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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9, 1873.

After taking a short respite from active pen and ink application your correspondent again resumes duty. Since the recess of Congress, both Houses have at last got into earnest working order, and society at the capital is in full blast. Everybody who pretends to be anybody is now nightly abroad, and through the fashionable hours of the day gaily dressed ladies fill the sidewalks and roll in carriages which jostle each other on the streets. Four Cabinet receptions yesterday drew the *crème de la crème* of fashionable society into a renewal of last year's friendly recognitions, while the Kellogg Opera, and Janushek's Farewell, and Caroline Richings Bernard's "Old-Folk's" crowd the theatres and public halls every evening. Surely there is no depression on account of the disruption of finances in Washington. Poverty there may be, and doubtless is, but tinsel and show must have its season of gorgeousness and glitter here, even if hearts and pockets ache for it afterwards. It is quite certain that fashionable life has forgotten that there has been a panic. Congress too seems to have forgotten it, for the repeal of the bankrupt law by the House still remains unconsidered by the Senate, which so far has done little but talk against time on the pay of members. Late last evening a vote was reached on an amendment of Mr. Hamilton of Md., returning to the former pay of all officials except Supreme Court Judges. It was carried, but will not be finally agreed to, as it gives Assistant Secretaries of State a less salary than that of Chief Clerk, and reduces the President's salary, to take effect nearly four years hence, and is thus practically a vindictive vote of censure on the Executive, without the redeeming quality of real retrenchment. The next question before the Senate will be a further amendment to make the reduction of salaries retroactive to March 4, 1873. The cussing and discussing of the salaries in Congress has disgusted the people until little interest is taken in the matter, and the sooner the Senate leaves the subject and goes to work at needed legislation for the country the better it will be for the fair fame of the administration.

Another letter from the Secretary of War to the House of Representatives explains away much of the apparent stigma which in his former letter was thrown upon the character of Gen. Howard, regarding irregularities in the Freedman's Bureau. It would seem from the particulars now given that great injustice has been done to Gen. Howard throughout the press of the country; that Gen. Ballock, through whom the disbursements complained of were made, has made a partial explanation of difficulties under which he labored, and has shown where most of the money alleged to be missing was honestly applied to the use of the Bureau, and that the further details of the examination now in progress will be communicated to the House. It appears that Gen. Shriver was not authorized to investigate any securities except those held from March to October, 1861, and that was the reason why Gen. Ballock did not refer to the other securities held. This explanation, like a poor excuse, is better than none, and I hope it may yet fully exculpate the officers of the Bureau from every charge of fraud. As to holding Gen. Howard responsible for acts done by subordinates all over the South before and after the close of the war, it would be about as reasonable as holding the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy responsible for all peccations in these Departments during his administration of the Presidency.

The House yesterday discussed the bill to establish a fund for educational purposes from the future sale of public lands, but took no final action. This beneficent measure, which promises so much for the benefit of both white and colored people in the South, will probably be rendered useless by the passage of the Civil Rights bill, unless the Judiciary Committee shall strike out its mixed school features. No unbiased mind can fail to perceive that throughout the South and even in the border States and in this District, the attempt to force mixed schools on people

who are just learning to appreciate common school education, will practically destroy it for years to come. In many of the States it is maintained grudgingly by the tax payers, and no greater folly has been shown by the colored people than in the present attempt to grasp a shadow and let go the substance of reform in this particular. Mr. Elliott, colored, of South Carolina, made a brilliant effort for Civil Rights in the House, and pleaded eloquently that the prejudices of race and color against our mixed schools be forcibly overthrown, but when was such a theory ever put in practice against the known will of a large majority of the people to the extent now demanded? The equal right to travel in cars, steamboats, &c., ought to be, and will be conceded, but it is yet too early to expect that the Southern States will tax themselves to maintain mixed schools. The attempt to force it upon the Republican party now, cannot fail to work serious harm to the colored race, as well as to the white, and to hold back progress in common school education throughout the land, if persisted in to the end. It is quite possible that Senator Sumner, as a destructive and an opponent of the administration, may yet neutralize the labor of his life for the black race by means of this pet measure, on which he has organized all the forces of political machinery that he could command.

