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WASHINGTON LETTER.

A New Letter About the Last Happenings of the Special Session of the U. S. Senate—Beef Trust.

From our own Correspondent.

For once in the great flood of years the Democrats have stood together on the Santo Domingo treaty fight, and they have won. That old war-horse, Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, has pointed out more blow-holes in the treaty than can be found in the armor plate of the armor plate trust. I pointed out, in this correspondence, more than a year ago that there would be an attempt to take over Santo Domingo, or at least enter into a treaty that would give this country absolute jurisdiction over the island, for the purpose of collecting the debts of the creditors of the island and negro republic. A good many of these creditors reside in the United States, and many of them are high up in Administration circles. They bought the bonds of Santo Domingo at a very low price on the dollar, and it they can get this country to take hold of affairs down there they can collect par for them. That is the way the Republicans do business, and that is the way they pay election bets. That is the milk in the Santo Domingo cocoanut.

At its two sessions the Fifty-eighth Congress had voted to spend \$1,594,651,289.99, which is more than was appropriated in gold by any previous Congress in our history, not excepting the period of the Civil War. In the short session just closed, the great things were done. One of the leaks in our land law was stopped by abolishing the free land privilege which has enabled speculators to swindle the Government by exchanging worst land tract in forest reserves for valuable timber lands outside.

The Yosemite Valley has come again under the control of the United States, having been re-ceded by the State of California a valuable precedent for the rescue of Niagara. Provision has been made for improving the efficiency of the militia by encouraging rifle practice. The Government has been authorized to take part in the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent English settlement on this continent, at Jamestown, Virginia. For the first time since the contract was made, seven years ago, Congress has refused to make the annual appropriation of \$130,000 to pay rent to the National City Bank for the old Custom House site in New York. This was one of the scandalously bad bargains characteristic of the Government's dealings with shrewd financiers. The Government agreed to pay "rent" on its own funds, incidentally cheating the city of New York out of taxes. But since the bargain was made, the rent will ultimately have to be paid out of the people's pockets.

The average newspaper correspondent in Washington, who works at the business for a living, is a manly, truthful, honest man. He rarely sends out lies in his paper, for he knows that a lie is a boomerang, but some of the scribblers here in Washington who are employed as private secretaries to members of Congress, or clerks in some of the departments, who do not know what news is and never get out to get news, even if they did know it, are the worst liars and scandal-mongers on the face of the earth. They invariably pick out a shining mark to shoot their slime at, always some man who is person non grata to their editors, thus currying favor at home.

A favorite theme with them is William H. Hearst, and the unpopularity of money he is always spending for something or other, in order to prejudice people who are easily prejudiced. In writing about the inaugural parade here is a sample line: William Randolph Hearst is said to have paid the highest price of any one for rooms and front windows at the New Willard. The sum paid was \$2,000. This from the Telegram of Portland, Me. When this lie reached Council Bluffs, Iowa, the Nonpareil raised the ante to \$2,500. The truth is, no could really have been ascertained if the scandal-mongering papers were not eager for such stuff, that Representative Hearst was not in Washington at all on Inauguration day, as were not many other Representatives, both Democratic and Republican. He did not even pay as much as twenty cents for any kind of a window to view the parade. Mr. Hearst has lived at the New Willard for some months during the session of Congress, paying the regular rate per day for his rooms as any other guest would pay; his rooms were engaged by him until March 5, and as he was to be absent on the 4th of March, he permitted a personal friend to have the benefit of the view from his hotel windows.

A source of great amusement to the Democrats at the capital has been the dilemma in which the Republicans have found themselves over the report of Commissioner of Corporations Garfield on the investigation into the Beef Trust.

Commissioner Garfield has practically exonerated the great packers of all the charges made against them. For instance, it shows that instead of being a "close corporation" and three or four men meeting and fixing the prices of cattle on the hoof and of the dressed product, Swift & Co. doing a business of \$200,000,000 a year, have over 6,000 stockholders. That's the largest packing business company in the world, with \$35,000,000 capital, and doing business on a margin of 2 per cent. on its sales.

