Washington Letter,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27, 1892. pet methods. It is small criticism fice and large neglect of weighty matters. It is gagging at trifles and swoflowing a loaded camel train. It is official superciliousness insisting on routine against just rights and reasonable claims. It is failure against the patient and skillful cunning of the imposter but a bar to the poor man with a good cause. it keeps thousands of honest goverument creditors out of their dues but is weak against jobs, frauds, and log-rolling. It is location, words words, and evermore words and thistles, but no figs nor grapes. The red tapist spends more time

in grinding his scythe than in mow ing. His main end is the sharpen ing of tools and everlasting talk about tweedle-dum-and-dee-,the red-tapist will pardon us; tweedles dam and tweedledee, with the ac cent on the last sylable. The Pos Office clerk who refused to mail a letter to N. Y. City because no such post office was on the list, was a red-tapist and so was the man who didn't help a lady at the great fire because he had never been introduced, and the incompetent who kept an applicant waiting for week because he omitted the particle "the" from his claim and the over smart official who wouldn't permit a man to spell his name "Jaykob" and stirred up the whole office because another spelled his "jorg."

"These few remarks" have been evoked by various provocations, great and small, such as the locking at midday of one and but one of the numerous entrances to the Interior government building at Washings ton. Regularly at noon it is closed and selemnly barred and has been for a generation; but why no mat: Perhaps it is a relic of the late war. There is no reason for it, yet red tape daily bars the door, and will continue to do so as long probably as the German sentitel; and his successors set to watch a hole in the time of the first Napoleon paced until finally re-Of the same nature is th rule excluding the public from the balls of government buildings after two o'clock. This in general is pure piece of official trifling. The only persons excluded are unint ated people from a distance whose time is limited and who above all other visitors should have free arcess. The only person benefited by such rule is probably the elevator

Corporal Tanner's recent letter the matter of Gen. Dudiey's increased pension exposes a case of red tape. It seems that in 1886 a law was passed increasing the pension of soldiers who had lost a leg at the knee joint, from \$30 to \$36 dollars per month, and that Gen. Dudley applied for this increase. The acplication was adversely reported upon by a strict constructionist of the Pension Office and there was no of .. ficial medical examination. Yel Tanner, who was the Commissioner o' Pensions, allowed the claim. But hear Tanner: "I knew absolutely of my own knowledge, through my own eyesight that Gen. Dudley's leg was amputated so near the knethat he had always worn an artificial leg with an artificial knee joint. * * * A medical examination by all the doctors in Christendom would not have changed my opinion regarding the condition of that stump. I know an amputated leg when I see one. I have had occasion to look at a pair of them since August 30, 1862 every day of my life. I know an artificial leg when I see one and when I see a man with a leg amputated so near the knee joint that be has to wear an artificial knee joint, I know it absolutely, and I know that of necessity that leg is amputated at or near the knee joint. Surprising as it may seem to the crief of division who states that he reported against the claim being allowed, I never saw his report. The fact is I did not go through the papers at all. My knowledge was personal and absolute and I felt as competent to read the law as the chief of the division. I simply took the bundle of papers and wrote across them. 'Allow this claim at \$36 per mouth from March, 1886,"

CAPITAL.

Free Coinage of Gold.

A correspondent writes in relation to an article which recently appear ed in the Picayune on the free coins age of gold, as follows:

"If I recollect correctly the posi, ion of the writer is that the mint receives the gold and returns a like weight in gold com to the depositor, leaving a profit of about 11 percentin the hands of the government. Is there not an error in this statement? Why should the owner of the fine gold sell it to the government for about \$18.605 per ounce, when the dealers in bullion will give about \$20 67 per ounce ?"

As the above shows a misapprehension of the fact as stated by us in the article in question, and as the matter is one of no little public in terest in connection with the general discussions upon comage at this time, it will not be out of place to present some explanation of the ree coinage of gold.

The United States Revised Stat. utes, section 3511, providing the denominations and values of the gold Roberts. It contains two new chap- bring my articles with them, for that the unit of these coins shall be the Holy Spirit and the other to the you may not be one of these. grains; and the double eagle, or \$20 parts of it. piece, shall weigh 516.00 grains all

standard for both gold and silver ets indicating the omitted part : this year. The cure is so small in coins of the United States shall be "The rest of mankind God [was itself, and yet its comfort to you is such, that of 1000 parts by weight, pleased] saw fit, according to the so great-20 minutes being its limit 900 parts shall be of pure metal and unsearchable counsel of His own when relief comes-that it has be-100 parts of alloy. The latter is no: | will, whereby He extendeth or with | come the marvel of its time. One counted in the value of the coin, bea holderh mercy as he pleaseth [for and a half grains of medicine, coating a mixture of copper and silver, the glory of His sovereign power ed with sugar, is my remedy, in the the latter being not more than one over His creatures to pass by and shape of one small pill, known to tenth of the mixture.

one dollar gold piece must weig 25.80 grains of troy. Of this weigh 23.22 grains are pure gold and 2,58 grains are alloy. The other coinare all in the same proportion. At the rate of 23.22 grains of pure golto one dollar, it will be seen that one cunce of pure gold containing 180 grains, will be worth \$20,67 and very little fraction more. Bu since all our com is alloyed to th extent of one-tenth, it will be see that while an ounce of pure gold i worth, say \$20.67, an ounce of Unit ed States gold coin is worth only

Now when gold builton is deposit ed in the mint for comage its value in pure metal is ascertained and then an equal weight of gold coin is paid for it. It is true that the government makes a gross profit of one-tenth on the transaction, but the cost of mintage, wasteage, an: the like must come out of it, so that the net profit is not so large in the pays \$18 60 for \$20 67 worth of pure the Work."

cause England, not being a produc- Jesus Christ." ry, under the advice of Sir Isaac the mass."

monetization of silver. elsewhere, we find that, by act of Though the conservatives were de-Fortunate is the Government bn. parliament, the Bank of England is feated two years ago and a revision each month, at 7 o'clock.

