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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., May 31, 1884.

THE revelations issuing out of the quarrel among the lawyers in the Star Route cases, are getting to be as interesting to the people as they are profitable to the Government. Yesterday Ker was on the rampage before Springer's Committee, and having sworn to tell the whole truth, I don't believe that he kept anything back. From his testimony the fact appears to be conclusive that George Bliss was employed by the Government specially in the interest of Dorsey, and was paid \$150 per day, not for convicting anybody but to see that Dorsey above all others should not be disturbed! His zeal in behalf of Dorsey became so conspicuous that Mr. Merrick was compelled to insist that Mr. Ker should remain in the case especially to watch Mr. Bliss. The facts sworn to by Ker, show how the Government has been handicapped not only in its attempt to punish the Star Route thieves, but in the other cases where the power of money could be invoked to effect the conversion of that pliable portion of mankind denominated a Washington jury.

Congress has gone into the business of erecting public buildings at this session by wholesale. So far no less than 67 have been ordered, ranging in price from \$50,000 to \$2,500,000, and the end is not yet. But there are some things about this public building business that should be ventilated, and this very week two bills were adopted in the Senate that never should have been. One is the giving of \$250,000 for the new custom house at Portland, Oregon, a place of 30,000 inhabitants, which already has a building that cost the Government \$200,000. The other is the appropriation of \$100,000 for a public building at Saratoga, a little watering-place of 10,000 population, which has not half the need of a public building of this cost that it has for missionaries during the gambling season.

It will be remembered that through the efforts of the saintly Mr. Frye, of Maine, and the theological Mr. Blair, of New Hampshire, the truly good men in the Senate concluded to abolish, so far as resolution could abolish it, the dispensing of "cold tea" in the basement of the capitol. Frye declared that the whole capitol had become a veritable gin-mill, and Ammidab Sleek Edmunds turned his eyes to the ceiling and called down upon the Senate the terrors of public sentiment if this "cold tea" abomination should continue. I don't know how it is about Frye, but it is well known that Edmunds makes out to get rid of more of the exhilarating fluid than any man under the capitol dome. But I was going to say that the anti-cold tea resolution was a joint one, and had to go to the House for concurrence. The temperance folks have been now just six months watching this resolution, or watching for it, and you may bet your silverware that Edmunds has been watching it too, for it has never yet reared its head over the Speaker's table in the House, while the infinitesimal "tea-cups" down stairs are clinking from morning till night—yea from night till morning, too.

As the result of a logical corollary, the fact is established that the revenues of the Post Office Department increase as postage is reduced, I cannot see why Congress should hesitate about passing Mr. Robinson's bill which provides for a still further reduction of postage on letters to one cent for each half ounce. The Stationer's Board of Trade of New York, and other commercial organizations of the country are petitioning for the measure, and should it fail in the present Congress, as it doubtless will, there will be a good chance for the economists in the next Congress to perpetuate its record as being distinctively a party to which alone the people need look for benefits like these. And here is one thing that the attention of postal and political economists should be called to, and that is the fact that the Government is paying the price of a mail-steamer every year to carry our mails to Europe by a single line! And the Government contracts with half a dozen of these foreign lines. What sort of economy is it to do this thing—subsidizing English, French, German and Scandinavian vessels, with whole a fleet of equally servicable vessels for this purpose, rotting at our navy yards and belonging to our own Government?

DOM PEDRO.

Base ball is still on deck. So is the straw hat. Ditto the linen duster. Likewise lemonade. Also ice cream.

THE foundation for the pedestal and statue of Liberty in New York harbor is completed. It stands on Bedloe's Island and is 91 feet square at the bottom and rises 52 feet above the surface. Upon this the pedestal will rise to a height of 117 feet, while the statue itself is 157 feet high, making the total height from low water 332 feet. From the top of the statue the view will be superb, and elevators will run up through pedestal and statue. The chief engineering difficulty—after getting money enough for the work—is to devise means for preventing the statue from being blown over by the strong winds.

MR. W. W. CORCORAN, the millionaire philanthropist, has asked Congress to erect a monument to Pierre L'Enfant, the French engineer who laid out the city of Washington. Although Congress appropriated money to pay him for his services and gave him a piece of real estate within the city limits, this patriotic Frenchman refused to accept it, and the work of beauty was to him a work of love. In his letter to Congress advocating the erection of a monument, Mr. Corcoran says that he knew L'Enfant personally, and in the early part of the century saw him frequently. "He was very poor and very proud," says Mr. Corcoran, "refusing to receive the small compensation offered him, and I believe still due him, for the great work of laying out the city."

THE Journal is somewhat disgruntled to notice that some, if not all, of the railroads that are endeavoring to reduce expenses are doing so by cutting down the wages, increasing the tasks or discharging their lower grades of employes. It would be better to begin nearer the top. Cut down the salaries of the presidents and managers, most of whom get about twice what they are worth, discharge some of the way up supernumeraries, and reduce the number of assistants. There are no more station helpers, trainmen, yardmen, etc., than are needed, and none of them are overpaid. We remember a newspaper that spent \$300 a week in salaries for editors and business managers, and only \$125 for composition. It died. When at the last gasp a man bought it who reversed the figures. He brought it to life in short order. The same policy would work well in any kind of business.—Topics.

ONE of the greatest wrongs that can be inflicted upon woman is to stain her name with dishonor, and the one who does it is a robber who pilfers human happiness and hatters it for material with which to ruin human souls. It is far too common for persons to cast reflections upon the character of woman, and those who do it seldom stop to consider that they are trifling with that which is more sacred than even life itself. Whenever the honor of woman is destroyed she has lost all that can ever secure for her the respect of the world. No other excellence of character can take its place. Amiability, charity or intellect are of no avail to her that is wanting in purity. It is all that woman has which the world venerates. Without it she is but a broken idol that excellence ignores and even depravity holds in contempt. She is the Hagar of her day and generation with no home except in the wilderness of sin. In this respect it is not character alone but reputation as well that is necessary to protect her from the fatal loss of the world's esteem. Smirch the reputation of a woman, touch it with the venom of scandal—and the deadly work is more often thus done than otherwise—from that moment, unless her vindication is swift and overwhelming, her life is blighted forever. A man can live down a bad name, but a woman must perish. The dreadfulness of the sentence and the awfulness of its execution should seal the lips and paralyze the tongue whenever a breath of suspicion seeks expression in a word that carries in it a sting of death to the purity of woman-kind. It is the duty of every man, young or old, to hold the name of a woman sacred. If they do not do this, they are more vile than murderers, and more to be feared than the scourge of death. There are not near so many bad women as there are bad men, and if more respect was cultivated for the virtue of womanhood, the proportion would be still less.—Topics.

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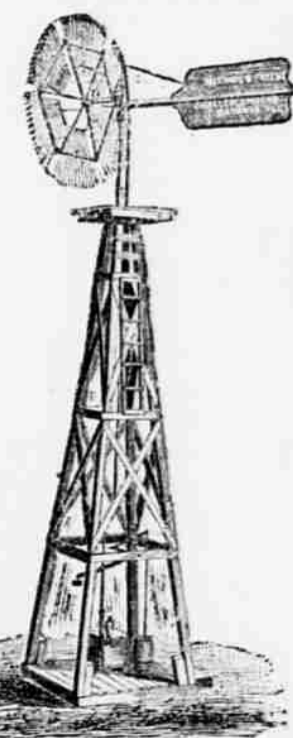
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