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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

From a study of events at capitol, it is evident that both political parties are already making preparations for an unusual contest in the congressional elections next fall. Under the surface of a somewhat erratic Congress the fiercest political duel of recent years is being fought out. There is so much on the surface of affairs which is distracting, so many small conflicts and irritating over what appears to be small matters that the vital action is lost sight of and public attention is attracted to the happenings of today, yesterday and tomorrow. The details of the conflict attract attention as separate issues, and the grand final object which is being striven for is more or less obscured in the confusion. But there is a powerful, restless movement under the surface, and the farseeing leaders in Congress are reaching out in all directions as far as they can, to grasp that which they see in the future.

In the three-cornered fight represented by democratic factional difference and the republicans, the latter are engaged in a strategic policy. The action of the republicans in both houses, as the situation is presented to them day by day, is governed not by a purpose to oppose the propositions brought forward, but to place themselves in a position where they shall stand apart unharmed, and preserve their forces in compact order for the struggle which will come when the factions join in an ultimate attack upon the common enemy. The purpose of all the republican leaders is to keep up conflict within the lines of the party as long as possible. In the Senate they might have prolonged the contest over the federal elections bill indefinitely and perhaps defeated it, but here the policy of giving their opponents every opportunity to do what they regard as unwise controlled and the passage of the bill was permitted in order to give clear way for the tariff legislation, which while opposing in earnestness, they would probably not defeat if they could. And the rear end resting under the eternal waves of all this fighting and plotting is the control of the next Congress.

The changes made in the tariff bill by the Senate committee will not be of a character to make it a substitute for the Wilson bill. It will be the Wilson bill reported with amendments. The subcommittee is trying to make the bill more nearly approach a revenue basis than it does in its present shape. There will be a shifting about in some of the schedules which will make apparent changes in the bill, with slight increase on particular items and reductions on other items in various schedules, in all of which, however, the general character of the Wilson bill will be maintained. Wool will remain on the free list and there will be a number of more or less important changes in the woolen manufacturing schedules, the general result being a reduction. Iron ore will also remain on the free list and there will be reduction in the iron and steel schedules, steel rails being probably reduced. A duty of 50 cents per ton will be put on coal, but this will not affect other schedules.

One of the features of Washington that strikes the winter visitor as being as characteristic in its way as the Capitol or the Washington monument is the quantity of flowers, which January or February thought it be, are visible on all hands. They monopolize big spaces in the markets, and are vended all over streets. Two

causes have conspired to produce the particular paradox here seen of flowers and winter. There is an immense demand for flowers by official society a custom for which the White House is said to have been in the beginning responsible, since, equipped as it is with its own large private conservatories, the first ladies of the land, for many reigns back, have been able to set shining examples of prodigality in floral adornment. The other reason for the profusion of flowers is mild temperature of the Capital City during the cold season. As a result, Washington, in the time of its leafless and deserted parks, has a distinct flower period, which is inaugurated in November with great pomp and circumstance by the annual arrival of the chrysanthemum, bushels of which then wander up and down the streets in quest of purchasers, propelled in their peregrinations by small colored boys, whose faces form admirable foils for their wares.

An interesting convention which blooms annually in Washington, presided over by Susan B. Anthony, for the past quarter of a century, blossoms again this week. The nineteenth century is woman's century," said Victor Hugo over thirty years ago. The truth of his words was apparent then; it is more than convincing now. The band of women assembled in this city have convened with a purpose the fulfillment of which would have been fanatical heresy in any other age than this; with ideas which would have been scouted and jeered even fifty years ago, the expression of which will now be received with the utmost consideration and respect. Courtesy and thoughtful attention are now accorded by even those who radically disagree with the tenants of the Woman's Suffrage Association.

CARRYING POWER OF BEES.

The Insects Transport Twice Their Own Weight on the Wing.

An interesting note about the weight of bees appears in an American journal devoted to agriculture. It seems that an ordinary bee, not carrying any load of pollen, weighs the one five-thousandth part of a pound. Five thousand bees thus make a pound weight. When, however, the bee is carrying his load of pollen or honey, as he returns from foraging amid the flowers, his weight is increased nearly three times. He carries thus about twice his own weight, a result not surprising to those who have studied the muscular powers and ways of insects at large. When bees are loaded it requires only eighteen hundred of them to make up the pound. Details are also given regarding the number of bees which may exist in a hive. From four to five pounds weight of bees are found in an ordinary colony. This means in figures of population some twenty to twenty-five thousand individuals. A big swarm, it is said, will often double this estimate. Talking of bees, if any of my readers wish to indulge in a very curious and fascinating bit of zoological study, they should read the story of what is called "parthenogenesis" in bees and other insect, such as the aphides or green flies of the roses and other plants. For such eggs of the queen bee as are fertilized when laid turn out workers (or neuter) or queens, while those which are not fertilized at all develop into males or drones. This is very singular, because fertilization of an egg or seed is regarded ordinarily as necessary for its due development.

The Beginning of Manhood in China.

When one sees a lad in China with his head shaved one may be sure that, however boylike he may look, he has put aside all the things of youth and become a man. In fact, this event is celebrated in the household with great solemnity, for entrance upon manhood is a grave matter for the boys of the flowery land. Invitations are sent to the friends and relatives to a family gathering, and each is expected to bring a present—in money for choice—for the hero of the hour. The boy himself is dressed in fine silk robes and perfumed with spices. When everyone has arrived the father makes a speech in honor of the occasion, the presents are given and then a Chinese priest shaves the boy's head to prepare the way for the pigtail, which marks the man of the Celestial empire.

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Ar. Rocky Mt.	12:55	1:45	7:35
Arrive Tarboro	1:35	2:25	8:15
Leave Tarboro	12:1	1:01	7:55
Tv. Tocky Mt.	12:55	10:45	7:00
Leave Wilson	1:55	11:25	7:35
Leave Selma	4:25	1:15	8:25
Lv. Fayetteville	4:25	1:15	8:25
Arrive Florence	7:05	3:27	9:05
TRAINS GOING SOUTH-			
Dated Dec. 4, 1893.	Daily No. 26	Daily No. 27	Daily No. 28
Leave Wilson	2:05	11:05	A. M. 7:35
Leave Goldsboro	3:00	12:00	8:30
Leave Magnolia	4:15	1:15	9:45
Ar. Wilmington	5:05	2:05	11:00
TRAINS GOING NORTH-			
Dated Dec. 4, 1893.	Daily No. 26	Daily No. 27	Daily No. 28
Leave Florence	A. M. 7:00	P. M. 7:00	P. M. 7:00
Lv. Fayetteville	10:25	9:20	8:20
Leave Selma	12:10	11:05	10:05
Arrive Weldon	1:05	1:05	1:05
TRAINS GOING SOUTH-			
Dated Dec. 4, 1893.	Daily No. 26	Daily No. 27	Daily No. 28
Lv. Wilmington	A. M. 9:00	P. M. 7:00	P. M. 7:00
Leave Magnolia	10:40	8:37	8:37
Leaves Goldsboro	12:00	9:45	9:45
Ar. arrive Wilson	12:50	10:35	10:35
TRAINS GOING NORTH-			
Dated Dec. 4, 1893.	Daily No. 26	Daily No. 27	Daily No. 28
Leave Wilson	P. M. 1:15	P. M. 11:25	P. M. 10:40
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:07	12:05	11:25
Arrive Tarboro	2:25	1:15	1:25
Leave Tarboro	12:54	1:05	1:15
Lv. Rocky Mt.	2:07	12:05	11:25
Arrive Weldon	3:18	12:05	11:25
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