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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

For the Democrat:

The injustice and absurdity of the McKinley tariff bill excited such general dissatisfaction that the republicans are obliged to abandon it. It is conceded that the bill can never become a law, but the republican majority in the House has so thoroughly committed itself that the bill is expected to pass the House by a strict party vote. In the meantime the republicans of the Senate finance committee are at work on another bill as a substitute for the McKinley bill. They expect to report it to the Senate very soon after the McKinley bill passes the House.

This shows the importance of Mr. McKinley's specious oratory, that captivates a careless crowd, to convince the business interests of the country of the propriety of a single idea he entertains on the subject of the tariff.

The republican joint caucus committee of the House and Senate have agreed upon the basis for the preparation of a silver bill. It directs the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase 4,500,000 ounces of free silver per month at the market price, not to exceed \$1 for 371.25 grains of pure silver, and issue treasury notes in payment of the bullion. These notes shall be payable on demand in lawful money of the United States, and are receivable for all public dues. No greater or less amount of such notes shall be outstanding at any time than the cost of the silver bullion then held in the Treasury, purchased by such notes. Upon demand of the holder of any such Treasury notes, the Secretary of the Treasury may, at his discretion, pay off such notes with silver bullion at its market price. The Secretary is also permitted to coin this bullion, should it be necessary, for the redemption of these proposed Treasury notes. \$78,000,000 held to redeem the circulation of banks will be restored to general circulation.

The investigating committee on inter-state commerce charged with inquiry into the relations of rail-roads of the United States and Canada, has concluded its labors. Chairman Cullom has completed a report which, with sundry remedial recommendations, awaits the approval of the committee. The report states the good effects of the inter-state commerce law are partially nullified by the competition of the Canada lines. Unjust discrimination is made by Canada against U. S. vessels in Welland canal tolls, in violation of the treaty of Washington. The Canadian railroads control lines operating over a large part of New England and Northern States. Canada owns a system of canals that cost \$54,000,000. The inter-colonial railway has cost \$47,000,000. To the Canadian Pacific railroad, which

was begun as a government line, Canada has \$215,000,000, but the road cost only \$167,000,000. The report states that it has been the concealed purpose of the Canadian government to secure a railroad across the continent of commanding influence which, in connection with subsidized steamer lines, would be able to dominate the trans-continental commerce of the United States and deflect from American railroads, vessels and sea-ports a large share of our commerce with countries in Asia, Australia and New Zealand. In this endeavor it has met with marked success and is progressing. Canada subsidized two lines of steamers from Vancouver, the western terminus of the Canadian R. R., with \$425,000; and one line from St. John, N. B., its eastern terminus, receives a subsidy of \$800,000.

The report refers to a conference of the commercial and industrial bodies of the Pacific coast, held at San Francisco, July 1890. The report of the conference declares that with such special advantages the Canadian Pacific could afford to quote rates that must drive the American steamer lines out of the China trade, to the almost irreparable injury of San Francisco, and predicts general destruction for the larger part of the American steamer traffic on the Pacific ocean, unless some vigorous measures be adopted by the U. S. government.

A bill to make a territory of Oklahoma has passed the Senate; 50 yeas 5 nays. Whenever the Indian interest in surrounding territory shall be extinguished it will be annexed to Oklahoma. The laws of Nebraska are extended over the new territory.

Washington, Apr. 28.

Don't expect an advertisement to bear fruit in one night. You can't eat enough in a week to last you a year, and the Building Advocate doesn't believe you can advertise on that plan either. People who advertise only once in three months forget that most folks can not remember anything longer than about seven days. If you can arouse curiosity by an advertisement it is a great point gained. The fair sex don't hold all the curiosity in the world. Quitting advertising in dull times is like tearing out a dam because the water is low.—*Building Advocate.*

President Harrison has turned out 40,000 democrats since he got into office, and put out about 160,000 republicans who didn't get the office they expected.—*Washington Star.*

The Lee Statue Arrived.

New York, April 29.—The Wilson Line steamer Othello, from London and Havre, which arrived here to-day, brings the equestrian statue of General Robert E. Lee, which is to be set at Richmond, Va. It is consigned to the Governor of Virginia.

