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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our regular correspondent.

Hurrah for the Democratic administration: It has proven itself to be the master, not the servant, of Wall Street, and the government still lives, and the Treasury continues and will continue to pay out gold to all who may desire it for Treasury notes. A greater financial triumph was never achieved by any administration. It marks the beginning of a new era, in which the President of the United States and the Cabinet will dictate our national financial policy, instead of having it done from Wall Street, as it has been done already too long for the good of the country. The Wall Street crowd invited the knock-down blow they received. Seeing that bankers all over the country were following the lead of those of the South and West in furnishing the Treasury with gold the Wall Streeters got together and formulated a proposition in which they agreed to furnish the Treasury with from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 in gold, but the proposition had a string tied to it in the shape of a proviso that bonds should be issued for their gold. Other bankers turned their gold into the Treasury without question, because of their confidence in the government, which they thought in need of the gold to tide over a temporary difficulty, but the Wall Street Shylocks wanted their pound of flesh in the shape of interest on the bonds to be issued before they would turn loose the gold lying idle in their vaults. It did not take President Cleveland and the Cabinet three minutes to formulate an indignant refusal, which was wired to New York. Later, another proposition, less exacting, was received, but it also was promptly rejected. It must by this time be evident to even the most obtuse observer that the financial motto of this administration is, "No Wall Street domination."

The present condition of the Treasury, under the circumstances, satisfactory, and if the offers of gold continue to be as freely made as they have been for the past week it is believed that there will be no necessity for the issue of bonds, and even if the demand for gold should continue to increase, the reserve fund, at present intact, will be drawn upon to meet it until it becomes certain that it will be exhausted, before bonds will be issued. President Cleveland and Secretary Carlisle are both fully determined that no bonds shall be issued until it shall have been fully demonstrated that nothing else will furnish the relief needed, and many believe that if that shall be shown the matter will be submitted to Congress at an extra session, before bonds are issued.

Secretary Hoke Smith is the only member of the Cabinet in the city, and he has just returned from New York, where the entire Cabinet and the President took part in the big naval review yesterday. The President and the other members of the Cabinet, except Secretary Lamont, who is compelled by private business to remain here for several days will go direct from New York to Chicago, to take part in the opening of the World's Fair. Secretary Smith had to miss the trip to the World's Fair because of some pressing Indian business that demands his immediate attention.

The second chapter in the investigation of the weather bureau opened with a stormy row between those two good Republicans, Prof. Harrington, chief of the bureau, who is being investigated, and Assistant Attorney Colby, who is conducting the investigation. The evidence taken up to this time fully bears out one of the charges—that incompetent employees were retained after the chief of the bureau knew they were incompetent. Congressman Caruth, of Kentucky, carries a very broad smile just now. One of the reasons of the unusual breadth of that smile was the election of his brother, George W. Caruth, editor of the Little Rock (Ark) Gazette, to be U. S. Minister to Portugal.

Among the other important Presidential appointments made this week were those of ex-Congressman McKinney, of N. H., to be Minister to Columbia; ex-Congressman Thompson, of Cal., to be Minister to Brazil; ex-Congressman Wiley, of N. Y., to be Consul at Bordeaux, France, and the following well-known gentlemen to be Government directors of the Union Pacific Railway Company: Mr. Henry F. Dimock, of N. Y.; Hon. Don M. Dickinson, of Mich.; Mr. J. W.

Doane, of Ill.; Gen. Fitzugh Lee, of Va.; and Mr. Joseph W. Paddock, of Nebraska. No more appointments will be made until after the President's return from the World's Fair, which will be next Tuesday night, unless the present programme is changed.

Nearly all of the prominent officials went over to New York this week to see the international naval review, the largest affair of its kind that has ever taken place in American waters, and they are all glad they went, for they saw what none of them will probably ever see again.

North Carolina Gems.

Western Sentinel.

It has been said that every gem known to the lapidary has been found in the United States. Certain it is that by far the largest variety of the gems found in this country are found in North Carolina. The discovery of emerald and hiddenite in Alexander county several years ago has given rise to a new industry of incalculable value to the State, and the search for gems, though limited by lack of facilities, has already attained considerable proportions.

A list of the more important gems includes diamond, hiddenite, emerald, aquamarine, ruby, sapphire, kyanite, rock crystal, opal, garnet, zircon, amethyst, and topaz. Hiddenite is an emerald green variety of spodumene found at Stony Point, Alexander county, where it occurs in the soil and in cavities in gneissoid rock. It was named after Mr. Wm. E. Hidden, of New Jersey, by Prof. J. Laurence Smith, who identified the mineral. To the energy of Mr. Hidden is due its introduction as a gem of commercial value. Specimens of the native crystal were, however, in the possession of Mr. J. A. D. Stevenson, of Statesville, N. C., for several years prior to this time, (1881).

