

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. April 20, 1891. Representative Springer, not to be behind the other candidates for the speakership of the House, has given out, in the shape of a newspaper interview, a statement of his position upon the various questions now before the country. Needless to say that he stands upon good solid democratic ground, just as he has done for these many years. Mr. Springer's opinion on New York politics, expressed in the same interview, has excited much interest here. He says that Representative Roswell P. Flower, who was the chairman of the democratic Congressional committee last year, will certainly be nominated for Governor of New York this year, and that if he is elected by a phenomenally large majority, as he thinks he will be, he will be the Presidential nominee of the party next year.

Such prominent South Carolinians as Ex-Governor Thompson, now the democratic Civil Service Commissioner, say that the telegraph reports of a movement in South Carolina for the desertion of the democratic party by a large number of white men who will act with the republicans in future is news to them, and they all express themselves as not believing such a movement possible in that State.

The fact that Mr. Harrison is jealous of Mr. Blaine has long been apparent, but a story that I accidentally stumbled upon makes it out even a worse case than I thought it to be. Russell Harrison, according to my information, who is now traveling with the Presidential party, took occasion before leaving Washington to intimate to several people whom he thought to be unfriendly towards Mr. Blaine, that he thought it was a shame that his father who had been forced to almost resort to compulsion to prevent Mr. Blaine taking steps towards conciliating the Italian Government should be deprived of the credit for the firm stand taken by this Government in that matter, when it was to him, and to him alone that it was due. Russell also said that "Father may find it necessary to break with Mr. Blaine, in order to place himself in the proper light before the people". Poor things!

The republican post office officials are indulging in a great deal of self congratulation over the establishment of post offices on several lines of ocean steamers for the distribution of mail matter in transit, which is exploited as something entirely new, and due to the fertile Wanamaker brain. Away back in the Buchanan administration similar post offices were maintained on the lake steamers that run into Chicago and if brother Wanamaker will examine the records of office when he gets back to Washington he may be able to get some useful pointers on the conduct of steam boat post offices. The steamship post office is an excellent idea, but it did not originate with Mr. Wanamaker.

The grip has got Attorney General Miller, which compelled the government to ask for a week's continuance of the Seward case, which was to have been called up in the Supreme Court to-day. This case it will be remembered is the one which bears upon the Behring sea dispute.

Secretary Foster having returned from his political trip to New York he and Senator Sherman put their heads together to make a little fun for Ex-Governor Foraker in Ohio this year. I asked Senator Sherman if it was true that he intended retiring from public life at the end of his present term, but I am still waiting for his answer—he talked about the prevalence or the grip very freely, but of politics not a word. However, its dollars to wood tooth pices that John Sherman never willingly retires.

Secretary Proctor has gone to Vermont to look after his marble quarries, and incidentally to clinch the bargain he is believed to have long ago made to succeed Senator Edmunds. I should like to know exactly the number of days that Mr. Proctor has spent in his office in the War department since he became a member of the cabinet. No cabinet officer in my time has ever touched his record as an absentee.

When Secretary Tracy's order for an alleged competitive examination in the New York and Norfolk navy yards was issued Representative Bowden, of Virginia, who lives in the Norfolk district came post haste to Washington to find out what it meant. Before having talk with Secretary Tracy he was very blue, but afterwards he was all smiles and said "Oh, all of my constituents will pass the examination and be re-appointed". Did Tracy let him see the inside of the bumbag?

THE LEGISLATURE.

Special Correspondence of THE COLUMBIAN.
HARRISBURG, April 22, 1891.

Nearly four months have elapsed since the present Legislature began its session, and but little has been accomplished. That is to say nothing of real benefit to the people. Partisan measures have precedence in every case. But what else can be expected from a Republican Legislature? The question has been frequently asked your correspondent, when will this Legislature adjourn? In conversation with an old legislator and prominent officer of the House he remarked, without an if or but, that the day of final adjournment would be Thursday, May 28. I think he is right, although some people are of the opinion that the happy event will not take place before the first week in June.

