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### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

#### FOR THE DEMOCRAT:

Senator Cockrell, as Chairman of the caucus committee, reported to the Democratic Senatorial caucus this morning a list, assigning the Democratic Senators to positions on the newly created Senate committees, which was ratified by the caucus.

Affairs around the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House are beginning to take on an ugly look. The committee of the House, which has been investigating the defalcation of the absconding cashier Silcott, in its partial report tells enough about the loose way of doing business in that office to surprise people, and everybody knows that the committee discovered a good many things which it has not told because members and ex-members of the House are mixed up with them. This mystery should be at once and without delay swept away.

Matters have arrived at the stage where it will be for better to make public everything the committee has found out than to attempt to smother up things, as has been done. This smothering policy has resulted already in filling the air with rumors charging all sorts of things against various gentlemen of prominence in both parties. In the meantime Silcott is the Lord, only knows where, and the books show a shortage of about \$71,000. If the action or rather want of action on the part of those most concerned may be taken as a basis of opinion, Silcott's defalcation was no legal crime. He has however, been indicted by the grand jury of this city for forgery, and if his whereabouts can be discovered he may be brought back.

The Senate has two propositions before it relating to negro emigration from the South. One is a bill offered by Senator Butler and the other a resolution offered by Senator Gitson. Both look to government aid for the emigrants.

The McKinley tariff bill will probably be the popular name for the measure which the Republican members of the Ways and Means committee will try to formulate on that most troublesome

subject, the tariff. It is entirely too early to attempt to make a prediction as to what the new bill will be. Some people think the bill will be passed on the Senate tariff bill of the last session. Your correspondent does not think so. The Senate bill of last year was a vote-catching hodge-podge of absurdities hurriedly thrown together by order of certain Republican loaves, and could never have passed the Senate had not those who voted for it known that it was certain to be defeated in the House. The new bill will be constructed in a more leisurely way and will consequently be a better measure—it could hardly be worse.

Gen. Clark, ex-clerk of the House of Representatives has been presented with a valuable gold watch and chain by his former employees.

Chief Justice Fuller is coming out in a new role—that of a popular orator. He delivered the address at the Congressional centennial last Wednesday and he is to deliver an address at the dedication of the new Lincoln Music Hall in this city next Friday night.

The Senate has so far confirmed very few of Mr. Harrison's nominations, and against some of them there is a very active fight being made, notably Morgan, Commissioner of Indian affairs, and Dorchester, superintendent of Indian schools. It would not be surprising if these two are rejected.

A committee of the House has been appointed to try and run down the scoundrels who committed the forgeries on the notorious ballot box contract, which was used in the recent Ohio campaign. Honest men of both parties will earnestly wish the committee good speed in its good work.

The House committee on Elections having perfected an organization, the stream of perjury in the contested election cases will begin to flow this week.

Justice Lamar of the supreme Court has accepted an invitation to deliver an address to a mass meeting of the citizens of Richmond Va. on the life and character of the late Jefferson Davis.

The death of Mrs. Scott-Lord, a sister of Mrs. Harrison's, has made things very quiet around the White House.

Mr. Randall continues to improve. He took a short walk Saturday.

#### Washington, D. C. 1889.

#### The Mysteries of a Pack of Cards.

A Private soldier by the name of Richard Lee was taken before a magistrate, recently, for playing cards during divine service. It appears that a sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers, he took the text. Those who had a Bible took it out, but this soldier had neither Bible nor

common prayer book, but pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him. He just looked at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him, and said, "Richard, put up the cards; this is no place for them."

"Never mind that," said Richard.

When the service was over the constable took Richard before the mayor.

"Well," says the mayor, "what have you brought the soldier here for?"

"For playing cards in church."

"Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Much sir, I hope."

"Very good." If not, I will punish you more than any was ever punished.

