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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Senator Chandler is developing a tendency to throw oratorical bricks around with all the carelessness which characterized the sensational Congressional career of Benjamin F. Butler. While speaking in favor of the National Quarantine bill Mr. Chandler made a few remarks about the relations existing between Secretary Foster and other Treasury officials and the North German Lloyd Steamship Co., the agents of which have been in Washington since the session began for the purpose of preventing legislation for the suspension of immigration. He also had something to say about the courtesies extended by the same Steamship Co. to the prominent newspaper men who compose the Gripiron Club. Here are the exact words of his arraignment of Secretary Foster and Assistant Sec. Spaulding, and many consider it strong enough to call for an investigation. If it isn't true Chandler should apologize; if it is true Foster should be impeached. "This North German Lloyd Steamship Co.," said Senator Chandler in his speech, "is the favorite route for the Secretary of the Treasury and the Ass. Sec. of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Immigration and other Treasury officials when they go abroad, and the Company is very kind to them. It always gives them the best of accommodations, and if they find themselves lacking money when they are on the other side and Congress has been negligent in providing the means for their transit and their support over there, it loans them money." It is very evident from Mr. Chandler's plain and unmistakable language that he believes the republican officials whose duty it is to enforce the present immigration law have been bribed by this Steamship Co. to neglect their sworn duties, and that he thinks some prominent Washington correspondents are in the same boat. The speech has caused a great sensation in Washington, and that class of newspaper correspondents—entirely too numerous—who make a practice of placing themselves under obligations for favors received from any who choose to offer them are highly indignant; but all the same it is a fact that no correspondent is apt to write disagreeable things, even though he knows them to be true, about those he is under obligations to. That speech hits a good many of them in a tender spot, and it hurts. Some papers will not allow their correspondents here to accept costly courtesies, and the sooner they all get on that basis the better for all concerned.

The House ways and means committee expect to get that statement from Secretary Foster of the condition of the Treasury up to and including December 31, some time this week. After much persuasion Mr. Harrison issued an order extending the classified civil service to the letter carriers at all free delivery offices, but declined to include bureau and division chiefs in the government department, or printers in the government printing office. It is estimated that this order will keep between six and eight thousand republicans in office under the democratic administration, but if Mr. Cleveland is prompt in displacing republican post masters the example of the republicans in dealing with the railway mail clerks at the beginning of the Harrison administration can be followed and a few thousand democrats put in before the civil service commission holds examination and prepares its list of eligibles. The House committee which has been engaged for several months in investigating the Reading coal combine has completed the taking of testimony and is now at work on its report. It is believed that the committee will report that the main allegations concerning the combine have been fully substantiated by the evidence taken; also that the constitutional right of Congress to legislate of the subject will be affirmed, and that certain legislation, probably in the shape of an amendment to the interstate commerce law, will be recommended. The World's Fair people are after another appropriation from Congress. This time the amount wanted exceeds \$625,000—\$485,000 for judges, \$20,000 for stenographers, \$27,900 for deficiencies in payment of salaries and the expenses of the national commission, and \$93,190 for expenses of lady managers. The general impression in Congress is that the amounts are too large and that they will be cut before they can get through. Andrew Jackson day falling this year on Sunday was celebrated twice by democratic associations of this city, once on Saturday and again today. Both celebrations were dinners, at both of which many democratic Congressmen were guests and speakers. Of the twin sons of James Frazier, of Barre, Vt., who were born on election day, the one named Benjamin Harrison died Tuesday, and the other was christened Grover Cleveland over the coffin of his dead brother.—Ex.

World: Jay Gould was one of several prominent men not known to the public by his real name. His Christian name was really Jason Gould and he dropped the Jason and took up Jay because it was more euphonious. In this manner Grover Cleveland dropped his first name, which was Stephen and White law Reid dropped his which was James.

A College Professor on Ingersoll.

Yorkville Enquirer.

A number of students attending a college at Albany, N. Y., went to hear Ingersoll lecture and was so captivated by the talk of the "great infidel," that they propounded the following question to the professor:

"Dear Professor: Are not Ingersoll's arguments unanswerable? What are you going to do about it?—Several Students.

The professor's reply was sarcastic and to the point. We give here his description of an amateur infidel which will repay perusal. In the course of a long article in reply to the question of the students, the professor said:

"But you say there are so many infidels. Boys, you are mistaken. An infidel is an abnormal growth. Nature feels funny once and a while and creates a freak—the living skeleton, the fat woman the two headed girl.

"So there is about one infidel to a million sane men. He is a freak, and he pays. Men pay to hear Robert Ingersoll abuse religion, as they do to see Simonds wind up his watch with his toes. Not that a watch is better for being wound up with his toes, but it isn't every slouch that can do it. A genuine moral monstrosity is worth seeing.

