

WASHINGTON LETTER.

A BUDGET OF NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Returning to Washington--The White House put in readiness for Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland--The Work of Mr. Benedict, the New Public Printer--An incident in the Treasury Department.

[Correspondence of THE STAR.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18, 1886.--Since the cool weather of the last week there has been a noticeable return to Washington of its winter population. From seaside and mountain, Canada and Europe the birds of passage and pleasure now turn towards this winter resort where they will bill and coo, cackle and crow, strut and display their brilliant plumage, make and rob nests, or ostrich like, conceal only their heads: "However we stout it out, we men are a little breed," and the social naturalist has no better field for his favorite study than at the Capital of the United States.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland are not expected until next week, and they will not live in their country home, as has been reported, but will at once go to the White House, which has been put in readiness for them. The old mansion has been freshly painted, and the iron palings around the grounds have received a coat of black paint, and have been tipped with gold. The exterior of the mansion looks newer than when it was new, but the interior, I am told by connoisseurs, is not up to the aesthetic, dudsish standard of the late administration. President Arthur, it is said, succeeded in giving a certain room a peculiar robin's egg tint of heavenly blueness that the present occupant of the White House cannot repeat. There is no use trying, we democrats are honest, but we cannot be nice.

Washington has grown to be too large a city, there are too many national interests centered here for the Capital to be dull even in the absence of the Executive, the Cabinet, Congress, and the lobby. A new public printer has just taken charge of the Government printing office; an establishment that dwarfs every other printing office in the world. Hundreds of employes are expecting dismissal. The appropriation have been cut down, there were too many on the pay roll and they must go.

Mr. Benedict, the new public printer, has already begun the work of reforming many abuses which existed under the administration of the Republican incumbent. He has ordered an inventory to be made of all the horses and carriages, from which it is inferred that he will commence at once to clean out the Augean stables. At present six horses and as many vehicles are kept at the expense of the Government, nearly all of which can be dispensed with without detriment to the service. They will be sold at auction and the money will be covered into the Treasury, and these horses will no longer eat their heads off at the expense of the tax payer. The Republicans will hiss at this as a little thing, but it is precisely this economy in little things multiplied in all the thousand offices of the Government that has enabled the present Democratic Administration to reduce the expenses of the government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1886, to the amount of \$25,630,785. It should be remembered that this is the only entire fiscal year in which the Democrats have had entire charge of the Government; they have not got fully warmed up yet, or cleared away the rubbish so as to have complete elbow room. They will do better next year.

The saving of money is not the only gain. More work has been done, better work has been done in all the offices, while the character of the service has been improved and elevated by discharging an idle, vagabond, intemperate, hard and appointing many clean, efficient, and industrious employes. There is still much need of purging and purification in this direction, but enough has been already accomplished to give hope for the future.

An incident occurred in the Treasury Department last week which is illustrative of the morals among the President's Democratic appointees. During the absence of Assistant Secretary Thompson, his son, without his father's knowledge, passed a civil service examination and was appointed to a place in the Treasury Department. The father

knew nothing of the appointment until young Thompson had been assigned to his desk. Instead of congratulating the young man he told him that there would be a suspicion that he secured the place through his father's influence. Young Mr. Thompson thereupon handed in his resignation. When Assistant Secretary Thompson was asked about the matter he admitted that the facts were as stated, and that it was true that he had counseled his son to decline the appointment. He had not advised him to resign because he doubted the honesty of the examination and report; but because he did not wish to give the enemies of civil service reform any grounds upon which to assail the operation of the law. "I am for civil service reform and stronger in my advocacy of it since I have been in office than I was before, and I do not wish to afford anyone a chance to suspect my devotion to it."

Insane Asylum Matters.

