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## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent

For the Democrat

On rising to address the Senate on the silver question, Mr. Sherman said that he had not intended to discuss the subject until some practical measure had been brought forward; because the bill reported from the Finance committee was only an uneasy ghost, wandering without father, without compass, without guide, with no one to call for a vote upon it, and no one to demand a solution of the difficult problem. But as he was obliged to absent himself on more important business, he availed himself of the present opportunity to say something which he had written. He harangued against the free coinage idea, and quoted certain figures from a government report, the accuracy of which was instantly challenged by Senator Teller. Mr. Sherman insisted that the figures were from a government report and therefore must be correct, and wanted to know what newspaper scrap would be brought in to controvert what he had read. Mr. Teller still politely insisted that the truth had not been told, and wanted to correct the statement, before it was made public. Mr. Sherman, however, would not yield to the floor.

On Thursday Mr. McKinley reported a resolution that the House immediately

consider his silver bill, until Saturday at 3, p. m., when the previous question should be considered as ordered, for five minutes were given for debate.

Mr. Blunt said that he had no objection to the time allowed for debate, but that the chairman of the committee of coinage, weights and measures, would be allowed to offer all the amendments that were admissible under the rules of the House, and that when these were offered there would be given no opportunity to the minority to offer any amendment, or to ask the House to vote on the free coinage of silver. At the republican caucus the other night there had been much discussion and it was necessary to whip in the friends of free silver by this resolution. It was wicked, shameful and an outrage on the minority. There were many republicans who would vote for free silver, but for fear of the President, who was in accord with the Secretary of the Treasury, and both in accord with Wall Street. It was a humiliating sight to an American citizen when in the presence of the President the republicans were driven to trampling down the rules of the House. If the majority and the President yielded to the money power, the masses hereafter would dictate and enforce legislation.

Mr. Bland said that there was no doubt but that a large majority of the House favored the unlimited coinage of silver, and in order to prevent that fact from appearing on the record it was necessary to gag all the democrats and many of the republicans. Mr. Williams said that the resolution was intended to prevent the majority from legislating, but the slick drivers of the republican flock easily rounded most of it up, and gained their point as usual. 120 yeas, 117 nays. The passage of this resolution has thoroughly discouraged the free silver men, and they mean to strive no more for their measure but will accept the House bill which will pass, and endeavor, in vain, to have it amended in respect to the bullion clause.

This bill which goes into effect 30 days after its passage, directs the passage of \$4,500,000 worth of silver every month, to be paid for by silver bullion, treasury notes, redeemable in coin, and made a legal tender for all debts, public or private, except where otherwise stipulated in contract. The Secretary of the Treasury may redeem them in silver bullion at the market price, and may coin such bullion as is needed to redeem silver notes, but the \$2,000,000 coinage act is repealed. If silver goes up to par coinage shall be free. Finally \$60,000,000 held in the Treasury as a redemption fund, for the notes of retired national banks, is to be turned into the general fund.

The business men are now having a hearing before the Finance committee of the

Senate, in protest against the injustice of the McKinley bill. Mr. A. H. Saxton, of New York, represented the jobbing hardware trade of the United States and an investment of \$60,000,000. He fully and strongly exposed the misstatements of the cutlery manufacturers by which they had induced the committee on ways and means they to reduce cutlery rates. He showed by their own statements and governmental statistics that their products have increased 50 per cent in the last six years, instead of largely falling off as was claimed; and that importations had decreased 7 per cent. That instead of this profit being \$815,000 in 1887, as stated by them, it was \$1,900,000. The Malt dealers are next in order. *Washington D. C., June 10.*

## A Cheap Monkey Show.

Listen here! The McKinley bill is an outrageous performance. It is but a cheap monkey show, in the face of high heaven and the American people. It is an attempt to make an angel of the devil without abbreviating his tail or sawing off his horns. It takes dollars from the farmer and returns him only dimes. It does not impose a single duty that will help a Kansas farmer. What do we care about the duty on eggs and hay? The Lord preserves us, but what with the McKinley bill, the supineness of the Reed-Cannon-led crowd in the lower House of Congress, and hypocritical prohibition. If the Republican party in Kansas don't hear something drop next November then 27 years in the editorial service has only fitted us for the insane asylum.

