

WASHINGTON NOTES.

No President-elect has ever taken the people into his confidence while making up his Cabinet with the exceeding frankness that has characterized Major McKinley. Astute correspondents have sometimes, by picking up hints here and there, managed to make close guesses as to what the make-up would be, but they have rarely obtained information from the incoming President himself.



CHAUNCEY DEPEW.

(Mentioned as Minister to Great Britain.) There seems to be a great deal more in the movement to create a new department and a new Cabinet officer than was at first supposed. The Labor people have been agitating the scheme to create a Department of Labor, and now that there is some chance of a new department of Commerce and Manufactures, they are willing to consolidate their talked-of department with this one and let it be known as the Department of Commerce, Labor and Manufactures.

Another interesting figure in Washington life passed away yesterday, when Dr. James P. Hambleton died. He was a type of the class known the world over as the "Majahs" and "Jedges" of the capital city.

One of the largest silver medals distributed by the Veitch Memorial Fund, London, for distinguished service to horticulture has this year been awarded to Professor L. H. Bailey of Cornell University, Ithaca. In recognition of his efforts, by means of his lectures and his writings, to place the cultivation of plants on a scientific basis; to promote the extension of horticultural education, and, by numerous trials and experiments, to improve and render more productive plants grown for economic purposes.

A Michigan woman who discusses the well-worn question why girls prefer shop and factory work to domestic service says that the chief objection to the latter is the loss of caste involved. One girl who had tried both means of livelihood is quoted as saying: "I am not one whit better now than I was when I worked as a servant, yet now when I go out in society, I meet people of refinement and am treated the same as any one else."

The situation in Crete is said to be hopeless. It usually is, when the Turks get hold of it.

President Elliot's request for \$10,000,000 for Harvard is evidence that it costs much to make learning free.

Lady Henry Somerset has sent a woman physician and two trained nurses to care for the Armenian refugees in Bulgaria.

A wave of anti-expectoration ordinances is sweeping over the country. In most cases, however, the enforcement of the same is waived.

Illinois has two United States Senators, neither of whom can ride a bicycle. Yet Illinois is always vociferous in declaring that she is keeping pace with the progress of the nation.

King Oscar has at least the satisfaction of knowing that the mention of his name in connection with the arbitration treaty has made him known to millions of people who never heard of him before.

Germany, by the last census, has 52,279,061 inhabitants, an increase in five years of 2,851,431. France's population has increased in the same time only 133,819, being now 38,228,009. Thirty-five years ago the population of the two countries was nearly equal.

The Queen of Denmark has shown plenty of courage in her time. The withered hand that she bears was due to a mauling it received in youthful days from a tame tiger which attacked her. Though seriously hurt, she realized the importance of not showing fear, and drew the animal with her to a place where the palace guards could shoot it.

Attention is called in Chicago to the fact that Illinois has never yet had a native Governor and that Texas has had but one. The present Governor of New York is a native of Maine. His predecessor was a native of Vermont, but all the other Governors of New York for many years have been natives of the State, with the exception of Gov. Dix, who was a native of New Hampshire.

Queen Victoria's jubilee year promises to deserve its name for personal reasons, if for no other. Her Majesty's health continues to be so good that she has promised to take part in a public function at Sheffield in May, and the Prince of Wales is so far rid of the debts which have been pressing him for years that he is making large investments in land. These are encouraging tidings to open the memorable year.

Professor Moses Colt Tyler, of Cornell, said the other evening in a lecture that while Washington's reputation as a soldier and a statesman was safe, he was in real danger from the humorists of the future. This was owing to the fact that Washington, the real man, had never been very well known, and is now almost forgotten, having been replaced in the popular mind by a myth type almost equally compounded of the heroic, the priggish and the statesque.

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WON WHEN IT WOULD GO.

The Chinese and His Method at Card Playing. The trait of the Chinese which is set out by Bret Harte when he tells of Ah Sin's peculiar euchre game is illustrated by the story told by a recently arrived tourist, who, while in the Celestial Empire, did the big cities under the most favorable auspices, meeting the representative merchants and officials. His story thus runs:

In one of the great treaty ports there is a business men's club, where at luncheon hour the representative mercantile men, native and foreign, meet. They frequently play cards, and the game which is most in favor is "Nap." One day there was a quintet party at the game, when the stakes had gradually risen until the thrifty sole Oriental the winning of the pot became a greater object than one of skill.

Suddenly an Englishman with a smile of grim satisfaction threw down his cards, reached for the pot and said, "I go nap." "Sorry," broke in the Chinese, "mistake! I got only four cards."

There was a general laugh at the expense of the unfortunate, who thought he had won, which was soon after repeated. Another European had made the customary announcement which precedes reaching for the pot, when the slant-eyed speculator again balked proceedings with the remark: "Mistake! I got six cards."

