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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1893.
Senator Gorman has manfully, although unsuccessfully, fought for economy in the appropriation bills ever since the senate began their consideration. He told the Republican senators last week that they seemed determined to pile up the appropriations for the purpose of compelling the Democrats to impose new taxes or increase those already imposed upon the people in order to meet the obligations of the government, and he thereby "called the turn" on the Republican policy during the present congress.

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Few people know that there is a colored chaplain in the regular army. There is, however, and he has just been given a very fat detail by the war department—duty at the World's fair. It would take a very smart individual to tell what will be the duty of an army chaplain at the World's fair, other than to kill time between pay days. It has been suggested that this detail was made because the troops at Fort Bayard, New Mexico, where brother in black is now stationed, wished to get rid of him. Anyway, it is a snap for him.

The cheekiest thing ever known in political circles has been undertaken by the Republican chiefs of divisions in the government here. They have prepared a petition addressed to President Cleveland asking him to retain them in office by extending the civil service rules to the position they hold, and are now trying to obtain the signatures of the clerks in the classified service thereto. Just why any clerk should sign it is more than I can understand. The Republican chiefs; and there is certainly no good reason why any Democratic clerk—there are not many of them in office anyway—should be willing to sign any such an absurd petition. If your correspondent had the power ever man who signed reason why any Democratic clerk—there are not many of them in office anyway—should be willing to sign any such an absurd petition. If your correspondent had the power ever man who signed this potition would have his official head chopped off quicker than you can wink. There is no longer any ifs, ands or buts about the senate of the fifty-third congress. It will be Democratic. This has been, of course, expected ever since last November. Still, it is gratifying to know that it is an absolute, rock-bound fact.

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When so good a Republican and exUnion soldier as Senator Hawley expresses the wish, on the floor of the senate, that the new administration will
give the pension system a thorough inspection and root out the frauds, which
he will not be surprised if they find, it is
time for demagogues to sing low. S.

Room For Improvement.

It doesn't seem possible that we could get any worse postal service than we are getting now, and young blood may be an improvement. The way newspaper mail is handled is especially outrageous. Washington city is but six hours from New York, and yet the Washington Sunday morning papers are not delivered here till Monday. Pitsburg is but 18 hours from here, and the Pittsburg Sunday morning papers are not delivered here till Monday. Pittsburg is but 18 hours from here, and the Pittsburg Sunday papers are not delivered here at the newsstands before 8 or 4 o'clock Monday, and not to individual subscribers until Monday night. Not infrequently Monday's paper gets to the subscribers before to Sunday issue. Chicago is but a day off, yet it takes two and sometimes three days to reach the New York subscribers of a Chicago morning newspaper. I get papers from these cities and know this is so, and I know it is the same with other newspaper mail.

The letter mail is uncertain. Sometimes it is on time, more frequently not. Somotimes a letter mailed in New York to an address in the same city will reach the party addressed within a couple of hours—very often not the same day. The whole postal service seems to have besome demoralized and uncertain. In short, it is outrageous and ought to be amended without delay.—New York Herald.

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The cad will always out fashion the extreme fashions. The swell will observe the mode in all its niceties and correctness, imparting from time to time those deft touches of individualism that expand to him premiership.

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The well dressed man will moderate the swell's ideal a trifle, so as to allay all suspicion in his own mind that he is exciting the undue scrutiny of his fellows.

The ultra fashionable man will err intentionally upon rare occasions—in making sure of being on the safe side—in g sure of being on the safe side—

n the safe side.

Black haired and extremely light haired men seldom become bald at an early age. When they do it is generally on the center of the head.

A blind mendicant in London wears this inscription around his neck: "Don't be ashamed to give only a penny. I can't see."

Whenever a bird goes to fly it looks up, but some men shut their eyes when-ever they take an important step.

# INAUGURATION DAYS.

Historic Notes Apropos to the Coming Event of March 4.

NINETEEN PRESIDENTS ELECTED.