## See a Doct in, if It is Old.

The following is the opinion of a successful farmer: If we would be prosperous, contented and happy we must raise our own supplies. There are scores upon scores of farmers who scarcely have a home-made article about them, and right here I would include all classes to a certain extent. Visit their homes and we would find they must have yankee chairs, yankee bedsteads, yankee shovel and tongs and yankee centre-table piled up with stacks of agricultural journals published in Louisville Ky. or Springfield O. Go to the kitchen and you will find a yankee stove, bucket, dipper, towel, soap and a great many other articles. You scarcely see a home-made article unless a few sweet potatoes. Go to the smoke house, brother farmers, and find a piece of white Chicago ment, a piece of a barrel of Minnesota flour, a small quantity of Irish potatoes from Maine, a can of Chicago lard, a keg of so-called Cuba molasses, and a jug of vinegar from New Jersey. Go to the barn and there you will find his Kentucky mule or mules, fed on ship-stuffs from Baltimore, mixed with hay from Illinois, cut with a knife from New York, his wagon is from Michigan, his harness from Massachusetts, his plow is from Michigan, his buggy from Ohio, and even his old guano sacks about have on them Rhode Island.

I have not named an article but could be raised in N. C. It will pay no farmer to raise cotton and buy his supplies. For the sake of coming generations and the love wecherish for our comon country, let us encourage home industry and try to plaster our State over with spare-ribs, back bones, and sausages, in stead of mortgages.

It has not been long since a mercantile gentleman told me that some farmers, so-called, would come to the town and give mortgages to the amount of forty or fifty dollars and trade out every cent of it before they left town. Let us practice economy and stop this universal and inexcusable waste.

The more you have to buy the more chances you give the high war tariff and the heartless speculator to rob you. Until these incubuses can be struck from our body politic (and may God grant that the day is near at hand) is it wisdom for us to live like the oyster, in his shell, and "unto himself alone." In short, we can Loycott them by raising our home supplies.—*Clinton Caucasian.*

Imperfect digestion and assimilation produce disordered conditions of the system which grow and are confirmed by neglect. Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier, by its tonic properties, cures indigestion and gives tone to the stomach. \$1 per bottle.

The State Treasurer's report shows that North Carolina received last year \$4,119,84 from marriage licens.

## Hoar's Election Bill.

The Federal election bill, introduced in the Senate by Mr. Hoar, is by all odds the most extraordinary measure of the sort yet produced. It proposes, in brief, to put the control of congressional elections, entirely into the hands of canvassing boards and supervisors appointed by Federal judges, the State being wholly ignored. These judges are nearly all republicans. They are to appoint election officers, who are to prepare the lists of voters, supervise the elections, with dictatorial powers, count the ballots and certify the result. Their certificates are to be the only credentials of members of Congress. Neither the Governor of a State nor the Legislature is to have any part or lot in the holding of congressional elections or certifying results. It is to be a Federal affair, under control of underlings pledged to advance the interests of a particular party. The Federal Legislature is to be the creature of appointees of partisan judges, who are the appointees of a partisan President. A more revolutionary and offensive bill has not been presented at Washington since the reconstruction era, of odious memory. It is not relieved by a pretense of instituting better methods of voting. The Australian ballot is not prescribed. It is simply a device to enable unscrupulous Federal judges in the South to send republican Representatives to Congress instead of democrats.—*News and Observer.*

## DOWN ON DUDES.

Mr. Jones said some young men in Durham got mad with him and said they were going to whip him. "I just said come ahead. I'll spit on you, and drown you." Whenever you spit on one of these little ball-room bucks, if he cant swim he dont stand much chance. It's no harm to kill a dude. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being.

Little ball-room dude, walking around with a pistol in his hip pocket. It's a wonder the thing dont go off and blow his brainlets out.

The Philadelphia Times wisely and earnestly opposes the Radical Force bill. It sees in it only revolutionary election methods. It says:

"Not a single Southern State would be won by such methods, and four-fifths of the Northern States would revolt and end the history of the offending party in infamy. President Grant once said that the best way to cure the evils of a bad law was to enforce it, and the best way to cure the evils of the force-bill elections would be to have a trial of such a law and enforce it in every section of the country."