Thirteen small diamonds have been found in the gold bearing gravel beds of the State.

The ruby, sapphire, topaz, amethyst, and aquamarine, are all corundums of different colors. Amethyst quartz varies in color from very light blue to very dark purple. When heated, it turns yellow and much of the yellow quartz or topaz is manufactured by heating amethysts.

Fine beryls of varied colors and great beauty are abundant, and lovely rock crystals of enormous size are found in Ashe county.

Tiffany and Co. utilize many North Carolina aquamarines and beryls, and in their Blue Book for 1893 is given a list of useful and ornamental articles which they make from rock crystal. Among these are jewel cases, bouquiers, vinaigrettes, hand mirrors, clock cases, and various small objects of art. They also use gems of lesser value for belt buckles and parasol handles.

Rings set with birth month stones maintain their popularity, and, strange enough, ten out of the twelve gems superstitiously ascribed to the months of the year are found in this State. Another pretty conceit is that of having names, mottoes, and initials spelled in precious stones.

A dispatch from Chicago says that Thomas Edison has finally announced the nature of his individual exhibit. It is the kinetograph, the last of his wonderful inventions displayed in connection with the most versatile group of phonographs ever brought together.

It is to the eye what the phonograph is to the ear, a mechanical retina, which stores away a living picture, to be reproduced in all its actions, every movement faithfully shown at any time and in any place. With the kinetograph it is possible to show in Chicago Chauncey Dewey delivering a speech aboard the flag ship Chicago in New York harbor. Not a photograph of arrested action, but the living man, his every gesture, the play of expression on his face and the movement of his lips. It will transmit and reproduce motion of any kind for any distance.

Louis Neidermeyer fell into a vat of boiling water in Duld's slaughterhouse, in Buffalo, N. Y., and was boiled to death.

Nellie Brighton, aged eleven years, died at Weatherly, Pa., from the effects of skipping a rope 330 times without intermission.

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What a Newspaper Is.

Some people do not properly estimate the value and importance of the newspaper. How many families are there in which you find none, not even the county paper, which every one ought to read, and for which few men are really too poor to pay. It makes no difference whether you like the editor or not, or whether the paper reflects your individual ideas of politics, religion, economic and social questions, there cannot fail to be much that will interest and benefit you in the course of a year's reading. As some one has truly said, the newspaper is the cheapest thing a man can buy and will pay the biggest returns for the amount invested in the long run. It costs less than a postage stamp; less than to send or receive a single letter. What good does it do you? It instructs you and broadens your views. It interests your wife and it educates your children. It comes to you every week, rain or shine, calm or storm, bringing you news of the busy world. No matter what happens, it enters your door every week as a welcome friend, full of sunshine and cheer and interest. It opens the door of the great world and puts you face to face with its people and its great events. It shortens the long summer days and it enlivens the long winter nights. It is your adviser, your gossip and your friend. No man is just to his children who does not give them a good paper to read. No man is good to himself and his wife who does not take a newspaper, and the local county paper should claim his attention, challenge his admiration, and command his support first.

Steady Progress of the Cholera.

Official news from all over Russia and from other parts of Europe indicate a steady spread of cholera. The Russian returns of two weeks ago net 65 cases and 19 deaths in the town of Orel during the last week of March, 84 cases and 29 deaths in the province of Oufa during the last two weeks of March, and 10 cases and 4 deaths in Elisabethpol during the last week of the month. The cases in other provinces, not mentioned in the returns, are reported to be far more numerous, especially in Podolia and Saratoff. The epidemic has crossed the Austrian frontier, and small numbers of cases and deaths are noted in one or two villages. St. Petersburg papers contain advertisements by the authorities of the provinces of Samara and Viatka, asking doctors for that region in view of an expected epidemic of cholera in central Russia. The outlook in Russia is grave from other causes than cholera. Most of the provinces are still suffering from the effects of the last two years of famine and sickness. The peasants in Toula are unable now to feed their sheep, and have been selling them for 75 copecks each, although six weeks later they would be worth 4 roubles or more. Over 50,000 have already been sold there.

La Grippe.

