

WASHINGTON.

From Our Regular Correspondent. Washington, July 9, 1900.

If there are any Democrats in Washington who are not enthusiastically pleased with the ticket and platform, made by the Kansas City Convention, they are not showing themselves, or doing any public talking. It cannot be said that any part of the work of the Convention was a surprise. The only thing that could be considered upon when the Convention assembled was the nomination for Vice President. The head of the ticket had been fully settled by the instruction of more than the necessary two-thirds of the delegates for Col. Bryan, and the important planks of the platform were practically settled in advance by those same instructions, as there had not, at any time, been any doubt of the position of Col. Bryan, whose consistency is one of his strongest holds on the rank and file of the Democratic party, upon any question that would be handled in the platform. A candid Republican, prominently connected with the administration, who made no pretense to conceal his disappointment at the failure of the attempt to modify the silver plank, said: "That Convention was wiser than I thought it would be. The platform will lose votes for the ticket in states where they could not have affected the result, but I am afraid it will gain enough votes to give the Democrats several states they could not possibly have carried had they straddled silver." The confidence shown by Democrats argues well for a Democratic victory this year. Republicans are, of course, keeping up a bold front in public, but it is no secret that privately many of them are expressing fear of defeat.

The practice of suppressing official news, which the administration made a specialty of during the war with Spain, has been revived in connection with the troubles in China. Mr. McKinley is at Canton, and members of the Cabinet claim to have no official news of importance from China, although it was published in the press dispatches several days ago that every foreigner in Peking had been killed. It has also been published that the Chinese, instead of being hunted by the allied army, which has been gathering at Taku for the purpose of marching to Peking, are hunting the allied army, which has abandoned all idea of trying to get to Peking until largely reinforced, and which is contemplating the evacuation of Tsin Tsin, now occupied by a considerable force of allied marines. In other words, the allied forces are finding that without a large army they cannot occupy territory beyond the range of the guns of their warships. It is not conceivable that with these important events transpiring this government is without official information. Yet, that is what Secretaries Hay, Root and Long, are asking the public to believe.

Mr. H. H. Spencer, of Utah, now in Washington, said of the political outlook in his state: "The electoral vote of our state will be found in the Democratic column again this year. Neither party will attempt this year to send a polygamist to Congress. The Democrats will undoubtedly elect the Congressman, and the indications are that William H. King will be the Democratic nominee. Mr. King is a Mormon, but not a polygamist."

The administration hasn't got Gen. MacArthur as well trained as it had Gen. Otis during his stay in the Philippines. Otis would report anything that he got a hint from Washington was desired. MacArthur makes his reports regardless of the wishes of the administration. For instance, he has just reported that it would be unsafe to remove any considerable number of troops from the Philippines for months to come. In addition to interfering with some of the plans of the administration for sending troops from the Philippines to China, that report has knocked the bottom out of one of Boss Hanna's pet vote-getting schemes. That scheme was to announce a few weeks before election that, owing to the complete pacifica-

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

tion of Filipinos, all the volunteers in the Philippines would be at once brought home. If General MacArthur isn't more particular about how he handles the naked truth in his official reports, the administration will discover that he is not to be commanded in the Philippines, and he will be ordered home "for his health." The War Department is now preparing to send 11,000 regulars to the Philippines, alleged to be for the purpose of taking the places of the 30,000 volunteers who are to return home. The volunteers in the Philippines who get home before the expiration of the two years for which they volunteered, will either be sick men or very lucky men.

PARIS LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent. PARIS, FRANCE, June 25, 1900.

Yesterday was Sunday, and the day of the Grand Prix or the great horse race at Longchamps, about four miles from the city. Why is it that in all Catholic countries, Sunday is selected for sports and amusements? In Spain, bull-fights; in Italy, pic-nics and excursions; in France, automobile, bicycle and horse races. I did not go to the Grand Prix. I saw it twenty-two years ago, with the then President of France, Marshall McMahon, on the grand stand with the Shah of Persia and the ex-King of Spain Amodeus as guests of honor. Once is often enough to see a Grand Prix or to go slumming. It may be necessary to know and understand some things but it is not necessary to wallow in them. I remember just how it looked; with its immense throng of people in carriages, drags, tour-in-hands and cabs; thousands on foot; gamblers and demi-mondes, the fast set from France, England and America. The demimonde is always conspicuous in fine carriages or on tally-ho-coaches, wearing for the first time the Parisian gowns and hats of the season, which will in an incredibly short time be imitated in every nook of our own country on the planet. 'Tis pity 'tis true. Renan was perhaps right in his hatred of expositions and in blaming women for them.

There are many kinds of expositions. Yesterday, President Loubet and his guest of honor King Oscar (Bernadotte) of Sweden went to the races in separate drags, each drawn by four horses and each left horse ridden by a jockey or postillion. The drags were accompanied by platoons of dragoons. Republican simplicity has not penetrated France. The manners, the forms, the state etiquette are all of the empire or previous monarchy, which has passed only in name. Names are more easily changed than conditions rooted in centuries. But France is no doubt more prosperous and freer from war and from the Catholic church than during the days of the last empire.

