the Isthmus of Darien.

Professor Huxley's theory of progress only applies to a class of men who mature early, and who are really old at middle life. One might pick out this class of men in advance. He might go among a group of young men, and, after studying their peculiarities for a time, predict, with great certainty, what per cent would stop growing early, and what proportion would grow as long as they lived. Nineteenth of the very precocious young men are never heard by the public at forty years of age. At sixty, according to Professor Huxley's theory, they might as well be killed, so far as future progress could give them any value. They have passed the dead line early, and are prematurely old in spirit. They were probably old when they were born, were old at ten years, and were prodigious old fellows at twenty years, knowing much more than their instructors. At thirty years there was nothing more in the world which they had not learned which is worth knowing. If any new subject, science or theory is launched, they don't want to hear anything about it—they have sounded all depths and heights, and there is nothing new under the sun. All mental growth has been attained. There is no need of taking him off at sixty, as Professor Huxley suggests; he will take himself off gradually, just as a tree dies at the top, having less and less foliage every year until it is gradually a dry trunk from top to bottom.

De Lesseps at seventy-five years, after executing one of the greatest engineering enterprises of the time, undertakes another still more difficult, with all the freshness and vigor of a young man. He belongs to the young old boys, who know nothing about the decadence of age. Why should not men prosecute voyages of discovery as long as they live?—if not as Columbus did, in some of the fields or related fields? The difference between prematurely old men and young old men is, that the first mentioned class affect to know everything. They have beaten the bush early and bagged their game. The other class are continually beating the bush for new game. They are hungry for new discoveries. It is the difference between growth and decay. If at sixty a man will accept no

new theory, make no new explorations, and looks upon all those who are making investigations as visionary, if not dangerous men, he is as good as dead. He may enjoy something akin to an animal existence after that, but he has passed the dead line, and there is nothing left for him but mild decadence.

There was an old minister who often prayed that the freshness and enthusiasm of youth might be preserved to him in all his years, and praying and striving for it, he was always a young man; at four score and ten he was the delightful companion of children, as he was for those of mature years. It was the elder Lord Derby who, accustomed to having a good time with some of his boon companions, on one occasion hearing his son approaching exclaimed: "We must hush up now, for the old man is coming." The freshness of youth which lasts for a life-time, is partly matter of endowment and partly of cultivation. Those who have it are never old. They are always ready for voyages of discovery. Life is fresh and buoyant to the last. They never lose their interest in the world, and leave it glad that they have lived in it, and that they did not become prematurely old at middle life.—Bulletin.

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G. G. SMITH, Administrator.  
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