As the stars in their course fought against Sisera, so the civilization of the closing hours of the nineteenth century fight against the hide-bound tariff burdens with which the West is being saddled by the incorporated bloats of Eastern manufacturing and Atlantic money centres; saddled too by the men (by the political party) which the people themselves keep in power.—*Wichita (Kan.) Eagle, Rep.*

## His Party Repudiates Him.

To say that the republican opinion in this city is divided on the appointment of Mitchell to the collectorship, is putting it mild indeed. If old Grandfather's-hat-Harrison could hear some of the choice language which is applied to him by republicans, he would at once call Wanamaker to his bosom for comfort. At any rate, he would never imagine for an instant that he had solidified himself with his party hereabouts in appointing over the heads of local aspirants one who was found unfit to be associated with the department of justice. If the President persists in his present course, he will wind up in the end one of the most consummate frauds the country ever produced. Even his party repudiates him to-day.—*Pensacola Commercial.*

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## GRAND REUNION OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

To Be Held at Blowing Rock, Watauga County, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 7th, 8th and 9th of August, 1890.

A joint committee of Caldwell and Watauga veterans met at Blowing Rock on the 12th day of June, 1890, for the purpose of arranging details for the reunion, of the Confederate veterans to be held at Blowing Rock on the first Thursday, Friday and Saturday in August, 1890.

On motion J. B. Clarke was appointed chairman and D. B. Dougherty secretary. The following resolutions were adopted, to wit:

1. A committee of five were appointed to locate camping and parade grounds, and to erect a stand for speakers. Said committee is as follows: Col. J. M. Houck, Wm. M. Morris, B. J. Green, Jacob Klutz, J. B. Clark and Maj. G. W. F. Harper.

2. Appointed Julian S. Carr of Durham, Chief Marshal, with power to appoint such aids as he may desire.

3. That Senators Ransom and Vance, Gov. D. G. Fowle, Col. G. N. Folk and Gen. Wilder be, and are hereby invited to be present, and make speeches during the encampment.

4. That a committee of three, consisting of J. B. Clarke, Wm. M. Morris and I. N. Corpening be appointed to arrange for the entertainment of the speakers and those composing the band.

5. That Maj. Harper employ a suitable band to furnish music at the reunion, on the best terms possible.

6. That all soldiers, Confederate and Federal, be invited to be present, on the first Thursday in August next, with three days rations.

7. That the Secretary of this meeting be requested to notify the following officers to meet with us at the reunion: Col. J. B. Palmer, of Richmond, Va., Gen. J. B. Palmer, of Murphrysboro Tenn.; Gen. A. M. Scales, of Greensboro; Col. C. A. Ciley, Col. H. A. Brown, of Columbia, Tenn.; Maj. A. C. Avery, Col. S. McD. Tate, Gen. Rufus Barringer, Col. W. H. Cowles, Capt. B. R. Brown, Capt. J. W. Todd, Gen. Jas. H. Lane, Col. Alfred Baird, Gen. R. B. Vance, Gen. R. F. Hoke, Gen. Robert Ransom and Gen. Wade Hampton.

8. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Watauga Democrat and Lenoir Topic.

ADJOURNMENT, to meet at the call of the chair.

D. B. DOUGHERTY SEC.

J. B. CLARK CH'N.

Watauga's Veteran Committee.

This committee met at Blowing Rock on the 12th day of June, and organized by electing J. B. Clark chairman and D. B. Dougherty secretary and treasurer, when the following proceedings were had:

1. Appointed Capt. E. F. Lovill Adjutant for Watauga county, with power to appoint such aids as he may desire.

2. Appointed Jacob Klutz and J. B. Greenquarter masters to attend to the encampment.

3. Appointed a finance committee to secure funds, by donation, to defray expenses of hiring a band, and other incidental expenses, with the request that the funds thus secured will be handed in to the treasurer, on or before the evening of the first Thursday in Aug. The committee appointed for this purpose is as follows: R. H. Farthing, G. W. Cable, Dr. J. B. Phillips, Jacob Yonace, G. H. Brown, Capt. B. F. Baird, J. C. Shull, Jese M. Hartly, Calton Coffey, C. J. Cottrell, A. W. Penly, S. J. Hendrix, D. B. Wagoner, Joseph Brown, W. C. L. Hulcher, A. F. Davis, A. J. Moretz, H. A. Davis, L. D. Miller, J. E. Finley, J. S. Mast, J. W. Horton, J. Cal. Davis, D. C. Dugger, Jont. H. Brown, Capt. W. B. Council, Capt. A. J. Critcher, Capt. Wm. Hodges, Pleas Andrews, Joseph Phipps, Capt. B. R. Brown, Capt. Jordon Cook, D. J. Farthing, J. E. Green, L. W. Farthing, Jones Coffey, Berry Steward and Capt. Milt English. The money secured by the above committee will be paid into the hands of the treasurer, who will receipt for the same.

D. B. DOUGHERTY, SECRETARY AND TREASURER,

J. B. Clark, Chairman.

There is no doubt that some people enjoy being unhappy. They take pleasure in contemplating injustice done to themselves. A pet grievance becomes a hobby with many a man. In setting forth their grievance to the world, or even on brooding over it in solitude, they are necessarily dwelling upon their own virtues. And it is not surprising that, in many cases, the habit should generate an unreasonable self-complacency. Inordinate melancholy is but one of the many forms of vanity. A recluse from society takes a perverse pleasure in cultivating melancholy; or a widow cherishes her grief for a dead husband, till she resents any attempts at comfort, and takes a pride in self-torture. Are they sincere in this? The morbid recluse may be nothing but a thoroughly indolent man, who dwells upon his weakness to excuse himself from action. Excessive grief for the dead easily connects it, self with personal vanity. We are really seeking for the praise of constancy, or yielding to a sort of superstitious belief that the dead will take pleasure in our useless sacrifice of own happiness. The play of motives are so intricate that the attempt to analyze them or to sum up the result in a single formula is necessarily illusory.—*Messenger.*

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When at the instance of General Matt Ransom Judge Brooks came to Raleigh to take action in the grievous matter of unlawful arrests and imprisonment of innocent citizens by the usurping Governor it was at the chance of being impeached himself and being broken of his office. The men who were in Washington who were backing Holden could have broken Judge Brooks of his office.

Did you ever hear of what occurred upon the advent of the United States Judge at Raleigh? It is a curious incident in the history of our State. Holden, the Governor, his friend Richard C. Badger, and a third person, hastened to the room of Judge Brooks as soon as they heard of his coming and the supposed purpose of it. As related to us something like this happened. Governor Holden in high, imperious manner and with fierce tones demanded to know if Judge Brooks had come to Raleigh for the purpose of trying to thwart his plans and to interfere with him in his acts. Judge Brooks replied—"I hold my office at the hands of the United States Government and I am here to execute justice and to maintain the rights of the people. I shall do what I believe to be right and proper and I will not be intimidated. If you visit me socially I say welcome. But if you come to brow beat, I say at once I am a United States Judge and I will call the U. S. Marshal and have you arrested at once for contempt of court."—*News and Observer.*

There is no end of a row among the Republicans, and the little census man in the party who is kicking up the robbery. There were solemn pledges that all the enumerators should be Democrats. Mr. Logan Harris, who is, by the way, the secretary of the republican State Executive Committee, tells me that in the second fourth districts fully two-thirds of the enumerators are Democrats. He says with frankness that Ben Harrison started the North Carolina Republicans upon the downward path and that these last appointments have kicked up the devil generally, and he further asserts that no mackerel is deader than the republican party in North Carolina, of which not a grease spot will be left next November. Mr. Harris and the other brethren are mightily stirred up.—*Messenger.*

The Meanest.  
Hon. J. S. Henderson, of Salisbury, Representative of the 7th district of this State in Congress, declared in conversation recently that the present House of Representatives was the meanest that had ever assembled since the establishment of the government. If the opinion of the people could be got we think a very large majority of them would endorse this declaration of Mr. Henderson as expressive of their sentiments.—*News and Observer.*