

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1, '83.

It has often been said that spring is the time to see Washington, and this is certainly true. The city is blooming forth like a flower garden now and never looked more beautiful. Nor is any other city equal to it. The Capitol grounds are now among the most charming sights in Washington. The broad slopes of the hill on which it is placed are covered with long grass, with violets lavishly planted amidst it. All the squares and gardens in Washington have the effect of natural as well as artificial beauty. The flowers about the Capitol are not protected by wire fences, and grim warnings of \$5 fine for treading on the grass or plucking the flowers are rare. Then plants and flower are so plentiful that people have come to think them necessaries instead of luxuries. Ground has been broken in Dupont circle opposite Mr. Blaine's for the statue of Admiral Dupont. This corner of the town has had some queer vicissitudes. About ten years ago the Stewart castle was built on Dupont circle, and was considered the palace of Washington. The circle was laid off, lighted with numerous lamps, and the walks created. It was meant to be the Belgrave square of Washington. Then the Stewart castle took fire and burned all the top off. For some years the splendid house was literally abandoned, and Dupont circle became utterly desolate and forlorn. Then by degrees the houses on Connecticut avenue began creeping up towards it, and Mr. Blaine put his magnificent palace down in front of it. Thereupon big houses sprang up all around now the Stewart palace is being repaired and restored.

One of the most interesting places to visit in Washington now is the propagating works of the United States fish commission at the old arsenal. The question whether fish can bear has often been discussed, but if those who doubt that they can would come to the fish commission building and see one of the employees clap loudly on the sides of the tanks they would be convinced. The fish jump and huddle together quick enough. The jars containing the shad and salmon eggs are about as big as French peas and the shad eggs about half as big. The shad eggs are transparent and one may readily see the fish itself in the egg. Next, the young fish are shown after they have hatched themselves from the egg. They are then extraordinary looking objects—a round ball with a wiggle-wagging tail. Then in another tank are shown the salmon ready to be transferred to streams and rivers. They are then about an inch long and considered able to take care of themselves. The salmon appear to be a gregarious bird, like the walrus; they stick to the sides of the jar or tank—in whichever they happen to find themselves—in layers of four or five deep. They employ their addressence in wagging their tails; they fondly imagine that they are to live all their lives in a tank and be fed at the public expense in perfect security from President Arthur and other well known fishermen. This pleasing delusion is rudely dispelled when they find themselves transported to a palace car, in which they are carried to their final destination. There they find the difference between a soft place at Washington and having to make a living for themselves. The commissioners are sending off their progeny by the millions now to various localities. The attempt to grow salmon in certain southern waters is soon to be made.

If the future of our civil service commission may be judged by that body's recent selection of chief examiner the outlook is not promising. Never was a more unfit and ridiculous appointment made. The announcement of the name of Kiem caused a broad smile all over Washington where this cheezy snob is known. He not only lacks the ability and qualifications for the place but has been for years a machine man—a hanger on to the skirts of public men whom he cultivates and flatters and forces himself upon. His appointment was procured by an array of political "influence" proffered in this way, and is not a very auspicious opening for a body created to do away with "influence" in the civil service. This man selected to manage the examination of applicants could not himself pass an examination for ordinary clerkship.

Doct Pedro. A tremendous hurricane completely stopped the outbreak of cholera at Manila.

Gotham Gossip.

Jay Gould's Trip to the South and West and its Meaning. —Mapleson's Departure and the Prospect for the next Operative Season. —The Dog Show. —A White Elephant. —Electricity on the Elevated Roads. —Prevalence of Typhus. New York, May 1st, 1883.

Jay Gould has at last started, on his Southern and Western trip accompanied by Russell Sage, Samuel Sloan and Mr. A. L. Hopkins. The trip is ostensibly for pleasure only, but the real object is to make a thorough and final inspection of the railroads in which he is interested so as to leave his son George full instructions how to act, prior to starting on his trip around the world. The financial combination of Gould, Sage, Sloan, Field and a number of minor financial luminaries will be maintained with George Gould nominally at the head, but Sage will be the leading spirit, as George is yet too young to grasp extensive matters and to act with the readiness and quick decision indispensable in Wall Street.

It looks very much as if the Academy of Music would soon be gathered to the other relics of the past, and that the rising star of the Metropolitan Opera House which is to be opened under Abby's management next season would entirely eclipse the establishment which has long passed its zenith under the guidance of the doughty Colonel of Her Majesty's Volunteers. Maple-son left for home on Saturday, leaving very nearly \$5,000 in unpaid bills behind. His agent is supposed to pay this money from collections which are expected to be made from the stockholders of the Academy. They are expected to pay \$3 extra for seats on the Patti nights, but as a great many of these gentlemen fail to see the point of going down into their pockets for the pleasure of having seen Mapleson pose as the greatest impression of the age, and of having rendered other people able to hear Patti, a great many creditors are likely to be left.

The annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club which opens next year will be the largest exhibition of dogs ever held in the world, not even excepting the great London shows. The entries number over 11,000, and among them are some of the finest specimens of the canine race ever raised in this country or abroad. Sporting dogs, of course are in the majority, but there is not a fancy breed which is not represented by choice specimens. Prominent among the new arrivals are the Caniche poodles. They are of Canadian origin, are entirely black, have hair which is a cross between the silkiness of the common pet poodle and the rough stringiness of the Newfoundland dog, grow larger than the big French poodles and are strong, game and docile. During the show week a meeting of the admirers of the greyhound will be held with a view of establishing coursing the East. Hares can easily be had, and there is no reason in the world why the sport which forms one of the principal early spring amusements in England and has gained a firm foothold in California should not become popular in the East, particularly as the plains of Long Island form ample grounds for good runs.

We are at last to get a white elephant. Barnum's agent in Europe some months ago secured a famous one in Siam, and had him transported to Hamburg. He will be shipped to this country in a few months, so as to be wintered at Bridgeport, and he will join the show next Spring. The animal in question is the one who served as model for the famous picture of the capture of the white elephant. Barnum is said to have paid a fabulous price for him, but it is no use mentioning it since facts and figures before given by the Prince of showmen are always harmonized.

That electricity is bound to supplant steam as a motive power, and in a short time too is beyond a doubt. A company has just been formed for the purpose of working electrical railways. Experiments have been made by both Edison and Stephen D. Field for a long time, and the matter has at last progressed so far that the system is in working order. Edison has sold his patents and the company will begin work within the next six months. The system is a simple one and does away with the necessity of locomotives on elevated roads.

Stationary steam engines will be placed at various intervals along the line of the road. These engines work dynamo electric machines similar to those used by the electric light companies. The current is passed along the rails of the road and thence by means of brushes or contact knobs to the wheels of the cars, thereby moving them. Devices are so arranged that the cars can be stopped or started at pleasure. This system is also applicable to surface cars, and thus it is fair to presume that within the next year we will see some wonderful revolutions in the methods of operating railroads in cities.

The wet spring has had an enormous effect on the mortality record of the city. Fevers abounds nearly everywhere has a touch of malaria, and typhus, fever of a malignant nature has appeared to such a degree that the Health authorities have been seriously alarmed and are making the most determined efforts to guard against its spreading. In one charitable institution for children, in the heart of the city, no less than fifteen cases were discovered. The Health authorities went to work promptly and removed all the little sufferers to the Fever Hospital and quarantined the House. But for this action consequences of a most serious nature might have ensued.

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