"I have been, said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer book, I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I'll satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions." And spreading the cards before the mayor, he began with the ace: "When I see the ace, it reminds me there is but one God. When I see the deuce it reminds me of Father and Son. When I see the tray, it reminds me of Father, Son and Holy Ghost. When I see the four spot, it reminds me of the four Evangelists that preached, Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. When I meet the five, it reminds me of the five wise virgins that trimmed their lamps—there were ten, but five were wise and five were foolish and were shut out. When I see the six, it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth. When I see the seven, it reminds me that on the seventh day he rested from the great work he had created, and hallowed it. When I see the eight, it reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz: Noah and his wife, with three sons and their wives. When I see the nine, it reminds me of the nine lepers that were cleansed by our Saviour; there were nine out of ten who never returned thanks. When I see the ten, it reminds me of the ten commandments which God handed down to Moses on tables of stone. When I see the King, it reminds me of the King of heaven which is God Almighty. When I see the Queen it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought with her fifty boys and fifty girls, all dressed in boys' apparel for King Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. King Solomon sent for water for them to wash; the girls washed to the elbows and the boys to the wrists, so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the mayor, "you have given a good description of all the cards but one."

"What is that?"

"The knave," said the mayor.

or."

"I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the mayor, "if you do not terrify me with the knave."

"Well," said the soldier, "the greatest knave that I know of is the constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count how many spots in a pack of cards, I find three hundred and sixty-five, as many days as there are in a year. When I count the number of cards in a pack, I find there are fifty-two, the number of weeks in a year, and I find four suits, the number of weeks in a month. I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, representing the number of months in a year, and in counting the tricks, I find thirteen, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see sir, a pack of cards serves for a Bible, almanac and common prayer book. Select.

#### CLEVELAND AND HARRISON.

Parallel Passages From the messages of two Presidents.

The simple and plain duty which we owe the people is to reduce taxation to the necessary expenses of an economical administration of the government and to restore to the business of the country the money which we hold in the treasury through the perversion of governmental powers. These things can and should be done with safety to all our industries.—President Cleveland's Message, 1887.

The collection of money not needed for the public uses impose an unnecessary burden upon our people, and the presence of so large a surplus in the public vaults is a disturbing element in the conduct of private business.—President Harrison's Message, 1889.

Under the present laws more than four thousand articles are subject to duty. Many of those do not in any way compete with our own manufactures. A considerable reduction can be made in the aggregate by adding them to the free list.—President Cleveland's message, 1887.

The free list can very safely be extended by placing thereto articles that do not offer injurious competition to such domestic products as our home labor can supply.—President Harrison's Message, 1889.

Persons who lead a life of exposure are subject to rheumatism, neuralgia, and lumbago and will find a valuable remedy in J. H. McLean's Volcanic Ointment; it will banish pain and subdue inflammation.

Are you restless at night, and harassed by a bad cough? Use Dr. J. H. McLean's Tor Wilm-Lung Balm, it will secure you sound sleep, and effect a prompt and radical cure.

#### North Carolina's Valor at New Orleans.

At a great meeting of Veterans at New Orleans on Wednesday night, Gen. Gordon, President of the Veteran's Association, presided and among others Gov. Fowle was called out. The Democrat reports the speech as follows:

GOV. D. G. FOWLE.

of North Carolina, in response to repeated calls, rose and addressed the meeting. He said that he was born on Tar River, and the people of North Carolina were remarkable for their striking qualities. They had proven that during the war, Jefferson Davis, beloved by his soldiers, and achieved a fame that would never fade.

"He was our President, and in North Carolina we believe that there was no man who could have conducted the Confederacy as well as he did. The private soldier, who is a great critic, never found anything to criticize in Jefferson Davis. Tonight in the name of the private soldier (the great glory of the Confederacy depended on the private soldier), I tell you that in Carolina, next to that which is set for Washington is their love for Jefferson Davis.

"You ask what will North Carolina do? It is not necessary to make any reply. We may be slow, but we get here all the same."

