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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24, 1888.

Washington has been the Mecca towards which the eyes of all good democrats have been devoutly turned during the past few days. Here the first steps were taken towards the great victory which is to be won this year again by the party. The democratic national committee which met in this city to select the time and place for holding the national nominating convention, held a three days meeting of intense interest and every rival city worked its hardest for the prize.

The only other business of importance transacted by the committee was the election of Mr. Wm. Steinway, the piano manufacturer, of New York city, to fill the vacancy on the committee caused by the death of Hubert O. Thompson. This selection was a great disappointment to the republicans, who confidently expected a great row in the committee over it.

Representative Scott, of Pennsylvania, was in favor of holding the convention before the republicans held theirs, believing that having possession of the government, it was the proper thing for the democrats to take the initiatory steps in opening the presidential campaign. Senator Gorman, of Maryland, opposed an early convention, maintaining that there was no reason why the democrats should change their policy of following the republicans; that with a late convention they could take advantage of any mistakes of their opponents, whereas, by preceding the republicans it would enable them to make capital of any blunders that might be committed by the democrats. Senator Gorman's views were shared by nearly two-thirds of the committee, hence the selection, at first of July 3d. The next day a reconsideration of this vote was secured and Mr. Scott's views accepted by adopting June 5th as the date for the convention. It was not until near noon on Thursday, that St. Louis was fixed upon as the place; up to that hour it was believed that San Francisco was sure to win.

Mr. Mills, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, has just returned from a flying trip to Providence, R. I. He says he is delighted with the spirit of the New England people in regard to the revenue question. Throughout the manufacturing districts the tariff for revenue theory is popular and they are pleased with the president's tariff message.

It is now said that little Phil Sheridan's declination of the nomination for president was a case of "sour grapes." He is not eligible. "Even granting that he was born as his mother says, several months after the arrival of his patents in this country," said a naturalized citizen of this city, "that would make him an alien, under the law, as his father was not naturalized, and no more eligible to the presidency than if he was born in Ireland. I know, because I had a son born several months after my arrival in this country, and he was obliged before he was allowed to vote, on reaching the age of twenty-one, to take the oath of allegiance, as he was held

to be alien born. The same law would apply to Sheridan's case."

Charges have been repeatedly made in a number of republican papers, that the commissioner of pensions had given the soldiers of democratic states an advantage over those of republican states in the amount of pensions allowed them, a table has been prepared at the pension office, which effectually disproves the silly charge.

Another bad break is to be charged up to the republican leaders of the house. They see it now, but it is too late to stop the deluge. They proposed and passed a resolution to investigate the government printing, or rather to investigate Mr. Benedict, the first democratic public printer, promising to show up many startling things. The proposition was readily agreed to by the democrats, after an amendment was added providing that the investigation should include the four years term of Mr. Benedict's republican predecessor. The committee appointed under this resolution, has already begun work, and enough has been done to make the republicans very sorry that they started it, and the indications are that their sorrow will continue to increase. Here are some figures taken from the books of the government printing office, that speak volumes: In January, 1886, under Rounds, there were 2,352 persons on the rolls receiving \$168,826, and in January, 1888, under Benedict, there are 2,041 on the rolls receiving \$153,457. Notwithstanding the great reduction in the number of employees—over 300—and the large saving in cash—over \$15,000 in a month—there was more work turned out of the office in January, 1888, than in January, 1886. Comment is needless.

## W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

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## SOCIAL PURITY.

In presenting the subject of the "White Shield," what can be more appropriate than the language of the psalmist, 91:4, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." What truth? first, the truth of God as relates to himself, and also as it relates to ourselves and to one another. We are commanded to love the Lord our God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves, and on these two commandments depend our usefulness in this world and our joys in the next. Ignorance is no shield to us. When God created our first parents and placed them in the Garden of Eden, he said: "Male and female have I created, and unto them have I given dominion over all things that I have made." Both standing equal as designed by the creator. But after Eve partook of the forbidden fruit and gave to her husband, Satan came in and destroyed that high and exalted state of purity, and the strong opposed the weak. The watchword was "Might makes Right." Under the Mosaic dispensation they had certain laws relating to the sexes, but to the advantage of the males. But we must remember that an ignorant nation was taught, and on one occasion Christ said—when questioned on a certain point—"It was because of the hardness of your hearts, that Moses commanded such things, but from the beginning it was not so."

It takes us a long time to get over ignorance, heathenism and idolatry. Christ came to undo the heavy burdens and break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free. It would be well to take the example of him, who while on earth lived the life of purity, and required it in others. Who said: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God,"—which includes both sexes. But somehow public opinion and our laws seem to overlook this fact. It is too much to-day as it was on a certain occasion when Christ was in the temple. The scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman to be condemned—but where was the guilty man? Perhaps he belonged to the Sanhedrin, and was talking with a long face about the degeneracy of the times; or, maybe a Pharisee who walked the streets with an all-important air. Or a young man, the son of a proud mother, but by the consent of public opinion he was accounted respectable and spent the evening in a parlor with pure young ladies. How often we have read and known of parallel cases. But if Christ could stand as judge now as he did then, we would often hear the language, "Who among you that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." And he who knows the circumstances of all would say, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

If God made man an ungovernable creature he surely made a mistake, (which for one moment we do not admit.) Then why should woman be held responsible for her own and her associate's purity? We have heard from our childhood, "If the women will behave, the men will." This is partly true and a good deal false. But why should more be expected of women than men? If God had made separate bibles and said, "Woman have I created to be as pure, and a little lower than the angels, but man have I made so it is impossible for him to be pure," it would be alright to judge them by a different standard of purity. The public must be educated out of heathenism on this subject. Woman was held for ages as the toy and slave of man, and the consequence has been, the animal part of man has been increased since he came from the hand of his creator and was pronounced very good. But you ask, "How shall we go about working a reformation? Let mothers teach—yes, and fathers too—their little children that God wants us to be pure; that if they say naughty words their mouths are not fit for mother to kiss; that if they think naughty things, God sees, and the pure page of their lives is blotted. Let no coarse jests nor smutty remarks be allowed in the family. Let the boys be trained to respect their mother and sisters, and to treat other boys' sisters as they would wish their own sisters treated. Parents should remember that the boys' morals are as easily sullied as the girls.

A bond of sympathy should be kept up between parents and children, and as their minds develop and they grow in years they should be instructed by their parents in those things that will add to their well-being, and see that it is done with discretion and wisdom; and as they go forth in the world, "His truth shall be their shield and buckler." But all are not so taught. The young lady should strike off of her list of acquaintances those young men that are known to be of corrupt lives, and require the same standard of purity of them that she does of her lady friends. May we never stop nor grow weary until this twin evil with intemperance be banished from our midst.—Supt. Social Purity Department.

There was not a large attendance at the republican committee meeting Tuesday. They will have to warm up, or get left.

The democrats are wide awake.