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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7. '85.

If Mr. Arthur ever had any sincere opinions about the utility of Civil Service Reform, he has completely abandoned them. His appointment of men to the most important of official positions who have neither qualifications nor character, shows that. He has picked out the men who were subservient in his cause last summer, and one by one doling out such rewards as he supposes such menials are entitled to. The last appointment, that of Draper for the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, is one most eminently unfit. The fact that Draper expended a good deal of time in looking after Arthur's political fortunes, is the only qualification that the man possesses for this high and responsible position. It looks from this standpoint as if the President intended to make room for all his favorites who are not already provided for.

I have already told you of the remarkable power in society at the Capital that is wielded by official position, which of itself has become a local aristocratic institution. But there is rife among the higher officials a sentiment that is prone to bow down to the shrine of the dollar, and Arthur, like Hayes, and like Grant, is one of the worst cases of this kind of idolatry. From the time of Arthur's accession, he has given the cold shoulder to every public man who is obliged to live within moderate means. He is all the time running after the nabobs, and associates only with those who afford to live in luxuriour ease. There was never a President who went abroad so much as he does, and there was never one (unless it be Grant,) who sought the doors of the wealthy and went back on those who had made him. Take the case of Logan whose services in the Garfield campaign were invaluable to his party, and who has all along been friendly to the President, and whose opinion has been freely sought and as freely been given. Mr. Arthur has never condescended to call upon him once, because Logan could not live in a brown stone front, while Senator Miller, with no brains but plenty of money, could command the attendance of the Executive and his official retinue at any time.

One of the bitterest and in some respects most disgraceful Senatorial contests ever occurring in any State has just terminated out in Colorado by a triumph for personal and political integrity. The country at large is not much acquainted with the details of of this singular local struggle, but the people of the whole country are deeply interested in the election of proper men to occupy seats in the U. S. Senate, and in the suppression of the peculiar methods which have often obtained in effecting a choice. The notion that any man may buy a seat in the Senate, so prevalent in recent years, has had two very conspicuous set backs in the last few days. Evarts of New York, and Teller of Col., are shining examples of the triumph of brains and fitness over big bank accounts. Senator Hill, the wealthiest man in Colorado, whose income is over $1,000 per day, has been for two years past planning and scheming to secure his own return. Nothing that money or the most unscrupulous manipulation could do has been omitted by him in his efforts to this end. During this time he has subsidized or purchased outright thirteen newspapers in different parts of the State, including the "Tribune-Republican" of Denver, and these journals have been from first to last his supliant tools, misrepresenting the sentiment of their localities and vehemently attacking all who opposed the ambition of their owner. His first overt act was to apply all his machinery to defeat the regular Republican candidate for Governor two years ago because his own man was unsuccessful in securing the nomination. Next he undertook to defeat the regular candidate for sheriff of Arapahoe County (Denver,) because the latter was not a Hill man. In the late campaign, after debauching the primaries in a most outrageous manner, he furnished money to defeat at least five Republican candidates for the Legislature, solely because if elected they would not favor his return to the Senate.

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