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**LETTER FROM
WASHINGTON.**

**Discussion of the Ship Subsidy
Bill in the Senate.**

Washington, D. C., March 10.—The senate has devoted the past week to the consideration of the ship subsidy bill, and the bill for the defense of the president. The former of these is the regular "order of business," and a vote will be taken on the 17th inst. The discussion so far has been characterized by an able presentation of the merits of the measure by Senator Frye and a speech by Senator Hanna. Senator Clay, of Georgia, opposed the bill in a speech which lasted four hours. Senator Bacon has also argued against the bill for the defense of the president, claiming that the measure is an extension of the law regarding treason and therefore outside the province of congress.

The House of Representatives has been the scene of an interesting and spirited debate on the bill providing for the substitution of the contract for the salary basis in the management of the rural free delivery. Party lines have not been drawn in the contest but much feeling has been displayed and it is impossible to tell what will be the outcome. The vote will take place today.

GREATEST OF ORGANS.

Description of Instrument in Mormon Tabernacle.

It was in 1863 that President Young first spoke of building a big organ, one that would be in harmony with the mammoth tabernacle. Great difficulties were encountered in the building of the instrument, particularly in securing suitable wood for the gigantic pipes with which it was equipped. Some of these pipes took as much as 800 feet of lumber. The mountains far and near were fairly scoured for the proper kind of pine, hundreds of loads of which were hauled by teams from a point nearly 300 miles south of Salt Lake. It required two months to make a round trip. It will thus be seen that work was very slow. The workmen were all pioneer settlers. The method of uniting the wood was unique, the closest jointing being done by means of homemade glue, the making of which consumed hundreds of cattle hides, while numberless calfskins were used in making the bellows. Altogether ten years were consumed in the building. Since the time that it was first given to the public there have been numerous additions and changes, until today it is recognized as one of the very best organs in the world, if, indeed, not the best and the grandest.

It is now nearly a year ago since the first presidency of the church decided to make the latest improvements in the organ. A great many of the old pipes were taken out and thoroughly overhauled, and more than 4,000 new ones were added. The instrument's action is marvelous and more responsive than a grand piano, as it has no "inertia" to overcome. The repeating power of each key is 726 times to the minute. All of the latest mechanical devices have been incorporated in the instrument, and any combination of tone desired can be distinctly brought out. Especially fine are the "string" tones, the violin, viola gamba, cello and bass; the clarinet, two oboes, bassoon, eight varieties of flute tones (each one true to its name), four piccolo stops, four trumpets, tuba trombone, saxophone, clarion and the vox humana, which is the pet of the organ and makes "human" tones that deceive even the trained musician.

In all, the organ contains 108 stops and accessories—five complete organs—viz, solo, swell, great, choir and pedal. The speaking length of the pipes varies from a quarter of an inch to thirty-two feet. In "full organ" passages the immense bellows displace 5,000 cubic feet of air per minute.—Deseret News.

Civilization in Africa.

When Livingstone died a few years ago, says The Northwestern Christian Advocate, there was not a civilized town in central Africa. Now Livingstone is to be lighted by electricity. The cost of the machinery and its transportation to the mission was about \$20,000. The only source of illumination for the home or the school or the church has been hitherto kerosene, obtained at a cost, by the time it reaches Lake Nyassa, of \$1.50 a gallon. Steam power being out of the question on account of the scarcity of fuel, it was suggested that the falls of the river Manchewe, near to the mission, be used for the production of light and the driving of machinery. The machinery is on its way and was to be set up this month. The natural waterfall will thus thrash wheat, grind the flour and bolt it in the mill by day and at night give light to the people in their homes. The civilizing influence over the natives of this electrical power is beyond calculation.

The Pope's Will.

Pope Leo XIII. will leave his personal fortune to his five nephews on condition that they shall never make the slightest claim upon the Italian government. The reason for this peculiar provision lies in the fact that theoretically the government pays the pope an annual stipend of 3,000,000 lire, or \$600,000. But the pope has always refused to accept the stipend. On the death of Pius IX., however, his nephews claimed the "back pay" which their uncle had refused to touch. The claim, of course, was not allowed, but the affair injured the prestige of the Vatican, and Pope Leo is determined to prevent a repetition of the scandal.

"The Dirty Dozen."

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She Could Choose.

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—New York Staats-Zeitung.

New York days.

Israel Halleck left the historical Washington links to his son, who just before his death in 1867 gave them to a young man to whom he had entrusted his manuscripts and other material for his biography, and here they are.

The Pagan.

Peter was dying, and he had been a friend of mine as long as I could remember. He had gone to work under ground at the age of seven. He had never been properly fed. Every day he had come sweating to the surface after a climb of 200 fathoms, had changed and walked a couple of miles to his clean, cheerless cottage. Now he was fifty-five, and he looked seventy, and heart and lungs had given out. He knew that he was near the end and still kept his philosophy. He was as honest a man as ever lived, and it had often seemed strange that he was almost the only man in that village of Methodists who had no religion. He lay dying and was content except for the fact that he could no longer enjoy tobacco. One day I sat by his bed when the doctor came. He was a shy man and a very earnest Christian, and he was fond of Peter. I knew that he had something he was desperately anxious to say, and I was on the point of taking my leave when he spoke, dropping, as one did with Peter, into the old caressing dialect:

"Where do 'ee think you'm goin' to, Peter, when you do die?"

Peter looked up at him with the kindest of smiles. "Dunnaw, doctor; but I never knew a horse yet that couldn't get a bit o' grass somewhere."

—Academy.

Meaning of "Sophomore."

Says a literary man: "I used to think that the word 'sophomore' was made up of the Greek word signifying wise and the English word 'more.' The word was thus applicable, I thought, to the second class in a college because they were 'more wise' than their fellows in their own estimation. But it seems that the word has a purer genealogy and a meaning even less flattering to the class of collegians to whom it is applied. It was first used at the University of Cambridge, England, and in its infancy appeared in the form 'soph-mor.' It was composed of the word 'soph,' a contraction for 'sophist,' and a Greek word meaning foolish (moros).

"The college course extended over three years and one term. The respective classes of students were termed freshmen or first year men, junior sophs or soph-mors, senior sophs and questioners. This nomenclature was transferred to the American higher institutions of learning, and in the form freshmen, juniors and seniors, still exists."

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