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WASHINGTON LETTER.

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ed leaving any number of appropriations for any number of public buildings to be erected here. there and everywhere. The general craze not only among Congressman but among their constituents is for public buildings, and the more expensive the better. On the calendar now at this session are bills for expending seventy millions for Government structures, the most of which there is not now, and will not be for many years, any earthly use for, but by the paternalistic tendencies of the Government, they must be expected whether they are needed nor ot. A town out in Texas wants a two hundred and fifty thousand dollar building for its postoffice, although the office fails by a considerable amount to be self-sustaining, and what is true of the Texas town is true of almost every place that is now clamoring for a public building.

Two events that are calculated to

One was the suicide of Prof. DeWoland who was also confronted by his own daughter with a charge of incest. And the other was the elopement of the affianced bride of a New York banker with an office clerk. The last named event creates some sensation because the female partner in the elopement is of the upper strata in Washington society, and the circumstances of her flight peculiarly cruel, because fifteen hundred invitations had gone out for one of the swellest of the swell weddings of the capital, which was to have taken place on the 11th inst. The treachery of the girl in the case was brought about by the attempt of the old folks to saddle a husband upon her whom she did not and could not love, and the verdict of the jury is that she served them right. One of the first things that the new Democratic administration should do upon its accession to power, is the unceremonious bouncing of the land-

scape architect around the capital, whose abominations abound on every hand. In the outrageous devastation that has been wrought here under the name of improvements, the once beautiful plats of ground both east and west of the capital have been transformed into an unsightly and incongruous field of concrete walks with small patches of shrubbery here and there that have as little attraction as the burdock plants that line a country road. The large and magnificient trees whose foliage made the west entrance to the capitol a realy superb resort for the stranger and an attraction to everybody, have all disappear- Corner Store, Opposite Citizen's Bank, ed under the blighting edict of this taste-forsaken architect, and their places are supplied by walls, walls, walls, some with a purpose, but more without any other purpose than the expenditure of money and a contribution to the inevitable contractor. If the dignified character of the capitol and its surroundings must be preserved, we must get rid of the landscape idiot who would reject the stately trees in these grounds as beneath his ideal of landscape beauty. Dom Pedro.

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