Sixteen Were Inaugurated on March 4, Two on March 5 and One on April 30. Curious Facts Tending to Create Superstition-Comparison with Other Countries How March 4 Came to Be Selected for Inauguration Day-Curious and Interesting Facts Connected with the Occasion

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There is an old story to the effect that Benjamin Franklin selected the 4th of March for inauguration day because in the next two centuries it would fall on Sunday less often than any other day in the year, and this statement has crept into a few works meant to be historical. It is, however, but one of the many cases, like those of Niobe and Lot's wife, in which a WASHINGTON, remarkable and interesting fact has gradually given rise to a legend to account for the fact. It is a pleasing story, but there is no proof of it whatever, and there is almost conclusive proof to the contrary.

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It is certain that Franklin bothered himself very little about the distinction between sacred and secular days, and disregarded it altogether in his daily life; that the convention of 1787 did not fix the day, and in fact could have no means of foreseeing when it would be possible to name a day, and that when it became possible by the adhesion of the ninth state to the constitution the Con-JOHN ADAMS. federation congress then in session fixed the day by a sort of accident. And yet it is a fact, and a very curious fact indeed, that the day does very rarely fall on Sunday, though at first view it would seem that this day or any other day would do so one time in seven.

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The first day set was Wednesday, and the years 1800 and 1900 are, contrary to the four year rule, not leap years. The first day was just eleven years before the close of the century, and thus it has resulted that the day has fallen on Sunday but three times in the first had but three times in the first had but three times in the first hundred years and will not again fall on Sunday the properties of the government's existence, or once in thirty-three instead of once in seven years.

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As six congresses convended in the last century and the seventh in 1891 it results that the calculation as to the number of any congress and substract thirteen, and the regular of any congress and substract thirteen, and the remainder will be the year it convened. Ninety-one and thirteen are 104, the half of which is fifty-two—the number of the president, but infected were inaugurated on Friday. Five inauguration with infers time on April 30, and Taylor and Hayes were collaborated with ministrations of two-thirds of the president were inaugurated on Friday. Five inaugurations and half, and a man who have have had twenty-three presidents, there were had twent

Resolved, That the first Wednesday of January next (1789) be the day for appointing electrons in the several states which before the said day shall have ratified the said constitution; that the first Wednesday in February next be the day for the electors to assemble in their respective states and vote for president, and that

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From this it will be seen that there we exactly a month's time between each of the three very essential acts of appointing electrors in their respective states—and "commencing proceedings." As a matter of fact, the first Wednesday in March, 1789, fell on the 4th, and three years later that date vas fixed upon for all time. But there is nothing extant to indicate any special reason for it. In truth,





Hamiin also died on that day. Nearly all the presidents have lived to an advanced age, as it was natural they should be men of great vitality and temperate lives to at tain the honor. John Adams was the oldst, lacking but a few weeks of ninety-one, while, omitting Lincoln, killed at fifty-four, and Garfield, killed within a few weeks of fifty, the youngest dying was Polk at fifty-four.

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From Adams the father to Adams the son, as aforesaid, the inangurations were mild affairs, but Jackson came in with a breeze, and the occasion was indeed breezy. He set the example of taking the oath on and delivering the inaugural from the east front of the Capitol, and then, making all reasonable deductions for the partisan spite of those who described it, the scene which followed did indeed "beggar description."

The largest crowd seen in Washington down to that time was in attendance, and the mud was, in southwestern phrase, "half bootleg deep," on Pensylvania avenue.

Through that mud the crowd rushed to the White House, where all the doors were thrown open and panch served out in barrels, buckets, tubs and even years to the opposition said, wash basins. Every room in the house was a wreck. Soon after there was a levee at which a cheese weighing 1,400 pounds (a present to Jackson) was cut up and served. The struggle for pieces resulted in a smash of furniture liquor was spilled and cheese trodden into the carpet, while ladies held dainty half were was a leven and the place looked like a republican palace taken by siege and sacked by the victorious enemy, but Benton, Felix Grundy and men of the sort, though Jackson's second inauguration—of the sort, though Jackson's second inauguration—for the sort, t

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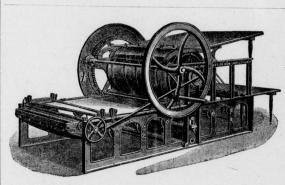
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