

WASHINGTON NOTES.

There are seventy bald-headed men in Congress. No unprejudiced mind can look down from the galleries upon that Lake Superior of absent hair without a feeling of regret that the absence is a thing with which the peculiar skill of the aborigines had nothing to do.—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

An Ohioan in town says that Mr. Waite, the new Chief Justice, is an extremely modest, unassuming man, of fine abilities, which have never been fully displayed, for the reason that he has never been in public life, and that everybody likes him except some of the lawyers, who are "down on him" for his exceedingly moderate charges, which they assert are unprofessionally low.—*Washington Star*, Jan. 21.

There was quite a shower of women suffrage petitions at the opening of the Senate to-day. Mr. Fenton, who is a late convert to the cause of equal suffrage, in presenting a petition from New York, styled the petitioners "women citizens."—*Washington Star*, Jan. 21st.

Two important decisions were announced by the Supreme Court yesterday, in which proceedings to confiscate the property of Judah P. Benjamin and John Slidell were held to be invalid. In Benjamin's case it was decided that there was not sufficient notice to the mortgagees, and the judgment of the court below in sustaining their title as against that of the purchaser under the confiscation proceedings was affirmed. In Slidell's case it was decided that the purchaser took an estate that was determined by the death of the defendant, (Slidell,) and that the title of his children as heirs was not affected thereby.—*Washington Star*, Jan. 21.

Woman suffrage promises to come before the House for debate in a novel way. General Maxwell, who contests Mr. Cannon's seat as a delegate from Utah, claims that the enfranchisement of women there by the Territorial Legislature is null and void. When the Committee on Elections report the subject will probably give rise to a lively debate.—*Washington Cor.*, Jan. 23, *Mo. Democrat*.

All indications point to a short and dull session of Congress. An unusually small amount of new legislation is preparing in the committees. All bills that involve an expenditure of money are touched very gingerly or left undisturbed in their pigeon-holes, and most of the many projects for amending the Constitution and for novel legislation presented at the beginning of the session are not being pressed by their authors, and are not likely to be reported back for action. The almost unanimous sentiment in both Houses is, that in the unsettled condition of politics in the country it is unsafe to embark upon any important new legislation that there is not pretty strong reason for believing will have the indorsement of public opinion. The prudent course to take, it is thought, is to do as little as possible beside passing the regular appropriation bills, and to cut these bills down as much as is practicable. It is already apparent that Congress will set its face against all measures for the benefit of local interests, except very moderate harbor appropriations. Private bills, too, will be more carefully scrutinized than heretofore, and will have a much harder road to travel than at any previous session.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

JOCULARITIES.

Brookhouse Bowler is mad because a compositor set him up "Brookhouse Bawler."

A man writes to an editor for four dollars, "because he is so infernally short," and gets for a reply the heartless response, "Do as I do—stand up on a chair."

The Interior has heard of a good old lady who has read the Baptist papers so faithfully that she discharged her laundress for sprinkling her linen.

An Evansville (Ind.) man, well advanced in years, was astonished recently at receiving an invitation to attend the wedding of his parents, who had been thirty years separated by divorce.

A greenhorn sat a long time, attentive, musing upon a cane bottom chair. At length he said, "I wonder what fellow took the trouble

to find all them ar holes and put straws around 'em."

The *Independent* maintains that the *Tribune* owes a great religious body an abject apology, because, by a typographical error, it recently said Congressional when it meant congregational.

"Margery, what did you do with that tallow that Mr. Jones greased his boots with this evening?" "Please, ma'am, I baked the grid-dle-cakes with it." You did; I thought you had wasted it."

Our experience, and the history of the past eighteen centuries, incline us to the belief that no matter how well you treat a shot-gun, nor how you bring it up, it will bang the stuffing out of you the first time it gets a chance.—*Ex.*

Fun may never have furnished a splendid dinner, but it has helped swallow many a poor one. He that can't laugh is to be pitied, he that won't laugh is to be feared, and he that is always laughing is a nuisance.

A Massachusetts man announces that he has "an old desk that was used by Colonel Prescott and George Washington." We think we have heard of Colonel Prescott before—in fact we know we have—but who the deuce is George Washington?—*Courier-Journal*.

"Many a young lady who objects to being kissed under the mistletoe has no objection to be kissed under the rose." A careless compositor made an error in the above, rendering it, "has no objection to be kissed under the nose."

There are a lot of people in the town of Patten, Me., who are related so much that they don't know what to call each other. Three brothers there have married three sisters, whose brothers, in turn, have married their sisters-in-law.

"Julius, can you tell me how Adam got out of Eden?" "Well, I s'pose he clum de fence." "No, dat ain't it." "Well, den, he borrowed a wheelbarrow and walked out." "No." "I gubs it up." "He got snaked out."

And now comes that "celebrated German physician" and says the reason why printers enjoy an immunity from infectious diseases—such as cholera, small-pox, yellow fever, etc.—is on account of their filthy indulgence in tobacco, especially smoking.

Sothern was recently asked by an interviewer in St. Louis about the practical jokes attributed to him, when he replied: "The stories are false, without exception. I am not one that enjoys a jest that ends in the pain or inconvenience of others. My muscular adventure on the Pacific Railroad had not the slightest foundation in fact. Neither had the flying hoax, which called out so many thousand people on Broadway. As for the opera hoax, I had nothing whatever to do with it. I did not know anything about it until it was all over, and to this day I have not the slightest suspicion of the real parties who got up the sell."—*Ex.*

We are often told that doctors never take medicine of their own or any one else's recommending. I was reminded of this a few months ago. I went into the office of one of Chicago's most celebrated physicians to obtain a prescription for a cold and hoarseness. While he was writing it out he casually mentioned that, having been out in the terrible storm of the previous day, a severe cold had resulted, and that in the morning he could scarcely speak aloud. As I folded the prescription—which was Egyptian to me, but seems to be the mother-tongue of druggists—I ventured to inquire what he had taken for his hoarseness. "Loaf sugar and lemons" was the placid reply. Well, that remedy of drugs was never used, for I found "loaf sugar and lemons" excellent.—*Ex.*

In drawing lots for men to go on a wolf hunt in Lower Canada lately, a man named Toothache was extracted from the bosom of his family.

The London *Morning Post* refuses to puff Mark Twain without pay, and says he is only a second fiddle to Artemus Ward. Wasn't Artemus a rather poor first fiddle?

Full many a turkey is now a ghost that three short weeks ago was a goblin.

Young lady, Tuesday night at the post office: "If I don't get a letter by this mail, I want to know what he was doing Sunday night, that's all."

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