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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

For the Democrat:

Ex-Speaker Carlisle thinks the Lodge Federal election bill one of the most objectionable measures ever before Congress, and considers that it would be practically impossible to hold a legal election under its complicated provisions. In speaking of the bill, Mr. Carlisle said: "Suppose we do a little figuring on it to start with. If this bill was a law there would be at each of the 90,000 election precincts of the country, at every Congressional and Presidential election, 7 Federal officers, making a total of 630,000 men, and costing ten or fifteen millions of dollars every two years. This estimate is based upon the present number of voting precincts, but the complications of this bill would make the process of voting such a slow one that the number of precincts would have to be largely increased, perhaps doubled, in order to give the voters an opportunity to deposit their ballots." The bill has not been much better received by the Republicans than by the Democrats.

The Blair educational bill is dead, but the Senator has come up sailing with another bill. This time the appropriation is only \$58,000,000.

The Republicans of the House don't vote as they talk in contested election cases. The Democrats were led to believe that seven or eight Republicans would vote with them in the case of Mudd vs Compton, but when the vote was taken Mudd got the solid Republican vote and the seat.

There are four contested election cases in which all the arguments have been heard, and it is expected that the Republicans of the committee on Elections will try to railroad them through this week.

A favorable report has been made to the House on the bill providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the liquor traffic.

The announcement by the Republicans of the House Ways and Means committee several days ago that the tariff bill was complete, has brought a great deal of trouble upon them in the shape of objections from influential members of their party to certain clauses of the bill. The result is that the bill has not yet been reported to the House, and may not be this week, and it would not be surprising if the pressure should prove great enough to compel radical changes in the bill before it is reported. It is probable that the Democrats will prepare a substitute, based on the Mills bill, but giving all raw material used in manufacturing a place on the free list.

So general has been the complaint against the paper used in the postal cards that the Postoffice department was compelled to get after the contractor, and that in-

dividual has promised to use a better quality of paper in the future.

The House has passed the annual appropriation bill. It was for \$98,500,000, and every man who voted for it knows that it is not enough, and that there is bound to be a big deficiency at the end of the next fiscal year, but that does not stop the demagogues from getting up and howling for additional pension legislation. One of them in a speech advocating a service pension said, as coolly as if he was speaking of buying an apple, that the total cost of such a bill would not exceed \$948,000,000.

When Mr. Carlisle's statement was published recently that the appropriations which the Republicans of this Congress intended making would cause a deficiency in the Treasury at the end of the next fiscal year, Mr. Cannon, chairman of the House committee on Appropriations, stated that it was a misrepresentation made for political effect. Now as good a Republican as Senator Hawley states on the floor of the Senate that the appropriations to be made for the next fiscal year will aggregate \$523,000,000 against an estimated revenue of \$450,000,000, making a deficit of \$73,000,000. Certainly Mr. Hawley was not talking for political effect.

Now it is discovered that the Secretary of the Navy needs an assistant. Anything to increase the pay roll is the motto of the party in power.

The Pan-American Congress wants subsidized steamships and cables from San Francisco to South America.

Senator Vest made a good point when Senator Sherman's anti-trust bill was under consideration by stating that the easiest way to abolish trusts was to abolish the protective tariff which made them possible.

The bill placing John C. Fremont on the retired list of the Army with the rank of Major General has passed the House.

The committee engaged in investigating the Ohio ballot box forgeries has notified Foraker and Grosvenor that they will be allowed until the 31, inst., to submit arguments in writing.

The House will vote on the World's Fair bill tomorrow afternoon. Its passage by the House is certain.

Nearly every one of our boys who go away from the State on his return speaks out in no uncertain sound, and assures us that North Carolina is the best place in which to live. In that we concur, and when we see the country to the west visited by snow and sleet, and crops lost by terrible storms, and when we read of the rivers breaking levees and flooding fields, and cities invaded by the raging flood, we are quite content that our lines have been cast in pleasant old North Carolina. —Observer.

VETERANS ON HARRISON.