"The most of those noisy fellows are amateur infidels. They talk Ingersoll in fair weather and pray themselves hoarse every time it thunders. A well developed case of cholera morbus will knock their infidelity out of them and leave them in a cold sweat like a China dog in an ice house. I know them. The most of them are like the boy who runs away from home and comes back to sleep with father at night. These men are only playing 'I spy' with their consciences and you can find them every time. They are no more genuine infidels than a news boy is an editor. They only retail somebody else's ideas. They are striving against their natures, as the model farmer who was of the opinion that his beans were coming up wrong and forsook. God knows best, and he has not made a failure of the race. Then again, boys, take a look around you when you invest another fifty cents in liberty, and compare the crowd with the kind of people you find in almost any church. It is the odor of sanctity you smell. Hardly, boys, hardly. But you can eat peanuts there and choke on the shells, while you applaud the funny jokes about the heavens where you know in your hearts you hope your mother is, or hear the humble Nazarine ridiculed, who, you think and always will think, gave a home to your weary old father when he left the earth. The kind of liberty Ingersoll retails is very expensive and comes out in blotches, so I have heard.

"Yes, boys, his arguments are unanswerable, and I think the seasons will come

The Drunken Father.

Bristol (Tenn.) Courier.

Perhaps no greater shame can come upon a man than that of being a drunken father. Boys, whatever your life may have been, don't marry to become a drunken father. It is beastly and outrageous. It deserves more horrid things than contempt. Where the father is a drunkard there is no domestic tranquility, no happy home, no permanent peace. The light of joy may flicker in the soul for a minute, but it goes out, and the home is dark, miserable and gloomy. From the outside world there may come a soothing influence; the inmates may feel now and then the warm pulse throbs of the more fortunate portion of humanity, but these impressions can not last. The drunken father comes to cloud the hour of joy. The wife and children must be subjected to his abuse and live in shame before the world. Nothing but the final hour can blot out the blackened past and give relief. Only a few days ago we beheld with disgust a drunken father traveling on a train in company with a little son. The poor little boy was at the mercy of a wretch who had him away from home and whose delight it was to tantalize and abuse him. When the train stopped the unnatural father dragged the boy out of the car. It was a cold day and the little fellow stood shivering beside the track, many miles away from home and without an overcoat. The little innocent boy could do nothing although his face was indicative of embarrassment and distress. The father, whose brain and affection had been seized by the demon of drink, would take the boy by the shoulders and roughly whirl him around in a process of introducing him to the by-standers. The man with a heart would burn with indignation at such a sight. What hardships the poor boy suffered during that day, who can tell? A grown person may bear up under many a word of abuse. He has been hardened to life's trials, but the little child, whose heart is young and tender, is not susceptible of rough treatment. The slightest word of abuse sometimes racks one's heart with pain and teaches him to hate home and even life itself. For words said in reproach of wrong there is some excuse, but let the harsh sound grate on the ear of an innocent child and there comes a pang to the heart that will linger as long as the breath of life.

If you are a sober boy and a sober man you will be a sober father, and your home will be one of happiness and peace. Boys, with the beginning of this new year, think of the life before you and start out on lines of sobriety. You will be better, happier, and wiser, and no shadows will ever come to darken the peaceful future.

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Be Generous While Alive.

I have felt that it is a great mistake to put off being generous till after you are dead. In the first place you lose the pleasure of witnessing the good that you may do, and, again, no one can administer your gifts for you as well as you can do it yourself. It is great pleasure to be brought into personal relations of that kind, and to make people feel that you are not a philanthropist in the abstract, but that you are interested in them personally and care for their welfare. In that way you benefit them not only in a natural way, but you make them feel that men are really brothers, and that they were made to help one another. That feeling is not only agreeable in itself, but will be apt to prompt them to carry out the principle themselves. Put yourself into all you do, and let others feel that you are there. Do not only contribute to a charitable fund, but go yourself and help. It may seem inconvenient at first, but soon you will come to consider it worth any inconvenience.—G. W. Childs.

The Yadkin Valley News has the following paragraph: "Thomas F. Eckert, Now General Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, is in trouble. In his gushing youth as far back as '45, he wooed and won a young lady, engaged her in marriage, and then changed his mind. She sued him for a breach of promise and got judgment for \$2,500, which he probably couldn't pay. She married some time after that, and seemed to have forgotten all about Thomas T. and judgment. Now she is a widow and proposes to bring him to judgment. If she succeeds it will cost him \$25,000 instead of \$2,500.

The State Chronicle says that the colored people of Raleigh are considering the propriety of employing counsel for the purpose of testing the authority of the rail road companies to enforce the use of the apartments set apart to the colored people at the union depot. Their contention is that if they purchase first-class tickets they are entitled to use apartments set aside for white people.