WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Oct. 31st, 1887.

As the time for assembling of Congress draws near, Washington has emerged from her Summer siesta and is in the midst of an era of preparation for the advent of assembled wisdom at the Capitol. The dawn of the approaching "season" is unusually radiant. It already reflects its glow over the whole city, and is prophetic of a reign of politics and gayety such as will cast a shadow over remembrances of preceeding Congressional sessions. Many of the people who possess wealth, culture and leisure, and make Washington their winter resort, have already returned. They will soon be followed by a general rush from all parts of the country. Then the ball begins. Congress and society will vie for supremacy. The former will interest, the latter will dazzle. The power of Society in Washington has to be seen to be appreciated. It exerts a strong control even over official life, and its power cannot be broken or dissembled. It reigns over Congress, in that it lures both Representative and Senator away from their duties at the Capitol. Not infrequently does the House of Representatives await a quorum until its truant members can be arrested in the enjoyment of a "high tea" or ball at Mrs. Secretary So-and-So's, and returned captive by the Sargeant-at-Arms. The monarchs of this power—the society leaders—will strain every nerve this season to increase its magnetism, and they promise a succession of entertainments on a scale that has not heretofore been attempted. Gossip is the ambassador and minister plenipotentiary of the social world. This year she tells of the mysterious costumes and surprises that will astound the oldest inhabitants, and add greatly to the splendor of display. Between Vanity Fair and the National Legislature, there will be nothing dormant in Washington the coming Fall and Winter, from the first whirl after Monday, December 5th, to the intermission which ensues when the mantle of Lent is thrown over society.

All Washington, and by that I mean the combination of social and official life at the Capitol, has been to the races the past week. The race season is indeed a gala time here. Fashion, with its modern tastes, is a great patron of the turf, and fashion nowhere rules with greater sway than in her own stronghold at the Capitol of the Nation. Here a comparatively great proportion of the population can afford to enjoy themselves without regard to cost. Ergo, they all go to the races and lose their money. Heads of Departments, Chiefs of Bureau, down to the $900 clerk, may all be seen hovering about the bookmakers, or posing on the quarter-stretch for the admiration of the ladies on the grand stand, while the diplomatic dudes promenade with usual wont in front of the crowd. As they strutted up and down the past week, they seemed to feel that every eye was upon them; nor were they mistaken. The cut of their trousers, the shape of their collrrs, and their kaleidoscopic necties usually afford much amusement. The diplomat must be classed in the eccentric family of the *genus homo*, for both in his face and dress he seems to present in combination the fashions of Paris, London, Berlin and St. Petersburg.

Apropos of the races, the fact is lately developed that there are as many fine teams and handsome equipages in Washington as are to be found anywhere. Time was when a handsome turnout or fine span of horses was a rarity on the streets of the Capitol, and one involuntarily turned to look after the unusual sight. Now, however, such a state no longer exists. The miles of asphalt and smooth pavements are fairly alive during the winter, the elegant teams driven for the best part by their respective owners. General Beall, on his fine farm just outside the city limits, keeps so many fine horses that, were he so minded, it would be possible to appear with a new team every day for a considerable length of time. The President has a handsome team of blacks, and Secretary Bayard's favorite steed is a large powerful bay, mounted upon which it is no unfrequent sight to see him riding quietly along some unfrequented country road, half the time with his thoughts for sole companions.

The President is engaged in the preparation of his annual message to Congress. It goes without saying, that his chief topic will be the tariff problem and the question of a reduction of the surplus. It is also probable that there will again be something said upon Civil Service Reform. While the present Civil Service Reform laws have diminissed the howl of the office-seekers and make life endurable at the Departments, they are still regarded as very imperfect, and afford many loop-hools through which the wily office-seeker manages to crawl. L.

County News.

Judge Lane is ill.

All the Thornbury Teachers have been re-engaged.

The teachers and students have moved into the new High School building at Mt. Forest.

An insane old woman named Mrs. Smith, over 90 years of age, died in the Walkerton gaol on Saturday night week.

Several Mt. Forest boys will have to make an appearance at the Police Court to answer to a charge of damaging property on Hallowe'en.

Harrison's planing mill, Owen Sound, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday week, being without doubt the work of an incendiary. Loss about $12,000; insured for $3,000.

