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WASHINGTON LETTER

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23, 1882.
The old vexed question of official precedence which has caused heartburnings and jealousies in Washington society ever since the city became the seat of government, is liable to come up and engender bad feelings on any occasion of ceremony. It caused a lively and very warm discussion between some ladies and the door-keeper of one of the reserved galleries in the House of Representatives on a recent occasion. It was a question as to the best seats being given to the families of members of the Cabinet in preference to the families of Justices of the Supreme Court. Some ladies of the latter class took possession of the disputed territory and kept it, despite pleadings of the door-keeper, who in vain urged his orders to keep these seats for certain ladies specially invited by the President. But because the ladies belonged to the family of a Cabinet officer the ladies in possession declared that the question had long ago been settled in favor of the Supreme court as above the Cabinet in the official scale, and kept the seats. When ex-Senator Conkling's nomination to the Supreme Court was discussed here it was urged that he would never accept a position which would force him to walk behind all the others of the same class on all occasions of ceremony. The most recently appointed Justice of the Supreme Court always walk behind the others on entering and leaving the court-room daily, and at state dinners and on similar occasions also, takes a less honorable seat than those commissioned earlier. Mr. Conkling would have had to walk immediately behind Justices Gray and Stanley Matthews, the other two recent appointments, and he doesn't love Justice Matthews, anyhow, and Justice Gray, who is by long odds the biggest man in Washington, would have completely overshadowed Mr. Conkling. This is the kind of talk we hear among the Miss Grundys of the national capital, but perhaps people of sense will not for a moment suppose that Mr. Conkling even thought of this aspect of the case when he declined the judgeship.
Every observer at the Capitol can not fail to notice that there is something touching and almost awe-inspiring in the sudden hush that falls on the otherwise disorderly House of Representatives when the venerable Alexander H. Stevens makes one of his rare and powerful addresses to it. Such a tribute of deep and respectful attention is perhaps never accorded to any other member. When that shrill, strange voice is heard, the laugh and jest die away even to the remote corners where small knots of members are having their little jokes, cigars go out, while the abstracted smokers are intent on listening, and one by one gentlemen in the rear rows come tip-toeing down the aisles to get nearer to that invalid chair which is wheeled nervously first to one side and then to the other in the little semicircular space before the speaker's desk, and before the fiery-eyed little gray-haired orator has finished, a crowd has gathered about him respectfully attentive, and silent as they never are at any other time. It is plain from the aspect of the House at such times that the big soul within this little pain-racked body is impressing itself more strongly on every hearer than a whole session of talk from almost any other.
Congress has been for two or

three years discussing measures for providing some suitable place for our immense National Library, which now contains over 400,000 volumes and is increasing at the rate of 25,000 volumes per year. A library building is absolutely necessary, as in the present condition of things the books can be of little use to anybody piled and stacked up in nooks and corners about the place now provided for them. The delay of Congress to select a site and appropriate money for a building led to a recent proposition to raise the dome of the Capitol fifty feet and put another story on the centre building. The practicability of this was referred to Gen. Meigs for his opinion as an engineer, and he has just sent his reply to the committee. After describing the construction of the dome, and the capacity of the central portion of the Capitol to bear weight, Gen. Meigs debates that he does not think it prudent to put the additional weight upon it. He says the walls under the dome are just proportioned to bear the load now upon them. The mortar used in the construction of the walls was made of lime and sand, as cement was not used in those days, and the soil upon which the walls rest is of moist clay; that the key-stones in some of the arches over the lower windows under the dome have dropped, some more than others, and upon the whole, Gen. Meigs says the suggested raising of the dome would be a dangerous and fatal enterprise. He says it is possible to take the dome to pieces and rebuild, but that the proportions of the Capitol forbid this as well as any attempt to raise the dome. In conclusion he says: "Nowhere is to be found a great building of such rich and graceful composition as the present Capitol of the United States." And he maintains substantially that any change would not only be dangerous, but would destroy the architectural beauty of the Capitol.
A Practical Suggestion.
Poets are not often deemed practical, but Joaquin Miller's suggestion for the annual burning of the forests, under careful supervision, has at least a plausible level-headedness about it not often looked for in poets. He argues that the rotting of the leaves, mosses, grasses, etc., increases fevers, malaria and death, besides harboring insects, reptiles and worms and smothering many of the new grasses, flowers, shrubs and fruits of the growing year. The borer, caterpillar, Colorado beetle, bull-cricket and grasshopper were comparatively harmless and unknown as enemies of civilization till the white man began to mismanage the forests. He thinks forests are necessary to a great nation, as necessary as lungs to a man, and that the decline of all nations begins with the destruction of their forests. Egypt, Italy and the whole eastern shore of the Mediterranean, where empire was once so powerful, are now largely shorn of their woods and have become weary, melancholy lands of fever and ague. Every state should have a forest commissioner to regulate the burning: both to make, and to prevent fires. This would be more practical, however, in the old and well settled states than in the new ones.
At a trial in Montana the other day a witness who was being bullied by a cross-examining lawyer, called on the court for protection. The judge kindly loaned the witness his revolver, and the bullying ceased.

