

WASHINGTON LETTER.

HAWAII QUESTION ALL RIGHT, AND NO ONE DARE INTERFERE.

Senator Butler, of South Carolina, Scores a Logical Point—No New Public Printer.

WASHINGTON, April 17, '93.—Neither President Cleveland nor Secretary Gresham have any apologies to make for the action of Commissioner Blount in carrying out his instructions, declaring the protectorate proclaimed by Minister Stevens, without a shadow of legality or authority, at an end, and in withdrawing the protection of the U. S. flag and marines from the provisional Government in Hawaii. And the attempt of a few republicans to use the incident as a means to create bad blood between members of the two parties has fallen very flat, as far as Washington is concerned. There is no politics in the matter. It was simply a question of righting a wrong which was officially acknowledged to be a wrong by Harrison's administration but was not righted then, as it should have been. If the provisional government of Hawaii is not strong enough to maintain itself without the United States it is not strong enough to be recognized in any negotiation looking to annexation or any other settlement of the present problem. What has been done is neither for nor against annexation, in fact, has no bearing whatever upon it. It is simply a step towards doing the right thing, as soon as the right thing shall become apparent. Meanwhile the administration is fully determined that no other nation shall interfere with Hawaiian affairs.

Senator Butler, of South Carolina, scored a point, as he usually does whenever an opportunity is given him, when Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, offered an entirely needless resolution, directing the Secretary of State to inform the Senate by whose authority the American flag was hauled down at Honolulu, by offering an amendment adding the words "and also by whose authority the same was hoisted." Mr. Lodge knew that the President was responsible for lowering the flag, and the resolution was only offered for buncombe.

Extraordinary efforts are being made by republicans to put the democratic Senators in a false position before the country in regard to the proposal to investigate Senator Roach's connection with an alleged bank embezzlement fourteen years ago. The republicans wish it to appear that the democrats refused to allow the investigation because of their wish to protect Mr. Roach. No such conclusion can be reached, except by a willful distortion of the facts. Senator Roach has from the first personally desired that the investigation be made, as he manfully told the Senate last week; he has asked for no protection, and what is more to the point, he wants no protection. The opposition of the democratic Senators to this or any other investigation of events in a Senator's life before he became a Senator is based upon the highest authority in the land—the constitution of the U. S., and it is mighty small business for anybody to try to make it appear otherwise, but then, you know, small business is second nature with some people.

President Cleveland told a Senator Saturday just before the extra session of the Senate adjourned that he had not taken up the question of the appointment of a Public Printer yet, but expected to do so very shortly. There is no lack of candidates and the most of them are men whose reputations are such that it will be extremely difficult to choose between them.

Secretary Carlisle isn't borrowing any trouble about the prospects of another run on the gold in the Treasury for shipment abroad. He has, as the law directs, suspended the issue of gold certificates for the present, and is thoroughly confident of his ability to meet all demands that are likely to be made, but, although he will not say so, it will probably be necessary to issue a few bonds in order to do it.

Earthquakes.

In February and March last, the island of Zante, of the Ionian group, was greatly damaged by earthquakes, and on last Monday the most destructive shock of all devastated the city of Zante, filling the streets with ruins, killing more than twenty persons, and injuring hundreds more. The inhabitants have fled to the plains back of the city.

GENERAL NEWS.

Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, says he will give his salary for two years to certain institutions in his district. What is he?

The New York World has been publishing some "mighty interesting reading" concerning the big trusts and calling for investigations.

A young clerk in the Supreme Court of New York was recently bitten in the hand by a parrot, from which it came near being necessary to amputate his arm.

Dr. Carl Peters, the East African explorer says that England must not evacuate Egypt, that to do so would bring about a Mahdist invasion of that country.

The Heywood family have had charge of the Concord, Mass., town records for over a century. George Heywood was elected town clerk the other day for the forty-first time.

The St. Domingo rebels who invaded Hayti have been arrested and escorted to the frontier. A reciprocity in kind was asked of St Domingo in regard to Haytian rebels in that country.

A young Italian, so it has been shown in a court in New York, was willing to pay \$3,000 per year for the exclusive privilege of blacking boots and shoes on the 34th street Long Island Ferry boats. Must be pretty good business.

