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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

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$\qquad$ The two most important events the week are the reassembling of congress and the resumption of work by the special internationa parliament-the fisheries commis
sion. The house of representatives sion. The house of representatives
heard only yesterday the announce heard only yesterday the announcement of the arrangement of its com-
mittees, but the senate is already mittees, but the senate
in the midst of a battle: the midst of a battle.
The first matter of consequence presented in the senate after the holiday recess was the resolution in reference to the distribution of the
president's" message. This was president's message. This was made the pretext for Mr. Sherman get even with Mr. Blaine in making an open bdd for the republican presidential nomination, to launch a harraunge, something after the manner of a stump speech, in which
he sharply takes President Clevehe sharply takes President Cleve land and the democracy to task on the tariff question. But the consuming aspirations of the Ohio sena or have led him to adopt a cours of conduct wholily acceptable to the democracy, as is shown by the mas who rejo only to slad to aorke who was only to glad to avail him self of this of the president and the the views of the president and th
policy of the party. pened time in the upper house, as several time in the upper house, as several
of the senators have announced their intention to discuss that issue sible the tarifi so interfered with at debate may be the Blair educational bill, which has precedence of all other matters on account of its being the only "unfinished pusiness." The New Hampshire senator declares it to be his purpose to push his bill from day to day until the question is disposed of. He expresses himself as being confident that his cherished measute will pass both houses and he belieyves the president will approve it. As to the latter opinion, a prominent congressman remarked a prominent congressman remarked
"Mr. Blair's hope for his bill i without foundation. In all of Mr . either by deed or word, committed himself to any scheme of paternal legislation like the Blair bill." He said further that he knew that his democratic brethern were divided upon this question, many of the
leading men of the party being on the affirmative side. But he thought it would be better to act on the Napoleonic military maxim of finding out what our enemies wish us to do and then pursue a contrary course. He thought President Cleveland would be likely to regard it in that light. Of important proposed legislation in the house it may be well to mention Mr. Springer's bill to create the territory of Oklahoma py consolidat ing the tribes in the Indian territor is underst form of government. the same that another bill on different character will an entirely duced. The latter will, be intro to remove the Indians to the easter part of the territory and to form new territory out of the western new territory
portion, adding thereta the region of
24, 1888 . B. Goldsmith, country known as "No Man's

Land," which would make a territory nearly as large as the state of Ohio. It is said this plan will be strengthened by the support of the administration.
There is a probability that Wash ington, Montana and Dakota territories will be admitted as states this year upon the condition that they shall not vote for preeident until 1892. Representative Cran, of Texas, is preparing to submit his constitutional amendment to change the time of meeting of congress The 31st of December at noon is substituted for the 4th of. March as he time for the beginning and ter mination of the official terms of the members of the house. Congress shall meet at least once each yea the first Monday in January, un less otherwise ordered by that body hould the bill pass both houses, must be ratified, of course, by two thirds of the state legislatures be land.
One of the most ludicrans scenes yet witnessed in the house wa
when Mr . Boutelle, of When $\mathrm{Mr}^{\text {r }}$ Boutelle, of Maine, wh as made some little reputation a sectional agitator, called up the rebe flag inquiry, instantly there Campbell, of New York, merely Campbell, of New York, merely as exclaimed "Ugh"" xclaimed "Ugh," at the same mo his desk with is desk with such vigorous energy as to be recognized by the presiding The little entitled to the floor. playing the Innocent Abroad playing the Innocent Abroad for eldom rises to his feet without making himself ridiculous.
democratio state convention A democratic state convention for he state of Oregon is hereby called county, on Tuesday, April 3,1888 or the on Turpose of nominating andidaté for member of congress, andidate for member of congress, a court, six delegates to the supreme democratic convention, and six alternates; to ratify the various disternates; to ratify the various dis-
trict nominations, and such other trict nominations, and such other
business as may properly come bebusiness as may pr
fore the convention.
Said convention will be composed of 155 delegates, apportioned to the various counties on the vote cast election of 1886, being one delegate for each :county and one for every 200 and fraction over 100 votes so cast. In accordance with said apportionment, the respective counties will be entitled to the following representation:
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Thecommittee respectfully recommends that the county conventions for the election of delegates to the state convention, unless otherwise ordered by the local county comChairman Deme Goldsmith, Committee.

## W, C. T, U. COLUM:

 FOR GOD AND $\frac{B O M E}{}$ AND NATIVE Mrs, F A. Morris, Press Superintendent Newberg, Oregon. Jan. 16, 1888. From Bishop Potter of the Protesant Episcopalian church, New York city: In asking my opinion as to "the effect of the saloon in politics in the United States," I presume you use the word saloon or an equation for the whole traffic for which it stands. The saloon per se, has something, undoubtedly to say Ior itself, so long as such a rage is site tiquor as a beving the sanction' of the law like hav ing the sanction of the law like any ther- If liquor may be sold to the to the poor by the glass. How this may be regulated; is undoubtedly' legitimate pestion in politics fot eg questions of rion in poilics, just export duties, and the import and rightful place there. But the rela tion of the drink traffic in rela large to politics is much Harger as it is certainly a preeminently important question. The drink traffic represents to day, to enor mous a pecuniary interest peals, and with such tremendous effect, to the lowest spotites, and it threatens so directly and so seriusly the best interests of theotite hat its power to influence polition or evil seems to me' one of the most dangerous, if not the most dingerus, of the evil forees in our day and land. It has learned the efficacy of thorough organization It is absolutely unscrupulous in the use of money, and as posing as the advocate of "personal liberty," it cleverly steals the livery of heaven in which to serve the devil. Already, it owns legislators; unless resisted, it will own legislature ; and a traffic which destroys homes degrades manhood, multiplies cripinals, crowds our jails and aifis-houses, is on the road to such a position of unrestricted power that already in great cities we see it-attempting to dictate the policy of parties and to name our judges, sheriffs, district attorneys, and al others who make or administer the laws. To undertake to estimat the effects, moral, social and political of such a condition of things, is a task larger than your limits permit to me. But the wide-spread apathy in regard to the whole mat ter, may well fill us with alarm. Not until the people are aroused to the danger that threatens them,not uutil they have resolved that no man tainted by participation in this fraffie can be tolerated in any public office, (however innocent indiviouals may be of any corrupt fellowship with those who make their laws as to liquor selling by buying the law-makers), can we hope that our commion peril may be averted. We are told that the country wants in politics a new and living issue. Well, here it is; vital, urgent, and of a consequence second to none which, in the history of the land, has 'stirred men's deepest convictions.The unubually large number of young men who have been committed to the
state insane asylum of Michigin in the state insane asylum of Michigan in the
last year and a half has led to the discovery that almost all of these spolked
cigarettes to excess.

