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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1888.

Hon. Samuel J. Randall made a few remarks in the house on Wednesday, which secured him a round of hearty applause from the democratic side and from the galleries. It was during the discussion on Mr. Mill's resolution authorizing the secretary of the treasury to purchase bonds with the surplus, which discussion, by the way, was the most interesting thus far of the session. The tenor of Mr. Randall's report was such that little doubt remains that he will support the tariff bill which has been proposed by the majority of the ways and means committee. He closed by saying that he hoped and believed that the democratic party would at the proper time be found acting together.

Mr. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, made an excellent tariff speech on Wednesday in the house. He argued that revenue reform was necessary to the prosperity of the country, and that it was the duty of the democratic majority of the house to pass a bill looking thereto, leaving the republican senate the responsibility of defeating the will of the people if they dare do it, by rejecting the bill that has been so carefully drawn by the majority of the ways and means committee.

The tariff bill, upon which the democratic members of the ways and means committee have been faithfully working since the beginning of the session, is now complete. It has been placed before the full committee, and any further delay in presenting it to the house will be fairly chargeable to the republican members of that committee. The bill proposes to reduce the revenues of the government from \$50,000,000 to \$70,000,000 a year.

The government printing office investigation is still on. Every day offers new proofs of the many benefits derived by that office since it has been under democratic control. Many thousand dollars have been saved for the government, while the quantity of work turned out is larger than ever before.

The tricky junior senator from New Hampshire, Wm. E. Chandler, introduced a very innocent looking bill in the senate the other day. It authorizes the purchase of Albert Overly's two paintings "The Farthest North" and "Camp Clay, or the rescue of Lieut. Greeley and party." This bill will bear watching, as both Secretaries Whitney and Endicott have refused to recommend their purchase. The artist claims that Senator Chandler, who was then secretary of the navy, ordered the paintings for the government. If he did so, he exceeded his authority and congress should not help him out of his dilemma. The price of the two paintings is \$15,000, which is generally considered to be much more than they are worth.

By the way, a bill to create a national art commission here has just passed the senate, something that is greatly needed art connoisseurs will say. The commission is to consist of fourteen persons, to be appointed by the president and serve without compensation. Their duty shall be to pass upon all

works of art which the government proposes to purchase and to supervise the preparation of plans and execution of contracts for art work under government direction. I will just mention in this connection that the Washington philanthropist whose obsequies took place this week, (Mr. W. W. Corcoran), bequeathed another \$100,000 to the Corcoran art gallery.

Another republican boomerang. It will be remembered that early in the present session of congress a republican member introduced with a great blast of trumpets, a resolution in the house calling on the commissioner of pensions to show cause, etc., why he had exceeded his authority by issuing what is known as the "one-hundred day" circular to pension claimants. The house committee on pensions has made an adverse report on this resolution. The commissioner did not exceed his authority, and in issuing the circular the interests of no claimant were injured. On the contrary, many were benefitted thereby.

Senator Vest made a speech on the dependent pension bill Wednesday in which he fairly flayed that class of statesmen who are always ready to pose as the special champions of the soldier's interests. He said they were turning the nation's legislative halls into auction rooms in which they could bid for the soldier vote in the coming contest. "Partisan or non-partisan, my convictions require me to vote against the bill; and I hope it may 'die the death' in the other branch of the national congress; and if not there, at the hands of the executive. If that be unparliamentary make the most of it."

**W. C. T. U. COLUMN.**

**"For God and Home and Native Land."**  
 Mrs. F. A. MORRIS, Press Superintendent,  
 Newberg, Oregon.

The annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held next Saturday at 2 o'clock. All are invited to attend. Every member of the union is especially urged to be present, and every superintendent to be ready with a written report of the work done in her department the past year.

We think there is some cause for rejoicing since hearing what a man in the wine business in California said, recently, when asked the cause of the wine-grapes dying all over that country: "I don't know, unless it is in answer to the prayers of the cursed W. C. T. U. women."

**ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE SALOON.**  
 You request a letter on the economic effects of the saloon. A strange topic, truly! What can be meant by the "economic effects of the saloon" is the first question that arises. Two thoughts occur: The first is the cost of the saloon, and the second is the return it makes for the cost. The proprietor will estimate the cost by the money invested. He probably sees nothing else in the business. To his thought it is a question of dollars and cents, and he counts his gains as coldly as if his net profits in cash made up the whole of the returns. The moral effects are not in his mind, if indeed he is capable of considering moral effects. But others than the proprietor make investments in the

saloon. Every patron puts something into it, and all that goes into it enhances the cost. The cash investment is the gross income. It may be to each saloon only a few thousands of dollars; but the cash is the smallest item in the account. It costs precious time, which, who can estimate? It costs health, character, domestic and social comfort, business, life. Ask the despairing wife whose husband has wrecked his all in the saloon, the cost of her investment! Ask the broken-hearted mother, whose darling son has fallen victim to the enticement of the saloon, and cast into it fortune and reputation, and blasted his manhood and his life, and brought shame and sorrow to all that loved him, to tell the value of her investment in the gilded mockery of trade! Nay, go ask the recording angel to compute the worth of the souls blotted from the book of life through the agency of this horrid traffic, before you begin to estimate the cost of the saloon. What return does this investment yield? To the proprietor, luxury and gold, with a deadened conscience, a degraded life, an imperiled family and a starless night forever.

To the municipality it turns over a few paltry dollars for license or taxes to pay a small percentage of the extra costs of courts, and police and jails and poorhouses caused by the trade. To the community it returns idleness, profanity, poverty, quarrelings, fightings, thefts, robberies, murders, wretchedness and woe. The "economic effects" who dares to think of dollars in connection with the saloon? Think rather of pestilence and famine, of moral desolation and every evil thing. He who lives on the income of the saloon is a pauper. He lives at the expense of others, and gives in return nothing that can help or bless. His trade is a blight. His prosperity entails want and grief. Count the cost of the saloon if you can, but count it not in dollars.—  
*Bishop S. M. Merrill, L. L. D., of the M. E. Church, Chicago, Ill.*

The other day, President Cleveland, after pardoning two unsophisticated youths from the penitentiary for a crime in which there were mitigating circumstances, said he would always cheerfully aid such cases. When it came to absconding bank cashiers, clerks and men who deliberately robbed widows and orphans, however, he would never raise a finger to save them. He spoke with much feeling, and it will go hard with the said class of criminals if the president is the last resort for clemency.

A French biologist, M. Levan, offers the theory that obesity is a nervous disorder, to be treated by avoidance of mental and physical fatigue, with a diet of eggs, soup, milk, rice and potatoes.

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