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WASHINGTON LETTER.
(From our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, 1888.

In their frantic efforts to manufacture a little much needed capital this week, the desperate republicans of the house unwittingly fell into a snare, from which they found it impossible to extricate themselves. They introduced a resolution to investigate the business methods of Public Printer Benedict. This official at once responded to the inquiry in a manner that was perfectly convincing and satisfactory.

It had been alleged that he was in arrears, yet it was shown that every bill introduced in either house or senate up to the day before had been received by the printer, and in the document room was completely indexed for use and reference.

Then, upon motion of Mr. Springer, the investigation was extended so as to include the term of Mr. Rounds, (the late republican printer), despite the protest of the minority against investigating the doings of a dead man.

It is probable that the fires of partisan strife will soon blaze fiercely forth in the house over the White-Lowry election contest from Indiana. The democratic majority of the committee on elections have agreed to a report, recommending the unseating of White, on the ground that he failed to become naturalized within the time specified by the law—he being a native of Scotland. The committee further recommend that the seat be declared vacant, as there was no legal election.

Should the republicans lose the seat, which is almost certain in the event of a new election, that party would be unable to control the Indiana legislation, and thus would lose their power to elect a president of the United States, if the election should be thrown upon the house. They have but one majority of the vote by states. From such a standpoint, this contest assumes national importance and will be one of the great events of the session.

Aspiring statesmen have showered tariff bills to the number of three hundred upon the ways and means committee. Still the astute member, whose duty it is to present these measures, will find little trouble in separating the wheat from the chaff.

As yet the Louisiana delegation have been unable to come to an agreement as to what shall be done with sugar in the new tariff bill. This anxiously awaited measure, by the way, is being very carefully considered, and it is thought by those in a position to know most about its character that it will pass the house and be satisfactory to the country.

Although the proposition to reduce letter postage to one cent had its fate sealed for the time by an adverse senate report, the subject, like Banquo's ghost, "will not down." More penny postage bills are being prepared and will be introduced and voted upon again during this congress.

The senate has again voted for the opening of congress on October 15th., and the closing of the short session on April 15th. Should this pass the house, being a consti-

tutional amendment, it would still need to be ratified by three-fourths of the state legislatures before it could become a law.

In the house there is another bill which provides that the congress shall open on the first Monday in January and the time of final adjournment shall be at noon on the 31st of December. This would practically make a continuous session for the two years term, with only such recesses as the two houses might agree to. So it is impossible to know just what the new law will finally be, but there is little doubt that the existing order of things with reference to the official terms of the president, vice-president, senators and representatives will be changed by the present congress.

ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL VETO.

President Cleveland has forbidden I was going to say it, but that ugly word is not used in the friendly relations which exist between the two—has requested Mrs. Cleveland not to have any more pictures taken. He does not like the disagreeable publicity which his fair wife's features have received in advertising schemes. Mrs. Cleveland never gave any photographer a special right to her picture, but sat for her own pleasure and that of her friends. I think she has been photographed at all the leading galleries here. At Prince's she sat for forty different negatives. It was on a very hot day last summer and she went accompanied by her mother and remained in the studio two hours.

"She is the best sitter I ever had," said Mr. Prince enthusiastically, "and she never once lost her temper. She poses herself like an artist, and gave us less trouble than ordinary sitters do every day."
—Washington Cor. Detroit Free Press.

PATENTS GRANTED

To citizens of the Pacific states during the past week, and reported expressly for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent office, Washington:
Oregon—N. L. Raber, Corvallis, amalgamator; D. L. Remington, Woodburn, traction engine. California—D. Chapel, San Francisco, hand car; D. B. Gemmill, Red Bluff, harvester; J. Paterson, San Francisco, instrument for testing crank shafts.

On Tuesday Senator Dolph called up his bill in the senate which appropriates \$500,000 for the erection of a public building in Portland, and which has twice passed the senate. The first bill appropriated \$250,000 and the second \$350,000, but neither of these bills was passed by the house. For a third time Senator Dolph has brought up the bill, this time for \$500,000 and has secured its passage.

A Lansing, Mich., dispatch says: "Old Buckskin," the horse ridden by Lieut. Baker, of this city, in pursuit and capture of Wilkes Booth, died here Friday. His skin will be mounted and placed on exhibition in the state museum.

Portions of the Andes seem to be sinking, the altitude of Quito having diminished 76 feet in 122 years, and that of another peak 218 feet. A crater has sunk 425 feet in 25 years.

Two brands of cigars, made by rival firms in Binghampton, N. Y., have been named "The Bill Nye." One of the firms says its cigars are named after Mr. Bill Nye of Binghampton. The other brand is named for Bill Nye, the World's humorist, and with his consent. In a letter granting permission for this use of his name the famous funny man says that "a boy in Ohio, two in Iowa, a quick colt in Kentucky, a curly-faced bull in Minnesota, a mine in Leadville, a town in Wisconsin and a brand of chewing tobacco in South Carolina" already bear his name. Speaking of the Binghampton cigars named in his honor he says, in a later epistle: "The cigars you have seen fit to decorate with my name seem to be thoroughly fluent and first-class. They are good for home consumption or any other disease."

Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the New York World, is in Pasadena, California, with his family, and may visit Oregon before he returns east. Overwork brought on partial blindness and he was confined to the house and unable to use his eyes for several weeks. Then he tried to carry on his work by the assistance of readers and amanuensis, but his physicians demanded absolute rest, hence his trip to the Pacific coast. In the meantime his wonderful newspaper, which has always been the friend of this coast, moves majestically along, piling up its daily circulation figures and keeping at the head of the procession of the great journals of the world.

Information comes of the approaching formation of an Arms manufacturing trust. There is already a Cartridge trust. Various other trusts for controlling the product and price of small articles are announced in a way that is calculated to carry consternation to the community at large. But there is one important trust forming that bears with it a cheerful suggestiveness—the only one of the kind—and that is the Store trust. All the other trusts will be similarly designated in a reasonably short time if public opinion continues to intensify at its present rate.—N. Y. World.

The Standard oil company has swallowed the business of Wm. Washburn & Sons, of St. Louis, whose tank line into Alabama and Mississippi practically controlled the turpentine products of those states. This gives the Standard oil company control of all the tankage in St. Louis and a virtual monopoly of the turpentine trade of the south.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer refers to the Hon. Singer Hermann as the representative in congress from Oregon. It is mistaken in the name. The Oregon representative is the Hon. Hinger Bermann, the champion bill-introducer of this congress.—Tacoma News.

Republicans generally think that Blaine's letter does not mean what it says. The Oregonian thinks republican chances "improved, possibly, by Blaine's letter of declination."

Oregon will undoubtedly receive a large immigration this year.