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M. L. THOMAS, EDITOR

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1882

Washington Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, June 25, 1882.

Mr. Ed.—All is hurry and bustle at the Capitol, and Congressmen have put on a business air quite unlike the lethargy of months of the session now gone by.

Those who have axes to grind know well the idiosyncrasies of these public servants and are fully posted as to time and seasons. The heated term and the last weeks of the session are known to be the fittest time to incubate and nurse pet schemes. Some are successful, but alas, disappointment is the lot of many.

"The best bill schemes of mine and men at Congress as well as elsewhere. There are seen here daily, men who have danced attendance upon Congress and before committees for years, and they will be here without doubt until death calls them yonder. They would make excellent subjects for Mark Twain's pen as an annex to his celebrated "Beef Contract." Nine cases out of ten a claim against the Government, if dependent upon Congressional action, will bankrupt the claimant and it will be fortunate if the dilatory action of Congress, year after year, does not drive the poor unfortunate, stark mad. As a rule life is too precious to spend it in worrying a claim through Congress.

Uncle Sam makes a good thing by trading off light weight standard silver dollars of 412 grains for the trade dollars weighing 420 grains. The bill providing for this exchange calls in the \$9,000,000 trade dollars, and puts into circulation an even number of standard dollars and 74 ounces will go to the credit of the government upon each dollar exchanged, making the total profit \$163,636. As the standard dollar is just as good in the marts of trade, no one is a loser by the transaction.

The days of the assassin are numbered and the last ray of hope, and appeal to the President for a brief respite, gives no promise of executive clemency. Guilean has come to the hopelessness of his case, and his altered manner indicates that he sees the shadows of the future are settling down upon him. Now that the last hope appears to have gone, the prisoner's guards have received the most rigid orders. They are not only to be near the cell at all times, but they are not to take their eyes from the prisoner either when he is awake or asleep. No person whatever is allowed to see him out of the presence of the guard on duty and the warden, deputy warden or some other official. His spiritual adviser, Rev. W. W. Hicks, is a frequent visitor, and the remaining days of his unfortunate existence, let it be hoped, will be spent in preparations to meet his God on the Tenth.

For years the figure of Justice, on the dome of the Capitol, has been the object first seen as the visitor approached the Nation's Capital, but its glory is now being eclipsed by the Washington Monument which is being pushed heavenward at a surprising rate. Ere the season closes the shaft will reach near 400 feet. Approach the city from whatever direction and this white marble shaft lifts its head, and voices by its mute silence a Nation's reverence for the Father of his country.

The proposition to fix the term of service of Internal Revenue collectors, has seriously disturbed the "machine" in many Congressional districts. At present these officers are a set of official aristocracy. The main body of United States officials hold during a term of four years.

Why make the collectors, rangers, storekeepers, watchmen and Revenue agents with whom the distillers and tobacco manufacturers have such intimate relation, a privileged class, a sort of moss-backed brigade. Is this the length and breadth of the howling about civil service? The distilling interest in this country is to day able to levy contributions to aid in defeating legislation in the State or at the Nation's Capital, and so far as heard from, the whiskey and tobacco men and the moss-backed brigade of Revenue officials are all strong advocates of a civil service that would give these officials a life tenure of office. Given in any district a strong distilling interest and a life service to the revenue officials, and the people can and will have their politics run whether they are suited or not. There are 126 collectors of Internal Revenue and over 3,500 other officials in this service. The collectors now hold for life unless removed. Many have held office for 70 or 75 years. If these officials who are dealing with this class of interests so potent and powerful in legislative and judicial circles are entitled to a life service, let us have a life term for

Representatives, Senators and the President, and thus relieve the people from all responsibility in reference to governmental affairs.

On the presentation of the credentials of Henry B. Anthony re-elected Senator from Rhode Island, President Grover Cleveland, for a second time in the history of the Government a member of this body has been chosen for a fifth consecutive term. An exceptional occasion like this may well claim at our hands more than a passing notice. I am sure that the honored associates of the distinguished Senator who has thus been honored will unite with me in expressing the hope that Mr. Anthony who has so long and so acceptably filled this great trust will be blessed by Providence with health and happiness for his remaining years.

Only 433 patents representing 265 subjects were issued in 1840 against 16,384 representing 317 subjects of invention in 1881. The English government have issued 150,000 patents to date, as against 28,000. For the past 25 years they have been making abridgements and cross references for ready use in all their patent cases.

