

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D C Dec 14, '75 NOT A MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY...

Both Houses of Congress have adjourned until Monday. The House is now forming its committees. This is quite exciting as the friends of each member of consequence are pushing his name forward as chairman...

The applicants for positions in the various Departments are so numerous that it is difficult to pass through them without being stopped and assistance asked from you to get them government position.

The friends here of Gen. Babcock are much surprised to learn that there is an indictment for supposed conspiracy with the whisky ring and are anxious that he will be able to prove his innocence.

The new Speaker, Mr. Kerr, it is said, never was, while in Congress, invited to the chair and it is a little strange that if this be the case, why the Democracy should select a man who has had no experience in presiding over deliberating bodies.

The prompt confirmation in the Senate yesterday, of Zacheriah Chandler, Edward Pierpont, John C. New and others, is exceedingly complimentary to these gentlemen. Had there been any opposition to them, this could not have been done.

One of the most serious difficulties encountered in the representation of education at the Centennial, is the determination of space to be allotted to it.

The distinguished professor, Lyon Playfair, a member of Parliament, and for some time Postmaster General under Mr. Gladstone, writes the Commissioner of Education on the receipt of the Centennial circulars that they will secure more methodical and lasting results than any exhibit of education yet made in Great Britain.

The Commission of Education has been informed that the educational department of Japan is engaged, in making an exceedingly interesting collection, illustrative of the history of education in that country.

Considerable anxiety is manifested in regard to the coming decision of the Secretary of the Treasury upon the revised rate of drawback on refined sugar.

The new jail in the District of Columbia is nearly complete sufficiently so that they are now transferring to it the prisoners of the old jail.

A correspondent of the Allegheny Democrat says the Weston Brothers own 5500 acres of timber lands on the Eleven Mile, Potter county Pa. 3000 acres on Oswayo creek and Allegheny river, besides immense tracts in Michigan and Canada.

The Augusta (Kan.) Gazette says that ten bushels of corn will pay a year's subscription to that paper. Last year the people of that section were begging all through the east for supplies to live on, now they can hardly find a market for their corn at twenty cents per bushel and potatoes are a drug at fifteen cents. No starvation there the coming winter.

The Clearfield Republican says:—On the afternoon of the 1st instant Mr. C. D. Woods for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, appeared at the saw mill of Messrs. McCauley & Ramey, at Houtzdale, and inquired whether they could deliver him 10,000 feet of sawed timber, consisting of 100 pieces, 10x12 inches and fifty feet long, by the 3d Not a stick on hand! But an affirm in a twinkling was given and everybody in reach took to the woods, and by the aid of lanterns, torches, etc. the work of cutting hauling and sawing went on the next day a train of cars, with the 150 sticks of timber on them passed Osceola from the new market street bridge in Philadelphia.

A correspondent of a Washington paper has started the world with a remarkable suggestion. He contends that the United States senate is not restricted to its own members in the choice of a presiding officer and suggests that it elect James G. Blaine to the presidency pro tem. He bases his proposition upon the acknowledged merits of Mr. Blaine as a presiding officer, and adds that "the election of a member of the senate to the Vice-Presidency would reduce the Republican majority one, while the election of a sound-to-the-core and true Republican, not a member of the senate would increase the Republican vote; on all close measures two." The idea is a novel one, but will hardly act on.

According to the report of the postmaster-general the money order department of the postoffice the annual transaction of which have reached about eight millions of dollars, shows an apparent profit of one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, though it is really in arrears more than that sum if the clerk hire and stationary required for business and now charged against the postal revenues, were transferred to this account, where they properly belong. The money order business is nothing more nor less than government banking for the benefit of the public, and those who avail themselves of its benefits should pay its current expenses. Congress at the last session advanced the fees on small money orders to a point which it is believed it will, as it should, for the current year and hereafter pay its own expenses.

Pittsburg, Dec. 4—Another conference of iron boiler and manufacturers was held to-night. It will be remembered that a month ago a compromise was effected between the employees and the employers, the latter agreeing to pay the former \$5 per ton, for boiling iron for a period of thirty days, to determine what large mills elsewhere in the country were paying for boiling. The thirty days will expire on Tuesday next, but at the meeting to-day the iron boiler refused to accept less wages than they are getting now, viz. \$5 per ton, and, perhaps, if pressed, would have given \$4.75 per ton, but no more paid. A general conference will be held on Tuesday next, when, if the manufacturers are still determined on a reduction of the present wages, a lock-out will follow, as the iron boiler men are determined to live in idleness rather than submit to a further reduction in wages. Thousands, upon thousands of workmen will be deprived of employment should the manufacturers press a decrease of figures now given for boiling iron.

Pottsville Pa., Dec. 3.—In consequence of the overstocked condition of the Eastern markets and of the close of navigation the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company will tomorrow direct the stoppage of thirty of their forty collieries in this region, the remaining ten having a producing capacity of four thousand tons daily to continue to supply the furnaces and railroads in this vicinity. About five thousand men and boys are thus thrown out of work. Twenty-five individual collieries will also suspend during the week, and it is thought that by December 15 the suspension will be general, and over 10,000 people be out of employment in the Schuylkill region. A prominent coal operator states that the miners have been very industrious since the resumption last June, and have also been unusually economical, so that a great many of them are prepared for the suspension, which may not last over two months though fears are entertained that work will not be resumed until spring. The iron trade continuing dull, orders have been issued by the Reading Coal and Iron Company to stop work at their various ore mines, where 600 men are now employed. It is claimed enough of ore has been mined and stacked ready for shipping to supply all demands until spring.

Nix Congressional districts in Pennsylvania, in which Democrats were elected to Congress last year gave Republican majorities at the recent State election.

Five buildings in McKeesport, Pa. were burned on the 24th ult. Loss, \$13,000. The First National Bank of Monroe, Mich., was robbed on Tuesday night, 23d ult., of \$10,000. Worcester, Mass., December 2.—Mr. A. G. Coes, a prominent and wealthy manufacturer of this city, was thrown from his carriage this morning and instantly killed.

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