Mr. John Jacob Astor, it seems, makes a very good amateur fireman. He rang for the fire engines, and then proceeded to put out a big fire in his fine residence at Ferneliff before the firemen arrived. Then he gave the firemen all \$50 to \$100 apiece.

Col. Elliott F. Shepard in his will gives a quarter of a million to the Presbyterian Propaganda, and divides an estate valued at \$1,350,000. He directs that his newspaper and the 5th avenue stage line shall be prohibited from working on Sunday and shall not be sold to anyone who will work them on Sunday.

Representative war vessels from nearly every nation with a war navy, are now assembled in the historic Hampton Roads with the "White Squadron" of the United States, engaged in displaying themselves and maneuvering in naval tactics preparatory to a grand display in New York harbor next month.

W. Irving Gellis, a young man of Louisville, Ky., and who it seems is doing business in Chicago, appeared in Louisville last Thursday and repaired to Fishbacks Hotel, with a woman and registered as H. B. Hibbet and wife. That night she poisoned him with morphine in whiskey and then poisoned herself the same way. The woman left writings, some of which were made during her last moments. She confessed all and said that she loved him and poisoned him because he was going to leave her.

The New York Herald of Sunday April 16th prints a remarkable story, (for the first time) of a drum head court martial on the Poontoosue whereby ensign Jas. J. Kane, who is now Captain Kane at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, was assigned to kill Jefferson Davis, then a prisoner of war on board the Clyde, at the first chance. He got the opportunity, but an overpowering feeling not to commit murder caused him to desist, even after he had aimed an Enfield at his heart the second time. The daughter of Jefferson Davis stepped near to her father, which event prevented the execution of the deed.

The New York Tribune prints a long article about the rejection of young Mr. Theodore Seligman, a lawyer, and son of Jesse Seligman the great Hebrew Banker, by the Union League club for membership. Mr. Jesse Seligman, who has been a leader of that club and hence a republican of the United States, immediately resigned his membership in the club. James Seligman, uncle of the young man and partner of Jesse, remarked to the Tribune reporter: "You may tell them that this won't do the republican party any good." The rejection was on account of race. Do not want Hebrews.

HENDERSON'S FINE WORK.

HE IS GETTING IT IN RIGHT ALONG.

Changes, Past, Present and Prospective in the Postoffices in His District—Facts of Interest for His Constituents.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Representative Henderson furnishes the following postal news touching his district, etc: Cabarrus—No application except at Concord and Mt. Pleasant. Contests at both and action within a reasonable time.

Catawba—At Claremont, four years' term expires August, 1896; there are complaints; change is probable as soon as the citizens can formulate charges. At Conover an appointment will be made at the end of four years, on May 31, 1893. The term expires June 1 next at Newton and Maiden. Appointment expected in these three offices about June 1. Hickory is a presidential office; term expires May 10, 1894.

Davidson—C. A. Steed appointed postmaster at Bain, not Sain, as printed last night on the authority of the postoffice list. T. W. Daniels recommended at Denton; so much rivalry between candidates the appointment has been delayed. As to Lexington, a presidential office, the present incumbent was appointed June 4, 1889; it was relegated to the fourth class July 1, 1889, but restored to the presidential class October, 1890; Mr. McCrary's term expires October 1, 1894. Mary L. Thompson has been appointed at Yadkin College.

Davie—Only one change Henry T. Smithdeal appointed at Advance.

Iredell—Benjamin Turner recommended at Troutman's; has been appointed.

Montgomery—Alexander B. McGaskill recommended at Candor; Hiram Freeman at Ether; J. M. Denton at Troy; Mrs. Deborah Leach appointed at Star; Mary B. Wooley at Scarborough; C. A. Armstrong at Swift Island.

Lincoln—No contests. The only change at Lincolnton, hitherto recorded.

Rowan—Appointment at China Grove about June 3, '93. At Cleveland no appointment will be made before July 15, '93, but D. B. Rosebro will be appointed Calvin J. Deal recommended at Enochville but term will not expire until January 15, '94. At Salisbury, a presidential office, the present incumbent, appointed July 18, 1889, re-appointed and confirmed December 20, '89, so the term under his commission does not expire until December 20, '93.

