

Our Washington Letter.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 1882.

In conversation to-day Mr. Townsend of Illinois, said that he judged from talks with members generally that it was very doubtful whether anything would be done with the tariff or internal revenue...

The whisky lobby is feeling far from jubilant. In fact, it is depressed in spirits in consequence of adverse criticism of the newspaper press all over the country...

The pending order in the House is the Army Appropriation bill. When the House adjourned last Friday an amendment offered by General Brown, of Indiana, to gradually diminish the force in the Pay Department of the army was under discussion...

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The Senate is now fairly enlisted on the high road to reform. Not content with its passage of the civil service bill yesterday, it to-day passed the bill for building political asylums on government employees. Some of the Senators, however, said privately to-day that those measures were humbugs and express much disgust at Mr. Peulett's advocacy of the civil service bill...

[FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1, 1883.

Congress is nominally in session this week, but there is no quorum and transaction of business worth talking about. Performances like that of last week relative to the holiday recess go to destroy whatever lingering respect might exist in the public mind for our national legislators...

-Factor Cowie of the Third Unitarian Church, Chicago, was annoyed by many anonymous letters, to which he paid no attention, but his secret enemy found a way to disturb him at last. The clergyman received a telegram from New York, stating that his father was dying in Saratoga, and desired him to come immediately. He made the journey in a hurry, only to find that the old man was in excellent health.

of congressional evasion of duty familiar to everybody. But the hypocritical pretense of an intention to work which half conceals a precipitate flight of the present Congress does arouse a certain popular disgust which great industry hereafter cannot allay.

The department clerks and employees are out of humor with Congress, and lay at its door the ills of which they now complain. It has been the custom for years to close the departments at 12 o'clock during Christmas week, thus giving the employees a half holiday. But this year owing to the action of Congress, it is said, some of the Cabinet officers decided not to follow the custom, and the clerks who have to stick to their desks are accordingly unhappy.

A law in existence commanding Government employees to work ten hours a day in summer and eight hours in winter. Much consternation was caused at the Treasury, where there is great difficulty in getting them to work five hours and a half a day. The law had been enacted in 1836. Nothing further has been heard of it, but while it is unquestionably true that the hours of labor have been shortened everywhere since 1836, yet 51 hours is not much work—and although the pay of a Government employee is not high, yet to rule the work is trifling. One way to reform the civil service would be to make it less attractive to that large class of the community who are always on the lookout to get something for nothing. They have a pinched and hungry existence, it is true, but they do an amazingly small amount of work. There is somewhat of a nervous feeling among certain clerks in the internal revenue bureau in consequence of the proposed action of Congress abolishing internal revenue taxes. Abolishing the taxes will throw them out of their places. Some of them smelling the battle from afar have already instituted movements for getting transferred to other branches of the Treasury Department. Certain census office clerks, who some time since were afraid that the finishing up of the census would displace them, have gained hope that the census bureau will be maintained as a regular bureau and will be attached to the bureau of statistics of the Treasury Department.

The United States Supreme Court was the arena for an old-fashioned forensic display just before the holiday adjournment. Mr. Conkling was here and made another of his "greatest efforts" in the celebrated tax case of the Central Pacific Railroad. It is now two years since the ex-Senator has been heard in extended remark in Washington, and the Supreme Court chamber was crowded with ladies and gentlemen anxious once more to listen to him. Probably Mr. Conkling never spoke with better or more effect. It is understood that if the railroad case the case his fee will be \$50,000. He delivered a constitutional argument of several hours' length, and told precisely how the fourteenth amendment came to be adopted, and labored very hard to make it apply to the case of his clients. When he had finished our elegant Attorney General, "took the floor," and in about half an hour upset all that the ex-Senator had said. Mr. Brewster's argument pleased the lawyers inside the bar of the court as much as Mr. Conkling's remarks had pleased the spectators on the outside. An amusing incident occurred just as Attorney General Brewster was finishing his argument, the closing speech in the case. Sitting beside him were ex-Senator Conkling and Judge Sanderson, of California, who were opposed to him in the case. One of the gentlemen made some remark, apparently a play upon some word used by the Attorney General. Mr. Brewster overheard it, and referred to it in his speech, at the same time turning to Mr. Conkling with the remark, "It was your parting shot." Mr. Conkling, straightening himself up in his chair, said: "Shake not thy gory locks at me, thou canst not say I did it." Attorney General Brewster answered that he could not say who "shook him in the back," but that it was one of the gentlemen. Speaking of Conkling it is said that his practice now brings him a handsome income, what- ever may be said by his critics, and he will be able if he desires to re-enter politics in a few years with a fortune. While here he held a consultation with Mr. Merrick, General Williamson, and other lawyers, in the interest of Rufus Hatch's Yellowstone park scheme. Mr. Hatch's efforts to lease and "run" this Montana park, which is as big as the States of Rhode Island and Delaware together, has met with a little set-back on account of the criticism of General Sherman and the doubts of some Congressmen about putting so much public property into private hands. But really there seems to be no way in which the Government itself can do the things that need to be done to accommodate the 10,000 visitors who will flock to the park in 1883. Uncle Sam is hardly prepared to turn hotel-keeper and game-preserver, and perhaps he had better make a shrewd contract as he can with Uncle Rufus, and then let the latter make a few dollars out of it.

