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WASHINGTON LETTER.

history of past Congresses, so would result in an increased far as the number of bills in- correspondence that would troduced is concerned, and I yield a still handsomer revethe House files of this session, weighs 1 ounce or 2 ounces. a vast majority are private bills After all it may not be a bad impecuniously inclined; and and divorce throughout the and important measures in causes, are as diverse in the action is taken upon them by uniformity in the law has althe committee having it in ready been inaugurated. charge, that committee has no respite from its labors, no opportunity to consider important public measures, no exemption from the importunities of the claimants. The antidote for this mischievous business, which turns Congress into a general collecting agency, is to be found in the wiping out of all special legislation and the establishment of some tribunfold more than their aggregate a girl or anybody else. greater interests of the people. Contrary to all prescribed

notions of the ability of the American people to write letters, the Post Office authorities are compelled to admit that the revenue from the two cent letter postage for the first year, ending October 31st, will equal if not exceed that of any preceding year under the threecent system. It this be so, and there is scarcely a doubt that the prospective report will demonstrate it, there is good

ground for the assumption that a still further reduction Washington, D. C., April 14, '84. of postage on letters to one I have been examining the cent, without regard to weight,

find that the most prolific ses- nue. Meantime Congress sion anterior to the war yield- should make some uniform ed just about one-tenth of the law regulating the rates of number of bills already intro- postage on newspapers and duced in the House, which is printed matter, that somebody a little rising of 7,000. Though besides the Postoffice officials the session of the House which and a Philadelphia lawyer can began in 1859, in December, comprehend. For instance, one did not transact any business, of the laws in force to-day, owing to the failure to elect a prescribes that the rate of post-Speaker, until the following age on a newspaper exceeding February, the sequel shows 1,950 square inches in size, shall that the members kept them be two cents! The absurdity selves busy in preparing bills of employing a tape measure for introduction, for the record to ascertain the dimensions of exhibits more of them than the newspaper seeking to go were ever presented in any two through the mail, is no greater Congresses preceding. Of the than that of subjecting it to more than 7,000 bills now in the scales to ascertain if it

-calling for pensions, and for idea to secure uniformity in the relief of everybody who is the law pertaining to marriage of postponing until the very tions of marriage on account last end of the session the great of consanguinity and other which the public generally is several States as are the laws most vitally concerned. Each which prescribe the causes for of these private bills has its which divorces may be grantfriends and promoters, until ed. A movement to secure this

DOM PEDRO.

A MAN named Reilley recently shot and killed a girl, a friend of his, after repeatedly, against her protest, snapping the pistol at her which he "didn't know was loaded." The judge instructed the jury that it was manslaughter and the sentence must be from one to fifteen years imprisonment. It is a good precedent. It will possibly serve as a reminder to al like the Court of Claims to brainless young men that they ought take care of these trivial mat- to go to the penitentiary on general ters, whose consideration by principles whether their gun is load-Congress costs the country ten ed or not, if they point and snap it at

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