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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

### For the Democrat:

Ex-Speaker Carlisle's statement showing that the appropriations contemplated by the republican majority would leave a deficiency in the Treasury has caused Mr. Cannon, chairman of the House Appropriation committee to make a statement which he calls an answer to Mr. Carlisle. Mr. Cannon's estimate leaves out a number of appropriations that the republicans generally have pledged their party to make. Time will tell which statement is correct. For the sake of the country Mr. Carlisle would not object to having Mr. Cannon prove to be right.

Poor Harrison, he is indeed to be pitied when even Jay Hubbell can come to Washington and abuse him through the medium of a newspaper interview.

It is a mistake to suppose that the Oklahoma bill which passed the House last week opened the Cherokee strip to settlement, and Mr. Harrison has issued a proclamation of warning to people intending to settle thereon.

A resolution passed by the House calls on the Sec. of War for information as to the money and facilities he has for rendering aid on the flooded Mississippi river.

The worlds fair bill has been perfected according to the ideas of the Chicago folks and it will probably come up in the House this week. Nothing has been agreed upon as to date. The Government appropriation is \$1,500,000.

The wonderful egg is at last hatched, and the product-Representative Lodge's Federal election bill has been reported to the House. It is a remarkable concoction, and is claimed to be based upon the Australian system of voting.

Senator Voorhees and Judge Jeremiah Wilson will help in the defense of C. E. Kincaid, the newspaper man, who killed Ex-Congressman Taulbee, of Kentucky.

There is a regular monkey and parrot time going on in the Navy department. Sec. Tracy has forced the head of one bureau to resign, and it is said there are others to follow. Naval officers accuse Mr. Tracy of being whimsical in his ideas.

Republican Senators have had the nerve to engage in a revolt against Quay's bossing. Quay, according to the story, demanded that the present Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate should be put out to make room for one of his men, and a majority of the republican Senators, not only refused to this, but intimated in very plain language to Quay's agent—the boss being still in Florida—that even if there was a vacancy in the office his man could not have it. The question now is whether Quay will quietly pocket the affront or whether he will attempt to whip enough of the Senators into line to control a par-

ty caucus and attempt to get revenge.

According to high republican authority, they will only require about 50,000,000 a year to pay the pensions under the bill that they propose passing at this session. That will bring the pension payment up to more than 1-50,000,000 a year, a mere trifle.

A republican appointed to a \$4,500 Federal office in New York last week by Mr. Harrison is a defaulter for a large amount to the Government. The defalcation occurred in this city some years ago.

Secretary Noble considers his authority greater than that of the Senate, and has accordingly refused to furnish certain reports, relating to the withholding of land patents in the Union Pacific railroad grants, asked for by a resolution of the Senate. He holds that it is a matter for him to decide upon. Mr. Reed has undertaken another big contract. He says he intends to attempt to break up the practice of exmembers of congress acting as lobbyists.

Another attempt is being made to have the Gov't. adopt paper fractional currency for the convenience in small transactions through the mails.

Senator Eustis convicted Senator Hoar of making wilful mistatements on the floor of the Senate last week, but that will not prevent the Massachusetts Senators doing the same again whenever it may happen to serve their purpose.

The Senate is to get rid of the Blair bill by voting on it Thursday.

The minority of the house committee on Territorial has made a report against the bill for the admission of Idaho.

Washington, D. C.

### JAY GOULDS PRAYER.

Our father who art in England, Rothschild be thy name thy financial kingdom come to America, thy will be done in the United States as it is in England. Give us this day our bonds in gold, but no silver; give us plenty of laboring men's votes to keep monopoly in power and their friends in office. We know, our father, we have done many things that were wrong we have robbed the honest poor, and brought distress to many a door. We know it was wrong to refund the bonds and make them payable in coin; we know it was wrong to demonetize silver; we know it was wrong to water our railroad stock but thou, our father, knowest we made money by that. Now, our father thou knowest we are above politics. It is the same to us whether democrats or republicans rule, for thou knowest we are able to sway all political jobs in our favor. Lead us not into the way of the strikers, but deliver us from the insane Knights of Labor and the Farmers' Alliance. Thus shall we have the kingdom, bonds,

interest, power and gold until the republic shall end. Amen.

