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Washington Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31, 1910.

President Taft has captured the hearts of Southerners in Washington by attending the ball which is given annually by the Southern Relief Society. President Taft not only honored this meeting of Southerners with his presence, but danced with Mrs. Horne, the beautiful niece of Gen. A. P. Hill, of the Confederate army.

The President has also shown his great interest in, and attachment for, Southerners in many ways, but he is the first President who has gone so far in thus honoring a truly Southern Society.

Postal Savings Banks.

President Taft is doing his utmost to secure the passage of a law for the establishment of Postal Savings Banks. It will be recalled that during the campaign of 1908 he was very emphatic in declaring that Mr. Bryan's bank guarantee plan was impracticable, and that as a substitute he offered the Postal Savings Bank; he is now afraid that if Congress does not pass this law, that Mr. Bryan's plan will spring into popularity and endanger his political future.

Sugar Fraud Cases

The recent revelations at the New York Custom House in which it was shown that the Sugar Trust has been getting their sugar imported into this country and weighed by fraudulent scales, thus robbing the government out of millions of dollars annually in duties by this shortage in weight, has attracted a great deal of attention. The government has finally sent four employees to the penitentiary. These pitiful little fellows drew \$13.00 a week while perpetrating the fraud under the direction of others.

The administration has been severely criticised for prosecuting the weak and helpless and letting the great greedy beneficiaries of the fraud escape entirely. This is republican justice.

John R. Walsh in Prison

John R. Walsh, a wealthy Chicago banker, has entered the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he will be incarcerated for five years by way of atonement for his sins in defrauding the depositors of the five banks over which he presided in Chicago.

Banker Walsh was formerly proprietor of the Chicago Chronicle, a paper that was known as a gold democrat in 1896. Of all the bitter and abusive language that was heaped on the head of the great W. J. Bryan in 1896, none equalled Walsh's Chicago Chronicle. He called Bryan a cut-throat, anarchist, thief, villain, and every vile name that he could think of. Today Mr. Bryan is one of the most highly respected men on this planet. He has the good will of friends and foes alike, while this famous Pharisee is now arrayed in prison stripes. A great many other men who indulged in similar abuse in 1896, and in other campaigns as well, have also suffered more or less humiliation and disgrace. Thus time rights all things.

Old Hickory Chips.

Higher food prices and stationary drink prices don't make a convincing water wagon appeal.

We can stand anything in a divorce except the husky husband sobbing in court. Chicago, cut it out.

The only crumb of confirmation of the report that Mr. Roosevelt will return by way of San Francisco is the fact that he has written to a Rough Rider friend expressing his great interest in the Jeffries-Johnson fight.

President Taft's advice that the faction in Congress cultivate harmonious relations should be fully as effective as the famous admonition to Kansas to "raise more corn and less hell."

No one seems to know whether the Insurgents will follow the well-worn ways of former party rebels or blaze a new path to power and patronage.

Some of those Central American Presidents belong to that vanishing school of politics that recognized the perquisites as more important than the salary.

Strangely enough Mr. Pinchot is not trying to sell to a magazine an exclusive article on beasts of prey he has met.

This rise in the price of peanuts painfully accentuates the crisis with which the the ultimate consumer is confronted.

To chew or to eachew, that is the beef question.

The daring aviators succeed in soaring above the high prices of beef, but only between meals.

Lent will be here soon, and then we may religiously refrain from meat eating if we can't afford it.

When one considers what happened to Bankers Morse, Walsh and some others, there is little occasion for some remarks we hear every now and then about American justice being backward.

The British conservatives are having a lot of fun cutting down the liberal majorities. But the majorities in the next house of commons will still be liberal enough.

"Eggs at 50 cents per dozen help keep the yolks on the necks of the people," says the Chattanooga Times. The egg trust surely will not be able to withstand a great deal of such fearful and wonderful bombarding as that.

"Gov. Harmon is a devotee of the game of golf," notes the Macon Telegraph. And he also lives in Ohio! Taft vs. Harmon in 1912 would mean rare sport, mayhap!

"Theatre managers are going crazy," says Mr. Al Hayman. Some of them certainly have not very far to go.

If the Taft smile doesn't vanish before Congress adjourns, it will hold the world's record.

Whatever becomes of Mr. Cortelyou, he has made a record for stenographers. He started with a lead pencil and has filled three Cabinet chairs.

The University of Copenhagen has just dealt another "final blow" to Dr. Cook. Its final blows are as numerous as the farewell tours of a prime donna.

Mr. William Randolph Hearst recently enjoyed a long flight in an aeroplane. Perhaps Mr. Hearst still entertains Presidential ambitions.

Mr. Cannon begins to think it is, indeed, impossible to fool all the Congressmen all the time.

A little near-spring now and then, is relished by the out-door men.

Comets are more plentiful since the determination of "What is whiskey?"