A GROSSLY PARTISAN APPORTIONMENT.
To show how ugly, how venomous, how grossly partisan the Republicans are and can be I send herewith the Senatorial apportionment bill presented in the House yesterday morning by Mr. Hays, of Venango, a Republican, in behalf of the Legislative Apportionment Committee. The bill makes the following districts:

The first eight are included in Philadelphia; 9th, Delaware; 10th, Bucks; 11th, Berks; 12th, Montgomery; 13th, Chester; 14th, Lancaster; 15th, Lebanon; 16th, Lehigh; 17th, Dauphin; 18th, Northampton; 19th, part of Luzerne; 20th, Lackawanna; 21st, part of Luzerne; 22nd, Carbon, Montour and Wyoming; 23rd, Northumberland, Montour and Columbia; 24th, Tioga and Lycoming; 25th, Susquehanna and Wayne; 26th, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Perry; 27th, York; 28th, Cambria and Blair; 29th, Schuylkill; 30th, McKean, Potter, Clinton and Cameron; 31st, Cumberland and Adams; 32nd, Huntingdon and Franklin; 33rd, Clearfield and Centre; 34th, Westmoreland; 35th, Somerset, Bedford and Fulton; 36th, Jefferson and Indiana; 37th, Clarion, Forest and Elk; 38th, Butler and Armstrong; 39th, Fayette and Green; 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th and 45th, Allegheny; 46th, Washington and Beaver; 47th, Mercer and Lawrence; 48th, Warren and Venango; 49th, Erie, 50th, Crawford.

This nice little arranged plan will make 31 certain Republican and 19 certain Democratic districts. It is a wonder the Legislative Committee didn't "go the whole hog," and give the Democrats nothing. It's a wonder they have ever left the great Democratic party of Pennsylvania a grease spot. The bill will in all probability pass both houses, but an honest and courageous Governor is in the way, and such an unfair and unjust measure will never receive his approval.

THE SEMI-MONTHLY PAY BILL.

Senator Hines semi-monthly pay bill was called up in the Senate yesterday and materially amended on second reading. It now requires wage-workers to be paid twice a month, the first time between the 1st and 15th, and second between the 15th and 30th. A penalty of from \$200 to \$300 is fixed for a violation of the act. It is made the duty of the Factory Inspector and his deputies to enforce the law. No assignment of future wages payable semi-monthly feature is voided under this act.

The act to relieve employes from certain prosecutions and punishments for conspiracy under the common or criminal law was postponed for the present.

THE WHOLESALE LICENSE BILL.

Mr. Gillan, of Franklin, on a question of privilege, moved to reconsider yesterday the vote by which the Brooks High License bill passed the House. The motion gave rise to a lengthy discussion, which was participated in by Messrs Gillan, Skinner, Brooks, Johnson, Lytle and Ferley. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 110 to 60, and the bill will be recalled from the Senate and again go before the House.

THE COKE REGION DIFFICULTY.

Adjutant General McClelland, who has again been at the scene of the coke region riot since Thursday night, telegraphs to the governor that all is quiet, and the belief is now that peace has been restored and in a short time matters will proceed as smoothly as before in that region.

COLUMBIA.

The Soap that Cleans Most is Lenox.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

The Reading's Outlet.

COMPLETING THE CONNECTING ROAD WITH THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO.

HARRISBURG, April 18.—At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the Philadelphia and Reading secured what it has been striving to gain for years, a direct outlet to the West, without using the tracks of the Pennsylvania road. At the hour named the last rail was laid on the Philadelphia, Harrisburg & Pittsburg Railroad, which originally was chartered as the Harrisburg Terminal, and which will run from Harrisburg, where it connects with the Reading, to Bowmansdale, a distance of nine miles, where it will connect with the Harrisburg & Potomac Railroad, running to Shippensburg, where it taps the Western Maryland, and thence South to a connection with the Baltimore & Ohio, which carries the connection to the West.

