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FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Cleveland and His Wife at the Theatre. The Worried Women of Washington. Billy McGarrahan's Pluck - Capitol Pages-The Fattest Congressman.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-The theatres of Washington are now in the height of their season, and the capital has better theatres than it has ever had before. Within the last two years two new large buildings have been erected, and the little theatres of days past have degenerated into twenty-five cent amusement halls. Theatre tickets at Washington cost \$1.25 for the parquet, \$1 for the orchestra circle and fifty and seventy-five cents for the balcony. Some of the biggest attractions, however, of shows here, are to be seen among the audience. This is composed of generals and statesmen, and it is not uncommon to have a president in the house. At Albaugh's Grand opera house the other night I saw a great many noted men and women. President Cleveland and his wife occupied one box and Senator Sherman and his little daughter another. In a third box was Secretary Whitney, together with his wife and a number of other fashionable ladies, and scattered about the crowd in the pit were a number of public men, any one of whom would be considered a hero outside of Washington.



THE CLEVELANDS AT THE PLAY. Mrs. Cleveland listened closely to the play. She didn't pay much attention to the audience, and she withstood without blushing the thousand and one opera glasses which were leveled at her. The president himself sat beside her, and during the different scenes he now and then made a remark to her. Between the acts he chatted quite freely, and I saw him several times laugh heartily at some remark which his very pretty wife made. Mrs. Cleveland is looking remarkably well. Her cheeks are plump, her eyes bright, and she has not that worn and weary appearance which is so common in Washington society belles.

The women of Washington are the most tired, faded and worn out set of females on God's footstool. They have but little freshness of complexion and there is little beauty among them. I have never lived in a city which had so few good looking young women, and I have never visited any place which had so many gray haired, fine looking old ones. The gray hair seems to come very quickly in Washington, and without one has a very safe position and a good income the wrinkles come with it. Employment in the government departments is death to contentedness of mind, and the 4,000 women and girls who are here employed show the effect of worry and care upon their features. They go to bed at night fearing that they may wake in the morning finding a notice of dismissal from their work. Many of them have families dependent upon them, and to the great majority their salary is their only means of support. If the matter could be investigated, I doubt not that there is more care, worry and trouble among Washington women than among those of any other city in the country.

Another cause of worry to our women here is their desire to rise in social rank. The desciples of the ragged edge are numerous at the capital, and every one is striving to climb a little higher. Most people live beyond their incomes, and credits are more freely given in Washington than elsewhere. I see well dressed women at receptions who buy their clothes by installments, and many a woman attended the theatre where I saw Mrs. Cleveland, and paid \$2 for tickets for herself and friends, who will be at her wits end at the close of this month to pay her room rent. The women who are in such straits often come from the best families in the country. They are governors' wives and generals' daughters who have received their positions on account of favors and services which their fathers and husbands have rendered in the

Going up to the White House the other day I saw Mrs. Cleveland's pet dog "Hector" on the front steps. He was sitting just at the front of the porte cochere, and he barked lustily as I came up. A moment later a guard came out and dragged him in and consigned him to the steward. This dog has become quite an important member of the White House, and he bids fair to make some lively scenes at the big receptions this winter if he is not watched. He is a fat, round poodle, with hair as black as oiled jet, and with a body half shaved. At the top of his tail there is a bunch of black curly hair, and the hair hangs down over his eyes in front. He is an imported dog, and, like all aristocrats, does not like interference from servants. He did not go with the guard very willingly to-day, and I imagine it would not take much provocation to make his sharp, white teeth meet in the calf of one of Col. Dinsmore's legs.

Washington is much interested in cable street railroads, and the prospect is that before another congress has begun to sit one without the aid of horses. The street railroads of Washington are big monopolies. Their stock is away up above par, and they have made fortunes for a number of men. They are cheap, however, and one can go from one end of Washington to another for five cents. All classes of people ride in them, I have seen Speaker Carlisle crowd himself up into one corner in order to give space enough for a colored girl beside him, and at another time Stanley Matthews and Justice Harlan passing up the fares for a whole car load of people. The Washington herdics are rather a curiosity in cheap street travel. They are much larger than those which have been used in other cities, and they are in fact finely finished street cars on large wheels. They are cushioned as nicely as a Pullman car, are well lighted, and are decidedly comfortable. One line goes into the fashionable northwest quarter of Washington, and this is almost always full of noted people. I rode down yesterday with Edward Everett Hale, and I go

of one of these herdics, his coat tails flapping in the breeze and his slouch hat pushed down over his eyes.