The mortality from the grip has, it appears, been so great as to place it among the most deadly of the plagues which have visited this sphere. In this connection the New York Sun recently made the following startling estimate, based upon a report of the New York board of health, to the effect that in New York State there had been 21,000 deaths from the grip, while in the country at large there have been over 300,000. "Assuming," says that journal, "that the average mortality from the grip throughout the earth was no higher than it is estimated to have been in the United States, let us attempt to approximate the number of deaths in the human family from that disease. If 300,000 persons out of 63,000,000 died, how many of the earth's 1,500,000,000 were carried off? These are round numbers, but they are accurate enough for the purpose of a rough estimate. It is an easy problem by the rule of three, and the answer comes out in the shape of these appalling figures: If all the world suffered from the grip as the United States suffered, according to the best estimate, more than 7,000,000 persons died of that unprecedented plague. But, in order to be surely within bounds, let us make an allowance of 50 per cent. for errors, and say that at the very lowest reasonable estimate 3,500,000 lives were lost."

The Horse Knew.

A remarkable exhibition of instinct was exhibited by Dan, one of McGuigan & Stubler's livery horses, Monday forenoon. Sunday night the horse was brought into the stable lane and the stableman thought it was from a sprain. They were rubbing the leg with liniment Monday morning when the horse broke away from them and ran into Parson's blacksmith shop on the same street. Here he wheeled up to the horseshoer and lifted up his lame leg. The man examined the leg and foot and found that an improperly driven nail had penetrated into the quick of the foot. The shoe was reset and the horse returned to the barn. The horse has been owned by the firm for four years, but this is the first time he had gone to the blacksmith voluntarily. —Oil City Derrick.

The Stockholders Organize.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the China Grove factory enterprise, the following officers were elected: President, J. W. Cannon; secretary and treasurer, I. Frank Patterson; board of directors: D. F. and J. W. Cannon, D. B. Coltrane, L. D. Duval, L. Frank Patterson, John Corriher, and R. J. Holmes. Work will begin at once on this building. This mill will do spinning alone. It will start out with 4,000 spindles.

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Famous Suicides.

Balmaceda, the fallen president of Chili, after the revolution which resulted in the overthrow of his government, took refuge in the house of a friend; but, finding every avenue of escape closed, shot himself rather than surrender to be torn in pieces by the enraged populace.

Sardanapalus, the luxurious Oriental monarch, finding himself hard pressed by his enemies, gathered his guards, his wives, concubines, and children, together with all his treasures, and set fire to the building, thus thwarting the hope his foes entertained of taking him alive.

Judas Iscariot, after casting down the thirty pieces of silver in the temple, departed and went and hanged himself. Whether the suicide occurred on the same day or not is a matter of doubt, one or two of early Christian writers intimating that he lived for many years after the crucifixion.

Gen. Boulanger shot himself on the grave of his mistress, a woman of large means, who had devoted all her wealth to forward his political schemes. After her death, finding his political prospects blighted, he was unable to support the burden of life without her, and by his death testified to the sincerity of his affection.

Pansanius, the Greek general, died by self-administered poison. When hotly pursued by those sent to apprehend him on a charge of treason and sacrilege, he took refuge in the sanctuary of a temple. Unable to remove him by force, and also unwilling to violate the sanctuary, the officers waited up the entrance and began to unroof the building. When he could be seen, they noticed that he was chewing something, which proved to be a quill filled with poison. By the time the work had sufficiently advanced to admit of their entrance, he was in a dying condition.

Mark Antony gave the world for a woman's love, but found himself so poorly compensated by the exchange that in desperation at the approach of Octavius, and being informed that Cleopatra was endeavoring to make terms for herself by surrendering him, he stabbed himself with his dagger. On being revived he received the message sent by Cleopatra that she desired to see him. He was carried to her place of refuge; Cleopatra and her maids raised him by ropes to the window of the tower where the fallen queen found her last home; he was lifted in and died in her arms.

"Social watch fires answering as another through the darkness."—*Geological Magazine.*

It is said that the Dukes, of Durham, pay revenue at the rate of over \$50,000 per month, buying over \$12,000 worth of cigarette stamps each week, or \$2,000 per day.

Not many of us but are guilty to some extent of the sin of idleness. We spend a great deal of time in neither profitable employment nor profitable rest. There are "odds and ends" of time, a few moments here and a half hour there, too short we think to do anything in, and therefore we allow them to pass by unused. But if these odd moments were carefully summed up we would perhaps be startled at the amount of time thus thrown away.—*A. R. Presbyterian.*

Moore Enquirer: A stranger appeared in Mr. J. E. Simpson's store last Friday afternoon and noticed a pineapple lying on the show case. He examined it carefully, and turning to Mr. Kindley in all the innocence of a typical greenhorn, said: "Mister, where in the name of goodness did you get these big ugly sets?"

These is a remedy for fowl cholera, but good results have been obtained by adding a teaspoonful of liquid carbolic acid to each half-gallon of their drinking water. Indigestion is often mistaken for cholera. One of the surest indications of cholera is intense thirst, and the disease runs its course in a few days, destroying the majority of its victims within twenty-four hours after its attack.

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