The Union hill curling and skating rink, Owen Sound, was destroyed by fire last week. The building was erected 20 years ago and its destruction was the work of an incendiary.

Information has been laid against hotel-keepers McQuillan & Cummins and shop-keepers Pilcher & McEachern, of Mt. Forest, for violation of the Scott Act. The two latter have effected a settlement.

The *Enterprise* says that Chesley boys placed a fine top buggy on the Presbyterian church shed in that town on Hallowe'en The *Enterprise* suggests that such senseless pranks be discountenanced in future.

On Friday week Mr. S. Curry, 3rd Con. Brant, was harrowing a field and one of his youngest daughters was sitting on the harrow. The harrow came in contact with some hard lumps of clay, when one half of it turned over and fell on the child's hand, bruising and crushing it badly.

About 1 o'clock on the 28th ult., the outbuildings of Mr. Wm. Keppler, of Lot 23, Con. 2, Proton, were destroyed by fire, together with 26 tons of hay, 6 loads of unthreshed peas, and 4 loads of unthreshed oats as well as two fine mares. Live stock and contents insured for $500. The fire is supposed to have taken place by children playing with matches.

On Monday week about 4 o'clock in the afternoon James Wilson of Mt. Forest, was engaged shingling a building for Mr. N. Roszel, at Egremont P.O., when he slipped from the roof and fell to the ground a distance of about twenty feet. Compound fracture of the thigh bone and two ugly gashes on the head, and probable internal injuries were the results.

A declaration of war has been issued between John Johnston and Hugh Jones. Jones is not big, but he's dangerous. And Johnston has had long experience in pugilistic encounters with his neighbors. It is therefore hard to say how the battle will end. After a perliminary skirmish, both parties adjourned to the office of the J.P.—*Bruce Herald.*

The conviction of Samuel Bailey for stealing a sheep from Mrs. Lightbody, in the County of Grey a year and a half ago, is a feather in the cap of constable Heffernan. Bailey might have enjoyed his mutton in peace, if Heffernan had not heard of the feast. Since his appointment as a constable, he has secured the conviction of several old offenders.—*Bruce Herald.*

Hallowe'en was not celebrated to any very considerable extent in Thornbury. The boys erected a fine big pyramid, consisting chiefly of barrels, on the centre of the bridge over the Beaver river. Just as the job was nicely completed, a force of constables—specially sworn in for the occasion—abruptly put in an appearance and politely but firmly requested the young men to demolish the elegant structure they had erected and return the barrels to their respective owners. The "boys" complied with considerable alacrity.

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GEO. COOPER,
Feversham P. O.

STRAY STEER.

Strayed from the premises of the subscriber, Lots 37 & 38, E. T. & S. R., Artemesia, on or about October 1st, 1887 one yearling Steer, black and white. Any person giving information leading to the recovery of the above will be rewarded; and any person keeping the animal without giving such notice—after publication of this notice—will be prosecuted as the law directs.

J. W. SHORE,
Oct. 28th 1887. Flesherton P.o.

STRAY CALVES.

CAME to the premises of the undersigned, Lot 18, Con. 1st. N. D. R., Artemesia, about Oct. 20th, four Spring Calves—2 heifers and two steers. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses

WM. REID,
Priceville P. O.
Artemesia, Oct. 31st, 1887.

STRAY CATTLE.

CAME to the premises of the undersigned, Lots 74 & 75, Con. 3 E.T.& S.R. Artemesia, about a month ago, four yearling Calves. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.

N.B.—Since above was in type, all the cattle but a dark brown Heifer have either strayed or been stolen from my premises. If the latter, the party or parties will not be prosecuted if they return them at once.

HECTOR BOLTON,
Flesherton P. O.
Artemesia, Oct. 29th, 1887.

STRAYED.

CAME to the premises of Mr. John Porteous, Lot 30, 6th Con., Artemesia, on 10th of Oct., 2 Heifers. Owner can have same by proving property and paying expenses.

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Department of Railways & Canals,
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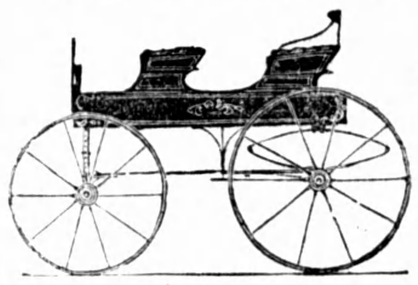

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