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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

For the DEMOCRAT:

General Hancock uttered a great truth, when he said a few days after he was nominated for the Presidency "the tariff is a local issue." If evidence had been necessary to prove this statement it has been supplied in large quantities by the statements made to the House committee on Ways and means in the hearing now going on upon the proposed new tariff bill which the Republicans of that Committee are engaged in preparing. For instance, the New England manufacturers say that unless they are given free coal and free iron ore they will shortly be ruined while the iron and coal people of Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio, to say nothing of others, stoutly maintain that unless the present tariff on coal and iron is kept where it is, or raised, they will be ruined, and will have to abandon their mines. When Gen. Hancock called the tariff a local issue the smart-alecks thought it was because he was ignorant of the subject but since then many able men, after years of study have arrived at exactly the same conclusion, because there is no other logical conclusion. No tariff bill that has ever been gotten up, or ever will be, will give satisfaction to the entire country. It is simply impossible because the interests of one section are always directly opposed to those of another section.

Mr. Harrison returned to the White House late Saturday night from a duck-hunting expedition down the Potomac and James Rivers. He also visited Lower Brandon on the James, which was the home of his forefathers several generations ago and which is still owned by another branch of the numerous Harrison family. He came through Richmond Va. where he was given a very cordial reception.

The decorations given the late S. S. Cox by the Sultan of Turkey are on exhibition at the National Museum in this city and are attracting much attention. According to royal etiquette they are to be returned to the Sultan in a short time.

The cruiser Baltimore—the fastest war ship in the world has been formally accepted by the navy department, and will be placed in commission as soon as she can be made ready.

It is denied at the navy department that our squadron was sent to Lisbon to compel Portugal to comply with certain demands made by the State department, as was stated in a New York paper last Friday.

Supervising architect Win drim of the Treasury will it is said, resign because he can not get time enough to look after his private business while in office, although he says it was promised him that he could, when he was asked to take the place.

Look out for squalls early in January. Corporal Tanner has accepted an invitation from the Butler club of Boston, to make a speech on the Jackson anniversary January the 8th.

Now, that everybody regards it as certain that the House will pass the resolution instructing the committee on Reform, in the Civil Service, to investigate the various charges made against the Commission. The Commissioners have begun telling folks how glad they are, and how much they court the strictest investigation. Let them wait until the investigation is ended, and then tell the people how they feel.

Ex-Senator Sabin, of Minnesota, is here, it is said for the purpose of trying to defeat the confirmation of certain appointments, but he denies that. All the same it will not be surprising if several men who made themselves conspicuous in downing Mr. Sabin, should find themselves on the list of rejected nominations.

Representative Moore, of Texas, who is a member of the House committee on Elections, thinks the large number of contested elections from the South is the direct result of a Republican conspiracy to unseat enough Democrats to give a good working majority. His only hope is, that the chairman of the Election committee will be fair enough to put a stop to the revolutionary programme. A rather slim hope.

Senator Voorhees is back is back from Ohio, where he has been conducting the defence in a sensational murder trial.

Hon. John ("Bishop") Oberly, a popular member of the Cleveland administration, has gone into private business here. If good wishes count for anything, the new firm is sure to succeed.

Mr. Clarkson is running the Postoffice department while Mr. Wannamaker is in Philadelphia straightening up the years business, and getting things in shape for the coming year in his big store.

Washington, D. C.

If you suffer prickling pains on moving the eyes, or cannot bear bright light, and find your sight weak and failing, you should promptly use Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening eye salve twenty-five cents a box.

AN UNKNOWN LAND.

A Section of the U. S. Never Trodden by White Men.

Washington has a great unknown land like the interior of Africa, says the *Seattle Press*. The country shut in by the Olympic Mountains, which includes an area of about 2,500 miles square, has never, to the positive knowledge of old residents of the territory, been trodden by the foot of man, white or Indian. These mountains rise from the level country within ten to fifteen miles of the straits of San Juan de Fuca in the North, the Pacific Ocean on the West, Hood's canal in the East, and the basin of Quinault lake in the South, and rising to the height of 6 to 8 thousand feet, shut in a vast unexplored area.