Red Tage has never been authors these short lived officials usually America of the British pound sters is unnecessary or unwise. itatively defined. Washington at depend upon red tape subordinates ling at \$4 8695, or four dollars eigh. fords opportunity to study the sole for practical details. Their time is ty-six cents nine and one-half mills. ject. Bed tape is how not to do it. absorbed in grave law questions and At this rate, the Bank of England It is the letter that killeth. It is in the details of appointments. It pays for pure gold about \$18.90 per pharisaism in office. It is the tithe by great industry and large capacity ounce, or say 30 cents more than is ing of businessmint and cumin. It they master the business it is about paid by our government mints, But is homage to rules and adolatry of the time they are rotated out of of- it costs something in freight and insurance to ship gold bullion to London, and there would be very little profit in carrying fine gold from this country. Now, since the Bank of England fixes the price of pure gold at \$18.90 per ounce, it is not likely that any dealers will be found to purchase it at \$20.67, when they would have to sell it to the great banks and mints at a loss.

Anybody can deposit gold bullion in the mist and have it coined on the terms stated, and this is free coinage. But no person can have his silver bullion coined there at any price. The government may or may not purchase silver, but it will not coin it for anybody's private account. This means that there is no tree coinage in silver .- New Orleans Picayune.

Revision of Confession of Faith.

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 23.-At pointed to revise the Confession of well known. Many American fam-Faith was presented by Dr. W. C. llies on their return from abroad coins of the United States, declares ters-one relating to the work of they know them pretty well, but

Section 3514 declares that the chapter and is as follows, the brack- and headache that can be found in to ordain them to dishonor and commerce as DR. HAYDOCK'S It will be seen then that all the wrath for their sins, to the praise of NEW LIVER PILL. It is old in coins consist of nine tenths pure His glorious justice; yet neither is the markets of Europe, but is new metal and one tenth alloy. The any limitation put upon the offer of to North America, The price is as salvation to all upon condition of low as an honest medicine can be faith in Christ nor 18 restraint laid sold at, 25 cents. Send a postal upon the freedom of anyone to hin- card for a sample vial, to try themder his acceptance of this offer, yet before you purchase. bath He no pleasure in the death of the wicked, nor is it His decree but he wickedness of their own hearts which restraineth and hindereth hem from accepting the free offer of His grace made in the Gospel."

> The section relating to elect inants is worthy of mention. By the old confession the inference was left that some infants went to bell, as the wording "elect infants" implied that there were "non-select infants." The new section clears that mystery, reading as follows:

> "Infants dying in infancy and all other persons who are not guilty of ictual transgression are included in the election of grace and are regenerated and saved by Christ through

The other change in a section re-But now for the question : "Why lating to the Roman Catholics in COUNTY DIRECTORY. should the owner of fine gold sell it the unrevised confession. In the COUNTY OFFICERS. to the government for \$18.60 when revision the section reads as follows: Sheriff, A. Nixon, Lincolnto Cl'k, Sup. Court, C. E. Childs, " the dealers in bullion will give about "The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Reg. of Deeds, B. C. Wood, \$20.67 per onnce for it?" Who are head of the Church, and the claims Treasurer, L. T. Willkie. these dealers? Fine gold is pur- of the Pope of Rome or any Coroner, J. chased in large quantities only by other Roman authority to be the Supt. Pub. Inst. A. C. Hettenstein. the mints of the several nations and Vicar of Christ and head of the T. H. Hoke, Chm'n, Lincointon, by the great government and private Church universal is without warrant A. L. Cherry, banks of Europe. Gold is worth in Scripture or fact, and is an usurp P. more in England than elsewhere b. tion to the dishonoring of the Lord W. M. Huli

er of gold, must get it in the way of In another chapter where refer- J. C. Bess. trade from other countries, and in ence is made to the Roman Catholic S. V. Goodson, order to draw gold in preference to Church, the change is from "Popish silver the Bank of England in the sacrifice of the mass" to "Roman latter part of the seventeeth centu- Catholic doc!rine of the sacrifice of

Newton, master of the mint, increas Those who have opposed revision Secretary & Treasurer, W. K. Edwards and the ratio of the releast of the ed the ratio of the value of gold over from the outset intend to make a silver, so that gold was given a fight on the constitutionality of this greater proportional paying power, Assembly taking definite action on thereby encouraging payments in the report, claiming that by a new Mails on C C Railway, distributed 6:30 P gold. This movement forced a subin all other commercial countries committee appointed for the purand has resulted in a general de- pose of receiving it and who shall and Fridays; arrives at Lincolnton at 4:30 decide whether or not the changes P Mon Fridays, Thursdays and Saturdays Returning to the statement that proposed shall be recommended to ary, February and March gold is worth more in London than the Presbyteries for adoption.

stands his business as well as Cor- gold £3.17 shillings and 9 pence by a technicality they may defeat poral Tanner knows a knee joint per ounce. An act of the United the entire work, as the committee when he sees one. The trouble is States Congress fixes the value in appointed at this meeting to revision

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