A recent official publication over the names of Dr. E. Burke Haywood, chairman of the board of directors of the North Carolina Insane Asylum at Raleigh, and Mr. W. J. Yates, chairman of the board of directors of the Western North Carolina Insane Asylum at Morganton, gave notice that in conformity to section 2243 of The Code the line between the two asylums has been changed. The section referred to directs that the line be changed whenever the Morganton asylum is completed. It is now finished and has capacity for 450 patients, against 250, the capacity of the Raleigh asylum. The asylum line has accordingly been moved east, by joint action of the boards of directors of the two asylums as indicated in the publication referred to, and the Western Asylum receives into its territory the following additional counties: Rockingham, Caswell, Guilford, Person, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Randolph, Chatham, Montgomery, Moore and Richmond. The new line begins on the Virginia line on the north and runs south with the eastern line of the counties of Person, Durham, Chatham, Moore and Richmond to the South Carolina line. Insane persons west of this line go to the Morganton asylum, and those east of it go to the Raleigh asylum. The line divides the State very nearly equally as to its white population.

A resolution adopted by the directors of the two asylums at the time the new line was established provided that the inmates of the Raleigh asylum from the counties of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, Richmond and Caswell should be transferred to Morganton at such time and in such manner as should be agreed upon by the superintendents of the two asylums. Some of these have already been transferred.

There are now accommodations in the two white insane asylums of the State for 700 patients, and yet we have in North Carolina 1900 white insane. The impossibility of the asylums receiving all of the applicants for admission is thus apparent. The superintendents and directors must have an eye always to the curability of patients. There is constant danger of filling the asylums with chronic incurables at the expense of acute cases which might be treated successfully if they could be gotten into the institutions. Persons frequently complain that they cannot get their insane into the asylums, and think hard of the management, when, if they knew all of the facts, they would see the case very differently. It will be a very long while before the State is able to furnish accommodations for all of its insane--there are only about three States of the Union that do this, and they the richest of the States. Their institutions are asylums in fact, where their unfortunates may be cared for while they live, without being incumbered upon their families; ours, if they fulfill their mission, must be only hospitals for treatment with the hope of cure. Thus, while they must continue to refuse many incurable or harmless cases, they will seldom refuse to receive a patient just become insane. The shorter the period between the attack and the beginning of treatment, the greater the hope of the patient. Hence the importance of reserving at all times a few places for persons who may become suddenly insane. By doing this, and thus having the best of opportunities for successful treatment, the Western North Carolina Asylum last year cured 50 per cent. of the patients it received during the year. It will be agreed on all hands that this is an excellent record.

One thing which cannot be too often impressed upon the public mind

is that insane persons must not be taken to the asylum until application has been made in proper form and notice is received that they will be admitted. Through disregard of this very necessary regulation a most respectable lady who was recently carried to the Morganton asylum was put in Morganton jail instead.

We would suggest to our brethren of the press in the territory of the Western Insane Asylum that they send their papers regularly to the asylum for the benefit of the patients. They will be doing genuine charity thereby. Many of the unfortunates are very fond of newspaper reading and it acts very helpfully upon them. Among the different forms of diversion--the weekly dances, theatricals, billiard and card-playing, &c.--none is found more beneficial than reading, and no class of reading matter is so eagerly sought after as newspapers.

Flee to the Mountains.

[Joaquin Miller in the Chicago Times.] Get out of the cities and stay out of the cities. The cities of the United States are too big entirely. I mean to say that our population in the cities is fearfully disproportionate to our population in the country.

But I have neither space nor disposition to debate or cry out against this cowardly disposition to hide away in the commercial pork-packing cities of America. But I will say this of New York, a city I know fairly well from some years of residence there: I never saw such an ignorant people on earth as the people of New York. Yes, they read. But what do they read? The papers. And the papers they read are the New York papers. They simply read of themselves--their own sins, their own follies, their own weary and tireless round and repetitions of crimes, set and served as a breakfast dish by the brilliant men of the pens.

Get out of that place and stay out of it. Get out of all such places. And decide first this: That no man has any right to stay in a city unless he is bound by his duties to stay there. The mean and selfish desire to stay in a city for pleasure is about as low a desire as I can think of. Indeed the selfish pursuit of pleasure anywhere, or of any kind, merely for pleasure's sake, is unworthy of any man. The pursuit of pleasure is a woman's pursuit; and a very weak order of women at that.