LADIES STAND UP.

In view of the demand for female suffrage, it is proposed that the following political catechism for ladies desirous of entering the arena of politics be propounded, for answers, to all candidates:
What is the best season for ballot-box stuffing?
In opening a marking list would you use silk or worsted?
Do you consider election-eering the jewelry of the campaign?
Would you measure the canvass of a ward by the yard?
Is it "measures, not men," that you desire?
Would you stand up to vote a motion down?
Would you propose musk or cologne when the scents of the meeting was called for?
Ought a chip hat to be worn in log-rolling for an election?
Are you too modest to press the question?
Are you familiar with the music of political organs?
What sort of a vehicle is a political hack?
How old must a woman be to be entitled to the right of suffrage?
Are good teeth requisite for stump speeches?
Do you believe in the doctrine, "to the victor belongs the spoils," if so, do you consider that a man spoils political life?
Would you sit on a standing committee?
Would you insist on having your weight when the vote was declared to be a light one?—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*
The Star Route Fraud.
"Boss," said a colored man, approaching the stamp window at the Little Rock postoffice, "how much will yer charge ter send this yer letter ter Memphis?"
"Six cents," answered the clerk, "but you have not addressed it to any one."
"I kno dat. I ain't got but one stamp, an' I thought dat if yer would take it ter Memphis fur dat price I would send it ter Mary Smith, but if yer charged more I'd send it ter Caroline Brown what lives at Brinkley, bout half way to Memphis."
"It will cost just as much to send a letter to Brinkley as to Memphis."
"How does yer make dat out. It don't cost as much ter go ter Brinkley on de train as it do ter Memphis, and de letter will go on de train."
"That's the law, old man."
"I understans yer now. Dis is a stair route office. Oh, I've got yer. Want ter make three cents outen me, does yer? Well, I'll jist hab dis matter 'vestigated. I hain't said nothin' bout de stair routes, but from dis time out I've gwine ter sling myself.—*Little Rock Gazette.*
"What," the young man asked the young woman who was waiting for him to ask for his hat, "what do I put you in mind of?" "A French clock," she said softly. And pretty soon he went on his way. The next morning he called upon an eminent horologist and asked him what was the distinguishing trait of a French clock. The horologist said, "Why, it never goes." And the young man was sorely cast down, and he grieved, and he told no man of his hurt.
The laziest man is on a western paper. He spells photograph "4tograph." There have been only three worse than he. One lived out in Kansas and dated his letters "11worth," another spelled Tennessee "10ac," and the other wrote Wyandotte "Y&."

