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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, April 5

The past week was one of more than usual conjecture, speculation and talk in Congress. The labor troubles have excited the attention of all thoughtful men, but beyond a discussion of the question in the House on Friday little progress has been made. There is such a diversity of ideas that unity seems out of the question.

Senator Cullom's bill appropriating half a million of dollars for a monument to Lincoln was promptly passed by the Senate.

Oberly will be confirmed Civil Service Commissioner

Washington Territory is knocking for admission into the Union, through Senator Dolph of Oregon.

Russia's threats to march on Bulgaria produce some speculation about the State Department.

The Committee on Banking and Currency in the House will, it is believed, favor authorizing the issue of 25,000,000 one dollar, 50,000,000 two dollar, and as many five dollar and ten dollar silver certificates as the surplus of standard silver dollars in the treasury may warrant.

The reduction of the public debt for the month of March was \$14,087,884.

In a Republican caucus a few days ago it was discovered incidentally that a majority of the Republican Senators were in favor of open executive sessions.

"What a country! What a people!" may well be the exclamation of a foreigner on our shores, when told, as the Select Committee of the House of Representatives has told the public, that a steel gun above an 8-inch calibre cannot be made in the United States, but that companies are willing to cast, bore, rough turn and temper the parts necessary to make guns of the largest calibre, if they receive sufficient remuneration.

This report does no credit to our country or people. Senator Vance, of North Carolina, fired off his big gun against Civil Service the other day, and really I know but few Democrats who do not roll his words as sweet morsels under their tongues.

Powderly, the chief of the Knights of Labor, is being talked of as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania.

Assistant Secretary Fairchild is talked of for Manning's place, which he expects to vacate soon. Mr. Manning is some better, but it is not thought he will ever resume his portfolio.

Secretary Garland will no doubt step down and out before long. The pressure is getting too strong for even Mr. Cleveland.

The prayers of the blind chaplain of the House, Millburn, have been the talk of the town for the past week. They have pandered in turn to the capitalist and the striker, and are said to be preliminary to a series of lectures he proposes to deliver over the country. Oh, Frailty! Thy name is human.

The members of the Civil Service Commission fail to give any explanation of the fact that out of 77 persons appointed under the rules to places in the Pension Office in this city, 72 of them are Democrats. Curious, is it not?

The House Committee on Public Lands will report in favor of changing the Homestead law, by substituting thirty months and the cultivation of ten acres of land during that time, for five years' residence as is now required.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company last week deposited a check in payment for the survey of lands in Dakota, of which they have in thirteen counties an aggregate of 1,173,382 acres. This is the result of the decision in Trail county tax case.

Gen. Logan's bill to increase the efficiency of the army was under discussion last week, being confined mainly to republicans, as the democrats are too happy over the division among republicans on this bill to care much about its

fate.

The democracy are more afraid of Hoar's national inquest bill than anything introduced this season. They dread the exposures that will follow its discussion.

Hearst, the new senator from California, has an interesting history. Going to California in 1850, he went to work in the mines, and is now one of the richest men in the state.

There has been a great deal of talk in the last ten days about congressional action in regard to the labor troubles, but I think it likely in the end, that congress will do nothing on this subject.

The report of the value of our exports and imports for the two years ending with February, furnishes food for thought. Exports decreased under a democratic administration, over ten per cent, and imports increased \$3,222,261. Three more years of the same kind of work will render the balance of trade largely against us.

The Carrollton massacre is worrying the democracy. Large numbers of negroes are continually leaving the South and more will leave when the facts are all made known.

The river and harbor bill, if examined carefully, will show, as usual, that it is one of the greatest steals with which this country is cursed. In order to secure the necessary appropriations for the improvement of the great highways of commerce, thousands and millions of dollars must be given at the demand of eastern congressmen for streams that can never be made navigable. I do believe that a veto in this case would be wise, even though it might cripple the west a little. W.D.

Herbert Root's Story.

In Friday's *Pioneer Press* appeared a long story of the trouble existing at Valley City. Of the trouble Mr. Root said to a reporter:

"We had shown that my sister's health had been poor, and that she was suffering from morbidness, hallucinations, and delusions. Her physical strength was not great and was constantly failing. She suffered much fear of becoming insane, and to satisfy herself had gone into an insane asylum at Dayton, Ohio, and stayed there for seven years. She entertained delusions in regard to some of her family, in one case fearing that a brother-in-law was going to kill her. She also believed that my wife was her enemy. I did all that a brother could, and the night of her death she told me that nothing wrong had ever occurred between her and Allyn Warner; that she was only a friend to him, and that all she desired was his friendship. She repeated this several times. Warner to my wife, himself, could not understand Clara's letter about marriage. We do not believe for a moment that anything of that nature ever occurred between them. As to my having to leave Brainerd in 1880, that is false. I stand well with all brother clergymen who know me, and I have courted investigation by the bishop. None of the charges brought against me have been proven or sustained. I consider the inquest now being held as contrary to law. The autopsy was illegal, and no one had a right to exhume my sister's body."

Mr. Root spoke in deep affection of his sister, and displayed no great bitterness against his townsmen. He thinks, as do some others, that Miss Root's letters were simply concoctions of a diseased brain, and had no origin in fact.

Breaking Up.

LONDON, April 4.—A breaking up of the cabinet is imminent. Lord Kimberley, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Childers and Mr. Mundella refuse to assent to any home rule measure giving Ireland control of the customs, and they threaten to resign if such a measure be insisted upon by Mr. Gladstone. Mr. Morley demands a modification of the plans for the buying out of landlords. Mr. Gladstone remains inflexible and will maintain his whole scheme intact. Cabinet councils are to be held on Monday and Tuesday, when the climax will be reached. The ministers themselves admit that an agreement seems impossible. Mr. Gladstone may make his statement on Thursday, without the approval of the ministry.