GET INTO THE COUNTRY, into the lifted hills if you can. It is only a little distance to the glorious green and vine-clad hill of the Carolinas. Send some of your number down there to see those fruitful and healthful hills, and my word for it you will not willingly spend all your life inside the line of folly which makes up life in a great city. Get out of those places with your children. No English gentlemen who can afford it will leave his children to the follies and the sins of a city. No wise man will, of whatever land. And so it is with a warm heart. I should like to respond to this cry which appeals to me from the cities for homes and information about homes in the west.

Frankly, then, I would say go first down into the pleasant mountains of the Carolinas first, because that is close by. Get a bit of land there if you like it. Get it now. It will never be cheaper than it is now. Next year it may be double its present price. At least, inquire there rather than of me. Do you know that nearly all our grapes in the eastern states, as well as elsewhere, came from the Carolinas long ago? Do you know that the medicinal herbs of the Carolinas took the world's prize in Paris? Do you know that these silent and voiceless states have given the world the only new gem that has been named since Christ was born? Go down and look at these states. They are close by, and no wild beast or wild man will dispute your path.

How Tom Johnson Carries the Mountain Folks.

[Ashville Citizen.] I was over in Macon county a few days ago, and came up with a lot of young lasses under the protection of an old mother in Israel out gathering blackberries. We got in conversation. The old mother said, "and where is you fars from?" We replied we were Bancombe folks. "Well dus you uns know Tom Johnson?" Yes, very well, and how do you all like him up here? "Way," said she "the best in the world, my old man is always talking about Tom and them turnip seeds; he has talked of him so much that these here gals has took it up and

I believe my soul they is in love with him. You see that boy there with the Mother Hubbard and he is named after Tom and I reckon Tom heard of it cause he sent us so many turnip seeds and sich like. There are twelve of us; and the old man and four boys will vote for Tom and you see that will be sixty per cent. of the family and I tell you the truth if me and my girls could vote he would get a heap more than 'sixty cents worth.' We is told one Judas they call Major's running against Tom, but he need not run in this country for we is told he is put out be the Eunuch who is spoken of in the 8th chapter 27 verse of Acts, and who used to have so much authority in the Ethiopian camp and used to have charge of all the revenue and if that is the case he need not run, for me and my gals nor none of us want any of the Eunuch's stock, we like Tom case he sends out so many seeds and they is good seed too; there never has been as many nice cabbage, fine tobacco and sich like as we have this year. You uns tell Tom to come out."

Misrepresentation of Facts.

[Wilmington Star.] It is astonishing how men and newspapers will misrepresent and deceive. Blaine, in one of his recent speeches, declares that there are "6,000,000 of colored people in the South" who are "disfranchised and oppressed." There is neither "rhyme nor reason" in such falsifying. In the first place there are only some one million and a quarter of colored voters in the South. The election in 1884 showed that Blaine received more votes in the Southern States in proportion to population than he did in many Northern States. This is to say the population turned out on election day better than they did in many Northern States where there was no special charge of intimidation. Mr. Blaine knows he is very far from the truth in such a vindictive and damaging accusation as that. Mr. St. John is in Maine making prohibition speeches, but he notices the point raised by Blaine and meets it thus: "Every intelligent ten year old school boy knows that the Republican party was in power for about 20 years following the close of the war, and if there are 6,000,000 of colored people in the South disfranchised and oppressed, it is because the Republicans during these years of peace failed to do its duty to these poor, dependent people, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that the distinguished gentleman was twenty years in Congress."

Did you know that it takes 200,000 Family Bibles to supply the demand in the United States every year? Besides there are millions of small Bibles distributed. The largest house in the Bible line in the South is that of B. F. Johnson & Co., of Richmond. They publish Family Bibles of all styles and prices and have long made it a study as to how they can get up the very best Bible at the very lowest price, at the same time allow agents a reasonable compensation for their services. During 1886 they have met with greater success in this direction than ever before. If you contemplate selling good books and Bibles during all or any part of your time, by all means write to them for terms and particulars. They will treat you fairly.

