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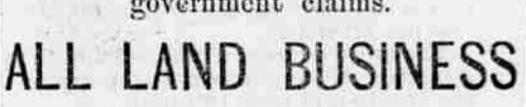
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., May 18, 1884.

I suppose Mr. Arthur might as well be off junketing, or hobnobbing with his New York boon companions, as to be here where nobody, not even Congress, has any use for him. While the politicians have carefully shelved him, because they dared not trust him, they seem to be vicing with each other in giving him a character for the satisfaction of future employes. Yet Arthur himself has not given up the ghost by a long shot. Though he failed, with all his tremendous patronage and ward-working and wire-working experience in New York, to get half the delegation in his own State, he has the temerity, or I might say impudence, at least, to still consider himself in the field. The anti-Blaine papers, such as the New York Times, the Post and Harper's Weekly, are pouring hot shot into the Blaine camp, but they have about as much effect as the water on a duck's back. Blaine is running his canvas for all it is worth, and he has run too many of them not to know how. While his sun-stroke business killed him in 1876, and the Mulligan letters in 1880, he believes that the effect of all that was then charged up against him has worn off, but once let him get the Chicago nomination and you will see him shown up with as crooked a record as has been exhibited to public view since the days of Martin Van Buren, and with a still more vituperative campaign.

The unveiling of the statue of Chief Justice Marshall, last Saturday, was a rather tame affair, although no more so than the statue itself, which is simply an addition to the already large stock of cheap bronze and hybrid marble worked into all possible styles of grotesqueness that confront us all over the city. Really one cannot compass the motives that have inspired the raising of these hideous monstrosities at nearly every street corner. With the possible exception of Clark Mills' equestrian statue of Gen. Jackson, I know of no single work here that possesses the slightest merit, for the figures are not only poorly executed, but the faces have no resemblance whatever to the originals. And the cost of some of these unartistic abortions is simply fabulous, because they were ordered by Congress and the Government foots the bills. The statue of McPherson, which is as unlike him as the sculptor could possibly make it, is set down as having cost \$28,000, and would be dear at any price. The Jackson statue cost \$50,000, and the rest of them all the way from \$25,000 to \$40,000 each. The poor soldiers and sailors put in their mites to that monumental burlesque at the Capitol entrance, called the Peace Monument. This pile cost over \$200,000, one half of which was contributed by Congress. Although commemorative of peace, the sight of this marble abomination makes a true American want to go a-slugging after the sculptor. If there is anything in the statue line more positively ludicrous than this, I do not know what it is unless it be Greenough's "Washington," on the east side of the Capitol, which cost \$44,000, and is as awkward a piece of business as ancient or modern times has produced. It represents George just out of the bathtub, with one towel over his knees and another over his right shoulder, while in his hand is a strange looking sort of an instrument, of the knife pattern, with which he is evidently about to pare his toe-nails. He is seated in a chair, and this chair is the only single redeeming feature about the entire work. It is elaborate to the finest carvings necessary to display the lineaments of the animal faces upon its arms. Providentially, the inscriptions upon this statue are in a lost tongue, so that our future generations may be able to palm it off for Reddy the Blacksmith or John L. Sullivan. The eternal fitness of things is spec-

ially manifest in the financial downfall of those who persist in defying Fate and living not only beyond their own means but beyond the means of those whose charity toward them has been so woefully misplaced. Wall street has a cheery welcome for all operators so long as their duets entitle them to consideration, but no tyrant is more relentless when the seed time and harvest of speculation shall have pushed the victim to the wall. Here is a lesson—but we have had many a one before. This Grant family went into business simultaneously under the prestige of a name alone, having no considerable amount of capital of their own, but plenty of that of other people whose confidence in their integrity was simply boundless. Their operations seem to have been confined to fleecing the very friends whose money had given them a start, and among them was a St. Louis widow who advanced \$10,000 which was returned to her with \$40,000 more, the proceeds of its investment for nine months. Of course, the bait took, and the marvelous manner in which money could thus be made to quadruple itself, led the dear lady to put in that \$50,000 and another with it, which of course is now of the earth, earthy. The Grants are laying all this financial viciousness to Ward, who is no doubt a grand rascal, but while he was stealing ten millions from their neighbors, where were the Grants? DOM PEDRO.

A CHICAGO dude blushed and ran into a stairway when he saw a party of young ladies coming down the street. He had forgotten his cane and could not meet them in such a nude state.

A NEW YORK woman advertised for a governess for her children "who will be likened with Christ and take her meals in the kitchen." There is a good deal of that kind of Christianity in New York.

THE world's fair to be held at New Orleans this fall has had a boom from congress in the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to help it out. It is generally expected that this exposition will exceed everything of the kind ever held in this country.

SECRETS of the confessional: "Is it a sin," asks a fashionable lady of her spiritual director, "for me to feel pleasure when a gentleman says I am handsome?" "It is, my daughter," he replies gravely: "We should never delight in falsehood!"

"You are very late sending your evening male out," said the editor to his daughter when he came home at 2 in the morning and met a timid, shrinking young man between the front door and the gate. "Not at all," answered the thoughtful girl, "Charles Henry is now a morning edition."—Middletown Transcript.

THE best way to relieve Gen. Gordon is to inform the Kansas City confidence man that he is valued at two and one-half million dollars. They would slick him out from under old El Mahdi at a rate of speed that would discount the mule on which Mahomet rode to paradise in the twinkling of an eye.

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"MAY I take a kiss instead of my fee?" asked a young physician of a pretty patient. "Is that in the prescription?" she asked coyly. "Yes," he replied, puckering up his lips and drawing closer. "All right," was the reply; "send it to the druggist and have it made up with the rest of the medicine."—Burlington Free Press.