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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

President Cleveland has more than once been charged—sometimes by members of his own party—with being deficient in diplomatic skill. His declination to accept the invitation extended by the government of Great Britain to form an alliance with that country for the purpose of protecting British and American interests in Turkey shows that he had diplomatic skill enough to defeat a well planned scheme of British diplomacy. When that invitation was extended it seemed a natural sort of thing to do but the present situation in Turkey shows what a dangerous thing it really was. As things now stand there is every probability that Great Britain will be involved in a war with one or more countries as a result of the present complications in Turkey, and had President Cleveland not seen through the scheme this country would have been involved with her. As it is, the United States by acting alone has secured better protection for Americans in Turkey than has been accorded to any other foreigners in that country and when the fighting begins Uncle Sam will be merely an onlooker, interested only in selling all the combatants everything they can pay for.

How completely Mr. Reed will dominate the republican majority in the House is shown in the scramble for the other offices of that body. Although a number of candidates have been in the field for some time they have been able to get very few members to commit themselves; they are all waiting to find out Reed's choice before announcing their own. By the way, speaking of Reed and his method, there is some thing for those republicans who have been yelling "Wall street domination!" at the democratic administration and Congress to ponder over in the republican announcement that Mr. Reed has been consulting Wall street bankers to learn what their wishes were concerning financial legislation.

Capt. H. W. Howgate, whose wholesale embezzlement of government money was a national sensation some fifteen years ago, having exhausted all legal quibbles, or his money, will this week be taken to the Albany penitentiary to serve the eight-year sentence imposed upon him by a jury that saw things somewhat differently from the jury which at an earlier date declared him not guilty as charged in the first indictment, and confirmed by a decision of the Court of Appeals against a new trial for him. Notwithstanding Howgate's known guilt and his known whereabouts during all the thirteen years after he was allowed to escape, justice was slow in overtaking him, and the sentence imposed upon him light when compared with those given ordinary thieves. Had not Secretary Morton ordered his arrest he would still be at liberty, although everybody in Washington appeared to know that he was living in New York.

The wisdom of the government in printing its own postage stamps is shown by the annual report of Mr. Claude M. Johnson, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing where the work is done. Although the postage stamps have been better printed than ever before the government paid less by between fifty and seventy-five thousand dollars than it ever before paid for the same amount of work.

Wholesale abuse of the franking privilege caused it to be wholly abolished for a long time. Although only existing in a modified form for the last few years there is no doubt of its having been abused. It is known that the republican campaign committee used it to send out documents that were not frankable during the Congressional campaign of last year and the last presidential campaign. But a case has recently come to the knowledge of Secretary Morton which shows that individuals have also been abusing it to their own profit. The case will probably be referred to the Attorney General in order to decide whether any legal wrong has been done. It came to the knowledge of Secretary Morton that a second hand book dealer was selling government publications and giving government publications and giving Congressional franks to those who wished to send them. An employee of the department of Agriculture was sent to purchase one of these publications and obtain one of the franks. He easily did so. The frank bears a rubber stamp fac-simile of the signature of Ex-representative Tom L. Johnson, of Ohio, and the book dealer claims that he came legitimately by them and acknowledged to have used a considerable number of them sending books through the mail for his customers. It has been ascertained that it is a common practice of the clerks of Senators and Representatives to sell government publications to book dealers and to furnish Congressional franks for mailing them.

W. G. Hall, of Little River, Orange county, committed suicide in a curious manner Wednesday. He took a loaded shell, and, holding it to the side of his head, struck a match and held it to the shell until it exploded. The entire load entered his head which was literally blown from his body. He had been in a demented state some time.

For a pain in the side or chest there is nothing so good as a piece of flannel dampened in Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of pain. It affords permanent relief and if used in time will often prevent a cold from resulting in pneumonia. This same treatment is a sure cure for lame back. For sale by all druggists.

## The Cost of Intemperance.

How many people in the U. S. are arrested every year for crime?

About one hundred thousand.

How much does it cost to arrest, care for, try and punish these criminals?

Nearly a hundred million dollars, and at least four-fifths of this expense is due to strong drink.

How is this money paid?

By taxing the property of the people.

What else does drink produce?

Great suffering. The humane societies had to be formed largely because drunken parents abused their children.

What causes most of the pauperism in this country?

Strong drink causes more than four fifths of it all, and in this way costs our country about sixty million dollars every year.

Is insanity ever caused by drink?

Yes. About three out of every five insane persons become so because they themselves drink or through the drunkenness of their parents or through suffering caused by other people's drunkenness.

How much does strong drink cost us for the support of these people?

About twenty-five millions of dollars a year.

What makes people idiots?

At least a third of them all are made so by the drinking habits of their parents.