The Indiana Service Pension Association met in Indianapolis March the 10th. From the Sentinel's report of the proceedings we take the following. C. P. Powers, of Terre Haute, said:

"We want everyone here to understand that Gov. Alvin P. Hovey is to be the next Senator from Indiana. We are getting awful sick of promises. I have been a Republican for 30 years and it has been the same old story, and if our bill is not passed this time I am going to look around for something else. We want the members of Congress to understand that if they don't do something during this Congress they will never get there again. This coming back with excuses and promises to do better next time will not do any longer. We propose to have what belongs to us—what candidates for Congress have promised us time and again. If a service pension bill is not passed by this Republican Congress, I doubt much whether there will be a Republican majority in the Congress of 1892. They have lied to us too many times. Our men are doing just what we charged the Democrats with. You know what a close State Indiana is. Can there be any other reason that down at Washington they are dealing out three times as many pensions to this little commonwealth as to the State of Kansas? Out there the old soldiers are in want and distress, and this bill would be a great help to them."

Mr. Powers closed his remarks by coming forward on the platform until he was nearly balanced on its edge, and shouting impressively "We have been political d—d fools long enough."

The next speaker was Jas. Grimsley, of Gosport. His remarks were much in the line with those of his predecessor. He roasted the Harrison Administration without stint. In speaking of the cry that no means can be found where by to pay the pension demand, he said: "When we answered our country's call we did not hesitatingly ask if there were funds with which to pay us; we went."

Colonel Tom Bennett stepped before the body of old soldiers and warmed them up and showed up the light of the question in glowing colors. He dwelt, in the beginning, on his strong alliance to the Republican party. He said he had been a Republican for the past hundred years. He said:

"I attended the last State Republican Convention held in this hall. I came here with a resolution indorsing the service pension movement. At the very mention of the G. A. R. that convention would howl itself hoarse. I thought of course, I could get that resolution through. A delegate sat back in the audience who was to second my motion of adoption. But somehow, while talking to Lige Halford I mentioned the name of my

prospective second. In a few moments I saw a small boy carry a note directly to that delegate. Presently the boy came with a note from him to me. In it he said: "Tom don't introduce that resolution, for it will embarrass the candidacy of Benjamin Harrison for President." Of course I didn't want to embarrass that old soldier comrade, Benjamin Harrison. Just then that exponent of service pension idea, Gov. Alvin P. Hovey, was nominated for the position he now holds. That settled it. I thought that was enough and I didn't introduce the resolution. I didn't want to embarrass Harrison. But if Harrison is no more in sympathy with the service pension movement than he has so far shown himself to be, I want to embarrass his candidacy. It is to be hoped that this administration will do us justice, but if it don't, we will do it justice. We have had too much praise. At every political convention the old soldier is held up as a great individual. He is praised and promised. But we have had praises and promises long enough." —National Democrat.

KILRAIN IS HAPPY.

Chicago, Ill., March 24.—A dispatch from Richburg Miss. says: Jake Kilrain is a prisoner serving out his two months' sentence for an assault committed on one John L. Sullivan in Macon county. Practically he is enjoying full liberty and the generous hospitality of the jailer. When Jake left this city for Columbia county, the seat of Macon, Saturday morning in company with Charles W. Rich, it was with the belief that the efforts of his friends to secure his release under the prisoner contract system had been futile. Jake was blue and so was Rich. The latter has conceived a warm friendship for the Baltimore pugilist and said he would keep Jake out of jail if it cost \$10,000. Friday telegrams were passing between Rich and the authorities of Macon county. Rich was ordered to produce Jake before the county commissioners. On the meeting of the Commissioners, Rich took off his coat, produced a check-book, and began argument in Jake's behalf. It required two hours of fast talking and emphatic talk to gain his point, but he gained it. The climax to the argument was reached when Rich signed a check for a good round sum, and throwing it before them invited the commissioners to either accept or regret it, and to be in a hurry about making up their minds. The amount of money it calls for is not yet known. —News and Observer.

If your kidneys are inactive, you will feel and look wretched, even in the most cheerful society, melancholy on the jolliest occasions. Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm will set you right again. \$1.00 per bottle.

Croup, suffocation, night coughs and all the common affections of the throat and lungs quickly relieved by Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar and Wine Lung Balm.

GRADY ON BAR-ROOMS.

