

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15, 1897.

"What have you got to do with Cuba, anyhow." That is the plain English of the courteously worded reply of the new Spanish ministry to Mr. McKinley's Quixotic mediation proposition, which was used to prevent Congress taking action at the last session that would have brought peace in Cuba long before now.

Having had one check diplomatically slapped by Spain, it now remains to be seen whether Mr. McKinley will turn the other cheek for another slap, or will rise to the occasion by promptly recognizing the independence of Cuba, or even the belligerence of the Cubans.

Present talk in administration circles indicates that the other cheek will be turned to the Spaniards. The opinion is growing that Congress will have to compel Mr. McKinley to do the right thing by Cuba.

As though Mr. McKinley did not have enough troubles of his own, the two factions of Virginia republicans have swooped down upon him with the demand that he umpire their dispute.

After a series of false alarms covering a period of more than ten years, during which he has been eligible for retirement, it seems that Justice Field of the U. S. Supreme Court is going to retire sure enough this time.

Attorney General McKenna is slated to succeed him, and a Cabinet shake-up is expected at the same time, which it is said may land "Teddy" Roosevelt in the Cabinet as Secretary of the Navy and bring about other changes of more or less importance.

Attorney General Terrell, of Georgia, who is in Washington on business before the U. S. Supreme Court is somewhat indignant at the misrepresentations which have been made of the shooting of the negro postmaster at Hogsansville. He said: "A great injustice has been done to one of the best and most substantial towns in our state. The report of the Post Office inspectors will bear out my declaration that there was absolutely no evidence of any deep-seated plot on the part of the citizens of Hogsansville to remove Loftin. There isn't a spark of evidence to show whether he was shot by a white man or a negro. At any rate, there was no conspiracy among the prominent citizens of the town, as some of the papers put it, and all such reports are unfounded aspersions on a good people. I know the citizens there, and there isn't a better community in any state in the Union. A whole town should not be made to suffer for the deed of one miscreant. The State officers are as anxious as the Federal authorities to bring the guilty party to punishment, and every means of detection is being used to that end."

Mr. McKinley is almost in a state of panic on account of his private advices from Ohio. Boss Hanna with all his egotism has become alarmed at the indifference of so many men who have heretofore been the most enthusiastic workers in every republican campaign; he fears the indifference will last until election day and that it will keep thousands of republicans away from the polls, and he has communicated his fears to Mr. McKinley, who is now trying to devise some scheme to arouse a little enthusiasm among the Forker republicans of Ohio.

Ex-Congressman Layton, of Ohio, who although a democrat is not taking any active part in the campaign because of his pressing legal engagements, has been telling his Washington friends that the Ohio democrats have an excellent chance to win, if they can only succeed in getting out a full vote. He is confident that the republican stay-at-home vote will reach away up in the thousands, and is afraid that the same cause may largely reduce the democratic vote. He says he never saw such apathy among rural voters in an Ohio campaign as exists at this time.

Consul General Lee was in Washington this week preparing for his return to Cuba next week. He had a conference with Mr. McKinley and several with Assistant Secretary Day, but did not meet Secretary Sherman at all. Still there are persons who object to the assertion that Mr. Sherman has nothing whatever to do with the relations of this government with Spain and Cuba, calling it "preposterous" etc. It would be preposterous for a man who has been in Washington during the last six months, and kept his eyes open, to claim to believe that Mr. Sherman has had anything whatever to do with either Spanish or Cuban matters. The opinion is prevalent in Washington that Mr. Sherman will be froze out of the Cabinet before the first of the year. A personal friend of General Lee is authority for the statement that he will return to Virginia in the Spring and begin an active personal canvass for election to the U. S. Senate, to succeed Senator Martin.

Clouds have been heretofore considered as presaging a change in the weather. Now, however, kites instead of clouds will apparently be employed to tell us what the weather is

to be. Eddy, at Bayonne, N. J., the professors at Blue Hill observatory, Boston, and attaches of the United States signal service have been experimenting with the flight of kites into the upper regions to determine the temperature. A kite with a thermometer attached to it was lately sent up into the air almost half a mile by Mr. Eddy. When such a kite is drawn back to earth, the temperature registered by its thermometer is a true prognostic of the temperature to be expected on the earth's surface within the next 48 hours. This is Mr. Eddy's theory, which he believes he has verified.

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THIS AND THAT.

In Germany the authorities tax a dog according to its size. A Jewish proverb, "Commit a sin twice, and you will think its perfectly allowable."

All animals need plenty of good shade and water as well as good feed these hot days.

Why is fashionable society like a warming pan? Because it is highly polished, but very hollow.

With no kissing games and no dancing at picnics, the cause of religion seems likely to get a bad setback.

It is said that forty-two different species of birds are represented in the plumage that adorns women's hats.

Switzerland's National Council has voted unanimously to make insurance against accident and sickness compulsory on all citizens.

The yak, or grunting ox of Tibet, takes its name from the peculiar sound it emits whenever excited or irritated. It has a tail like that of a horse.

They used to say that the presence of a dog in the family was a sure sign of poverty. For "dog" now read "bicycle."

The shortness of life is bound up with its fulness, said Phillips Brooks. "Strip a life empty, and it will seem long enough."

In a recent suit in Maine an item in the offset account was "for loading in defendant's shop, at the rate of fifty dollars per annum."

The depth of water has a considerable influence on the speed of steamers, which are found to move more slowly in shallow water.