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This evening Mr. Gebhard, (Mrs. Langtry's friend), Mr. Washington and Mr. Phelps, give theatre parties at the same place. To-morrow evening, Mr. Lester Wallace will appear for the first time on the stage of his own theatre, and the occasion will be duly celebrated by "Our Society." Mr. George Gould, Mr. Wm. K. Travers, Mr. Fellows, Mrs. Lester Wallace, Mrs. Theodore Moss and Miss Whitaker, will give "box parties" on the occasion. The most interesting theatre party however was given by Mrs. C. A. LeMoth of Fifth Avenue, last Saturday afternoon to a large number of children. An entire little regiment was conveyed to the matinee at Wallace's in carriages. After the performance they were taken to her house where they gave them a grand ball and supper which lasted until nine o'clock.

Publicity in the newspapers seems to have its dangers for young society ladies. The other evening I called on one of the most charming members of a cotillion famous for their beauty, taste and dash. In the course of the conversation the lady with the remark "I knew I wanted to show you something," produced a letter from her pocket. "Read it, please," she said, "and tell me what you think of it." It was a love letter, dated Lancaster, Pa. The writer began with apologies for what might be construed as "forwardness." Then, although he said he was an entire stranger to her, he offered her his hand in matrimony. He said he knew of her beauty, her talent and accomplishments, as well as her wealth. He believed he would make her a good husband. He was not yet forty, had traveled extensively, could speak four or five languages, had a little money of his own, was not a clubman, never drank or smoked, possessed quiet and refined tastes, was ready to join any church she desired, and although thought he would do better than almost anybody among the lady's immediate circle of acquaintances.

"Do you know this man?" I asked. "Not in the least. In fact I believe, judging by certain passages in his letter, that he has never seen me but has learned all that he knows of me from the papers. I should not be surprised if the fellow had sent similar letters to other girls. What should I do? Give the letter to papa and ask him to show it to the police?"

"On the contrary, don't say a word about it. If he writes again, you have a brother and plenty of male friends, who will pride themselves on their muscle, give you any of them an opportunity and he will give you a chance to show what he can do in the way of 'correction.'"

Although Mayor Grace refused to grant Mr. Salmi Mayor a license to operate his Passion Play in the hall, or "temple" as he calls it which he has built, this indefatigable crank does not propose to give up his idea. It seems to me that if the papers and the certain class of religious fanatics whose aim in life seems to be run in very small areas and pose as wild bulls in pursuit of shreds of red cloth would let him alone, Mr. Morse and his "Passion Play" would have been forgotten by this time. No one really cares to witness a performance or as Mr. Morse calls it a religious exercise. If he like, and if let alone Mr. Morse would have furnished another proof of the old adage that a fool and his money are soon parted.

Anybody in search of diamonds ought to get them now. Not for a long time has the trade in precious stones been so dull as at present. Times were when during the holiday season importers and jewelers could sell at a premium of fifty or twenty per cent. over the regular price. This year they were glad to sell at a discount amounting to the same figures. People in the trade generally are not willing to admit this, but it is none the less. A jeweler told me that he once sold a fully worth \$80, had been sold for \$55, and others in proportion. Prices for exceptionally large or brilliant specimens of course remain unchanged, but as these do not compose the trade the majority of dealers have made but little money.

Confectioners on the other hand have taken in small fortunes during the three weeks ending with New Year's Day. There is one fashionable establishment in Broadway near Union Square, which makes large sales of fancy bon-bons and fancy boxes which took in close on \$8,000 on the day before Christmas, and on an average \$4,000 a day during the week following. The world renowned establishment of Maillard the chocolate manufacturer is said to have done even better. Fortunes are indeed said to be made in the confectionary trade. It is not so long since Maillard started out in a small way to manufacture chocolate, and around the festive board the discarded and around the festive board the discarded appointments or successes of the old year, the hopes or fears for the new year are discussed. Among batchelors the unwritten laws of swiftness require that either a party club together or some generous amply provide a dinner at one of the hotels.

A growing fashion now is to organize theatre parties. At present Wallace's is

Lord Palmerston, one inclined to the opinion that after all a fondness for the lower sports may not be so very ruinous to individual morality.

Richard Wagner's autobiography is almost ready. —A St. Louis clergyman was brought into a scandal, which led to a law suit, chiefly because he found a set of false teeth for a girl whom it was believed to admire. —Mushroom towns are not wholly restricted to new States. Fourth month ago a dense Virginia forest covered the site of Potomac, which now has a population of 2,000. A coal mine was the cause. —The lighting of the Royal Library at Brussels by electricity has not been successful. The flickering of the lamps was found very trying to the sight, and on one occasion the room was left in sudden darkness. —The season of the sale of Mr. Parnell's Wicklow property has given rise to much conjecture. Probably Mr. Parnell thinks that he might be able to turn his money to a much more paying purpose, a consideration for a man of moderate means.

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Philadelphia, January 3, 1883.

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