The last rail was laid at Shiremans-town. The ballast is yet to be put in, and it is expected that by May 1 traffic will begin. The new road is almost in a straight line from Harrisburg to Bowmansdale. It will be used mainly for the coal traffic of the Reading, and for bringing coke from the Cumberland, Md., regions.

A Great Landslide.

THE LACKAWANNA RAILROAD COVERED BY EARTH AND ROCKS TO A DEPTH OF TWELVE FEET.

DANVILLE, April 19.—The storm of yesterday caused one of the largest landslides ever known in this section. The Lackawanna Railroad is covered with earth and rocks to the depth of twelve feet for a distance of about 300 feet. The place where it occurred is about one and a half miles from here, and is at a point where the canal railroad and wagon road start at the base of the mountain. The wagon road is lost under about twenty feet of dirt, while the railroad was pushed in the canal and buried. Workmen have been busy all day laying a temporary track around this new hill. There are thousands of tons of soil moved, and on it were trees, which came along standing.

Trains will not be delayed, but it will take about ten days to put the track in its former place. A passenger train had passed the place just a short time before the slide. The wagon road will have to be made over the obstruction as it will cost too much to remove it.

Women Take the Lead.

THEY RAID SEVERAL PLANTS IN THE COKE REGION—THE MILITIA WITHDRAWN.

SCOTSDALE, April 18.—The Tenth Regiment has left the coke region, and it is an open secret that the strikers take delight in their departure. This together with the large amount of relief money disbursed among them, has tended to bolster up their spirits. It is said that over \$1,000 was distributed.

Labor leaders speak more confidently of the situation than they have for a couple weeks past. There were numerous demonstrations in the region Thursday night and yesterday. The women of Leisenring No. 3 raided a number of workmen in the yard Thursday evening and compelled them to desert their posts. One workman resisted, but he was overpowered and had to leave to save being brutally punished.

The West Overton women compelled two men, who had left the strikers, ranks to get into barrows, in which they were wheeled over the rough roads, and given a rough shaking up. The prisoners were released on promise that they would not work yesterday, and they made good their pledges. Germany Hill, near Bradford, was also in complete control of the women Thursday night. They were out in force with tin pails, buckets and the red flag.

The claim of coke companies and labor officials, as to the operations of the works are still very conflicting. The Frick company report their Jimtown plant full, and Adelaide half. The other plants are claimed to be running without change. The Summit plant, according to the company's statement, had forty in yesterday. Most of this number were imported Italians. Six of these men were given passage back to New York, by the labor officials, yesterday.

The Frick company shipped 105 cars of coke yesterday. Ten more Italians and Hungarians were imported into the regions yesterday afternoon. Some of them went to Leisenring, while others were dropped off at Tarrs. Big mass meetings were held yesterday at Painters, Summit and Leisenring.

There were but few evictions yesterday. A Deputy Sheriff named Kyle will be arrested on charges of drawing a pistol on a Hungarian woman evicted by him at Morgans. A number of families will be put out to-day at various plants. Some of the operators have serious apprehensions of trouble. The withdrawal of the militia has had a bad effect on the strikers, especially the element inclined to riot.

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Mr. Bok, the Editor of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, recently gave some interesting figures relative to the manuscripts received by his magazine during 1890. Owing to its departments and peculiar character the *Journal* probably receives more manuscripts than any magazine published. Mr. Bok says that he received at his office a total number of 15,205 manuscripts. Of these 2,280 were poems; 1,746 stories, and 11,179 miscellaneous articles. Of the poems 66 were accepted; of the stories, only 21, and of the articles 410, of which latter, however, over 300 were solicited articles. Thus it will be seen that of the entire 15,000 manuscripts only 497 were accepted; a trifle over three per cent. Deducting from this 300 accepted articles written at the Editor's solicitation, the net percentage of unsolicited manuscripts accepted is brought down to 197, or a little more than one per cent. Statistics such as these show how much utter trash is being written, and the number of persons writing who ought to be employing their time at something else and better.

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