### ST. JOHN ON HARRISON.

Topeka, Kan. Feb. 28.—Last night, in Representative Hall, ex-Governor John P. St. John spoke to a large audience. He excoriates the national administration and the Republican party. His denunciation of the Republican party and its position on prohibition was especially cutting. President Harrison and Vice President Morton were touched up in lively style.

On the tariff question and its application to Kansas farmers, Mr. St. John said:

"Never in the history of this nation have farmer's tariff duties and the mortgage indebtedness been greater than they are to day.

"Just think of it! Corn selling at 13 cents per bushel in Kansas and 53 cents in New York. Who gets the difference of 40 cents between here and New York? Hard coal selling at \$1.50 to \$2 per ton in Penn. and at \$11 here. Farmers using corn for fuel in western Kansas because it is cheaper than soft coal from our own mines. Beef cattle selling at less than actual cost of production.

"Oats at 10 cents per bushel and good horses at from \$50 to \$80, while western potatoes bring only from 8 to 20 cents per bushel where they are produced, but command 80 cents to \$1 a bushel in eastern markets.

"Can you see where the western farmer's protection comes in? His land is plastered with mortgages. He finds it almost impossible to pay the interest and utterly impossible to liquidate the principal. Taxes—municipal, State and national—never so exorbitant as at present; transportation and markets for all he has to sell, as well as for everything he is compelled to buy, are under the control of gigantic monopolies and trusts.

"But is not his pig pen protected? Yes, if tariff means protection, then it must be admitted that the farmer's pig pen is protected. So are his plows, harrows, harness, hammers, saws, augurs, food fuel, clothing—including the buttons on his shirt—are all 'protected.' In fact the farmer is 'protected' to death, and he is just beginning to find it out. Whatever we have accomplished in the West has been despite this, the so called protection, which is nothing more nor less than legalized robbery of the many to enrich a few.

"But when we come to the Republican party we are assured that it has given us 'all the prohibition we have ever had,' and that we Prohibitionists are trying to turn the Government into the hands of the 'whisky Democracy.' Now, what are the facts? Let us see.

"A dozen States adopted prohibition before the Republican party was born. Within the past year such Repub-

lican states as New Hampshire, Mass. Rhode Island, Conn.—in an open fight between the home and the saloon—stood by the saloon by big majorities. Penn. which gave Harrison 80,000 plurality, defeated prohibition by 189,000 majority. Iowa which gave Harrison, the anti-prohibitionist, 30,000 majority in '88, defeated the Republican, candidate for governor in '89 on a platform pledged to the enforcement of the prohibitory law, and elected an anti-Prohibition Democrat.

'President Harrison was paraded before the church people in '88 as a strong temperance man,' and the 'family prayers, racket was used to good advantage politically. The day before his inauguration was Sunday. Two thousand saloons ran wide open in Washington City, in direct violation of law, riotous drunkenness was seen on every hand, and yet this 'Christian President' had not a single word to utter in his inaugural address against these outrages upon moral and common decency. In his inaugural procession marched 1,000 saloon keepers. How many slave drivers marched in the inaugural procession of Lincoln? Not one. Why? Simply because they were not in sympathy with his party. From the inaugural ceremony this 'Christian President' went to a big dance in the Pension Office, where 400 gallons of Roman punch was consumed.

"It now seems that he is not even a total abstainer. He not only drinks intoxicating liquor, but serves guests with it in the White House. It is said by the press that at a recent great feast given by the President five wine glasses were at each plate, and that the sparkling beverage flowed freely.

"Surely history repeats itself. The Bible tells us that Belshazzar, the king, made a great feast to a thousand of his lords and drank wine before the thousand. And that they drank wine and praised the god of gold, and of silver of brass, of iron, of wood and of stone.

"Now strike out 'Belshazzar the king,' and put 'Benjamin the President,' in the first verse. We insert in the second 'monopolies and trusts, pig iron and wool,' and the parallel, so far as these two verses are concerned, is complete. No act either official or otherwise, gives us any reason to suspect that President Harrison has any desire to overthrow the liquor traffic. Vice President Morton is of a more practicable turn of mind. He is only worth 10 million dollars and of course must in some way provide a living for his family, who have a right to look to him for support. Therefore he owns a bar of his own where the elect are supplied for 20 cents a drink. And yet the liquor from 'Shoreham bar' will make a man drunk as that sold in O'Briens saloon on the bowery May God hasten the day when this na-

tion may have officials whose example, if followed by our boys, would not lead them to the use of intoxicating liquors.