The trouble is, that it will only be tried in the South. The North will have none of it. The wicked framers only design it for "Southern consumption."—*Messenger.*

## Business in Congress.

There is a strong determination on the part of the House committee on rules, which is the steering committee of the House, to hurry through only such measures as are essential at this time and political measures, and to secure an adjournment as soon as possible.

Both parties are preparing for the campaign this fall, which will determine the complexion of the next House, and it is not the purpose of the republicans to be handicapped by a long session dragging through the summer months, with the attending responsibility for a great mass of legislation.

A resolution has been drawn up at the suggestion of Mr. Reed to be offered in the republican caucus to-night, providing that the tariff bill, the silver bill, the Morrill limited service pension bill and the federal election scheme shall be disposed of during the session. It is expected that there will be a strong opposition to the Lodge election bill, and possibly to any other that may be presented.—*Washington Star.*

## HOME FOLKS.

Senator Ransom introduced a petition in the United States Senate from citizens of this town asking for the passage of a law stopping mails, trains, etc., on Sunday. We understand that all mails and trains in England are suspended from Saturday night to Monday morning, and that the interests of the people do not suffer from this arrangement. But are the running of trains any worse than riding about in buggies and other vehicles on the Lord's day? If we are not mistaken a great many church people go on pleasure rides on that day.—*Messenger.*

That man of God, the Reverend Sam P. Jones, is in Charlotte at this time, justifying the ways of God to men. Up to last evening he had called the people of that devoted city hounds, lousy calves, dirty dogs, fools and contemptible puppies, and had said of the best people of the city (who are as good people as dwell on earth) that they would not be allowed to sweep out the kitchens of the bon-ton of Baltimore. If he talked that way on the street instead of in a "tabernacle" he would get both eyes blacked and then be sent to the rock-pile.—*Landmark.*

Another Northern mill has shut down. It is one of the largest in Ohio—the Tiffin woolen Mills. Superintendent Waugh says that the sole cause is the tariff. He says:

"I have been a life long Republican, but I tell you thousands of woolen mill operatives in this country, myself among the number, are having their eyes opened on this tariff question"

Let the funeral proceed.—*Messenger.*

President Davis's mansion in Richmond, Va. is to be converted into a Confederate Museum.

## Will Save No More Friends.

A gentleman who is prominent in the Y. M. C. A. learned not long ago that a warm friend of his early days was nearing the curbstone through strong drink, and he was told that the poor fellow's only rescue was through a confinement in the Washingtonian Home. The philanthropist resolved to rescue him at first sight, and he met him down town one Saturday afternoon. Taking him into his buggy he talked pleasantly with him and said he would give him a ride. They stopped at the Washingtonian Home and the philanthropist asked his unfortunate friend to accompany him up stairs to call on an old chum. He went. The two were ushered into a parlor. The superintendent entered. Up jumped the unfortunate, whispered a few hurried words in his ear, and started to leave. His kind friend started after him. "Oh no," said the superintendent, "you will stay with us." The philanthropist was dumfounded. In vain did he protest that he was the wrong man. He was removed to a room and dosed on beef tea and bromide. They kept him until Monday before they allowed him to send a note to his family. He was rescued at once. The "poor unfortunate" had sold his horse and buggy and left for parts unknown. Now the Y. M. C. A. man does not go around saving fallen friends.—*Chicago Herald.*

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

Senator Quay is represented as being in a sad plight. The developments made by papers that have pried into his past life have disarranged his social attitude to the other Senators who are not so cordial toward him as formerly; and it is stated that President Harrison has even asked him to resign the position of chairman of the republican committee. Under all these circumstances he remains quiet, and bears the slings of fortune with a meekness and humility that would bespeak Christian fortitude in a matter of another character.—*Observer.*

Frequently accidents occur in the household which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises, for use in such cases Dr. J. H. McLean's Volcanic Oil Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy.

A young preacher picked up Bishop Pierce's hat and put it on his own head, and it was exactly a fit. "Why, Bishop," said he, "your head and mine are exactly the same size." "Yes," replied the Bishop, "on the outside."

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.

The difference between a shrewd, successful politician and a diligent, unconditional liar is frequently hard to detect.—*Oil City Blizzard.*