Stanly—W. M. Howard was appointed today at Bridgeport; W. J. Ross, appointed at New London; Joseph A. Farmer recommended at Forwood—probably will not be appointed before May 29th, 1893. At Palmerville, Miss Mittie Kirk was recommended, and will be appointed about May 2nd. The term of the incumbent at Albemarle will not expire until October 1st, 1894.

Yadkin—Miss Sarah A. Dougherty was recommended for appointment at Jonesville, but probably will not receive the appointment until June 12th. C. B. Wade was recommended for Mana. Application was made for a change at Shore, but the term does not expire until November 25th, 1894. At Boonville the lady incumbent's term expires June 16th, 1895. At Chestnut Ridge a change is desired, but the lady's term expires June 30th, 1894. At Hamptonville the term extends to June 15th, 1895.

The Louisville Times of last Saturday prints an account of young L. Q. C. Lamar, who is just appointed to a position in the general land office, shooting a young Spaniard named Santiago, on Easter Sunday 1872 at St. Mary's College, Marion county, Kentucky. He was there attending school and the bulldozing young Spaniard had young Lamar down beating him, when Lamar drew his pistol and shot, producing a scalp wound. Lamar left school, not for shooting, but for having the pistol.

An article on the life and work of Phillips Brooks, written by his brother, the Rev. Arthur Brooks, D. D., of the Church of the Incarnation, New York, will be published in the May number of Harper's Magazine. This article, coming from the pen of one most intimately acquainted with the inner thoughts and aspirations of the great American divine, will be welcomed with much interest.

STATE NEWS.

Mr. Glenn left Washington on being told that no District Attorney would be appointed until the last of May. Mr. Elias stays on.

Senator Ransom and Representative Henderson are yet in Washington looking out for their constituents. It is said that Messrs. Robbins, Hale, Jernigan and A. D. Jones will all get places.

Dr. E. C. Register, who has been attending Mr. J. C. Myrover, reports that his condition is worse. Symptoms of interal injury have developed, and while grave fears are entertained that he may not recover, yet his friends still hope for the best.—[Charlotte News.]

Mr. Lawson Eagle, a citizen of Cabarras, living near Mill Hill, in a fit of despondency, on last Wednesday evening, drank three bottles of laudanum. Medical aid was of no avail, and he died at 9 o'clock the next morning. Both Dr. Stevens, of Enochville, and Dr. Steele, of Coddle Creek had been promptly summoned and gave him the most skillful treatment.

Mr. C. A. Carlton, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Statesville, died at his home there a few days ago, after a long illness. Mr. Carlton was about 70 years of age. He leaves a wife, two daughters and one son. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Frank Andrews, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Andrews was with him when he died. Mr. Carlton was cashier of the bank of Statesville at the time the war broke out, and a director of the A. T. & O. road, and for a long time was treasurer of Iredell county. Latterly he had been engaged in the insurance business.

Charles Appleton Longfellow, the second son of the poet, Henry W. Longfellow, died at Cambridge on Thursday, of paralysis. The surviving members of his family are his brother, Ernest, a well-known artist and architect, and three sisters, Mrs. J. G. Thorp Jr., Mrs. Richard H. Dans, and Miss Alice Longfellow.

The Comander Campania developed the wonderful speed of 23.50 knots an hour on her trial trip on the Clyde. When the newness of her machinery wears off, this record will be improved. This justifies the hope that she will make the run to Sandy Hook in five days and a half.

The new Cunard steamer, the Campania, makes 27 miles an hour on her trial trip. She is 620 feet long.

The value of ozone as a purifier and its manufacture by an electrical process has been very thoroughly gone into in England. Experiments have been carried on for over a year and a half in one of the large laboratories, which have embraced testing ozone as an exterminator of every conceivable sort of insect, germ and bacteria as well as determining the exact cost of manufacturing it electrically on a large scale. The results as given out are on the whole very satisfactory, and seem to show that by the use of electricity ozone will shortly become a comparatively cheap commercial product.

The Oldest Text of the Gospels.

Berlin, April 13.—Prof. Harris, of Cambridge, has reported to Prof. Nestle, at Tubingen, that a palimpsest containing the complete Syrian text of the four gospels has been discovered in the convent on Mount Sinai. Heretofore only fragments of the Syrian text have been known. The discovery is regarded as a very important one, inasmuch as this text is the oldest authenticated text of the gospels in existence.

