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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Legislative business goes forward by spasmodic jerks in both Senate and House. The Senate now has the post office appropriation bill in hand and the House is trying to swing the civil service appropriation bill every night a 'day's march nearer home.' The reading clerk is presenting them item by item, and contesting the floor as far as the speaker will let him with members who insist upon carrying on an acrimonious partisan debate between sentences. The hesitating progress has continued day by day. Senator Gorman spiritedly arraigned the republican party for aims of commission and omission, especially for refusing to investigate the diffusive post office scandal. He insisted that under lax methods corruption had permeated every department of the government; that thousands of office holders had snatched booty merely because their party had been too long in power and would probably soon be driven from all places of authority.

Senator Dolliver, Iowa, "the" republican orator, deplored the "senseless clamor" which demanded investigation, and insisted that adequate and ample investigation had already been made and reported by the post office department itself. There had been enough investigation, he said, and Congress ought to go straight on with its work. Gov. McReary, of Kentucky, asked Mr. Dolliver if it was generally considered adequate for a prisoner to sit in judgment on his own offenses. Senator Peffer, of Colorado, insisted that there had been no investigation whatever in reply to the demand which had been made for one by the Commissioners appointed by the President himself, and declared that an early adjournment had been decided on to avoid legislative not desired by the President. There was to be no tariff revision; no public building bill; no reciprocity; no investigation of various scandals; no settlement of the Swayne or Smoot cases. Senator Lodge asked him if the nation had not had prosperity, and when in the past there had ever been such a high tide of prosperity as under the Dingley act. Senator Patterson replied that the country had had flush times and periods of depression under both parties and all kinds of legislation, but he would venture to say that under the so called free trade regi-

me of 1846 there was more general thrift and national prosperity than there had been under the administrations of McKinley and Roosevelt. Senator Lodge admitted that the worst feature of the so-called post-office scandal was the fact now revealed that there had been "secret rules" in the department for the benefit of Congressmen; it was hoped that the present bill would abolish them.

In the House there are promontory spats every day. Williams, Democratic leader, said the situation bristled with issues for the campaign. The party in power would be held responsible not merely for its failure to cultivate reciprocity relations with other nations and its refusal to punish grafters or investigate manifest and palpable corruption, and for bankrupting the treasury, but especially for its refusal to prosecute the coal-carrying-railroad trust and to bring criminal action against the worthless securities company and condign punishment on the promoters of that conspiracy. He added that the impeachment of Judge Swayne ought to be carried vigorously on or stopped; that it was not dignified or decent to hold a high judicial officer in suspension, while his arraigners went home to fix their fences.

Although there will probably be no new public building begun or authorized this year, the House has provided in the sundry bill for a magnificent addition to the Capitol—an extension of the main body of the main building eastward 150 feet so as to bring it out upon the plaza flush with the two wings. This addition will contain sixty-six spacious and sumptuous rooms, half of which will belong to the House and half to the Senate. The entire extension will cost \$2,500,000, and will be finished in two years. Leading from the east steps to the rotunda will be a beautiful marble vestibule, 108 feet long, forming a grand entrance to the building. The Senate will probably ratify the scheme.

The administration indulges in vociferous joy over the news from Paris that the Panama title is clear and Colombia has lost her canal suit in the French court, enabling the canal company to turn over the property to us during the present month. When he read the news Senator Lodge rushed up to the White House and embraced the President with no more attempt to hide his emotion than two girls show

upon the street when confiding to each other their matrimonial prospects. Other visitors gave way, and diplomatically shrunk into embrasures of the windows, and slid behind portieres so as to see, not to be witnesses of the too ardent felicitations and transports of rapture. Now let us see if Uncle Sam can read his title clear to ditches in the swamp.

The numerous understrappers who have risen from Shank's ordinary mare to a gorgeous equipage during the last two or three years will be deeply embarrassed by the sundry civil bill, if it goes through the Senate unscathed. It provides that all carriages owned by the government shall hereafter bear the printed name of the department which they serve. This will diminish their use as private chariots to some extent, but, as it stands, the identifying names need not be any larger than the type in which this letter is printed, and they may put it on the inside or on the underside. So there are chances of escape.

It will not be denied that the Y. M. C. A. has its share of gull. It has applied to be appointed superintendent of all the new army post exchange buildings, with the privilege of introducing all sorts of religious quarrels into the military service. This is fairly matched by the proposition that the government shall give 70,000,000 acres of irrigated land to the Salvation Army and lend it millions of money.

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Atlanta Constitution: A girl out west sued a wealthy citizen for \$10,000 breach of promise damages, and after he had married her to avoid judgement she turned right around and sued him for a divorce, division of his property and fabulous alimony. It won't do to trifle with some ladies.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

The President's Excuses.

President Roosevelt is on the defensive. He finds his inversion into the field of pension legislation unpopular and he has set his friends to explaining it. They defended it on two grounds—first that it is merely an extension of rulings previously made by Commissioner Lochren under Cleveland and Commissioner Evans under McKinley; and second that it was the only way to head off the passage by Congress of a still more lavish service-pension law.

The Lochren and Evans rulings were based upon the law which makes inability to earn a living by manual labor the test of right to a pension. Mr. Lochren ruled that a man seventy-five years old could not support himself by manual labor, and it is a matter of common knowledge that in the great majority of cases he cannot. Commissioner Evans throwing a sop to the pension attorneys who were after his scalp and finally got it, ruled that "a claimant who has attained the age of sixty-five shall be deemed entitled to at least the minimum rate of pension unless the evidence disclose an unusual vigor and ability for the performance of manual labor in one of that age."

That was stretching things too far, but it still kept on speaking terms with the law. But when President Roosevelt reduced the limit to sixty-two, taking in every soldier who was twenty-three years old when the war ended, he cut loose entirely from the idea of disability and enacted a service pension law pure and simple—precisely such a statute as Congress had enacted to the veterans of the Mexican war and had refused to enact for the survivors of the civil war.

As to the excuse that the edict has headed off a worse bill in Congress, it is exactly the apology offered for the Sherman Silver-purchase act in 1890 to side-track free coinage. Would the hero of San Juan be afraid to vote a bill that he believed to be a flagrant assault on the Treasury?—World.

Stubb—Now, that's what I call gall. The idea of that doctor making his calls in an automobile. Penn—Gall! Why I think it is very enterprising for a doctor to use an automobile. Stubb—But he's a horse doctor—Chicago News.

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ALEXANDER BROWDER.



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Learn to avoid all ill-natured remarks and everything calculated to create friction.

Learn to keep your troubles to yourself, the world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop grumbling. If you cannot see any good in this world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, head ache or rheumatism.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours—Christian Life.

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