How much does strong drink cost this country in the care of such people?

Not far from twenty million dollars a year.

How is all this money paid?

By taxing the property of the people.

Who, then, suffers in this country from strong drink?

Everybody in it. There is not a person who owns any property who is not taxed to support the drink traffic. It takes his earnings from every workingman, and robs the whole nation.—Mrs. Howard M. Ingram.

The record says that a man passed Greensboro, Thursday with his wife and several children in two large covered wagons, who came all the way from Colorado by private conveyance, a distance of 2,300 miles. He was heading for Wake county, near Raleigh, at which place he will locate. He had seven horses and all the crowd seemed to be in good condition.

Croup is a terror to young mothers. To prevent this concerning the first symptoms, and treatment is the object of this item. The first indication of croup is hoarseness. In a child who is subject to croup it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's cough remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the rough cough has appeared it will prevent the attack. It has never been known to fail. 25 and 50 c. bottles for all druggists.

## Words of Wisdom.

Borrowed troubles are the heaviest.

In the eyes of a mule short ears are a deformity.

We may shape our friendship but not our love.

Nothing can kill self respect; everything wounds it.

If there were no difficulties there would be no men.

A bald headed man parts his hair on the what-is-left side.

When men lie they most always yawn wearily afterward.

A good man will hate a lie, no matter how white it may look.

There are people who have a great deal of religion, but no love.

In nine cases out of ten the man who has riches paid too much for them.

There are people who could not be made interesting even as characters in a novel.

We may be near sighted, but we can always tell a two dollar check from a poem.

No man is thoroughly introduced to himself who spends most of his time alone.

The father should fear to walk where it would not be safe for his children to travel.

When you go into the closet for secret prayer, be sure to take the key of your safe along.

If we love much, we are much, no matter whether we have gold on deposit or not.—The South-West.

## Much Truth in This.

We believe that there is a great deal of sympathy wasted on the farmer. For several years in North Carolina the poverty of the farmer has been discussed. The truth of the matter is that as a class they are better off than town people. There are few farmers in western North Carolina who have not got a year's provisions ahead all the time, while most of our city cousins think themselves fortunate in being well provided with the necessities of life a month ahead. Some farms in the east are mortgaged. This is bad, but not as bad as a large majority of the town people who have nothing to mortgage.

It is not right to be always misrepresenting the farmers. They are by no means the poorest class of people.—High Point Enterprise.

W. A. McGuire, a well known citizen of McKay, Ohio, is of the opinion that there is nothing as good for children troubled with colds or croup as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He has used it in his family for several years with the best results and always keeps a bottle in the house. After having la grippe he was himself troubled with a severe cough. He used other remedies without benefit and then concluded to try the children's medicine and to his delight it soon affected a permanent cure. 25 and 50 c. bottles for sale by all druggists.

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## Habits of a Business Man.

These succinct rules for the guidance of business men, which if strictly adhered to, will enable them to face the world and meet the vicissitudes of fortune composedly and without danger. They are worth reading and following:—

A sacred regard to the principles of justice forms the basis of every transaction and regulates the conduct of the upright man of business. He is strict in keeping his engagements.

Does nothing carelessly or in a hurry.

Employs nobody to do what he can easily do himself.

Leaves nothing undone that ought to be done.

Keeps his designs and business from the view of others, yet he is candid with all.

Is prompt and does not over-trade his capital.

Keeps copies of all important letters which he sends away.

Is always at the head of his business, well knowing that if he leaves it, it will leave him.

Keeps everything in its proper place.

Holds it as a maxim, that he whose credit is suspected is not to be trusted.

Is constantly examining his book and sees through all his affairs, as far as care and attention will enable him.

Balances regularly at stated times and then makes out and transmits all his accounts current to his customers both at home and abroad.

Avoids as much as possible all sorts of accommodation in money matters, and law suits where there is the least hazard.

He is economical in his expenditures, notes every particular relative to appointments, addresses, and petty cash matters.

Is cautious how he becomes security for any person.

And generous when urged by motives of humanity.—Ex.

## Words for Women.

We admire a witty woman who talks well and brightly. But how often it is that the woman who really attracts our better selves is she who can preserve the variety, the charm, and the mystery of silence.

A woman's timidity is of small things. But when a great pain is to be suffered, a keen hardship to be endured, she faces it unflinchingly where men weaken and are afraid. The woman who will scream at the sight of a mouse will grit her teeth under the surgeon's knife and ejaculate a sound.

There comes a time in every woman's life when a man's estimate of another man can be of inestimable value to her. This time is generally when the woman's heart becomes involved, and it is then—as for her!—that she seems less inclined, of all other times, to listen to the other man's estimate. A man always knows another man in a different way than a woman ever can.—Ex.

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