Where the Republicans are in a quandary is in this—that Mr. Garfield is the son of the martyred President, a staunch Republican, and a gentleman of unquestioned integrity. He is the bosom friend of Roosevelt, and was selected for the post of "Inspector of Corporations" because the President had sublime confidence in his honesty and incorruptibility; consequently, when he reports, after an investigation in which the resources of the Government, including the U. S. Treasury, were placed at his disposal, that he finds no "trust," but that the big packers are doing business on a margin which any merchant would regard as extremely meagre, the report must be accepted or rejected by his party. If accepted, the so-called Beef Trust must be exonerated; if rejected, the President's friend and trusted agent of the Government must be charged with incompetence. Either horn of the dilemma is sufficient to give the Republicans a bad half hour.

What Roosevelt thinks of the situation is not known, as he has made no comment, publicly, at least; but this much is clear, and that is that Garfield is being groomed for the Presidential nomination in 1908, and the fact that Roosevelt continues him in his position and confidence is sufficient proof of the fact that President Roosevelt is satisfied that if there was any "Beef Trust," or that the great packers were making excessive profits, Mr. Garfield would have ascertained the same in the course of his investigation, and that, as he reported to the contrary, that report is to be accepted by the President and the people of the country as final. It is up to the Republicans either fish, cut bait, or get out of the boat.

Of course, packers and cattlemen know that instead of 99 cents the profit is \$3. Mr. Garfield takes no account, apparently, of the by-products—the glue from the hoofs and horns, the hair, the leather from the hide, the beef tea extract, the fertilizer, the profits on the refrigerator cars, the railroad rebates, etc.

CHARLES A. EDWARDS.

PROGRAM OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Union, OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY, ASHEBORO, N. C. APRIL 5-6, 1905. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 10-12 a. m.

Devotion. Union Rally Hymn. Pastor's Welcome. Roll Call. Minutes of last Meeting. Reports of Executive Committee. Secretary and Treasurer. Miscellaneous Business. Hymn.

WEDNESDAY, 4:30-6 p. m.

Hymn. Is work among boys worth while? Miss Katherine Hawes, Richmond, Va. Sentence Prayers. Conference on Young People's work. Conducted by Miss Hawes. Social gathering. Residence of Mrs. Allie H. Worth. Hymn.

WEDNESDAY, 8 p. m.

Public Address, by Rev. H. F. Williams, Nashville, Tenn.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 10-12 a. m.

Devotional Exercises. Reports of Societies. Reports of Junior Bands. Reports of Young People's Work. Sentence Prayers. Election of Officers.

The Work in Fayetteville Union. Mrs. Robert N. Page, Biscoe, N. C. Hymn.

THURSDAY, 3:30-5 p. m.

Appointment of Committees. Miscellaneous Business. Adjournment.

THURSDAY, 8 p. m.

Address by a Missionary.

All ladies are cordially invited to all the sessions of the Union and the public at large invited to the evening services. The social gathering at Mrs. Allie H. Worth's is given in honor of the delegates and their hostesses.

Oldest Man and Woman.

Mr. J. F. McKnight, of this city, and Mrs. J. W. Barker, of Randolph county, who were in Harnett county recently on a hunting expedition, ran across a colored man down there who has attained the age of 100 years. The old fellow is named Willis McRea, and he has an authenticated record of his birth in October, 1799. His father was a white man. William has been married three times and had two children by his first wife, thirteen by his second and fourteen by his third, twenty-nine in all. Of his grandchildren there are seventy-five living. His oldest son is 81 and his youngest 22 years old. He owns a thousand acres of good land and is well off in this world's goods. With his good eyesight, good hearing and general good health and activity he bids fair to live some years yet. In the same section lives a colored woman who claims to be 115 years old.—Greensboro Patriot.