The Old Hielan'man's Prayer.

O Lord! what are we in Thy sight this night!— a when pair easie osies. Gie us a blessin' this ae time; it's no aften we bother You. Gie us a weewark and big wvages, and a new breed and cheese loik Ben Nevis, and whusky loik Loch Long. Gie us bull's pork, sheep's beef, and calf's mutton, and a new born egg, fill better meats be ready. Send a blessin' doon the lum, and bless the kail pat, an' the Duke of Argyle, the Lord God of the Hielans. Build a big wa' atween us an' the diel, an' a far bigger ane atween us an' the wild Erisman, an' put broken bottle on't. Amen.—Ex.

Semi-Annual Examination of Teachers.

The regular semi-annual examination of teachers for Griggs county, will be held in the school house at Cooperstown on Friday, April 10, 1886, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

THEODORE F. KERR,
County Superintendent.

Notice.

We, Peder A. Melgard and John T. Regnery, have this day purchased the entire stock of merchandise, books and accounts owned by Stevens & Enger, and will henceforth do business under the firm name of Melgard & Regnery, we assuming all liabilities resting on said stock of goods, and collect all accounts formerly due Stevens & Enger.

PEDER A. MELGARD,
JOHN T. REGNERY.

March 23d, 1886.

Notice.

We have this day sold out our entire stock of merchandise, books and accounts to Peder A. Melgard and John T. Regnery, who assume all liabilities resting on said stock to hardware firms, and collect all accounts.

STEVENS & ENGER.

March 23d, 1886.

Notice.

To all whom it may concern. I have this day sold out my general store to J. N. Jorgensen. I am responsible for, and will pay all debts and liabilities, and collect all accounts now due. He will conduct the business at the old stand, where I hope he will have the patronage that I have had in the past. Parties having accounts to settle can find me at the old place.

ANDREW JOHNSON,
Cooperstown, March 22, 1886.

Notice to Tax Payers.

All delinquent personal tax must be paid before April 1st, next. Any such tax remaining unpaid at that time will be left with my deputy tax collector, and collected by distress, according to the general laws of the territory.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1886.
ANTON ENGER,
Treas. of Griggs county, Dak.

\$100,000

To loan on approved real estate securities by Bank of Cooperstown, agents for Corbin Banking company.

Feed Mill.

Cooper Bros. are prepared to grind feed of all kinds at their elevator, in any amount, at reasonable rates.

Spot Cash

For Oats, Hay and Wood, at Hunters' Livery.

Potatoes For Sale.

I have a number of bushels of potatoes for sale, cheap for cash. Warranted sound.

E. W. McCREA.

Special Bargains.

Cash purchasers will find it to their advantage to call at Whidden Bros. this month. Grand knock down in prices.

For Sale.

One pair of steers—three years old. Apply to M. F. Washburn. 10-12

I can tell you something fine about T. G. Mandt's Bob Sleighs. O, they are fine—
Knud Thompson.

FOR SALE—One ox, and one seeder. TO RENT—50 acres of land. Apply to John Kennedy, Sec. 14-146-50.

R. M. Cowen has on hand another lot of that fine Minnesota wood. Call and examine before buying elsewhere.

Farmers can get grain insured in stack or granary, by calling at the Bank of Cooperstown.

We will pay 90 cents for Griggs county orders, in merchandise.
John Syverson & Co.

Frank Buck takes orders for clothing, and guarantees fits, at the very lowest rates. A long experience warrants him in asking the patronage of the public. Andrus' old land office.

Call and place your order for the Monitor Seeders and drills, soon. You may be left.
Knud Thompson.

New spring goods now opening at Whidden Bros. Look for their new ad, next week.

Davis & Pickett will have a couple of carloads of fine horse flesh, shortly; wait for bargains.

Next week—Horse show, at Hunter's opera block, by Davis & Pickett.

Fifteen hundred bushels best seed wheat for sale, at Whidden Bros.

Horses as is horses, next week.
Davis & Pickett.

Bowden & Buck have a first-class voke of cattle for sale, the best in town.

One thousand rolls of wall paper, elegant patterns, for sale low, at Whiddens.

Forty cases boots and shoes, just opening, and marked low at Whidden's.

Ladies, misses and children's hats and bonnets, trimmed and untrimmed, at Whidden Bros.

Solid show case full of elegant ribbons at Whidden Bros'.

We are short 500 bushels of seed wheat; 75 cents paid, at Whidden Bros.

STOP HERE.

I have a few Harvesters and Binders I will sell for \$175 and also \$100. Don't kick; you can't make money faster than to catch on to some of these bargains. I can sell you plows, harrows, wagons, and almost any kind of farm implements cheap,—and don't you forget it. Remember, I have not quit trading for stock of all kinds. So come and see what can be done for the good of the country.

KNUD THOMPSON.

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PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.

—COOPERSTOWN, DAK.—

NOTICE OF FINAL PROOF—Land Office at Fargo D. T., Feb. 25, 1886. Notice is hereby given that following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and secure final entry thereof, viz: Nels O. Kjos, sen. D. S. No. 14, 424 for the S.W. 1/4 of sec. 20, Twp. 147n. R. 60w. and names the following as his witnesses, viz: Albert Coleman, Anton Pederson, John Anderson, Knud J. Alftad, all of Jesse postoffice, Griggs county, D. T.

The testimony to be taken before John N. Jorgensen, clerk of the district court, at Cooperstown, Griggs county, D. T., on the 24th day of April A. D. 1886, at his office.

HORACE AUSTIN, Register.

Iver Jacobson atty.

THEO. F. KERR, M. D.

Physician and Surgeon.

Cooperstown, Dakota.