The Naval Appropriation bill of \$16,000,000 was explained in the House by the Chairman and discussed by Messrs. Beck and Archer adversely, and by several others favorably as an economical measure.

The President yesterday sent a message to the Senate withdrawing the nomination of Attorney General Williams for Chief Justice and General B. H. Bristow for Attorney General. It is currently rumored that no real objection existed to Mr. Williams as Chief Justice, but that trouble was made by envious society ladies in regard to Mrs. Williams as the leader of society, to which place she would be assigned as the wife of the Chief Justice.

Among a long list of confirmations by the Senate made yesterday is the name of Hon. James M. Edmunds, our present popular City-Postmaster. No man has given more satisfaction than Judge Edmunds as Postmaster of Washington, and we congratulate ourselves and the press of the country, whose fast friend he is, upon his re-appointment for four years to come.

Postmaster General Creswell was yesterday before the Committee on Banking and Currency, and delivered a masterly argument in favor of Postal Savings Banks. He furnished evidence in established fact, which is ample data to found these institutions in the interest of the whole people, as well as of benefit to the working classes, whose savings ought to be encouraged by absolute safety of their hard-earned deposits.

A court of inquiry, composed of Rear Admirals Davis and Worden, Commodore Howell, and Captain Stephen B. Luce, Judge Advocate, met yesterday at the Navy Department, and will to-day organize for an investigation into the circumstances of the loss of the *Virginia*. It seems that Captain Fry six months ago said that the leak in her bows had been bad for more than a year.

The receipts from Internal Revenue sources were yesterday \$226,218.

LIFE.

Mr. Elliot, the colored member of the House of Representatives, from South Carolina, replied to Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, on the Civil Rights bill. Replying to Mr. Stephens, Mr. Elliot contended that Congress had, under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution, complete power to pass this law, and protect all the citizens of the country in all their rights.

He discussed the doctrine of the decision of the Supreme Court in the *New Orleans slaughter cases*, and asked the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. Stephens) whether they gave color even to the claim that Congress cannot legislate against the plain discrimination made by State laws and State customs against that very race for whose complete freedom and protection these great amendments to the Constitution were elaborated and adopted. It

could not be pretended that the evils of which the colored people complained, their exclusion from the public inn, from the saloon and table of the steamboat, from the sleeping car on the railroad, and from the right of sepulture, were the exercise of the police powers of the State.

No one could deny that these things were inequality, discrimination, and the denial of the equal protection of the laws which those Constitutional amendments were framed to guard against. He shared those feelings of high personal regard which pervaded the House in respect to the gentleman from Georgia (Stephens), but when that gentleman lost his voice and influence to defeat this measure he (Elliot) would not shrink from saying that it was not from him (Stephens) that an American House of Representatives would take lessons in matters touching human rights. No consideration should restrain him from saying that the gentleman now offered to the government which he had done his utmost to destroy, a very poor return for its magnanimity, in coming here and seeking to continue, by the assertion of doctrines obnoxious to the true principles of government, the burdens of oppression which rested on those who had never failed to make prayers for the success of the Government which that gentleman had sought to blot out from the galaxy of nations. [Applause on the floor and in the galleries, which were filled with colored people.]

It was scarcely twelve years since that gentleman had shocked the civilized world by announcing as the highest form of government one that rested on human slavery as its corner-stone. The progress of time had swept away that pseudo government, and the race which he (Stephens) then ruthlessly spurned and trampled upon was here now to meet him in discussion, and to demand that the rights enjoyed by its former oppressors should be accorded to those who, even in the darkness of slavery, had kept their allegiance true to freedom and the Union. That gentleman had learned much since 1861, but he was still a learner. He (Stephens) should put away entirely those false and fatal theories which had marred his otherwise enviable record. He should accept in its fullness the great doctrine that American citizenship carries with it every civil and political right, and that no man can confer; he should learn to appreciate and his mastery ability to complete the proud structure of legislation which made the nation worthy of the great declaration that heralded its birth; let him do that, and he would have done that which would most certainly redeem his reputation in the eyes of the world, and best vindicate the wisdom of that policy which had permitted him to retain his seat in the House.