The eminent statisticians, Behm and Wagner, estimate the present population of the world:

Asia	831,707,000
Europe	313,929,000
Africa	205,671,000
America	97,485,000
Australia	21,000,000
Polar Regions	82,000
Total	1,452,273,000

Of the 95,405,000 in America, there are credited to the United States, 50,000,000; to Brazil, 11,100,000; to Mexico, 9,485,000; to British North America, 3,800,000. Iceland is given 72,000, and Greenland, 10,000.
Pennsylvania expends in a year \$152,663,495 for intoxicating drinks, and for educational purposes only \$5,865,945.
"Rough on Rats."
The thing desired found at last. Ask Druggists for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, roaches, flies, bed-bugs, lice, boxes.
"Euchupaliba."
New, quick, complete cure 4 days, urinary affections, smarting, frequent or difficult urination, kidney diseases, etc., at druggists, Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.
War! War! War!
Water front offered free to any person that will build a saw mill in the city of Williamsport. Lumber we must have to build this city. We have one store in running order at present. Quite a number have already located homes in this city, and yet there is room. Sold on time to suit purchasers. Located one mile south of Astoria, on the sunny side of the hill, on Young's bay.
J. WILLIAMS, Sr.
Mothers! Mothers! Mothers!!!
Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere, 25 cents a bottle.
Peruvian Bitters.
Cinchona Bitters.
The Count Cincelion was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1820. The Countess, his wife, was prostrated by an intermittent fever, from which she was cured by the use of the native remedy, the Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinquina." Grateful for her recovery, on her return to Europe in 1822, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnaeus called it Cinchona, in honor of the lady who had brought them that which was more precious than the gold of the Indies. To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given us nothing to take its place. It effectually cures a morbid appetite for stimulants, by restoring the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as it does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Cinchona is preserved in the Peruvian Bitters, which are as effective against malarial fever to-day as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroy. We guarantee the ingredients of our Bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating," and we will gladly be tested. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it. Loeb & Co., agents for Astoria.
—Will you suffer with Dispepsia and Liver Complaint? Shiloh's Vitalizer is recommended to cure you. Sold by W. E. Dement.
—Sleepless Nights, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you. Sold by W. E. Dement.
—The "Always Handy" stovepipe shelves at John A. Montgomery's.
—Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis immediately relieved by Shiloh's Cure. Sold by W. E. Dement.
—Mr. John Rogers of the Central Market, has made arrangements to keep all the finest fresh fish, etc., in their season.
—For the genuine J. H. Cutter old Bourbon, and the best of wines, liquors and San Francisco beer, call at the Gem, opposite the bell tower, and see Campbell.
—If you want anything in the line of books and stationery go to Adler's; the finest and largest assortment of everything in that line.
—For handsome holiday presents, such as toilet cases, cologne sets, perfumery cases, fine soaps, etc., go to Conn's drug store, opposite Occident Hotel.
—COLDEN'S LIENB'S LIQUID BEEF AND TONIC INVIGORATOR will cure indigestion and perpetuate bodily vigor. Take no other. Of druggists.
—That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. Sold by W. E. Dement.
—How my throat hurts! Then why don't you use HALE'S HOARSENESS, HOARSENESS AND TART? FIRE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS cure in one minute.