A character of Washington, whom I have not seen noticed in the newspapers, is the mounted page of the Capitol. There are a number of page boys in both the house and the senate who receive about \$2.50 a day for running the errands of the statesmen. The supreme court has two pages and there is a page on horseback who carries letters and messages from the Capitol to the great departments and the president. This boy often has very valuable documents in his possession, and he carries them in a pouch which he has slung by a string around his neck. He rides fast and well, and it rather reminds one of the days of post boys when he is seen dashing up Pennsylvania avenue. Now he has a message to carry to the house of Gen. Logan, now one over to Senator Edmunds, and now he goes to the White House with a message from some congressman to the president or Dan Lamont.

Congress had a surprise during its last days before the recess. The Oklahoma land bill was under discussion, and Representative Barnes, of Georgia, had the floor. Before this Barnes had been noted as the fattest man of the house. He had prided himself on weighing 300 pounds, and had asserted that he would not sell a pound of his weight for \$1,000. He had never made a speech, had not talked or blustered to any extent, and I think there was an opinion among his fellows that he had more fat than brains. As soon as he began to speak, however, it was discovered that he had even more brains than he had fat. He talked well, and created a decided impression, standing erect, with his big form thrown well to the front and his face, much like that of Grover Cleveland, looking direct into the eyes of Speaker Carlisle. He made one of the best speeches on the subject in hand that has yet been made. His strong voice came forth in good chest tones, and he demonstrated that he knew how to speak as well as what to say. The menibers gathered around him while he talked, and at the end of his speech he re-



MOUNTED PAGE.

George T. Darnes is now serving his first term in congress. He is a Georgia man by birth, and is now just 53 years old. When he graduated from college he weighed only 105 pounds, and it was the verdict of the various physicians that he would not long be out of his coffin. Barnes thought differently, however, and he studied and reputation, and in fact he is now one of the noted men of Georgia.

Speaking of his remarkable change from a spindling boy of 105 to a man of medium height weighing over 300, reminds me of the case of the brother of Admiral Porter, who was killed during the late war while in command of the ironclad Essex. William Porter was so small at his birth that he could not be dressed and was rolled up in cotton. He could sleep in a cigar box, and his father was accustomed after dinner to have the baby handed around the table lying on a napkin in a plate. Nevertheless this baby became a man of over 200 pounds, served through life in the navy and made a distinguished record in the late rebellion.

The social season opens this week, and matters will be lively from now until Lent. Mrs. Whitney will entertain as usual, and a number of receptions, outside of the usual ones, will be given at the White House. Mrs. Cleveland will now have a chance to get acquainted with the people, and I am no prophet if she doesn't make friends everywhere. So far every one in Washington likes her, and I hear little but good about her. She is quite modest. She is not at all snobbish. She is good looking and graceful; she knows how to wear her clothes, and she seems to have a great deal of tact, which last is a great thing in Washington society.



BARNES, OF GEORGIA.

There will be many germans given this winter, and the diplomats will, as usual, be in their element. There is a fear at the White House that Miss Winnie Davis may come to Washington; and if she does so, and Secretary Lamar brings her to the president's mansion, it will be impossible to refuse her admission. If the president treats her well the north will be angry. If he don't the south will be mad, and so he will swim, you see, between Scylla and Charybdis with the surety of being dashed on the rocks of one or the other. If Miss Davis comes to Washington she will probably spend some of her time with Dr. Garnett, who is an old friend of her father, and who, I think, was with him at Richmond, though I am not sure.

Three noted society girls come out this year, and these three are daughters of members of the cabinets They are Miss Manning, Miss Vilas and Miss Lamar. They are all pretty, all well educated, and all have had considerable training in the social schools of their own homes,

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