Snow in April, The Coldest Winter and Driest Summer.

Capt. W. I. Everett, of Rockingham, writes us that the year in which snow fell on the 15th of April was 1849. In our last issue we had '45 or '46 down as the year. The error is ours, not our friend Mr. W. D. McDonald's, for since receiving Capt. Everett's letter we recall that Mr. McDonald really said "between '45 and '60," he wasn't sure. However, the matter is profitable in that we have learned the year. It is also profitable because Capt. Everett has brushed up his memory and says further in his letter that "1845 was the dry year" and "the cold. Saturday night when chickens froze on their roosts was Feb. 14th 1835."

Miss Whitehead to Marry.

Miss Sue Whitehead, who visited here some time ago, at Trinity last summer and who was for two years student at G. F. College, will be married this week to a prominent physician of Yazoo City, Miss., her home.

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New Corn Meal Law.

The new corn meal law is as follows:

"Sec. 1. The standard weight of a bushel of corn meal, whether bolted or unbolted, shall be forty-eight pounds.

"Sec. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to pack for sale, or offer for sale, in this State, any corn meal except in bags or packages containing, by standard weight, two bushels, or one bushel, or one-half bushel, or one-fourth bushel, or one-eighth bushel, respectively. Each bag or package of corn meal shall have plainly printed or marked thereon, whether the meal is "bolted" or "unbolted," the amount it contains, bushels, or fractions of a bushel, and the weight. Provided, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the retailing of meal direct to customers from bulk stock, when priced and delivered by actual weight or measure.

"Sec. 3. Any person or persons guilty of violating either of the foregoing sections of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment at not exceeding thirty days, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Lane Morgan Captured.

Lane Morgan was convicted at Sept term of Troy Superior Court 1903 of murder in the second degree for killing his brother-in-law, John Richardson. He was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary. He escaped in a short time from the penitentiary and has been at large. Recently he has been operating a blockade still near Spies. On Monday of last week he was captured.

The Carthage Blade tells of his capture on the Miller place. Messrs J. H. Bruce and Dan A. Saunders effected the capture, with others, and brought him to Carthage, turning him over to Sheriff Turner.

He had a difficulty with his uncle, R. A. Britt, and this led to his capture. Efforts were made at once to arrest him, and he was finally located in the woods on the Miller place. He gave the deputies a lively chase running about three-quarters of a mile before he gave up. Once after he was apprehended he attempted to escape and ran some distance before his capture.

New Railroad For Greensboro.

Mr. Frank D. Jones, of Guilf, general manager of the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, was here last night. He always speaks hopefully indeed, confidently of the D and C. "Will it ever really come into Greensboro," a reporter queried. "It certainly will," was the reply. "In two or three years." "Will Mr. Leaning, the present owner, continue to own it as an independent line?" He will for as long as it will make money out of it, he can. Mr. Jones said at present work was in progress on that part of the line between Little River and Troy. The part of the road that is in operation he states is paying very nicely.—Greensboro Telegram.

Modish Spring Millinery.

"More interesting than that of any other season is the millinery of Spring," says the Delineator for April. "While some of the shapes are of the picture type, the preference is for the more modest and various modifications. Oval and square crowns are both in favor, and quite the newest idea is the oblong crown having a deep crease from the front to the back. The brim of this hat is rolled at the sides and is of a modish oval shape. This design is pleasingly carried out in the pliable straw, while it is seen even in tulle and lace with a long plume sweeping around the crown and fastened near the front with an ornament or tosette.

"Smooth straw braids are extensively used in the smart Spring hats, and clip and Milan are perhaps in highest favor. Lace Milan braids are seen in dressy headgear, and they are adapted to the artistic shapes in vogue. Among the modish colors are blue, brown, butter ochre, champagne and green. Brown and green are associated in some of the most attractive examples of the milliner's art.

