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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27, 1887.
Only five more working days are left for the present congress, for at noon on the fourth of March its days will end. Considering the great amount of unfinished legislation it is difficult to see how congress can pass certain indispensable bills in the short time remaining to it. It is palpably apparent that something should be done to increase the length of the American congressional term, or to curtail the length of the American congressman. His prolixity has become proverbial. He fills volumes with his talk while his deeds may be written on a postal card. There is a movement in congress to extend the term of the legislative session, but it is probable that it will be submerged in talk and that there will be no action taken this session. Much of the time of members of congress is still taken up in attention to the private claims of their constituents. A large part of the voting population of the country seems to look upon their representative in congress as their special attorney to get them places under government employ, to prosecute their claims for pensions, patents and government contracts, and to supply them with libraries and even with money. There is scarcely a member or senator who is not subjected to requests for services and alms from his constituents.

The official receptions are over and the Lenten season has begun. It was observed with considerable rigor during Arthur's administration, when high church Episcopalianism was the court religion. Washington society, so far as it is composed of the army, navy and diplomatic classes, is decidedly Catholic and observant of Lent. How far the Lenten season will affect society under a democratic administration remains to be seen. The president's grandfather was a Presbyterian, and the president occasionally attends a Presbyterian church in this city but it is whispered that he would much prefer to go fishing. Although the Lenten season has begun there will no end of social festivity under the cloak of charity. This is the season of fairs and bazaars and other entertainments for the benefit of churches and hospitals, and these afford quite as good opportunity for the vanities and follies of the gay world as do receptions and Germans.

Congress will adjourn on the fourth of March but many representatives and senators will remain until June. Many of them have homes here while others have private business or are engaged in committee work.

The national competitive drill, which will continue for a week beginning on the twentieth of May, will no doubt be a splendid military pageant and will doubtless attract many visitors to Washington. Military companies from all parts of the union that have been drilling for this occasion will then compete for prizes aggregating \$50,000. The infantry, cavalry and artillery branches of the service will be represented, and the perfectly level meadow between the White House and the Washington Monument will be used as a parade ground.

DEATH BY FIRE.

New York, March 5.—At a fire in a tenement row occupied by negroes, on Eighth avenue, early this morning, Sarah L. Johnson and her adopted daughter, May Johnson, aged six, were burned to death.

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