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Some how people never like to take advice from a poor man.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Regular Correspondent.

The Keep Commission which conducted the enquiry into the government printing of free scandal has continued its work with the other departments with less parade of secrecy than in the printing office case and has turned up a state of affairs already that will cause a lot of trouble for all the departments involved. It has been known for a long time that the government was one of the best and easiest things to work when the astute salesman came around and the revelations that have already been made to show that some one has reaped a harvest in several of the departments over the furnishing of supplies. There has heretofore been not the slightest system about the purchase of government supplies such as ink, mucilage and stationery. The result is that a lot of departments were getting the same brand of supplies and the prices made to the purchasing agents varied from ten to a hundred cent. Take ink alone, of which all the departments use barrels annually. The highest prices paid by the government printing office, which gave \$4.32 per dozen quarts. The lowest price for identically the same ink was made by the post office which got it for \$3.1 a dozen quarts. Other supplies showed the same wide range of prices. In the case of mucilage the Agricultural Department went to the limit in paying \$5 per dozen quarts. The post office was again the lowest priced departments, \$1.65 for the adhesive fluid. The government printing of free used a home made mucilage, but this could not have been from motives of economy, for it cost 384 cents for the same quality. The item of lead-pencils which are used in millions annually shows the same astonishing range of prices. The qualities vary so much as to make a comparison difficult, but the prices range all the way from 72 cents to 12 1/2 cents per dozen. There are about 150 different grades used but the same pencils will be furnished to various departments under different trade names and the prices will vary to correspond. The price of blotting paper varies even more than that the articles previously named. The war and navy departments are the most extravagant in this regard, as they go as high as \$7.74 per dozen reams in sheets of 19 x 24 inches. The post office gets its blotters for \$4, and the department of agriculture pays from \$5.33 and upward.

The matter of pens and writing paper of type-writers and a number of other things showed just as startling variations. The commission did not go into the prices paid at the stationery room at the Capitol. If it had there would have been some interesting revelations, for there the government goes in

for high grade stationery, pen knives and many things, such as satchets and reticules which Congressmen are hardly suppose to use. They are all charged up to the government however, and come in handy for the wives of Congressmen and Senators.

There is another great source of waste in all the departments too. It is esteemed no crime to steal stationery from the departments and there is hardly a government clerk in the city who ever spends a penny for ink, pens, paper, and the like for home use or for his children at school. Some of the users of this sort of stolen goods have the grace to cut off the names of their departments from the letter heads, before they are dedicated to private use, but there are a remarkable lot of school exercises, composition and examination papers that are turned in to the school teachers here with the Department of the Interior, War Department, and Department of Agriculture and Geological Survey still on them and the very exercises themselves are written with government pencils and corrected with government erasers. Washington is a nice town to live, in a great many respects if you work for the government.

It is suggested that hereafter there shall be a central purchasing bureau that will deal in stationery and like supplies for all the departments. It is claimed that this will cheapen the cost of material to the government. But it will probably work the other way. In the first place it will add another bureau to the circumlocution office. There will be the purchasing agent who will get a good salary but whose salary will be nothing in comparison to the amount of graft that will be at its disposal. There will be the additional machinery for distributing the supplies to the various departments and in addition to all that there will be an instant combination of interests outside the departments that will force the government to pay the highest possible prices for all supplies and if necessary it will pool the result of the contracts to prevent cut throat bidding by firms outside the combination. It is very hard to beat the private firm that is out to do the government and it is not likely that the Keep Commission will devise a way of doing it.

The commission is not yet through with the purchasing system of the departments and there may be still more startling revelations before they get through. It is understood that they will next take a fall out of the Civil Service Commission.

A REMEDY WITHOUT A PEER.

"I find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used for stomach trouble," says J. P. Klote of Enna, Mo. For any disorder of the stomach, biliousness or constipation, these Tablets are without peer. For sale by J. M. Blackburn.

Prosperity Ahead and Why!

