

HOTEL LOBBY CHAT.

An Interesting Feature of Life in Washington.

Great Men of the Nation Passing in Review Before Hotel Frequenters—Comments by the Gossips of the Town.

[Special Washington Letter.]
IN EVERY considerable community there is a hotel, and within its precincts are often gathered the leading men of the entire city of county, each of them having a striking individuality which it might be difficult to depict. During the sessions of the congress one may find almost every evening a number of gentlemen of national reputation gathered together in any one of our many hotels and with them also are commingled the employes of the executive departments, from the humblest to the highest officials.

Last evening, while conversing with one of the auditors for the treasury department in a hotel lobby, the secretary of the treasury approached, but was obliged to stop and converse with half a dozen men of eminence before reaching those whom he desired to see. This man, whose presence in any other city would attract the attention of all, walked about leisurely here, among other great men, just as he might do in a hotel at the capital of his state, where he once ruled as governor.

Senator Hanna, of Ohio, and Senator Platt, of New York, two of the most talked-of men in the political world during many years, came into the lobby and spent half an hour quietly conversing with other senators and representatives, just as some of your friends at home would do.

Speaker Henderson, the man who controls all national legislation by his masterful position, came into the hotel smiling as usual, shaking hands with everybody who greeted him, and leaning heavily on his cane as he walked to the elevator and went upstairs to keep an engagement with a senator who awaited his coming. There came also Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, the youngest and handsomest man in the great legislative body, and closely following him came the redoubtable Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, the man who indulged in fistfuffs on the floor of the senate.

Every evening one may see a similar panorama of great men passing in review, and visitors to Washington are entertained by friends who point out the individuals in the passing show, and tell of their characteristics. To a visitor from Iowa, the writer said: "Your idea of Senator Tillman is entirely wrong. He is not a quarrelsome man. He is an honest man, a ruggedly honest man; and his soul revolts at some of the procedures of our government which everybody knows are lamentably wrong. Then, again, he is a very bitter partisan, and unfairly tries to make party advantage out of some wrongs which are only to be righted by non-partisan methods. But he is honest to the core, and as lacking in polish as a piece of slippery elm. There are men who will take polish; but Tillman is not one of them."

Senator Mason, of Illinois, entered the hotel lobby accompanied by Representative Hemenway, of Indiana, and a pretty picture they made; Hemenway six feet tall and slender, Mason five feet short and round as Santa Claus, and just as jolly.

Then came Senator McMillan, of Michigan, accompanied by Mr. Bab-

cock, of Wisconsin. They went to the elevator and followed Speaker Henderson. The visitor saw no significance in this, but the news instinct evolved an idea. Mr. Carnegie was stopping over night at the same hotel. Senator McMillan and Representative Babcock are chairmen of the two congressional committees on the District of Columbia, and they are working together to build up the capital city along the lines of the original plans of Maj. L'Enfant. As the city expands with the expansion of the republic, these far-sighted gentlemen are bending their energies and influences in the right direction; and it was afterward ascertained that they had seen Mr. Carnegie and secured from him a promise of substantial aid in the development of the city, as it reaches out its hands and gathers to its bosom the suburbs surrounding it even across into Virginia; for Senator McMillan has pending a bill to take in lands of Virginia which comprised the original ten mile square of this seat of government.

Then there entered a man of military men who strode over the lobby



ORDERED TO LEAVE HIS CHAIR.

moment to tell. By the way, there are men in the executive departments, many of whom are worthy to sit in the senate or any other high public place, and this man is one of them. He is a veteran in the civil service, and also a veteran of the civil war. He was at one time an intimate friend of Gen Grant, and of others in that glorious galaxy of soldiers and statesmen. He said:

"I am a mere automaton, a calculator of figures by columns; but once upon a time my brain was used for reflection altogether, and sometimes even now I think thoughts. The commissioner of Indian affairs may be an honest man, and I presume that he is. The auditor for the interior department may be an honest man, and I presume that he is. But, as a government clerk, examining accounts and auditing them, I am well assured that there is, and for many years has been, a lot of corruption in the Indian office. This palpable fact ought to be known to the commissioner; or it ought to be discovered by the auditor. But, as a matter of fact, neither one of these officials seems to go beyond the routine duty of compelling the clerks to be at their desks on time; and any amount of corruption might be carried on under their honest noses, without their august knowledge."