The most interesting member of the family of Edwin Dun, the new Minister to Japan, is his daughter, Miss Helen Dun, who is now at school near New York City. Her mother was Ysuru Matsuda, the beautiful daughter of a Japanese general, whose accomplishments won the affection of the Ohio diplomat when he was Secretary of Legation at Tokio. Mrs. Dun died three years ago. Her daughter resembles her in many ways and is described as a "genuine little Jap." She speaks the Japanese language fluently, and, although still in her teens, she will preside over the Minister's household—her presence will doubtless prove to be an interesting novelty to the subjects of the Mikado.

GEN. KIRBY SMITH.

The Dead Soldier Left His Financial Affairs in Bad Shape.

MEMPHIS, April 15.—A meeting of the Confederate Historical Association was held in the office of Capt. R. J. Black last night, to hear the report of the committee appointed to take action on the death of Gen. E. Kirby Smith. It developed at the meeting that the lamented General left his affairs not in the best shape financially. There was a mortgage on his home place, and last year the house and its contents were destroyed by fire. Gen. Vaughan attended the funeral at Sewanee and brought back this report, and further that the bereaved family was without adequate provision for its support.

Gen. Vaughan stated that funds would be raised by every bivouac in the State for the relief of the family, and after some discussion Vice President Spillman, who presided, appointed the following committee for that purpose: Col. W. F. Taylor, chairman; Col. B. B. Snowden, Gen. G. W. Gordon, Gen. J. Vaughan and Capt. J. E. Beasley.

The committee on resolutions was granted further time in which to report.

MILES OF ICEBERGS.

Rough Passage of a Sailing Ship From San Francisco to New York.

NEW YORK, April 14.—The ship Francis, which arrived from San Francisco yesterday, had a rough passage. She was 117 days making the trip. February 16 she passed three huge icebergs, the forerunners of a heavy floe which she met next day. Some of the bergs in this pack were 500 feet high and six miles in length. One particularly large berg was estimated by Capt. Doane to be twenty-four square miles in area, and its height averaged fully 300 feet. The ship was nearly three days passing the floe.

Storm News.

Saline, a town in Washtenaw county, Michigan, was destroyed by a cyclone April 12th. The population numbered about 1,300. Ypsilanti was in ruins on April 13th, from a cyclone from the south-west. Clary Business College, Curtis Carriage Factory, Hawkins House and Occidental Hotel were all destroyed. Roofs of half the stores were blown off. Twenty store fronts fell in one street. The rubbish was piled ten feet high; all telegraph, telephone and electric light wires were down; no persons killed but many injured. In the path of the storm between Mayview and Lexington, Mo., eight persons were killed, three more will die and twenty-five were wounded. Robsonville, ten miles north of Tunica, Miss., was completely destroyed on the 12th of April. Not a house was left for the three hundred inhabitants. The lamps burning in the streets set the ruins on fire, and everything, including the depot, was in ashes, and all the wires were down. East and west of the village many colored people were injured and killed. A colored school house was swept off and twenty-five children killed.

Up to April 12th, the following casualties are reported in a strip of Missouri southeast of Kansas City: At Hawkins Bank, 8 killed and 31 wounded; at Lexington, 5 killed and 3 wounded; at Higginsville, 11 killed and 25 wounded; at Stanbury, 3 killed and 2 wounded; at West Plains, 2 wounded; at Steelville, 7 killed, and at Page City, 1 killed and 7 wounded.

Literary Notes.

Apropos of the approaching naval parade, the next number of Harper's Weekly, published April 19th, will contain several attractive illustrations of naval subjects, including a view of the rendezvous at Hampton Roads, a front-page picture by R. F. Zogbaum, naval manoeuvre scenes, etc. Another prominent feature will be an article on the cavalry school at Saumur, France, "A Nursery of French Cavalry," profusely illustrated. The Pope's exhibit at the World's Fair will be appropriately noticed, and the "Entrance to the Electrical Building" will be the subject of illustration. There will also be articles, with illustrations, on the new Municipal Art Society, on the last of the old Dutch houses in Albany, and on several other timely and interesting topics.