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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 14th, 1902.

Ever since the passage of the oleomargarine law the Senate has devoted itself to the subject of Chinese exclusion and, while it is assumed when the measure was called up that two or three days would suffice to dispose of the matter, no vote will be taken until Wednesday and the outcome is more problematical than it was a week ago. Senators Hoag, Dillonham, Gallinger and Culkin have all declared themselves opposed to the present measure on the ground one-ground or another and it is regarded as quite possible that the result will be the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Pratt, which consists of substituting the Geary law for the present bill and resubmitting it.

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velf's occupying the Presidential office for some weeks longer, during his first term, than any of his immediate predecessors seem to be gravely. The national committee appointed to consider the advisability of changing the date of inauguration met here recently and determined upon the last Thursday in April as the most favorable date. There are now forty-three governors of states who have accepted their appointment to the committee and it seems probable that, by their combined effort, the necessary change in the constitution will be accomplished. As has been pointed out, it is not only the danger to the health of the officials who take part in an inauguration which will be obviated by the change in date when the weather is more favorable, but the health of many thousands of visitors who flock to Washington, and who being away from home, are often the most exposed.

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On last Tuesday the House began its consideration of the Cuban reciprocity bill and has been debating the subject ever since. As the debate has progressed the opposition has declined and it is generally conceded that the measure will pass without amendment. The policy of the friends of the bill in preventing the setting of a date on which to vote has been proven judicious as the members who opposed the bill have weighed of the long debate and have lost interest. It is now predicted that a vote will be taken on Thursday of this week. So far the discussion has been characterized by some very able speeches, notably those of Messrs. Payne, Grosvenor and Long and it has been a matter of interest that these speeches have been almost entirely directed at the opposing factions of the republicans. The situation having been paid to the demerits of their contentions.

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An interesting session in the Senate last Friday was precipitated by Senator Depew who had, during the morning hours on Thursday, taken occasion to express his views on the proposed amendment to the constitution providing that senators shall be elected by popular vote. Mr. Depew gave notice that he would move an amendment providing for federal supervision of elections of senators and in so doing criticised the election laws in some southern states, among them by name, Mississippi and Kentucky. On Friday afternoon Senator Blackburn of the latter state responded to the junior Senator from New York and his remarks were so violent in the extreme that he at all times confined himself to purely parliamentary usage. Wishing to deny certain statements of the New York Senator he said, "It goes without saying that the truth is innocent of any appearance in that statement." The passage at arms between the senators amply demonstrated that men possessing a fine command of English need resort to no subtlety or Billingsgate to express their difference of opinion in most forcible terms.

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General Schenck appeared before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs yesterday last week and presented his testimony in regard to the proposed army reorganization bill. Among other things he stated that the present General of the Army, Miles, was not on speaking terms with the President or the Secretary of War and clearly demonstrated the inability of respecting the best administration of the army under a system which made it practically compulsory upon the President to retain as his chief subordinate a man with whom he could in no way agree. According to General Schenck, the staff would always be relieved of the responsibility of carrying out the administration of army details, for which his usual civilian training has not fitted him, and the selection of a chief of staff by the President would insure harmonious relations between the Commandant-in-Chief and the first military officer.

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