Gov. Fowle closed amid the wildest applause. So enthusiastic, in fact, were the expressions of approval that he was forced to respond. On resuming his address the speaker said:

"I don't know that there is anything more that I can say that except it is about that flag which Mr. Secretary Proctor refused to raise at half-mast over his office. Don't you know, and don't I know, that when the United States was engaged in a war with Mexico, standing upon the field of Buena Vista when old Zach Taylor sat on his old white horse and the old seemed to be going against him, while 4,000 Mexicans were endeavoring to charge that battery, and Captain Bragg was giving them a little more grape, don't we know that a Mississippi regiment was called upon to make the charge that afterward became so famous, the charge that was led by Mr. Davis; and don't we know that the very flag that they refused to hoist over the office of the Secretary of war; don't we know that that flag swept the field of Buena Vista; like a meteor it swept across the vision of old Zach Taylor, and when the Mississippi regiment charged those 40,000 Mexicans and routed them, that flag was born by Jefferson Davis (Tremendous applause.)

"And tonight, my countrymen, I tell you I love that flag, and I believe that Mr. Davis had a good feeling for it a the days of his life. He had reflected honor upon it, and he loved it. Mr. Davis was slow to go into this war, but when he went there, like North Carolina, he went there

and stayed. I'll tell you what I want to say, believing that that great heart of his was in favor of this great country of ours, and after he found that the Southern Confederacy could not be established, he desired this country to be greater, and more prosperous than ever before. "Let us show that the hearts of the Southern people are in favor of that government that we once controlled, and that we are again going to control. (Great applause.) And when the next monument is raised to our nation's hero; when they raise a monument to Abraham Lincoln piercing almost the very clouds, let us, a nation, on the other side of that square, erect another monument equally as high, and upon its top let us emblazon in letters of gold the name of our hero, Jefferson Davis."

#### NOTICE!

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by A. C. Miller and wife, Martha Miller of the first part and George W. Lowman of the second part, which Mortgage Deed is duly registered in the office of the register of deeds of Watauga county in Book "41" of mortgages, pages five hundred and 63 and 64. I will proceed to sell at the court house in Boone for cash to the highest bidder on the first Monday in January 1890 the tract of land described in said mortgage, lying in Cove Creek township, Watauga county adjoining the lands of T. C. and W. A. Miller and others as will more fully appear by reference to said mortgage containing 200 and fifty acres more or less to satisfy the payment of the sum of \$200 with interest and costs. This fourth day of Dec, 1889. E. F. Lovell Atty for mortgagee.

#### NOTICE!!

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Watauga county N. C. the undersigned as administrator of E. J. Blackburn Decd., will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at the court house door, in Boone, on the 1st Monday in Jan. 1890, the said E. J. Blackburn's individual interest in a certain tract or parcel of land known as the W. W. Blackburn land, adjoining the lands of W. W. Blackburn and others. It being one fifth interest in said lands. Terms of sale \$25 down to defray expenses, balance on six months time. Title reserved until payment is made. I further notify all persons having deeds or other instruments that have been recorded by the said E. J. Blackburn decd. and remains in the Reg. office must pay the fees and lift them as I can no longer indulge them. This Nov. 25, '89. M. B. Blackburn, Admr.

#### NOTICE!

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to us by M. A. Proemel and wife, Charlotta, dated the 13th. day of Nov. 1888. Recorded in the office of the Reg. of Deeds, in Book "C" pages, 57 and 58 11th of Nov. 1889. One tract of land containing fifty acres more or less, adjoining the lands of J. P. Henson, Church and Harman's heirs in Shawnee law township, in Watauga Co. We will expose for sale the above described lands to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door, in the town of Boone on the 6th. day of January 1890. for the amount set forth in said mortgages. This Dec. 25, '89. E. M. Greer & Jacob Yeager, mortgagees.

When nature fails and requires help, recruit her enfeebled energies with Dr. J. H. McLean's strengthening Cordial and blood purifier. \$1.00 per bottle.