

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7, '85.

The unanimous verdict on the inauguration is that it was the most brilliant, enjoyable, and generally successful occasion of the kind in the history of the government. More people were here, and they enjoyed themselves better than ever before.

And scarcely a speck of trouble of any sort dimmed the universal joyousness. There were no railroad accidents, no platforms collapsed, no quarrels, jealousies or misunderstandings broke the harmony.

"Cleveland's luck" stood him in good stead at his inauguration. The day was all that could be desired, the streets were in perfect condition, and nothing was wanting to complete the comfort of those who marched and those who looked on.

One novel feature in the ceremonies of inauguration day was letting the public get a peep for the first time at an executive session of the Senate.

A good deal of half suppressed grumbling is going on in the Democratic party over the selection of the new President has made for his Cabinet advisers, and some of the Republican papers seem to think they must join in the howl with a view to creating Democratic division.

The Forty-eighth Congress has at last expired. Nominally it was two years old, but its conscious and wakeful days amounted in all to only 234.

There will be a general feeling of satisfaction over the country at the placing of General Grant on the retired list of the army with the rank and pay of General. This was the work of the last half hour of the session, and the best of its work.

It is authoritatively denied that President Arthur is in ill health, as

has been reported. It is stated that the President is enjoying excellent health and does not intend to leave the city for two or three weeks. He is the guest of Mr. Freleighusen. He may or may not go to Fortress Monroe for a week or so. He has no intention of making a yacht trip south, but will probably go to New York, and from there start in the early summer on a fishing expedition to the Restigouche fishing club near St. Johns, N. B.

CASH in the United States Treasury March 4, 1885, \$484,466,557. Cash in the United States Treasury March 4, 1861, 0. "Turn the rascals out!" - Com. Gazette.

THE Massachusetts Democrats have resolved that they must have the office. As they did so little to secure the election of the great distributor, it might have been well for them to have waited until the more deserving were supplied.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND says that the fact that freedmen are citizens "entitles them to all the rights due to that relation." Mr. Lamar is to be a member of his Cabinet. After the recent election, the Oxford Falcon, published at the Senator's home, in Mississippi, said it might just as well be admitted that the negro was not permitted to exercise the right of suffrage, and that he would not be as long as he voted the Republican ticket.

GENERAL GRANT, as shown by the following incident, realizes that he has but a short time to live: A few days ago he selected from a pile of manuscripts a document which he would not have reached in the ordinary course for several weeks. He began to give directions in reference to it, when General Bodeau, his assistant, remarked that the general would be able to dispose of the paper himself when he came to it.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S cabinet is composed as follows: Secretary of State, Senator Thomas F. Bayard, of Delaware; Secretary of the Treasury, Daniel Manning, of New York; Secretary of the Interior, Senator L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi; Attorney General, Senator A. H. Garland, of Arkansas; Secretary of the Navy, W. C. Whitney, of New York; Secretary of War, Wm. C. Endicott, of Massachusetts; Postmaster General, Wm. F. Vilas, of Wisconsin. With the exception of Bayard, Lamar and Garland, the above mentioned gentlemen were hardly known outside the limits of their own States six months ago.

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their inspiration, caused the impression that Congress sympathized with them. The satisfaction with the conclusion is saddened by the knowledge that no human science or wisdom can lengthen his days, and that all the act can do for him will be to comfort his way to the tomb with the consciousness that this last vote expressed the real feeling of his countrymen toward him.

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