A silence fell upon the players when the cards were shuffled and passed around again. Solemnly the Chinese pronounced to each of his fellow-players the query, "Have you five cards?" The answer was in the affirmative each time, and when all had replied the Oriental calmly remarked as he reached for the chips: "Then I go nap."



The Best Thing to Do.

Mabel—Mr. Jones, do you ever sing "After the Ball"? Jones—No. Go right to bed.

Paid Too Much. Caleb had three children—John, Mary and Jane. John is the oldest and so the most inquiring. He had heard that babies were bought from doctors, and one day asked his mother about prices.

"Mother, how much did I cost?" he inquired. As some reply had to be made, his mother said one thousand dollars. John thought at over for a moment, and then asked: "How much did you pay for Mary?" "Fifteen hundred dollars."

"Why, she cost more than me." "Yes; girls always cost more than boys." "What did you pay for Jane?" Jane is a little self-willed tyrant. "Jane cost two thousand dollars," said Mrs. Caleb, and John lapsed into deep thought. In a few moments he said: "Mamma, I don't think Mary cost too much, but you got stuck with Jane."

A Disputed Question. How many apples did Adam and Eve eat? Some say Eve 8 and Adam 2—a total of 10 only. Now we figure the thing out far differently. Eve 8 and Adam 8 also—total, 16.

We think the above figures are entirely wrong. If Eve 8 and Adam 82, certainly the total will be 90. Scientific men, however, on the strength of the theory that the antediluvians were a race of giants, reason something like this—Eve 81 and Adam 82—total, 163.

Wrong again. What could be clearer than if Eve 81 and Adam 812, the total was 893? I believe the following to be the true solution: Eve 814 Adam and Adam 8124 Eve—3,928.

Still another calculation is as follows: If Eve 814 Adam, Adam 81244 oblige Eve—total, 82056.

An Ultimatum. She is an accomplished musician, with classic tastes, and her husband was greatly surprised when he came home the other evening to find her industriously playing what even his unsusceptible ear recognized as dance music.

"That's a departure for you, isn't it?" he exclaimed. "Yes," she answered wearily. "I haven't done so much practicing in a good while."

"Have you abandoned Wagner and Liszt and your other former favorites?" "Not altogether. But the cook doesn't like them. If I don't learn to play 'Wearing of the Green' by tomorrow morning, she'll leave."—Washington Star.

What Worried Him. Hoax—What's worrying you now? Joak—My old uncle's at death's door. "What does the doctor say?" "That's what's worrying me most. He said he would pull him through, and I forgot to ask him which way."—Philadelphia Record.

A Point She Couldn't Understand. She—There is one thing about politics I could never understand. He—What is that? She—Why it is that in making up a ticket they always use a slate. Wouldn't a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil be more convenient?—Brooklyn Life.

AN INTERMITTENT HEART.

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But Mrs. Strope's Heart Now no Longer Lags but Throbs Regularly.

From the Leader, Cleveland, Ohio.

In a large, commodious house at No. 104 Huntington Street, Cleveland, Ohio, lives Mrs. Emily A. Strope, widow of the late X. M. Strope, and she is the mother of a young man who has been, and is now one of this city's successful and energetic pharmacists.

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"One day my son, who was keeping a drug store at the time, brought me home some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and advised me to take them for my heart trouble. I did so and soon began to feel better. I used the pills about two months and they certainly cured me, for now my heart beats regularly and all numbness has disappeared and my circulation is in splendid order."

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Bad Times in Canada.

Times in Canada continue to grow steadily worse, and failures are increasing. The statement of the Canadian government for the financial year, ending June 30th last, shows an actual deficit of about \$5,000,000 and a net debt of over \$258,000,000. The practice of charging many items of expenditure to capital amount in order to hide the real state of things is meant to deceive the people here and in England and to bolster up interests that are injuring the country. It is a continuance of the system of deception carried on all through the years since confederation by the Tory party, and will work no good to the Liberals. The mining boom has led people in some quarters to hope for better things, but it is yet too early to say what the result will be. So far it has only benefited a few lucky claim owners and the newspapers that have inserted the booming advertisements. I had a conversation with a man who had just returned from a business trip through Ontario. He had the "blues" so badly that he recommends that the whole country make an assignment.—Cor. New York Sun.

He Out Her in Two.

She was nervous and scared as she penetrated the city's purloins. A freight train was being switched down there, and a loud-voiced switchman was giving instructions to another of his craft. Switchmen have a language all their own, which is incomprehensible to the plain, everyday, non-railroading citizen. Among other things they call a train "her" and "she" just as a sailor refers to a ship, and just as she sneared the switchman, this is what he yelled: "Head her off, Jim; cut her in two and send the head end up here." She fled from the murderous villain, and postponed her voyage across the raging Mississippi. Meanwhile the other switchman obeyed orders. He cut the train in two and sent the head end back.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Presidential Law Firm.

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THE MARKETS.

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