Another clerk came in whom the writer has long known as a leading and enthusiastic worker for the perpetuation of the glories of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he also had something of unusual interest to narrate. He said: "I was with Sherman, and marched from Atlanta to the sea and then up through the Carolinas to the national capital. On the afternoon of the grand review in May, when 'Sherman's Bummers' marched down the hill south of the capitol, we saw a canvas banner stretched clear across the south front of that big building on which we read the words: 'The nation will never forget, and can never repay, its debt of gratitude to the soldiers of the union.' We all felt proud then. This afternoon one of my old comrades, who lost a leg in battle, was insulted and degraded by a man who never did a thing for his country except draw salary from its treasury. My old comrade works in a bookkeeping division where clerks must stand all day long. Because my comrade was unable to stand all day, on one leg, and took a chair to his work, he was insulted and browbeaten by the chief of his division, and this in one generation from the time when the nation was so grateful to the boys in blue."

While this old soldier was talking, in came Representative Wadsworth, of New York, chairman of the committee of agriculture. As he went to the desk of the hotel clerk, one of the employes of the department of agriculture said to the writer: "There goes an enemy of agriculture. He is not in harmony with the secretary of agriculture. Instead of using his position to help along our department, he hampers us in every way. He even went so far as to go to the president, who is from his state, and make verbal charges against the secretary. Of course the president informed the secretary and asked him what he had to say, and he demolished the slanders very quickly. Then, when Mr. Wadsworth came to the department to talk about more seeds and documents for his district, what the secretary said to him would make interesting reading for the public at large."

Every night there are gatherings of this sort, and there is a limitless cauldron of department gossip seething in the hotel lobbies. Probably it might prove to be interesting, with the approval of the editor, to tell some of the stories of department life, in the future, as they are told, by the talented gentlemen and ladies and gentlemen who do the actual work of performing the details of procedure in the government, for which the cabinet ministers receive credit and approbation. That would be a way of seeing the government from a way inside near the heart of the machinery.

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Farmer of Pennsylvania Can Easily Dispose of All of His Products at Fair Prices.

Returns to the state department of agriculture show that the Pennsylvania farmer has a better market for his product than the farmer of any state in the union. Deputy Secretary Martyn says that the number of farms in this state has increased during the last ten years from 212,000 to 224,623, an average of over 1,000 annually.

The actual value of the 1,896,487 meat cattle on the farms in Pennsylvania in 1901 was \$43,063,191; the value of the 943,773 dairy cows was \$29,141,561.

The profit for the year from the dairy cows, if they yielded 140 pounds of butter each at twenty cents per pound, which Deputy Secretary Martyn says is a low estimate, was \$27,000,000. The actual value of the 1,531,066 sheep was \$4,642,606; if each sheep yielded four pounds of wool, at twenty cents per pound, it meant a revenue of \$12,000,000 to the owners.

The number of horses on the farms in Pennsylvania last year was 590,981, and their value \$40,948,827. The number of swine was 1,107,981; their value \$5,830,295. The actual value of meat cattle, horses, sheep and swine on the farms in this state in 1901 was 94,484,919. Add to this the revenue of \$27,000,000 derived from the sale of butter and \$12,000,000 from the sale of wool brings the amount up to over \$125,000,000.

The figures are compiled from the annual returns to the department and show the enormous value of the farms of Pennsylvania, which ranks sixth in agricultural importance in the United States.

The Caterpillar Pest.

To the farmer and owner of fruit trees the caterpillar has always been a source of great annoyance, but not in many years has there been so many cocoons on the fruit and other trees as this spring. On almost every tree in the forest and orchard are many cocoons in which are resting caterpillars. In a few weeks all of these cocoons will be opened and then will commence the devastating act of the caterpillars. In the valleys in this section many good fruit bearing trees are now leafless owing to the pest, and many more will be in the same state in midsummer.

For the meeting of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Lackawanna Railroad will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco at the very low rate of \$66.25 for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale May 26th to June 7th inclusive and will be good for return for 60 days from date of sale. For \$11.00 extra tickets will be made good in one direction via Portland. Ask your nearest Lackawanna ticket agent for information as to stopovers and other information.

The Locusts Coming.

They Have Already Struck Maryland.