Furnished Rooms to Let

At Mrs. Munson's lodging house.
Notice.
I have bought out the restaurant on Main street, in Boehling's building, from James White and How Hee and rented the same to James White, and will not be responsible for any debts contracted.
MAX WAGNER.
Musical Instruction.
Prof. Fred. Mayer, of Switzerland, is now in the city and intends organizing a class in instrumental music. Any one who contemplates taking a course of instruction on the piano will find this a rare opportunity. Prof. Mayer may be seen at Mrs. Twilight's.
Sherman Bros. Express.
Will receive orders at the store of I. W. Case for upper Astoria or any other part of the city. Leave your orders on the slate and they will be promptly attended to.
Notice.
Just received per steamer Columbia, a fine lot of eastern oysters, which will be served up in first class style at Roscoe's, Occident block.
The Weekly Astorian
Is a mammoth sheet, nearly double the size of the Daily. It is just the paper for the farmer, containing in addition to all the current news, choice miscellany, agricultural matter, market reports, etc. It is furnished to single subscribers at \$2.00 per year in advance.
Take Notice.
On offer this date an additional 10 cents per cord will be charged on all orders for sawed wood not accompanied by the cash, at Grays wood yard, July 1st, 1881.
To the Ladies.
Dressmaking in all its branches; neat and reasonable, at Mrs. Denny Curran's, Cass street, near Congregational Church.
Arrigoni Lodging House, Portland, Oregon.
New house and first class in its appointments. Third street, in R. R. Thompson's block, opposite Capt. Ainsworth. Rooms by the day, week or month. Mrs. E. W. WRIGHT.
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Wells' Health Renewer. Absolute cure for nervous debility and weakness of the generative functions. \$1, at druggists—Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Or.
HALL'S VEGETABLE SCILLIAN HAIR RENEVER is a scientific combination of some of the most powerful restorative agents in the vegetable kingdom. It restores gray hair to its original color. It makes the scalp white and clean. It cures dandruff and humors, and falling-out of the hair. It furnishes the nutritive principle by which the hair is nourished and supported. It makes the hair moist, soft and glossy, and is unsurpassed as a hair dressing. It is the most economical preparation ever offered to the public, as its effects remain a long time, making only an occasional application necessary. It is recommended and used by eminent medical men, and officially endorsed by the State Assayer of Massachusetts. The popularity of Hall's Hair Renewer has increased with the lapse of many years, both in this country and in foreign lands, and it is now known and used in all the civilized countries of the world.
FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.
Al citizens of Oregon who desire to inform their friends in the states of the condition and progress of this state, can have no more complete and comprehensive volume of facts to send them than by subscribing for this journal, and having us mail it weekly to their friends. We mail it as directed. For \$5.00 in advance, we mail three copies of THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN one year.
MISCELLANEOUS.
SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL,
ASTORIA, OREGON
THIS INSTITUTION, UNDER CARE OF the Sisters of Charity, is now ready for the reception of patients.
Private rooms for the accommodation of any desiring them.
Patients admitted at all hours, day or night.
No physician has exclusive right, every patient is free to send and has the privilege of employing any physician they prefer.
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Seamen who pay Hospital Dues, are entitled to Free care and attendance at this Hospital during sickness. Permits must be obtained for United States Marines at the Custom House.
SISTERS OF CHARITY
L. K. G. SMITH,
Importer and Wholesale dealer in Cigars and Tobacco, Smoker's Articles, Playing Cards, Cutlery, Etc., Etc.
The largest and finest stock of Meerschaum and Amber goods in the city. Particular attention paid to orders from the country and vessels.
Chenamus street, Astoria, Oregon.
THEO. BRACKER, Manager.
School Tax, District No. 9.
UPPER ASTORIA.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the School Taxes for the above District are now due and payable at the office of the undersigned. Please pay up promptly and save costs.
W. M. B. ADAMS, Clerk District No. 9.
City Treasurer's Notice.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT all outstanding warrants or orders due by the City of Astoria, will be paid on presentation to the undersigned at his office. Interest will cease on and after this date.
W. M. B. ADAMS, City Treasurer.
Astoria, March 7, 1882.

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All kinds of
ENGINE, CANNERY,
—AND—
STEAMBOAT WORK
Promptly attended to.
A specialty made of repairing
CANNERY DIES,
FOOT OF LAFAYETTE STREET.
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GENERAL MACHINISTS' AND BOILER MAKERS.
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Boiler Work, Steamboat Work, and Cannery Work a specialty.
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JOSEPH RODGERS & SONS
GENUINE ENGLISH CUTLERY
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A fine stock of
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Done with neatness and dispatch.
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Office over A. V. Allen's Store,
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Office in C. L. Parker's building, on Benton street, opposite Custom House,
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