Only one drug-store in town now; so drugs and medicines are cheap.

A large assortment of Tin Ware and the best Cook and Heating Stoves to be found in this market, constantly to be found at A. P. Chandlers.

Itch, Prarie Mango and Scratches of every every kind cured in 30 Minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Use no other. This never fails. Sold by John Tull, Druggist, Morganton, N. C.

SPASMODIC CONVULSIONS are frequently caused by worms gnawing at the vitals; therefore, at the first indications of worms, Shiner's Indian Vermifuge should be administered according to directions.

Try Ayer's Pills, and be cured. Misery is a mild word to describe the mischief to body and mind caused by habitual constipation. This regular use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills, in mild doses, will restore the torpid viscera to healthy action.

Food for the brain and nerves that will invigorate the body without intoxicating, is what we need in these days of rush and worry. Parker's Poudre restores the vital energies, soothes the nerves, and brings good health quicker than any thing you can use.

A CARD. To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in the South American. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, New York City.

Congressional Canvass.

Hon. W. H. H. Cowles, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth District, and Mr. R. Z. Linney, Independent, will address the citizens of Lincoln, Gaston, Cleveland, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany at the following times and places:

LINCOLN. Reep's store, Wednesday, Sept. 22; Lincolnton, Thursday, Sept. 23. GASTON. McAdenville, Friday, Sept. 24; Dallas, Saturday, Sept. 25.

CLEVELAND. Grover, Monday, Sept. 27; Shelby, Tuesday, Sept. 28; Cleveland, Sept. 29.

BURKE. Jos. Mull's store, Thursday Sept. 30; Icard, Friday, Oct. 1; Morganton, Saturday, Oct. 2; Table Rock, Monday, Oct. 4.

CALDWELL. Hartland, Tuesday, Oct. 5; Deal's Mill's, Wednesday, Oct. 6; Lenoir, Thursday, Oct. 7.

WATAUGA. Valle Crucis, Saturday, Oct. 9; McBride's Mills, Monday, Oct. 11; Boone, Tuesday, Oct. 12; Elk X Roads, Wednesday, Oct. 13.

ASHE. Creston, Thursday, Oct. 14; Jefferson, Friday, Oct. 15; Helton, Saturday, Oct. 16; Chestnut Hill, Monday, Oct. 18.

ALLEGHANY. Prather's Creek, Tuesday, Oct. 19; Sparta, Wednesday, Oct. 20; Norman's store, Thursday, Oct. 21.

A Card.

To the Voters of Burke County: FELLOW CITIZENS:--At the solicitation of many citizens, representing all political parties, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of the Superior Court of Burke county. If elected I will be the Clerk of no clock, ring nor party, but of the whole people. The office is non political, as the Clerk has no power vested in him, with the exception of the appointment of Justice of the Peace when vacancies occur, in this case, if elected I shall appoint who ever a majority of the voters, in the township where the vacancy occurs, shall recommend, let him be Democrat, Republican or Independent, believing as I do, that the people should have a voice in selecting every officer from Constables to President.

The opposition to imposition of the Railroad Ring, Machine Democracy of Burke have decided to hold no County Convention this year, and I want it distinctly understood that I am not to be "stood aside" or "choked off" by the would be, great Revenue Kingster and political dictator of the Republican party of Burke county who is now trying to confuse and divide the opposition in order to elect his kindred in clerk.

I will canvass the county and hope to be heard by every voter in the county. Very respectfully, JAKE H. HALYBURTON.

A large assortment of Tin Ware and the best Cook and Heating Stoves to be found in this market, constantly to be found at A. P. Chandlers.

Itch, Prarie Mango and Scratches of every every kind cured in 30 Minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Use no other. This never fails. Sold by John Tull, Druggist, Morganton, N. C.

SPASMODIC CONVULSIONS are frequently caused by worms gnawing at the vitals; therefore, at the first indications of worms, Shiner's Indian Vermifuge should be administered according to directions.