The most generally accepted theory in regard to the country is, that it consisted of great valleys stretching from the inward slopes of the mountains to a great central basin. This theory is supported by the fact that, although the country around has abundant rain, and clouds hang over the mountain tops, all the streams flowing toward the four points of the compass are insignificant, and rise on the outward slope of the range, none appearing to drain the great area shut in by the mountains. The fact seems to support the theory that the streams flowing from the inner slopes of the mountains feed a great interior lake. But what drains this lake? It must have an outlet somewhere, and as all the streams pouring from the mountains rise on their outward slope, it must have a subterranean outlet into the ocean, straits or the sound. There are great discoveries in store for some of Washington's explorers.

A gentleman named Drew, now residing at Olympia, states that he has climbed to the summit of the eastern range from Hood's canal, and looking down could see great valleys stretching toward the west. A party of railroad prospectors claim to have penetrated the interior, but could give no account of it and appear only to have skirted the outer slopes ten or fifteen miles from Hood's canal. A party of United States soldiers are said to have traversed the country from Port Townsend, but no data is obtained as to what they say.

Numerous attempts have been made to organize exploring parties, but they have invariably fallen through, the courage of protectors oozing out at the last moment. There is a fine opportunity for some of the hardy citizens of the sound to acquire fame by unveiling the mystery which wraps the land encircled by the snow-capped Olympic range.

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

Soldier's Home Agent's Report

Car. News and Observer.

NEWTON N. C. Dec. 26 '89
As heretofore announced, I make the following report of names and amounts secured for the Soldiers' Home during the first month canvass.

The following notes and subscriptions have been secured by me and turned over to the treasurer:

Julius S. Carr, cash	\$25
" " note	475
W. S. Stonach, note	100
Josephus Daniels, note	100
Gov. D. G. Fowle, note	100
Col Wm. Saunders, note	100
Col. T. F. Davidson note	100
R. H. Battle, note	30
Busbee & Busbee, note	40
Ed C. Smith, note	50
Col. Julius A. Gray, note	100
Gov. A. M. Seales sub.	100
Elias Carr, subscribed	100
Col. A. B. Andrews sub.	100
H. M. Cowan, sub.	70
C. M. Roberts, sub.	5
W. P. Batchelor, sub.	5
A. D. Jones, sub.	5
Senator Z. B. Vance,	100
Total amount	\$1,715

I met Congressmen Cowles and Henderson and they stated that they and others of our Congressional delegation would respond to my appeal soon after the holidays.

The canvass was confined mainly to the city of Raleigh, though I saw a number of persons from different parts of the State, and have many verbal promises of help.

About one-half of the month was spent in getting ready for the canvass. The section of North Carolina least affected by short crops, &c, have not been canvassed. May we not therefore expect better things further on.

Respectfully,
M. O. SHERRILL,
Agent.

State papers please copy.

Far better than the harsh treatment of medicines which horribly gripe the patient and destroy the coating of the stomach, Dr. J. McLean's Chills and fever cure, by mild yet effective action will cure. Sold at fifty cents a bottle.

Let Our Colored People Ponder.

A copy of the *Christian Recorder*, published in Philadelphia under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, has been placed on our table by Jos. E. Sampson, the Register of Deeds of this county, who is himself a colored man of excellent reputation and a cautious leader of the race. He has called our attention to the following card which we reproduce from the *Recorder*:

Notice to the ministers of Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, North and South Carolina Conferences:

Please, in the name of common respect, urge upon the colored people of your several States, by instructing them from your pulpits not to come to Louisiana for their own good. There is a white man out here now known as "negro emigrator," named Williams, and who is from Georgia, contracting with the big planters in the swamps and valley regions of this State to bring several hundred of our people out here this winter from the a-

bove named States, at \$25 dollars a head and under. We would not suffer our race to be brought here and sold, in a sense, especially in this enlightened age of the world. These big planters get the negroes here and put them under overseers and they are unmercifully whipped and driven like cattle. If they resist the punishment, then they are taken out by a mob and beaten to death or lynched. Let them stay away from here. It is better for them to live on bread and water in their native State, than to come out here and be treated like beasts. I warn you all for the love I have for God and humanity. Please send the alarm as watch men on the walls. These white men as Negro traders, I am told go to those States and get in with some influential colored minister, and they, the ministers, persuade our people to immigrate for a few dollars. O, what a pity and a shame if such is the case! I am yours for God and my race. J. W. Rankin.
—*Messenger*.