Grady closed his celebrated speech against bar-rooms with the following eloquent peroration: "I assume to keep no man's conscience; I assume to judge for no man; I do not assume that I am better than any man, but that I am weaker. But I say this to you, I have a boy as dear to me as the ruddy drops that gather about this heart. I find my hopes already centered in his little body, and I look to him tonight to take to himself the work that, strive as I may, must fall unfinished from my hands. Now, I know they say it is proper to educate a boy at home; that if he is taught at home he will not go wrong. This is a lie to begin with, but don't matter. I have seen sons of some as good people as ever lived turn out badly. I accept my responsibility as a father. The boy may fall from the right path as things now exist. If he does, I shall bear that sorrow with resignation as I may; but I tell you, if I were to vote to recall bar-rooms to this city, when I know it has prospered in their absence, and that boy should fall through their agency, I tell you—and this conviction has come to me in the still watches of the night—I could not, wearing the crowning sorrow of his disgrace, and looking into the eyes of her whose heart he had broken, I could not, if I had voted to recall these bar-rooms, find answer for my conscience or support for my remorse. [Applause.] I don't know how any other father feels but that is the way I feel, if God permits me to speak the truth."

When you are constipated with loss appetite, headache, take one of Dr. J. H. McLean's little liver and kidney pills. They are pleasant to take and will cure you. 25 cents a vial.

EFFECT OF THE VOICE.

Probably no one can ever fully estimate how much influence he is constantly exerting through his tones of voice. Nothing is so powerful to cheer the drooping energies of a discouraged group as the inspiring tones of hope in the words of a new arrival. Who has not seen the immediate effect of a glad sprightly voice breaking in upon a dull and uninterested party of people? How their eyes brighten and their brows clear, and their forms become erect! On the other hand, let a solemn, or doleful, or fretful voice break in on a cheerful company, and how quickly the smile dies on the lip, and the depressing influence goes around! The infant who cannot understand a word his mother says, is soothed and pleased, or grieved and frightened by her tones, and the seeds thus sown of love and gentleness, or of harshness and impatience, are sure to bear fruit in his later development, and exert a strong influence in mellowing his future character, and preparing it to contend the better with the roughness of the world. —N. Y. Ledger.

TURN'S DEMOCRAT.

Col. A. L. Harris, who has been one of the most prominent Republicans Georgia has ever had, and who organized the Georgia House of Representatives during the famous 20 days' fight over organization under reconstruction acts, has become a Democrat. A newspaper announcement that he had turned Democrat calls out the following published card. He says: "There is no Republican party in Georgia. There is a small, close corporation of a few negroes and white men who keep up just enough organization to send themselves as delegates to Republican national conventions and to keep themselves in office. This part is wholly dominated by negroes. Not such learned, broad-minded men as Bishop, Turner, Grady and others of their kind, but a class of negroes who, were they white men, could have no standing in any party or community. The administration at Washington promptly makes appointments as recommended by the sweet scented gang." —Landmark.

You will have no use for spectacles if you use Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Eye Salve, it removes the film and scum which accumulates on the eye balls, subdues inflammation, cools and soothes the irritated nerves, strengthens weak and failing strength. 25 cents a box.

Horse Whipped by a Woman.

Chicago, Mar., 25.—United States Commissioner, Simeon King was horsewhipped on the steps of the First National Bank today, by a dark-eyed, pretty widow, Mrs. Frank Kent. Dignified Mr. King, quietly entered the bank, and suddenly found himself seized by the whiskers, receiving stinging cuts across the face, his feminine assailant crying: "I'm not fit to take care of my children am I?" Mr. King tried to run, raising his hands to protect his countenance, but the woman kept on in front, lashing him repeatedly over the head and shoulders. In desperation he raised his cane and struck her. The street was thronged with excited people, and he was pushed into the bank, while the widow was arrested. Mrs. Kent, who is a panorama painter, asserts that Mr. King, her attorney, defrauded and calumniated her. Mr. King says Mrs. Kent held a rightful possession of one of his houses in company with an architect named Harbaugh. —Observer.

NOTICE.

To the voters of the Incorporation of Boone. An election will be held at the court house in Boone, on Tuesday May 6th, 1890, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Commissioners for the incorporation of Boone.

Nathan Horton and M. B. Blackburn are appointed Judges to hold said election, W. L. Bryan Register.

W. C. Coffey Mayor. 3t.