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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., May 4, 1884.

The bare thought that such a man as George F. Edmunds may be likely to enter the Presidential campaign as the nominee of the Republicans, makes the politicians shake in their shoes. Whether you know it or not, I can say to you that he is the last man in the party that the office-holders want to see in the White House. Mr. Edmunds is a man who, if he knows all the tricks in trade of politicians, will not adapt himself to them, and will not be counted in as a participant in any of the ways that are dark, which are to be expected of the average politician. But like Blaine and Lincoln and Tilden and the rest of them, Edmunds is not a candidate! Of course not. Blaine is no candidate, but he has got magnetism, and magnetism is running his campaign on its own hook. Lincoln is not a candidate, but the very children are crying for him because his name is Lincoln, and therefore he unconsciously falls into the hands of his friends. Logan is not a candidate in the ordinary acceptation of the word, but somebody has been mighty lively of late in working up a regular compound-double-back-action stab and twist boom, with Fitz John Porter at one end, and the G. A. R., at the other. Nor is Mr. Tilden a candidate; if he were, you would not hear of these politicians visiting Gramercy Park in squads, companies and battalions. And what in the world would Mr. Randall and Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Morrison and Mr. Cox and the other prominent shepherds in the Democratic fold, be calling upon the Sage for if it were not to get his disinterested advice and receive his Democratic benedictions? The only thing absolutely positive about Mr. Edmunds' candidacy is his own declaration one day that he was not a candidate, and the next going upon a still-hunt for a nomination. Such is politics!

And what a power there is behind a politician after he gets up among the high muck-a-mucks of the party! Here is Sabin, of Minnesota, who was never heard of until last fall, furnishing to the country a successor to Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, in the person of another man who was never heard of or heard from, although his name is Cannon. The responsibility that attaches to this office of Comptroller is simply immeasurable, and the men are few who possess the requisite capacity for a discharge of the vastly important trusts involved in it. Mr. Cannon may be a most excellent man for the position, but the business men of the country, and particularly the men who run the National banks, would much prefer to know something of the man who is to boss the finances of this great Nation.

It must be that Julius Caesar Burrows, of Michigan, has got a sure thing for the next Congress, or he never could have refused the Solicitorship of the Treasury, which the President has been urging upon him. The office has been vacant since the death of Mr. Raynor, and, strange to say, the country had really forgotten that there was such an office. Now the Solicitor of the Treasury is nothing more nor nothing less than the legal adviser of the officials in the Treasury Department, at the head of which is the ex-Chief-Justice of the highest judicial tribunal in the State of New York, who would hardly think of asking the advice of a third rate lawyer as to his duties, and if he did, would never act upon it. There are law officials connected with each of the departments, and who are called Assistant Attorney Generals, who are selected for these places seemingly because they will not fit in anywhere else. They are as incapable of solving a problem involving a legal principle, as the man who drives their carriages at Government expense. And more than that, their decisions upon questions involving a construction of law, such as are always arising in the Pension Bureau, and the Land Office, are as a rule too farcical for any use. It would be money in the pocket of the Government to pay these fellows their salary, and let them distribute ancient seeds from the Agricultural Department.

To him who is too lazy to work, too

proud to beg and too cowardly to steal after dark, we can safely commend a new industry, or rather an old industry newly resumed in Washington. One branch of the pursuit requires capital enough to deposit with a credulous and confiding banker from whom a note or due bill is received covering the amount deposited, against which checks may be drawn until it is exhausted, after which there is nothing in the way of transferring the banker's paper and realizing from some other credulous and confiding friend the full face thereof. Well followed this branch of business is extremely profitable, but no more so than another branch which involves the harmless negotiation of the pay accounts of army and navy officers, which the Government is only too willing to pay when in duplicate or even triplicate if they are only accompanied by the requisite vouching apparatus. Of course this style of making money is a little more contemptible than thimble-rigging, but if one gets rich by it, who is going to ask how one got there?

DOM PEDRO.

THE pleuro-pneumonia bill passed by the senate a day or two ago deserves attention. It provides for the establishment of a bureau of animal industry within the bureau of agriculture, and to which the collection of statistics and information regarding the breeding of live stock in the country is to be intrusted. The chief of the bureau shall be competent veterinary surgeon, who is to investigate and report upon the existence and course of contagious and infectious diseases among domestic animals. He is to have \$3,000 a year. The rest of the bureau is to consist of twenty men. Two of these are to be practical stock raisers and they are to report upon the best methods of transporting stock, and of curing or preventing pleuro-pneumonia, or other dangerous diseases. They are to have \$10 a day while employed. The bureau is to prepare and issue directions for the cure of cattle diseases and request the executive of each state to assist in stamping out such maladies. Special provision is made for ascertaining the presence of disease in cattle likely to be shipped abroad. Quarantines are to be established wherever needed, and for this purpose special appropriations are set apart. The exportation of cattle effected with contagious diseases is to be prevented by the interference of the secretary of the treasury, who is to be informed of such exportations by the chief of the bureau. Transportation companies are also forbidden to convey such cattle from one state to another, under a penalty of \$5,000, or a year's imprisonment, or both. United States district attorneys, are enjoined to prevent such cases. The appropriation is \$150,000, to which the senate in a fit of unaccountable economy, reduced the \$250,000 set apart by the house.—Bee.

A DELEGATION of women from one of the churches waited upon Rugg, the man convicted of the Maybee murders, on Long Island, the other day, and sang and prayed in his cell. A number of ladies also carried flowers to the condemned man. This, too, in the light of the fact that Rugg's victims were two defenceless women, whom he murdered in the coldest blood. A convicted murderer, when awaiting execution, should be treated decently, but the attention he receives should come from prison officials and the clergy. There is a growing tendency on the part of a certain class of American women to gush over notorious characters, even though their notoriety was gained through the perpetration of the most heinous crimes, and it is high time that it was stopped. The practice tends to make heroes of the blackest villains and puts a premium on crime.

AN exchange says: Don't judge a man by the clothes he wears; God made one and the tailor the other. Don't judge a man by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family. Don't judge by his failure in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed. Don't judge a man by the house he lives in, for the lizard and the rat often inhabit the grander structure. When a man dies, they who survive him, asks what property he has left behind, the angel who bend over the dying man, asks what deeds he has sent before him.