Be on the lookout for the much talked of locusts. They have already struck Maryland. The entire central portion of the state is in the clutches of the terrible pest. Some idea of the hurt they accomplish can be gathered from the following special from the infested territory to the Sunday's Philadelphia North American.

"Baltimore and Central Maryland are in the clutches of the seventeen-year locust. Their number is estimated by billions, not mere thousands of millions. Thousands of young trees that no later than Saturday were beautiful in the garb of early summer, look as if a blight had fallen upon them, every leaf, except the stem and veins, has been devoured. In the parks the buzzing of the male locust was first noted, and this presages destruction by wholesale.

At Towson and throughout Baltimore county thousands of acres of meadow land or grain fields look like porous plasters, so close together are the holes made by the insects. In Loudon Park, the largest cemetery of Baltimore, the holes from which have crawled locusts average 500 to the grave.

From all over the countryside come reports of the activity of crows and sparrows in their attempts to exterminate the pest. The birds have so gorged themselves that future aid from them is doubted.

The locusts, while supposed to eat every kind of shrub and leaf, have thus far not touched cedars and pines."

Crops Look Well.

"The Hessian fly is not making the ravages on the wheat crop in Pennsylvania this spring that it has in past years," says Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Martin. "The seventeen year locusts are due next month in the southern section of the state, and the farmers and fruit growers in that locality are preparing to fight this pest.

"The oats crop is going into the ground in fine condition," continued Mr. Martin. "The grass made a late start this spring, but the stand of clover is most encouraging. None of the fruits seem to have been injured by the late frosts and I look for an average crop. The prospects of a large peach crop are especially good. On the whole, the farmers of Pennsylvania have no reason to complain, and I don't know that they will."

End Of Endless Chain.

The Wilkes Barre postoffice has finished forwarding to the senders the mail matter that has been accumulating for Van Kirk and Robbins, who used the endless chain combination for selling fountain pens. 45,000 postals and 25,000 letters were sent to the dead letter office, besides nearly 100,000 letters and postals to the parties writing them, and so ends one of the biggest get rich quick schemes that probably was ever devised.

THE LOTTERY IN ITALY.

An Institution Under Control of the Government That Works Injury to the People.

One of the curses of modern Italy is the lottery. An English traveler, according to the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post, thus describes the hold that this institution has on the people:

"Saturday in all the principal towns of Italy is a lottery-day. The lotteries are instituted by the government, which draws a considerable revenue from them. All Italians without exception, take part in them, and their greatest anxiety is to choose a lucky number. In southern Italy the lottery has practically become a necessity. People talk of it all the week, consult monks, priests and certain individuals who have the reputation of being able to forecast the winning numbers. In Naples if a man has no money for a ticket he will even sell his bed to get one. Not content with all kinds of other expeditions, Neapolitan women of a certain rank on the eve of the lottery go in crowds to the cemetery. There the spectacle is most weird. Disheveled women through the avenues of the cemetery, calling on the dead to tell them lucky numbers. They light candles and place other offerings on the tombs of those whom they think could bring them good luck."

A Unique Feature.

A feature of the service at New York's new \$5,000,000 hotel, the Astor, will be an automatic dish remover. Waiters will waste no time in carrying dishes from the tables. They will simply transfer the dishes from the table to the "remover" and presto! the soiled china will be whisked automatically to the washing room.

CHARTER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Friday June 6th, 1902, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, by William H. Rhawn, Jesse K. Sharpless, Reuben J. Shuman, George E. Rhawn and Charles E. Randall for the charter of an intended corporation, to be called the "Catawissa Car and Foundry Company." The character and object of which is the manufacture of cars of all kinds, car wheels and any article of commerce from wood or iron or both, and for those purposes to have and possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said act of Assembly and supplements thereto.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In re-estate of Louisa Ann Young, late of Orange township, Cal. Co. Pa., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Louisa Ann Young, late of Orange township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Eli Wilson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the will annexed on the estate of Eli Wilson, deceased, have been granted to Thomas A. Muddick, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

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EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of Eli Jones, late of Bloomsburg, Pa.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Eli Jones, late of the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Mrs. Lavina Jones, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

MRS. LAVINA JONES, Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Harriet Roan, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Harriet Roan, late of the town of Bloomsburg, county of Columbia, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

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