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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

The House has been distinguishing itself with scenes of turmoil and disorder and some of the recent sessions during the consideration of the Bland seigniorage bill will go down in history as the most disgraceful of all that have been held in twenty years. The oldest member cannot remember anything like it. The youngest members do not want to stay in Congress long enough to witness its equal. For an exhibition of turbulence, for one continued disregard of authority, for an unknown cessation of uncontrollable and unbridled acts, the session on Washington's birthday will long stand without a parallel. Even the historic and awe-inspiring mace, born aloft by the Sergeant-at-Arms, was greeted with jeers and derision and might as well have been a broomstick in the hands of mother Goose. The trouble has been due in great measure to the arrest of members in an effort to maintain a quorum.

It would seem that the contention over quorums and the indiscriminate arrests of members of Congress is something that might be avoided by the application of businesslike and practical rules. The present state of affairs is but the result of an effort to evade the adoption of rules that would enable the majority to pass measures after a reasonable time for debate has been accorded. There ought to be no great difficulty in adopting a rule that would enable the Speaker to ascertain whether or not a quorum is present. There is no doubt concerning the temper of the country on this point, and the sooner the rules of both the Senate and House are changed to conform with business methods the better it will be for every interest concerned. The country is weary of the "no quorum" farce in the House and the "senatorial courtesy" excuse in the Senate.

"This is certainly melancholy. Moreover, it is unique, and, worst of all, it is contravention of the commonly accepted legal doctrine that silence gives consent. In characteristically picturesque phrases the counter of quorums, Mr. Thomas B. Reed, commented upon the latest plan for developing a quorum. The most striking feature of this plan is that after those present but not voting have been recorded there must be a majority of affirmative votes over the other two classes, that is, over the negative and those present but not voting. "This plan would deprive members of a 'nay' upon their silence. But we must bear with them a little longer, "said the portly Czar Thomas, with an air of paternal resignation and a look which meant that he would just like to count a quorum once again.

A typical presidential day begins at 8 A. M. Half an hour later breakfast is announced. The President records his wife down to the cozy private dining room. It is a handsome but not pretentious apartment, with two enormous sideboards, filled with complete services of solid gold. At 9.30 the President leaves the private apartments and the pleasures of domesticity to enter the official wing of the White House and take up the affairs of state, and Private Secretary Thurper comes in with his morning's budget. The bulk of his correspondence is never seen by Mr. Cleveland, but civil answers are sent to courteous communications. Autographs of the President and his wife are mailed to most people who ask for them. An hour and a half is the time available for going over

the selected letters with Mr. Thurper and for giving instructions on affairs of immediate importance. After lunch the President goes back to his office and works until 7 o'clock, which is dinner time. Gen. Harri-son always put on evening dress for the formal meal of the day; but, as a rule, Mr. Cleveland performs that ceremony only when there is company. Dinner over, he and his wife have a half hour's romp with the children. Then the father of the family returns to his desk and resumes his toil, which continues until long after midnight, often until 2 or 3 a. m. It is said that he is the hardest worker that has ever occupied the chair of chief executive.

The President has gone on a duck shooting trip of about ten days along the North Carolina coast, accompanied by Secretary Gresham. It is intention of the Presidential party to proceed to North Carolina by way of the Dismal Swamp, where they may get a shot at a bear or some other big game. The trip has been in contemplation for some time. In private conversation with friends Mr. Cleveland has not hesitated to express openly his dissatisfaction with the present aspect of affairs in Congress, and his desire to get away for a time from disagreeable environments. The inactivity of the Senate on the tariff bill is to him a source of much concern.

Insiders and outsiders who predict that the present session of Congress would end in May are a little on prophecy. As the days go on it becomes apparent that it is to be a very long session. Although the Wilson bill has passed the chamber of its origin experience legislators know that it is still many a weary mile from its finality. Outside of the tariff bill, there are many other important measures for consideration. The latest estimate of adjournment carries the well into July or August.

THE HASTY WORD.

To think before you speak is so wise an axiom that one would hardly think it needful to emphasize it by repetition. And yet in how many cases the hasty temper flashes out in the hasty word, and the latter does its work with the precision and the pain of the swift stiletto! Singularly enough, the hasty word oftentimes wounds those who love one another dearly, and the very closeness of their intimacy affords them opportunity for the sudden thrust. We know the weak points in the armor of our kinsman and our friend; we are aware of his caprices, and ordinarily are tender and compassionate eyes of his vanities and his small fancies and whims; but there dawns a day when it is written in the book of fate that we shall be as cruel as we are loving. We are cold, or tried, or hungry. We are anxious over unpaid bills, or our expected letters have not arrived, or one of the children is ailing, and we dread the outcome of the malady. So politeness fails us, fortitude is vanquished, philosophy is in abeyance, and we say that which we repent in sackcloth and ashes. But though the hasty word may be forgiven, it is not at once forgotten. It has flawed the crystal of our friend-ship; the place may be cemented but there is a shadowy scar on the gleaming surface. Oh, if the word of haste had but been left unspoken; if the strong hand of patience had but held back the sword as it was about to strike!— (Harper's Bazar)

Capt. W. R. Kenan was appointed collector of customs for Wilmington last week made his bond which was \$20,000, and said a white man has charge and the negro John C. Dancy is out.

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Ar. Rocky Mt.	12:35	10:45		
Arrive Tarboro	1:35			
Leave Tarboro	12:17			
Tv. Rocky Mt.	12:55	10:45		7:00
Leave Wilson	1:55	11:25		7:35
Leave Selma	2:15			
Lv. Fayetteville	4:25	1:15		
arrive Florence	7:05	3:27		

DATED DEC. 4 1893.	No. 30.	No. 33.	No. 36.	No. 39.
Leave Wilson	2:07			A. M.
Leave Goldsbo.	3:30			7:35
Leave Magnolia	4:13			8:18
Ar. Wilmington	5:50			11:00
	P. M.			A. M.

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DATED DEC. 4 1893.	No. 29.	No. 32.	No. 35.	No. 38.
Leave Florence	A. M. 7:00			
Lv. Fayetteville	10:7			
Leave Selma	12:10			
Arrive Weldon	1:05			
Lv. Wilmington	A. M. 9:00			
Leave Magnolia	10:40			
Leaves Goldsbo.	12:00			
Arrive Wilson	12:50			
	P. M.			

DATED DEC. 4 1893.	No. 27.	No. 30.	No. 33.	No. 36.
Leave Wilson	P. M. 1:15			P. M.
Ar. Rocky Mt.	2:07			10:40
Arrive Tarboro	2:25			12:05
Leave Tarboro	12:54			
Lv. Rocky Mt.	2:07			12:05
Arrive Weldon	3:18			12:56
	P. M.			A. M.

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