A similar division is necessary in our Patent Office, and Commissioner Marble is asking an appropriation for its establishment. He shows that the expense of printing would be reimbursed to the government eventually, and strongly urges the continuance of the work already begun, especially as the temporary outlay it involves comes out of an accumulated inventor's fund, amounting now to nearly \$2,000,000 and in creasing at the rate of a quarter of a million yearly. There is no branch of the service that is showing such marked increase of business and the day is not far distant when the Patent Office building will be too small to accommodate the branch of the service. 271 patents were issued on the 19th, consisting of 334 patents 23 designs, 7 trade marks 3 labels and 3 re-issues.

PHASES.

Commissioners Proceedings.

RED CLOUD, NEB., June 29th, 1882.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Isaac May, Ch'n High Stevenson, John E. Smith, J. P. Bayha, Clerk.

Board commenced the examination of the assessor's books preparatory to equalization.

Adjourned to June 21, 1882.

J. P. BAYHA, ISAAC MAY, Clerk, Chairman.

RED CLOUD, NEB., June 21, 1882.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present Isaac May, Ch'n High Stevenson, John E. Smith, Commissioners, J. P. Bayha, Clerk.

Board county commissioners met and transacted the following business:

The board of equalization for Webster county, Neb., ordered the following changes in the assessed valuation of personal property in several precincts to be made as follows, to-wit:

Add to Harmony precinct ass't list 1882, 20 per cent on personal property.

Red Cloud, 10 per cent.

Garfield, 10 "

Butin, 10 "

Elm Creek, 10 "

Deduct from Guide Rock precinct 1882, 10 "

Oak Creek, 10 "

Walnut Creek, 15 "

Glenwood, 10 "

Potadam, 10 "

Stillwater, 5 "

The valuation for personal property for Inavale, Line and Pleasant Hill precincts to remain as assessed.

The board ordered the following changes to be made in the assessed valuation of real estate in the several precincts as follows, to-wit:

Add to Pleasant Hill precinct ass't list 1882, 10 per cent, on real estate.

Elm Creek, 40 per cent.

Harmony, 25 "

Deduct from Walnut Creek precinct ass't list 1882, 15 per cent, on real estate.

Butin, 10 per cent.

Stillwater, 10 "

Garfield, 25 "

The assessed valuation of real estate in the following precincts to remain unchanged:

Guide Rock, Glenwood,

Inavale, Potadam,

Red Cloud, Line.

Ordered to deduct from the assessed valuation of the swt sec. 1, town 1, range 11 for 1882, owned by H. S. Kaley, the amount of \$100.00.

Ordered to strike off tax assessed on sheep owned by W. Cather for 1882, from Harmony ass't list, as they are assessed in Inavale precinct. And transfer the assessment of cattle assessed to W. Cather from Harmony precinct ass't list 1882, to Inavale ass't list, 1882.

Ordered to make the following deductions from the assessed valuation on sheep for 1882, owned by the following named persons to whom they were assessed, to-wit:

From John E. Smith's ass't on sheep deduct \$ 202 00

Codman & Prosser, 60 00

Henry Oberbeide, 65 00

J. J. Bailey, 13 00

James Bailey, 50 00

Frank Bailey, 175 00

D. Valters, 212 00

Henry Wittenman, 200 00

Wm. Wright, 42 00

The following levies for taxes for the year 1882, were now made.

County General Fund 3 mills on the dollar.

County Sinking Fund 3 mills on the dollar.

County Road Fund 2 mills on the dollar.

County Bridge Fund 1 mill on the dollar.

R. R. Bonds 5 mills on the dollar.

Funding Bond 4 mills on the dollar.

Bridge Judgement 3 mills on the dollar.

The school district levies to be as reported by the school district officers as follows, to-wit:

School dist. No. 1, 15 mills on the dollar.

Dist No. 2 15 mills

Dist 3 11 "

Dist 4 18 "

Dist 5 25 "

Dist 6 10 "

Dist 7 22 "

Dist 8 9 "

Dist 9 15 "

Dist 10 25 "

Dist 11 25 "

Dist 12 10 "

Dist 13 14 "

Dist 14 20 "

Dist 15 15 "

Dist 16 8 "

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