As to the gentleman from Virginia (Harris), who had yesterday transcended decency or propriety, he (Elliot) should have no word with him; he would let that gentleman feel that a negro was not only too magnanimous to smite him in his weakness, but was even charitable enough to grant him the mercy of his silence. [Applause and laughter.] The Holy Scriptures told of an humble handmaiden who had long and patiently and faithfully gleaned in the rich fields of her wealthy kinsman, and that at last, in spite of her humble antecedents, she found complete favor in his sight. So with the race. It had for two centuries reaped down their fields. The cries and woes which they had uttered "had entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth," and they were at last politically free. The last vestige of civil rights only was needed. Having gained that they might, with hearts overflowing with gratitude, and thankful that their prayer had been granted, repeat the prayer of Ruth: "Entreat me not to leave thee or return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge, thy people shall be my people and thy God my God; where thou diest I will die, and there will I be buried. The Lord do so to me and mine also if aught but death part thee and me."

The speech was listened to with marked interest and attention by the members on both sides of the House, and by crowded galleries, and at its close was very generally and loudly applauded; many members congratulated the colored orator warmly; and General Sherman, who was present in the hall, joined in those congratulations.

An excellent rule in regard to the winter dress of girls when they get beyond infancy is to select Scotch woaden goods for day wear and pretty blue, coral or canary color for Sundays, with one white dress, perhaps, for evening or party occasions. With the day dresses can be worn for school a gray cloak, jacket, or waterproof, with the best dresses a redingote or pale lot of thick white cloth, mounted with black velvet collar, cuffs and buttons. A black velvet Normandy cap trimmed with ribbons to match the dress, and outfit is complete. — *From Decorator's Monthly.*

Vice President Wilson is much improved in health, and has given up his Florida trip.

The statistics of the Coroner's Office, New York City, for the year 1873, show 56 homicides; 101 suicides; 113 infants found dead in streets, alleys and rivers; deaths by accident, 685; heat, 8; drowning, 157; abortion, 13; accidental shooting and poisoning, 15; suffocation, mostly infants, over-laid, 26, and only two by judicial hanging, 1,515 in all.

82,172 arrests were made in the city in the year, and 154,110 persons were lodged at the station-houses; 22,487 licenses were issued, and the fees amounted to \$62,515.50.

The District Attorney's record for 1873 shows that 1447 persons were convicted in the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions, and 281 acquitted. The total number sentenced in 1874. 779 were sent to State Prison; Penitentiary, 636; House of Refuge, 55; City Prison, 21; 67 paid fines and sentences suspended. In the Court of Special Sessions, 3803 persons were convicted, 737 sentenced, and 1479 were discharged. Those convicted were sent to the different places of confinement. The whole number of cases in Special Sessions, 5,910.

These figures show the amount and results of crime in but one city—a city full of churches, and schools and mission houses. In looking over these figures one cannot but ask, have Christianity and civilization no power to stay the crime and evil with which the earth is filled? And further, how much has intemperance to do with it? And where does the responsibility lie? Where and what is the remedy, and how is it to be applied? Who is able to solve the problem? The facts are appalling.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE CHILDREN.

St. NICHOLAS has come.

Christmas comes but once a year, but St. Nicholas, the beautiful and magical for girls and boys, just published by Scribner & Co., of New York, comes every month.

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Then there is "Jack in the Pulpit" who tells the children the most curious things they ever heard.

St. Nicholas has already won the hearts of the young folks who are eagerly expecting the next number. The Publishers have issued a very amusing picture, entitled "Little Children Crying for St. Nicholas."

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