

WASHINGTON NOTES.

It is fortunate for the peace and comfort of a new President that the custom of retaining certain employees of the Executive Mansion from administration to administration is an established one.

W. L. Pruden, the assistant secretary, and Colonel William H. Crook, the executive clerk, with three or four of the clerks under them, have passed more than a quarter of a century at the President's house, and to their executive ability and deep knowledge of affairs are due the smoothness with which its machinery is run.



SECRETARY SHERMAN'S RESIDENCE.

In the official household Mr. Pruden and Colonel Crook rank next to the President's secretary, and are his executive officers. Mr. Pruden has charge of the numerous bills, and is the President's messenger to Congress.

There were at the capital during inauguration week the daughters of three Presidents: Mrs. Seemple, the daughter of President Tyler; Mrs. Sartoris, the daughter of President Grant; and Mrs. Stanley-Brown, President Garfield's only daughter.

President McKinley has had some training in the business of seeing men and women who called upon him to "pay their respects," but he is just now finding out for the first time what it is to be asked to listen to the importunities of those who seek office.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Sam Jones's price for fighting the devil is \$2,000 per month. When we consider the time Sam has been engaged in the business and the fact that the devil is still doing business at the old stand, it would seem that his charges are rather steep.

Pittsburg is to have illuminating gas at 50 cents per thousand feet, and the men who will supply it are not in the business for its hygienic advantages, either. They are eccentric enough to believe that a profit of 20 or 30 per cent on their investment will warrant them in going into the enterprise.

Two more convicts in Auburn have gone insane through the idleness enforced on them by the labor unions, and may therefore become permanent charges on the public. Take these prisoners out and set them to work on the roads. Then something will be got out of them, and the labor unions as well as other people will be the better off.

When the Kansas Legislature completes its task of giving "statutory force" to the Ten Commandments, it should go ahead and promote public health by passing a law to make illness a penal offense. By the same token it might improve the general welfare by enacting a bill to make drought a misdemeanor and a thunder storm a breach of the peace.

Some of Chicago's experimental philanthropists propose that all vacant lots in that city shall be turned over to the poor for the cultivation of beans. The bean idea is merely a variation of the Pingree potato scheme.

Secretary of State Palmer of New York has completed his report to the Legislature showing the criminal statistics of the state, as reported to him by the clerks of sixty counties. The report, which is purely statistical, shows, so far as recorded, convictions for crime which prove that the people of this state are growing better, and that crime is on the decrease, as compared with the record made in 1895.

To one who loves the study of nations the evolution of national character and the shifting of the world's controlling influences, surely Spain to-day must open a field unexampled in modern times for tragic interest. Long removed from friction with either the constructive or destructive politics of Europe, blessed in natural resources and rich in tradition, she has continued steadily a victim of herself, rather than of her enemies.

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A "recent visitor to the drawing rooms of royalty and the English aristocracy" reports that the book most to be seen there is Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poems.

THE VERY NEWEST WOMAN.

The Observed of All as She Painted a Sign on a Theater Wall.

"Hully gee, but she's got her nerve with her!" A volley of chaff and comment was bandied to and fro over that intersection of Broadway and Seventh avenue known as Longacre the other afternoon.

It told of joys to come for the patrons of vaudeville when the chaste humor of "Silly's Dinner" shall have yielded place to the classic features of "Mrs. Radley Barton's Ball; or, Greater New York." May be it was the subtle that caught the crowd.

The woman was young and by no means ill looking. On the lofty pinnacle formed by a staging with a protecting canvas she worked as placidly and indifferently as if secluded in a studio and the crowd was miles away.

What use is there in eating when food does you no good—in fact, when it does you more harm than good, for such is the case if it is not digested?

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