The exposition buildings during the week, when there is an average of 150,000 visitors, are quite well filled, and on Sundays, when there are nearly a half million, it is uncomfortably crowded. But now 8,000 cabmen have struck, and thousands who depend on cabs will not be able to reach the grounds. The omnibuses, cabs, street cars and Seine river boats were, even before the strike, notoriously inadequate. After waiting for twenty minutes on several occasions to get a cab or a seat in an omnibus, I have changed my lodgings and now have a room within half a square of one of the entrances, and am independent of all kinds of transportation.

In spite of military reverses, the South African Republic day before yesterday inaugurated its building in the Trocadero Gardens. The exposition is composed of three parts: the official pavilion, the Boer House, and a mining plant. The official pavilion is of the Dutch or Flemish style of architecture, with columns in white and gold and bright interior decorations. At the entrance is seen a bust of President Kruger, upon which a large tri-color boubuet has been placed with a card bearing the words "Homage of a band of patriotic Parisian workmen." The pavilion contains a number of objects of sinister suggestion and memory. One is a big clumsy cannon, now very rusty, which a Boer foundry man made in 1880 and which contributed to the Boer victory at Majuba Hill. Then there is a library with text books, etc., showing the public school system; plan of the Johannesburg mines, photographs of the country and a model of the old-time Boer wagon. The house is an exact reproduction of native buildings with its four rooms; two bed rooms, a kitchen and a kind of parlor or sitting room. The floors are of earth, the beds made of iron. A bible and an old organ are part of the scant and simple furniture. In the mining section are shown complete models of the machinery used for the reduction of gold ore. There is estimated to be \$3,500,000,000 unmined gold in the Transvaal. The guests, among whom were the officers of the Exposition, the members of the press, were received by Mr. Pierson, the Boer commissioner-general. From a register placed near the door,

where many signatures were written, I quote: "The Representatives of the Russian Press assembled at Paris entertain the most fervent wishes for the ultimate triumph of the South African Republic in her glorious struggle for liberty and independence." This inscription set me wondering what these journalistic subjects of the Autocrat of all the Russias know about liberty and independence, and where they would be sent if they should suggest a struggle for liberty and independence to their fellow subjects at home. I wonder if those Russian journalists think they are free, or want freedom, or are they phrase befuddled, mouthing "liberty and independence" as a parrot might. There is no doubt that Russia is ruled by the most humane and gentlest despot that ever sat on a European throne, and Russians are probably better off than if they were armed with double-edged suffrage. But it certainly sounds grotesque to hear Russian subjects proclaiming ardent wishes for the liberty and independence of other peoples.

FORECASTS FOR JULY.

Much Hot Weather With Many Severe Thunder Storms.

Rev. Iri R. Hicks, in Word and Works, makes the following predictions for July:

A regular storm period is central on the first day of July, which fact calls for a change to warmer weather in western sections the last two days in June, attended by falling barometer, growing cloudiness and thunder showers. The crisis of this period will fall on and touching the 2nd of July. Look for some summer squalls at this time and for rising barometer, westerly winds and change to much cooler as storm centers pass off to eastward. A change to much warmer, with general reaction to storm conditions, may be expected on and about the 6th and 7th. Cooler air, westerly winds and rising barometer will again set in for a brief spell behind the perturbations of this period, say from about the 8th to 10th.

The next regular storm period is central on the 12th, extending from 10th to 14th. The moon's passage over the celestial equator on the 16th will keep up the temperature, depress the barometer and excite unsettled weather conditions into the reactionary storm days central on the 17th to 19th.

One of the "breathing spells," or days of cooler and more pleasant weather for July ought to occur about the 19th to 22d, spreading progressively from west to east and about the dates named.

We figure that one of the "heated terms" of July will develop during the storm period central on the 24th and extending from 22d to 27th.

We predict that about the 25th and 26th we will experience a crisis of high temperature, and that summer storms of threatening appearance, but little general rain, will occur about the 24th to 27th.

The temperature will most likely continue high from the preceding storm period, culminating in many blustering thunder gusts and empty, threatening clouds on and about the 29th and 30th.

Williamsport residents must have their shoes shined on Saturday if they wish their footwear to appear in a polished condition on Sunday. A recent order of the Mayor of that city restrains boot blacks from working on Sunday.

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The Outcasted Dog: Water Baptism.

"A little boy I knew of in the West," writes Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, in the July Ladies' Home Journal, "belonged to a family who had trained him to believe in the deep-water form of baptism, and was experimenting with the household cat and a bucket of water. The animal evidently did not believe in immersion, for she resisted, bit and scratched and used bad language—in the cat tongue, of course. Finally, the little boy, with his hands covered with scratches and with tears in his eyes, gave up the effort to effect the regeneration of the cat. 'Dog gone you!' he cried—notice the choice of epithets in the use of the word dog—'go and be an Episcopal cat if you want to.'"

A dog was shot in Milton last week, and an examination revealed the fact that the animal was affected with hydrophobia. The dog, while alive, is known to have bitten several others, and now all the canines in the town have been quarantined.

When a man becomes tired of his own companionship its time for him to think of getting married.

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Pennsylvania Railroad.

Time Table in effect May 28, 1900. SCRANTON (3 A. M.) to PITTSBURGH (12:15 P. M.). PITTSBURGH (12:15 P. M.) to SCRANTON (8:25 A. M.). SCRANTON (8:25 A. M.) to PITTSBURGH (12:15 P. M.). PITTSBURGH (12:15 P. M.) to SCRANTON (8:25 A. M.).

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