News and Observer.
Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Keene, both millionaires, are agreed that there is no cloud on the horizon of prosperity. Mr. Keene bases his faith on the fact that the American farmer was never in more prosperous than he is today, and so long as the American farmer is prospering, there is no ailment which the country cannot throw off or assimilate. Our farms constitute the back bone of the country and there is a steady and distinctly noticeable increase in the agricultural returns from year to year, in the quantity produced as well as in the market price obtainable. Wheat, corn, hay and nearly all agricultural products are bringing more per bushel or bale from season to season, while gold is being produced in such abundant quantities that the purchasing power of a dollar is gradually, but perceptibly growing less and less, against a gradual increase in property value. Wall street is being benefitted with the rest of the country.

Mr. Rockefeller says: "The country is too prosperous at present to warrant any fear that a sudden or disastrous revulsion of business is likely to occur. I can scarcely see a cloud on the financial horizon, and certainly nothing that would warrant a fear of approaching trouble."

Mr. Keene gives the reason why there is no fear of financial trouble—the farmers are getting good prices for their crops and "gold is being produced in such abundant quantities that the purchasing power of a dollar is gradually growing less and less." Here is testimony of the wisdom of the Chicago platform, which declared that prosperity would not be general as long as the purchasing power of the dollar was constantly appreciating. There was no change in the tide of adversity until the volume of primary money greatly increased. Farm products remained low until there was an influx of gold. In all probability we will have no other great panic until there is a decrease in the gold supply which would make a dollar purchase too much of the farmer's product and too much of the laborer's muscle and skill.

Always Successful.

When indigestion becomes chronic it is dangerous. Kodol-Dyspepsia Cure will cure indigestion and all troubles resulting therefrom thus preventing catarrh of the stomach. Dr. Newbrough, of League, West Va., says: "To those suffering from indigestion or sour stomach I would say there is no better remedy than Kodol-Dyspepsia Cure. I have prescribed it for a number of my patients with good success." Kodol-Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and makes the stomach sweet. Sold by M. B. Blackburn.

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God's call consecrates us, but our service seals the consecration.

It is worth while going through a lot of dust to get one diamond.

Sometimes God takes away our message that we may listen to His music.

It takes more than the "Amen" at the end to convert a jingle into an anthem.

Men who shine for their own glory generally throw many gloomy shadows.

God does not ask about man's attitude toward Him; He wants his relationship.

It is a good deal easier to criticize the Bible than it is to crystalize it into conduct.

The endowment from Heaven may be waiting for our endowment of things of earth.

The politician may fool the people but he meets disaster when he defies their God.

Many a man thinks he is preaching the Gospel when he is only working off his grouch.

Many a man would be much more prepossessing if he were less anxious to be possessing.

Many a man who would make a first rate candle is making a grand fizzle as an are light.

That is but an imperfect science which studies a world of effect and neglects the cause.

The love of God is the only thing that will make you love all kinds of people all the time.

The financial reports never take any sleep from the man whose treasures are in Heaven.

The trouble with many business men is that they are mistaking legality for righteousness.

We go from strength to strength because we go from struggle to struggle.

If you are going to be happy in heaven you had better practice before you go.

Many a man who would be a very patient monk makes but a petulant merchant.

The friend of sinners suffers most of all when sinners turn their back on Him.

A man has to learn to see God in little things before He shows his greatness.

The man who boasts of his breadth of view often mistakes his ignorance for his opinions.

Some people think they are pious because because they always have had a longing for the golden street.

You can bind yourself to your brother's need, but you cannot bind your Father to your sin.

A righteous man would rather be ridiculous than be wrong; but he would prefer to be neither.

There are too many people drawing revenue from pestilential alleys and still singing about golden streets.

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To the above the Charlotte News adds: There is no question about North Carolina being the greatest State in the Union for every kind of industry. Its forests, its soil, its minerals, its water power, its people, its present prosperity cannot be equalled anywhere. The South is the favored land and North Carolina is the favored spot in the South. People in all parts of the country are fast finding this out. Many have already found it out.

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How To Find Out.
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