There is more faith in trusting one poor wretch that has come to grief, than in counting upon all the honest men in the world put together.—Truth.

The daughter of the old-fashioned woman sometimes bore a resemblance to her mother. It is the aim of the up-to-date mother to resemble her daughter.

A colony of two hundred California orange growers is to be established in Mexico, where a large tract of land is to be purchased and planted with orange trees.

"Billy, I don't think I'll stay at this summer hotel much longer." "What's up? Rates too high?" "No, I don't mind the high rates, but the clerk is always nagging me for money."

"You darn old plug," said the farmer to his bally horse, "you actually ain't worth killing unless," he added, after second thought, "unless I could manage to get you killed by the railroad."

Shanghai is being rapidly changed into a manufacturing town. Cotton factories are springing up in every direction, and the Chinese have the novel experience of smoke and screaming whistles.

The Bishop of London, in a recent address on "Reading," said: "All human knowledge has been gained by the impertinence and pig-headedness of a small number of people who were always asking 'Why?'"

A humorist leaps gaily upon the steps of an omnibus, and cries cheerfully to the conductor: "Is the ark full?" "No, sir," replies the jovial conductor, "we have kept a seat for you. What! within there? Room for the monkey."

When Queen Victoria's state carriage was taken down to Windsor just before the jubilee day for her approval, she remarked that it was "the most uncomfortable carriage she had ever known in her life." Forthwith it was taken back to London, and the carriage-builders worked all night making alterations to the seat and back, and returned it. Then the Queen expressed herself completely satisfied.

SENATOR STUART HAS TAKEN TO THE bicycle, but no doubt he considers it a bimetallic machine, having two wheels, and therefore a double-standard action.

United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar, of Massachusetts, and Senator Julius C. Burrows, of Michigan, are studying modern Greek with a Turkish tutor in Washington.

The father of the British navy, Admiral of the Fleet the Hon. Sir Henry Kettle, has just celebrated his 88th birthday. Despite his advanced age he still remains on the active list.

Thomas A. Edison, who has Ogdon Mountain, N. Y., lined with wires, is blamed by the neighboring farmers for the numerous thunderstorms which have been raging lately in that vicinity.

Dr. C. A. Stephens, of Norway Lake, Me., who believes that death is only a habit, which will eventually be overcome, is a writer of stories for boys and naturally wants mankind to remain forever young.

Ian MacLaren recently wrote in his third paper on America to the Outlook: "There can be no doubt that the American is magnanimous in the affairs of practical life. If misfortune has befallen a man and he has not played the knave, he is regarded with sympathy, as a soldier wounded in battle."

Silas Hinkley, son of the millionaire president of the Poughkeepsie Electric Railroad Company, is leaving coal as a stoker in the employ of the company at \$1.50. He is a Harvard graduate, but took his present position voluntarily in order to learn the business thoroughly.

Professors A. S. Bickmore and D. S. Elmendorf of the Museum of Natural History of New York, are in Colorado securing views to accompany a course of illustrated lectures on Colorado, to be delivered next winter through the State of New York. Naturally, the citizens of Colorado are much pleased at their visit, and are doing everything possible to make it pleasant and successful.

Senator McEnery, of Louisiana, whose support of the protective features of the tariff bill has attracted much attention, is a lawyer, and has been in politics since before the war. He is just 60 years old, and had completed a university education and part of the course at the Annapolis Naval Academy before entering the Confederate army. He has been governor of Louisiana.

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The First Thanksgiving Dinner. The first Thanksgiving dinner was celebrated in this country two hundred and seventy-six years ago, at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The whole American army was present—it numbered twenty men. Miles Standish, the backward lover of Priscilla, sat at the feast, while Priscilla served at the tables. The story will appear in the November issue of The Ladies' Home Journal. Here Indians and whites sat down together by the tables set in the woods, and enjoyed the roast turkey, bechucns, clam chowder, fish, salad, cakes, fruit and other delicacies provided. It was at this historic dinner that the first oysters were served. The illustrations of the article show portraits of the Pilgrim fathers.

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Postal Business for the Past Year. A Suggestion That Newspapers Be Hereafter Carried Altogether by Mail.

The annual report of W. S. Shallenberger, second assistant postmaster general, made public Saturday, gives an interesting review of the principal developments in the entire transportation service of the United States and connecting foreign mails. It showed an aggregate of appropriation for this large part of the postal service for the current year of \$51,041,238; the probable deficiency is \$500,000, making the estimated expenditures this year \$51,541,238. This will be \$1,623,045, or three and one-quarter per cent. more than for the fiscal year just ended.

The estimate for the fiscal year 1899 is \$53,337,260, which is \$1,796,021 more than the estimated expenditures for the current year. The annual rate of expenditure for the inland mail service in the year just closed was \$49,862,074 and for foreign mail service \$1,791,170, after deducting \$258,029 for intermediary service to foreign countries.

The report takes an important position as to newspaper mail and a plan to make the profits on short hauls offset the long runs. General Shallenberger says: "There seems to be no good reason why the great bulk of legitimate newspapers carried by the government at great loss to remote places should be permitted to be taken away from the mails by railroad and express companies whenever there is a short haul that would make the carriage of them profitable to them. The carriage of newspapers, packages, etc., by railroad and express companies may have been justified, perhaps, years ago, when the railway mail service was less efficient; but with our present facilities, such as may easily be obtained, I am convinced that the department can and should carry the great bulk of newspaper matter that has been for years withheld from the mails and sent in baggage cars and special express trains."

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