"Plumes of coq feathers are much used, and they are in all the fashionable colors, as well as in shaded effects and in white. Quills are in favor, too, and frequently two will be attached to the rolled edge of a hat brim by a knot of ribbon, or fastened by a cockade or buckle. Shaded effects are most popular. Braids are a modish trimming on hats for ordinary wear and when associated with the new soft and beautifully colored ribbons, they are most effective.

The legislative deal liberally with the insane giving an appropriation at Raleigh of \$43,000 for a new building. The Morganton hospital asked for no appropriation for a new building, as a new building large enough to accommodate 30 men is nearing completion. An appropriation for \$6,000 for new boilers and \$5,000 for an amusement hall were given. More money was given for maintenance than was ever before given, in fact, all that was asked was given. There was a large increase for the purpose, because there is a large increase in the number of inmates in both institutions.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LAW.

The public school law remains practically unchanged in its main essentials. The most important change recommended by the committee, a provision for five state district summer schools for teachers, at a cost of \$7,500 per annum, was defeated. Another departure suggested was to make the holding of county teachers' institutes by the county boards of education compulsory. This was also voted down, but the recommendation that these summer schools be held bi-annually instead of annually was accepted, also that the amount to be appropriated by the county boards shall be from \$200 to \$250, as may be determined by the state superintendent, instead of \$200.

The new law allows the state superintendent \$4,000 a year in lieu of and in compensation for traveling expenses, instead of \$500 for traveling expenses and for additional clerical assistance. The salaries of the clerk to the state superintendent and the special clerk in charge of the loan fund are increased from \$1,000 to \$1,250, and that of the stenographer from \$500 to \$600.

For every private examination for teachers' certificates each applicant shall pay in advance to the county superintendent a fee of \$3.00. This fee was \$1.00 in the old law.

HISTORICAL SCHOOL BOOKS.

For the purpose of promoting the production and publication of school books relating to the history, literature or government of North Carolina for use in the public schools, it was enacted that for two years, 1905 and 1906, five thousand dollars per annum be taken from the appropriation for the public schools to be used by the state board of education to encourage the production and procure the control of such school books as in the judgment of the board properly relate to the history, literature or government of North Carolina. The board is to fix the price at which these books shall be sold to the children in the public school, and the proceeds of such sales not further needed for the purpose this act shall belong to the public school fund.

Waterson on Gambling.

All gambling is vulgar. Call it what you will, assign for it whatever motive you please, it is an irrational, an ignominious struggle for money.

Money got for nothing on the turning of a card or the revolution of a wheel bringseth good to no man, not even to him who wins it. And to him that loseth? Sometimes perdition, often, very often, that sinking sensation, that tired feeling—even where the value lost is immaterial—which follows futile effort and says as plain as whisper in the ear, "The world's against you."

There is a postal card picture which shows the facade of the Casino at Monte Carlo, with a drove of sheep, fat and woolly, getting in, and the same drove, nude and skinned, coming out, and no friendly voice to cry, "May Heaven temper the wind to the shorn lamb!"

Gambling, like everything else, is relative. The sin lies in the overplay, with its collateral vices, chief among them improvidence. The reigning sovereign, who has only his money to lose, and plenty of that, is not to be classed with the banker or the banker's confidential clerk or secretary, who has everything at stake, character included, though each plays for the same end—that is, the diversion and excitement. Asked what was the greatest pleasure in life, Fox said, "Winning at cards." There was a gambler for the love of it, and yet Fox played never for high stakes after he was forty, if he played at all.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The times have changed and we have changed with them. In McClure's magazine for February, Mr. Eugene Wood, in a delightful fashion, tells of the old fashion school and sings in high praise of the old fashioned school where arithmetic and spelling were taught as thorough methods of life or six times and the favorite method of spelling was by heart and where a pupil missed a day he went foot. He had competition and declamation on Friday afternoons in those days.

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