A BIG LAND DEAL

A big land deal was affected in Morganton last Monday by which the title to the Bond timber lands, in Caldwell county passed to Philadelphia capitalists in exchange for a big pile of gold. The Bond tract contains 18,440 acres of fine timber and mineral lands, and was the property of Miss Louisa M. Bond. Col. S. McD. Tate executed a deed to the purchasers under a power of attorney from Mrs. Bond. The purchasers are Jos. W. Janney, Chas. M. Allen and Aurin B. Nichols, of Philadelphia, Pa., and the sale was affected by Mr. W. B. Council, Jr., a prominent lawyer of Boone, Watauga county. Mr. Council has also recently affected a sale to the same parties of the Davis entries in Caldwell and Watauga counties containing about 12,000 acres of land, so that the Philadelphia syndicate have control of 30,000 acres of the finest timber lands in the South. Most of the land lies along the base and the southern slopes of the Blue Ridge, in Caldwell county. We are informed that the purchase price of the Bond lands was \$27,000, or \$1.50 per acre.
—*Morganton Herald*.

Tariff Reform.

There was a great tariff reform meeting held the other night in Boston, at which the able Representative from Texas, Mr. Roger Q. Mills, was the chief speaker. The key note to his able speech was "the best home market is the one in which is admitted the largest importation." Mr. Edward Atkinson, the noted publicist, also spoke, as did many others. Mr. Atkinson said that the "tend of all thought and of action is toward relieving the materials which are necessary in the processes of domestic industry from taxation.—*Messenger*.

The *Boston Record* estimates that over 2,000,000 quinine pills, weighing about a ton, have been consumed by the people of that city during the past ten days. It arrives at this conclusion after interviews with druggists and physicians, one wholesale drug firm alone reporting a sale of 50,000 pills on last Saturday. This is a larger quantity than Boston usually consumes in a whole year, and it gives about five pills to every man, woman and child in the city. It shows how strong a hold "la grippe" has taken on the locality. If other cities consume a proportional quantity of this drug during the prevalence of the influenza epidemic, a serious inroad on the supply of quinine will be made, and an advance in its price may be the result.
—*Boston Record*.

Victoria's Throne.

The English throne, used in the coronation ceremonies of the Kings and Queens of Great Britain, and which is so splendid in its covering of rich silks, velvets and gold, is, in fact, simply an old oak chair of antique pattern. It has been used in all state occasions for the last 900 years, and perhaps even longer as many reputable writers claim that they have discovered traces of its existence prior to the eleventh century. Ages of use have made the old oak framework as hard and tough as iron. The back and sides of this chair throne were formerly painted in various colors, all of which are now hidden by heavy hangings of silk, satin and velvet.

The magic power attributed to the old relic lies in the seat, which is made of a heavy rough looking sandstone, 26 inches in length, 17½ inches in width and 19½ inches in thickness. Long before it was wrapped in velvet and trimmed in gold, to be used by the Tudors and the Stuarts, this old stone of stones served as a seat during the coronation of the early Scottish Kings.—*Progressive Farmer*.

THE DEAD EDITOR.

The Brilliant Career of Henry Woodfin Grady Ended.

The State of Georgia, the "New South" and the entire American Union have sustained an irreparable loss. Henry W. Grady is dead. Dead in the very morning of his fame, when all the elements of the business and political situation seemed to combine to promise him the brightest future of any young man in the United States. He was but 38 years old, and yet he had rounded the circle of achievement in many lines and gained fame as editor, correspondent, orator, patriot and reformer. The peculiar situation demanded just such a man to make the two sections known to each other, and that man was just fitted.