"Strange as it may seem, it is nevertheless true that in the States carried by Harrison there are two saloons in proportion to the population to one in the States carried by Cleveland, and the Republican North consumes 22 barrels of beer to every one consumed in the Democratic South. So you see there is no reason for alarm about 'turning the Government over to the whisky Democracy.' Nor is there any hope whatever for prohibition from the Republican party. Why, right here in Kansas only a week ago, the Republican League met, and not with standing all the agitation about resubmission it lacked the courage to speak out against it, but as usual dodged the issue. Republican resubmission clubs are being organized daily. The Democrats are for resubmission straight, while the Republicans propose to reach the same end by way of a constitutional convention."—*National Democrat.*

### LINVILLE ITEMS.

#### For the Democrat.

On Saturday morning last at about 10 o'clock, an alarm of fire went forth from Roanoke street. The fire was on the premises of the undersigned. I occupied a cabin 10 x 16 feet, in which I did my cooking, eating and sleeping, all alone. I had a stove in it from which the fire caught during my absence. The neighbors gathered in to do what they could, but could do nothing to save my property. The story-and-a-half house, which stood within ten feet of the cabin took fire and was burned to the ground. The neighbors did much good, however, for they saved Capt Jordan Cook's house, (which stands about 30 feet from my premises,) by the most earnest exertions. It was a very narrow escape, for the flames lapped over the roof of Capt. Cook's house twice, without the fire communicating to it. The reason why it did not catch was because it was covered with a thin sheet of ice. I lost all my books, clothing, bedding and household furniture, including two stoves. Mr. Pitman had moved his family back to Henson's Creek, but he had a bed and a few cooking utensils in the other house. The beds and clock were saved.

A subscription in my favor has started and is now out, by which I am assured a part of my loss will be made good to me. My loss at a moderate estimate, is fully \$150.

My sincerest thanks are due to all who came to the fire and endeavored to do me good, but could not, except by saving the property of my nearest neighbor, viz: Capt. Jordan Cook.

To-day (Monday) Mr. Ricksecker is gathering some ice and putting it in his com-

plete ice house. Hurray for Rick!

La Grippe is fading away for want of subjects on which to feed.

J. R. Ervin and H. M. Kent are at the head of an engineering corps surveying a route for the Southern and Western Railroad. Their action is from Grandmother Gap to Cranberry. The terminus of this road are Shelby in Cleveland county, and Cranberry in Mitchell. It is to pass entirely through Burke County. J. S. Warner. March 17, 1890.

### BIRD SIGHTS.

In debate in the Senate the other day, Senator Sherman asked Senator Eustis, of La. if he didn't know that the 15. Amendment would never have been adopted but for the fact that the laws of the Southern States practically deprive the negroes of their rights of citizenship; and that otherwise reconstruction would have rested solely on the 14th. Amendment.

In replying Mr. Eustis said: "It has been my honest conviction that all the reconstruction measures, at the Federal legislation, and the Constitutional Amendments, were adopted by the Republican party with the single object of Africanizing the South and maintaining and preserving their political supremacy. That is my opinion. What I consider the greatest crime which has ever been committed against civilized communities has been committed by the Republican party of this country; and if you to day stand aghast and appalled, as I know you do, at the results of your work, and feel like apologizing to the country and to yourselves for having committed such a monstrous crime against the civilization of the South, I assure the Senator of Ohio that I will not by answer to that question help him out of any such difficulty as that."—*News & Observer.*

### A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Asheville N. C. March 17.—News has just reached this place of a horrible accident near Hot Springs, Madison county. A 12 year old son of S. D. Chambers, accidentally shot and killed his mother. The father had been to Hot Springs, bringing home with him a valise with some articles for the family in it. He put the valise down in the house and stepped out. When the lad looked into it to see what his father had brought him, he found a pistol, and said to his mother: "See what pa brought home." The pistol was discharged, the ball striking his mother in the breast. Her only words were: "Oh, Lord, you have killed me."—*News and Observer.*

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