Try Ayer's Pills, and be cured. Misery is a mild word to describe the mischief to body and mind caused by habitual constipation. This regular use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills, in mild doses, will restore the torpid viscera to healthy action.

Food for the brain and nerves that will invigorate the body without intoxicating, is what we need in these days of rush and worry. Parker's Poudre restores the vital energies, soothes the nerves, and brings good health quicker than any thing you can use.

A CARD. To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in the South American. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, New York City.

The First Sign

Of failing health, whether in the form of Night Sweats and Nervousness, or in a sense of General Weariness and Loss of Appetite, should suggest the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This preparation is most effective for giving tone and strength to the enfeebled system, promoting the digestion and assimilation of food, restoring the nervous forces to their normal condition, and for purifying, enriching, and vitalizing the blood.

Failing Health. Ten years ago my health began to fail. I was troubled with a distressing Cough, Night Sweats, Weakness, and Nervousness. I tried various remedies prescribed by different physicians, but became so weak that I could not go up stairs without stopping to rest. My friends recommended me to try Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which I did, and I am now as healthy and strong as ever.--Mrs. E. L. Williams, Alexandria, Minn.

I have used Ayer's Sarsaparilla, in my family, for Scrofula, and know, if it is taken faithfully, that it will thoroughly eradicate this terrible disease. I have also prescribed it as a tonic, as well as an alterative, and must say that I humbly believe it to be the best blood medicine ever compounded.--W. F. Fowler, M. D., D. D. S., Greenville, Tenn.

Dyspepsia Cured. It would be impossible for me to describe what I suffered from Indigestion and Headache up to the time I began taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I was under the care of various physicians, and tried a great many kinds of medicines, but never obtained more than temporary relief. After taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla for a short time, my headache disappeared, and my stomach performed its duties more perfectly. To-day my health is completely restored.--Mary Harley, Springfield, Mass.

I have been greatly benefited by the prompt use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It tones and invigorates the system, regulates the action of the digestive and assimilative organs, and vitalizes the blood. It is, without doubt, the most reliable blood purifier yet discovered.--H. D. Johnson, 383 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Price 51; six bottles, 65.

EAGLE HOTEL.

Itake pleasure in announcing to my friends and the public, that I am prepared to accommodate the traveling public. My house is fitted up with an eye to convenience and comfort. My table shall contain the best the market affords. Clean beds and polite servants. My house is located fifty yards from the depot of the W. N. C. R. R. Meals served at all hours for the convenience of railroad passengers. Give me a call Respectfully, ROBT. PO WELLS, Proprietor.

J. A. CLAYWELL

Manufacturer's Agent for Tombstones, Monuments and in fact MARBLE WORK OF ALL KINDS.

CALL on him at the Post Office before purchasing. All work sold by him first-class. Satisfaction guaranteed. August 17, 1886. J. A. CLAYWELL, Agt.

Statesville College, STATESVILLE, N. C.

Began Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1886. Closes June, 1887.

Full corps of ABLE TEACHERS. FINE CLIMATE, HOME COMFORTS and MODERATE CHARGES. Special lessons in COOKING and HOUSEKEEPING without extra expense. Send for catalogue. MISS FANNIE EVERITT, June 24, 1886. Principal.

NEW STORE AND NEW GOODS.

Arthur Evans, Post-Office Block.

Dealer in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver Ware, FANCY GOODS, ETC.,

HAVING 25 years' experience in the largest manufacturing houses in Europe and America, I am prepared to repair all kinds of watches, clocks, jewelry, etc. All work guaranteed.

GILMER HIGH SCHOOL.

This School is principally adapted to give young men a thorough preparation for College, or Business. For further particulars address John A. Gilmer, A. B., Principal, Morganton, N. C.

Full term opens August 30, 1886.

GRAIN DRILLS. The Pennsylvania is the latest perfect Force Feed Drill in existence. Send for catalogue. SAW MILLS, Steam Engines, GEN POWERS' STEAM MILLS, Trestling, Mowers & Standard agricultural implements generally. Send for illustrated catalogue. A. B. BOYD, Pennsylvania Agricultural Works, York, Pa.