Evidently there are some of the English who do not "dearly love a lord."

"It is rumored that a great bread trust is being organized," says the New York Mail. Evidently, the bread of the future is to be less and less like mother used to make.

Before Mr. Roosevelt undertakes to referee that Johnson-Jeffries bout, however, a number of people will insist that he be put under bond to keep the peace.

Dr. Cook may not be much of an explorer, but he has given the public its best disappearance mystery since the Charley Ross case.

Illinois Patents.

The following patents were issued this week to Illinois inventors, reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C.:

A L Dallaire, Cairo, foldable vehicle-top, (sold); John Desmond, Chicago, compression tester for explosive engines, (sold); S L Erickson, Galesburg, dripping valve; V C Freeman, Rock Falls, supporting device for fruit protecting envelop, (sold); George Goetz, Canton, automatic weighing and recording scale for cars, (sold); H J Guttman, Chicago, dough cutter, (sold); James G Hall, O'Fallon, St. Louis, chalk line holder, (sold); John A Jackson, Chicago, coupling yoke, (sold); Chas H Johnson, Springfield, fluid pressure operated tool, (sold); Grace Mac Farland, Rockford, window lock; Leroy H Maxfield, Godfrey, chain grate furnace, (sold); H B Mc Cabe, Chicago, time recording register, (sold).

Copies of any of the above patents will be sent to our readers upon receipt of ten cents, by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., our special patent correspondents.

How Wolves Catch Wild Horses

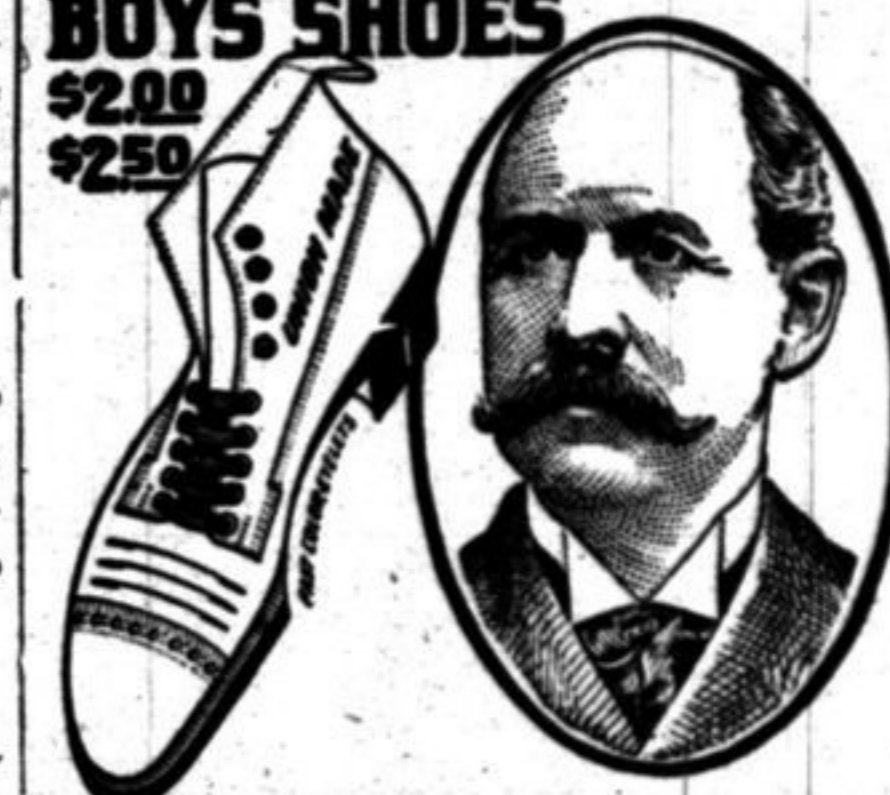
Travelers tell us that the wolves of Mexico have a strange way of catching the wild horses. These horses have great speed. It is almost impossible for a single cowboy to catch one. The cowboys, when they wish to run them down, have relays of pursuers. First one set of cowboys will chase the horses, then another and another, until at last the horses are caught by the lasso. But it is only when they are completely tired that they are caught; therefore it would be impossible for the wolves to catch them unless they used strategy, for the flight of the wolves is not so swift as that of the horses.

This is the way the wolves kill the wild horses of the Mexican plains: First, two wolves come out of the woods and begin to play to play together like two kittens. They gambol about each other and run backward and forward. Then the herd of horses lift their startled heads and get ready to stampede. But the wolves seem to be so playful that the horses, after watching them for awhile, forget their fears, and continue to graze. Then

the wolves in their play come nearer and nearer, while other wolves slowly and stealthily creep after them.

Then suddenly the enemies surround the herd and make one plunge, and the horses are struggling with the fangs of the relentless foes gripped in their throats.

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